



Calliope State School

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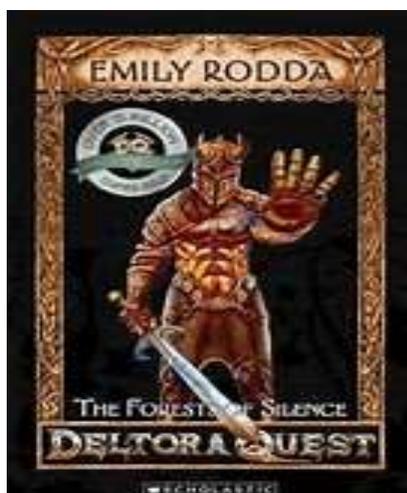
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What's happening in ...

News from 5A

5A have had a fantastic start to the year! Students are enjoying the inquiry based learning in Science and the interesting Science Investigations they have already completed, exploring the adaptation of plants and animals in a desert environment. We are reading and discussing the Emily Rodda fantasy novel. 'Forests of Silence' and are in the process of completing a character analysis on one of the characters, Jarred. It's busy times ahead this term for 5A, but all students are grabbing learning opportunities with both hands! Every day counts!



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P&C AGM – 7TH March All welcome to attend.

Principal's Piece

Parent Classroom Information Sessions

It has been great to see so many parents engaging in our classroom information sessions. These are a fantastic way to assist in the development of the student, parent, teacher relationship.

The relationship between the stakeholders in a child's learning is a very powerful, dynamic and productive area that has been proven to improve student outcomes. Prominent education expert, Professor John Hattie has, through vast examination of key factors in education, identified the effect size of the student/teacher relationship is 0.72 (Hattie, 2016). Effect size is essentially a measure against what is considered one year's growth over one year of schooling. This is significant when one considers that an effect size of 0.4 is considered to be the measure of one year's growth.

Parents and families are an integral part of the education journey and demonstrating to your children how you value their education and how you build a productive relationship with their teacher is instrumental in instilling these values within them. If you were unable to attend your child's scheduled information session, please take the time get to know your child's teacher, their processes and what part you can play in this three-way partnership.

Please see the schedule for information sessions included in this newsletter.

Building update

We are nearing completion of the new admin and classroom block (to be known as A Block). As we see the final fitout being completed, the final coats of paint going on walls, floor coverings going down, landscaping being undertaken and communications being setup, we have been working on a transition plan for the year 5 and 6 classes to prepare for the big move. We are keen to get those classes into their new spaces as soon as possible which will finally return "borrowed" spaces to the rest of the school. We are fortunate to be decking the spaces out with all new furnishing and resources and will have these elements in place before students make the move. While the exact timeline is still unknown, the practical completion and handover of the building is not far away. A detailed explanation of the classroom move process will be provided to the students (and families) directly impacted and the school community will be notified when admin takes up duty in our new home.

Food allergies and school

At the beginning of each school year, we find it important to be reminded about the ways in which we can support our students who live with food allergies. Our aim is to raise awareness amongst our school community regarding food allergies, how we can avoid food allergy reactions and the action that needs to be taken if someone has a food allergy reaction.

It would be great if parents could chat with their children about the following "rules" regarding food allergies and highlight the importance of following them.

1. No sharing food.
2. Keep it clean (e.g. wash hands, wipe tables down).
3. Inform a teacher immediately if someone is having a reaction
4. "Be a Mate" and include your food allergy friends.



Please read the following information which has been provided by Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia:

Food allergies are becoming increasingly common. In fact, 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy and some will be at risk of a life threatening allergic reaction. It is up to all of us to help allergy sufferers stay safe.

What is food allergy?

Food allergy is an immune system response to a food protein that the body (mistakenly) believes is harmful. When a food which a person is allergic to is eaten, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering potentially life-threatening symptoms.

Currently there is no cure for food allergy, avoidance is the only way to prevent a reaction.

What are the signs and symptoms of food allergy?

Food allergic reactions can range from mild to severe, severe being what we call anaphylaxis. Symptoms usually appear within two hours of a person eating food (even a small amount) they are allergic to.

Mild to moderate allergic reaction:

- swelling of the face, lips and eyes
- hives or welts
- tingling mouth
- abdominal pain, vomiting (these are signs of a severe allergic reaction to insects)

Severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis):

- difficult / noisy breathing
- swelling of the tongue
- swelling / tightness of the throat
- difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- wheeze or persistent cough
- persistent dizziness or collapse
- pale and floppy (young children)

What foods can cause allergy?

Any food can trigger an allergic reaction and there are more than 170 foods reported to have caused a severe reaction. However, there are nine foods that cause 90% of reactions, which are:

1. peanuts
2. tree nuts (almonds, walnuts, cashews)
3. egg
4. cow's milk
5. sesame
6. fish
7. shellfish (e.g. oysters, prawns)
8. soy
9. wheat

Please be mindful of this information and highlight the importance of children not sharing their food as they may have a classmate who has an allergy to certain foods or ingredients. Thank you for your support with this.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is a part of the P&C and is staffed by volunteers. The uniform shop has eftpos. Otherwise cash and cheque are accepted. If you are unable to get to the uniform shop during opening hours, you can fill out an order form available from the office, and leave completed form and cash or cheque payment with the office ladies. Your order will be filled and be ready for collection on Wednesday. Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools - www.flexischools.com.au.

The Uniform Shop is having a Big Summer Blow-Out Sale. Please see below the summer sale prices:

School Shorts – size 4–16 normally \$16 reduced to \$8

Skorts – size 4-16 normally \$20 reduced \$8

A-line Skort – size 4-16 normally \$16 reduced to \$10

Microfibre Jacket – size 4-16 normally \$40 reduced to \$30

Bomber Jacket – size 4-16 normally \$35 reduced to \$30

Baseball Jumpers – only sizes 14 & 16 normally \$25 reduced to \$10

Wide Brim Hats – normally \$8 reduced to \$5

Sports shirts available in all house colours – sizes 4-16 and also very limited numbers in adults small, medium and large – normally \$27 reduced to \$24



Dates to Remember

13 th	Feb	Grip Leadership
13 th	Feb	Class Meetings
14 th	Feb	Class Meetings
15 th	Feb	Class Meetings
23 rd	Feb	School Disco
2 nd	Mar	School Photos
3 rd	Mar	School Photos
7 th	Mar	P&C AGM

Office hours are 8am-4pm

Cash only, EFTPOS is unavailable
in the temporary office

Mini Music Book - \$7
Alphabet Scrapbook - \$14
Thrass Chart - \$7.50

School Banking

Reminder: school banking has resumed on Wednesdays. Please hand in your deposit book to the office on Wednesday mornings for the banking to be processed. The office has more information regarding the school banking program.



Word of the Week

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Stars of the Week

Prep A	Luke	Prep B	Jacinda
Prep C	Shahkeia	Prep D	Isla
1A	Kellan	1B	Ryan
1C	Indiah	1D	Eli
2A	Deacon	2B	Gus
2C	Mia	2D	Blake
2E	Mitchel	3A	Cooper
3B		3C	Levi
3D	Tarliah	4A	Ryan
4B	Trina	4C	Caleb
5A	Makayla	5B	
5C	Keira	6A	Thomas
6B	Bailey	6C	Abbey-Jean
PE	Hunter	Music	Declan
Health	Kassadee		

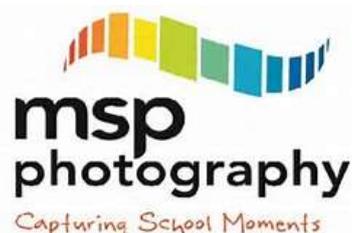
Class Parent Meetings

During week 4 (13th - 15th February), classes will hold their Class Parent Meetings to provide information to parents about class expectations and routines. Times are as follows:

	Monday 13 th	Tuesday 14 th	Wednesday 15 th
3.30pm	Year 1	Year 3	Year 4
4.00pm		Year 6	Year 2
4.30pm	Prep A, Prep C	Year 5	
5.00pm	Prep B, Prep D		

School Photos

The photo date is **Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March 2017**. Personalised order envelopes have been sent home. Spare photo envelopes and sibling envelopes are available at the office.



Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 8:00– 8:30am

Where: Chappy Sonia's office



Contact Details

We would like to remind all parents if you have moved or changed your contact details over the holidays please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333. We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

Newsletter Distribution

The newsletter is published every Tuesday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

Procedure for Student Absences

If your student is away for any reason there are several ways of notifying the school.

- **Send a note with your child**
- **Phone on 07 4975 8366**
- **Email- absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au**

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

Chappy News

Talk with your spouse/partner about establishing 'Healthy Rules of Conflict.' If your mate is not ready for this, then write out your own personal rules to 'Fight' by. Some 'healthy rules of conflict' could be: We will not bring up old, unrelated things from the past; we will never fight in public or in front of our children; or failure is not an option so we will work this out. Some personal 'fighting' rules could be: I will listen before speaking; I will deal with my own issues first; and I will speak gently and keep my voice down. Try to abide by these 'rules' at your next disagreement.

'The Love Dare' by Stephen & Alex Kendrick(Summarised)

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Tuckshop orders can be made via the flexischools website –

www.flexischools.com.au.

Please update your child's class on flexischools to ensure their food is delivered to the correct classroom.



Chess Club

Our school has been recently been invited to take part in a Gladstone chess competition. This Friday at 11am students from year 2 to 6 can register interest in joining the school chess club. Initially it will be open to students who already have an understanding of chess due to the short amount of time leading into the first competition. After that students who want to learn will be invited to take part with the goal of competing in the May competition.

Dates: Thursday 23rd February, Wednesday 24th May, Wednesday 9th August (8:45-2:15pm)

Cost: \$19 per competition (there is a term 1 discount so it will be \$12)

Transport: students will have to provide their own transport to CQU Gladstone

Contact: if have any inquiries please email Ricky Pryce rpryc1@eq.edu.au



Parking

Parents are advised that they are not to park on the median strip along the front of the school entrance. This endangers children's safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Notices

!!!REMINDER!!!

As it is fire season, we would like to ask parents to refrain from parking in front of the fire hydrant outside the pool.

AGM – Calliope Kindergarten

14 Menzies St, Centre 2
Monday 20th February 6.30pm
(following the curriculum presentation) The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Committee to lead the Kindergarten in 2017.
All welcome.

Bus Conveyance AGM

The 2017 Dan-Dan bus Conveyance AGM is being held on Wednesday February 22nd at 9.30am at the Coffee Ink Café, Calliope. Hope to see as many parents & carers as possible as this is a legal requirement from Translink to keep our bus route in operation. Any queries please contact Kate Chapman Ph: 0427644811.

River Ranch Bus 48

Saturday 4th March at 9am, Coffee Ink Café, Calliope Shopping Centre, Dawson Hwy. All enquires to Karen MacKenzie Ph: 0417495289. The AGM is required to elect office bearers and discuss general operation of the service. This is a mandatory audit requirement for the continued operation of the service and without a conveyance committee the service may cease.

Calliope Pool Number

0497 815 393

P&C News

- Krispy Kreme donut orders and payments due by 16th February for delivery 7th March.
- First school disco for the year on Thursday, 23rd February 2017. We look forward to seeing our children dance up a storm



School Disco – 23rd February

Calliope State School P&C Association Presents...

DISCO

\$4 Entry **THURSDAY 23RD FEB**

PREP-YR2 : 5:30-6:45 PM
YR3-YR6 : 7:00-8:30 PM

Hot Dogs \$2.50
Cold Drinks \$2.00
Party pies: \$1.50
Sausage Rolls \$2.50
Chips, lollies and glow sticks available

Parents: Please Collect Children from hall. No Pass Outs

Come dressed as something starting with D,I,S,C or O
Prizes to be won

A black silhouette graphic at the bottom of the poster showing a group of people dancing with their arms raised in a disco setting.

Pool Disco – Calliope Pool

The Calliope Pool will be holding a Pool Disco on Friday 17th February from 7-9pm for 13yrs and under only. Parent supervision required for children under 12yrs old.