



# Calliope State School

18 September 2018



Calliope Kids  
are:

**Safe**

**Respectful**

**Responsible**



## What's happening in ...

### News from 2B...

What a busy term it has been in 2B!! In English, we have been learning about the structure and language features of a narrative. We have been recreating familiar narratives that centre around animal characters.

In Maths, we have been investigating numbers beyond 100 and looking at halves, quarters and eighths of a whole. We have been learning about seasons and calendars and how to measure length, area and capacity using informal units.

In Science, we have been learning about push and pull forces. Using this knowledge, we have designed and created our own push and pull toys from recyclable materials. We experimented with these toys and then identified a change that could improve its function and movement.

We thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to the Calliope River Historical Village. We learnt a lot about how people travelled, communicated and what their daily lives were like in the past. Below are some photos of our excursion to the Historical Village.

We cannot wait to relax and unwind during the holidays!!



# PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

## Swagtember

On Friday night a very excited bunch of grade four students participated in this year's Swagtember. The purpose of the event was to raise funds to buy swags for Australian's who don't have a bed to sleep in each night. This year the students raised enough money to buy 7 swags! This is a massive achievement. Well done to all the students and adults participated.

## Great Gains in NAPLAN

Recently parents of students in years 3 and 5 have received their child's individual NAPLAN reports. As a school, our priority area has been reading and we are very proud to share that our school's gain in this area has been significant. One of the data sets we look at closely is how much each student has improved between their year 3 NAPLAN and their year 5 NAPLAN. This data snapshot is looking very healthy here at Calliope State School. If you have any questions about your child's individual report and their gain, please be sure to ask about this at your parent/teacher interview.

## Interim Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our Term 3 Interim Reports have been sent home. Teachers will be available at their nominated times throughout week 10 to discuss these. We are hoping to see many parents take the opportunity to meet one on one with their child's teacher. This is a great opportunity to be involved in supporting your child's learning. Some questions you may like to focus on when meeting with your child's teacher include:

- Is my child where they should be for this time of year?
- What is the next step for my child's learning in this area?
- Is there a plan for supporting them to get there?
- Is there anything we can do at home to support this?

This way, parents and teachers are working together to help each student develop from where they are currently at against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard. For more information on achievement standards, visit the Australian Curriculum website.

<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/>

## Stay Safe

This is our last newsletter for Term 3. As we head into the holidays, the team here at Calliope State School wish you a wonderful and restful break. Please be safe in all you do and we look forward to seeing you for what is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting Term 4. School resumes on Monday 8 October.



**Rebecca Crapp**  
**A/Deputy Principal**

## UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

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
- [absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au)

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

## Notification of Students Leaving Calliope SS

If you have a child /children who will be leaving Calliope State School during, or at the end of Term 3 this year, can you please notify the school Office as soon as possible.

Please notify our office via email at

[admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au) or phone on 4975 8333.

## Attendance

2018 School Attendance for Week 9, Term 3						
Fri 07/09/18	Mon 10/09/18	Tues 11/09/18	Wed 12/09/18	Thurs 13/09/18		
90.1%	89%	93.1%	93%	91.2%		
Whole School Attendance for the Year to Date: 92.7%						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92%	92%	92.9%	92.6%	92.5%	93.3%	93.7%

Congratulations to Prep D and 6A who had an amazing attendance rate for Week 8. Their attendance rate was 97% for the week! This is 6A's second week in a row of achieving the best attendance. Great job 6A! Also congratulations to the 8 classes which were at or above our school attendance target of 94%. Remember, every day you are away is a learning day lost.

## Free Dress Day

Our next Free Dress Day is on this Friday 21 September. The theme is – Dress like a Farmer, and all donations will go towards the Drought Appeal.



## Christmas Card Competition

2018 Flynn Electorate Christmas Card Competition. Entries opened, Monday 27 August 2018, for students from Prep to Year 3 who reside and/or attend school within the Federal Electorate of Flynn.

Entries will close at 5pm on Monday 12 October 2018 and will be judged by Shadow Minister for Education, Hon Tanya Plibersek, Federal Labor Candidate for Flynn Zac Beers, and Senator Christ Ketter. The winner will be notified by Friday 26 October 2018.

The winning design will feature in the 2018 Flynn Electorate Christmas cards and the successful student will receive a \$100 voucher. In addition, the winner's school will receive a

## !!DATES TO REMEMBER!!

19 September – Coping Cafe  
21 September – Fress Dress Day  
21 September – Principal's Parade  
8-12 October – YR 6 Camp

### 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.

### VACATION CARE

The September school holidays are fast approaching, and we offer an exciting program that caters for all students.

#### Dates:

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September – Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October

Opening hours: 6am – 6pm

(Closed 1<sup>st</sup> October – Queens' Birthday)

Themes: (These were chosen by staff and children)

Animal Crackers  
Fitness for fun  
Mad Hatters Tea party  
It's a record-breaking day  
Outside the box  
Rainbow Swirl  
Summertime fun  
Shine like a star  
Spring has sprung

#### Excursions:

Rock Climbing + Mini Golf & Calliope Heritage Village

#### Incursions:

3B Sports & Slip and Slide water slide

**Please remember that we have a 7-day booking and cancellation policy for vacation care.**

## Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This week in the Tuesday morning PBL lesson we are teaching students about being prepared and ready for learning. In order to maximise student learning time, it is important that students understand their role in being prepared and ready for class. Being prepared and ready means:

- having all our equipment out of our bags;
- lining up quietly and waiting for instructions;
- being ready to receive teacher instructions;
- ensuring that our lunch/drinks are in the fridge.

Throughout the week, we will also be reinforcing the PBL focus of the week which is:

### Responsible – I play in the correct area at play time

Please take the time to reinforce being prepared and ready for class, and the importance of playing in the correct area at play time with your child/children. Kindly remind them that they can receive stamps for appropriate behaviour during class time and Cool Coins during break time.

### Fantastic Fun Friday

The final Fantastic Fun Friday is happening this Friday 21 September and we will be ending the term with a bang with Wet Play. Please remind your child/children to submit their Stamp Charts weekly to ensure they get to be a part of the fun.

Enjoy your week.

**Brian Rowe**  
**Student Welfare Teacher**



## Coping Café

Parents come along and chat with support staff and other invited guests over a cuppa and cake. This is a great opportunity to get to know your children's support network and school community.  
When: Wednesday 19 September – 9.00am

Topic: How to talk to your children about body development with Vanessa Hamilton on Parent TV.

This video course is 55 minutes in total and will provide the following information:

- Information you need to start and continue, essential body development conversations with your kids;
- Tools, tips and information to increase your confidence with discussing these topics;
- Age appropriate language and ideas that will help with some of the trickier topics.

## CONTACT DETAILS

We would like to remind all parents if you have moved or changed your contact details to please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333 or emailing [admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au)  
We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

**OFFICE HOURS ARE  
8AM-4PM**

**EFTPOS is AVAILABLE in the  
office.**

## Stars of the Week

<b>Prep A</b>		<b>Prep B</b>	Leah
<b>Prep C</b>	Mikey	<b>Prep D</b>	Kya
<b>1A</b>	Xander	<b>1B</b>	Ethan
<b>1C</b>	Kendall	<b>1D</b>	Keegan
<b>2A</b>	Kassadee	<b>2B</b>	Nevaeh-Arna
<b>2C</b>		<b>2D</b>	Havana
<b>2/3E</b>	Kristin	<b>3A</b>	Sienna
<b>3B</b>	Taylor	<b>3C</b>	Lillian
<b>3D</b>	Chelsea	<b>4A</b>	Ella
<b>4B</b>		<b>4C</b>	Tahliah
<b>4D</b>	Tamar	<b>5A</b>	Ella
<b>5B</b>	Declan	<b>5C</b>	
<b>6A</b>	Riley	<b>6B</b>	Thomas
<b>6C</b>	Alec	<b>Health</b>	
<b>PE</b>		<b>Music</b>	
<b>LOTE</b>	Bailey		

## P&C News

Wow, the last week of Term 3 already! Thank you to our P&C members and school families for all of your contributions to our activities this year to date. Your efforts are much appreciated and enable us to make financial contributions to activities such as Year 6 Camp, Year 2 cohort HASS excursion, Chess Club and more.

Our fundraising for the remainder of the year will be focusing on providing our school community with funding for new readers for the 2019 school year and surface upgrades to playgrounds.

### **Fiver for a Farmer**

On Friday this week we are promoting "Fiver for a Farmer". We would love to see as many children as possible dressed as farmers. Any donation will be warmly received and provided directly to communities in Charleville, Longreach and surrounds. We will report on the funds raised and recipients of our donation next term. Please see attached flyer.

### **Recipe Book**

We are excited to be introducing a Calliope State School Premium Cookbook (professionally published) which will be published in time for Christmas. We extend an invitation to all families to make recipe contributions to include, if you choose, your child's name and class. Please see attached flyer.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page also for notices of a competition for children to prepare and submit art work to be included in our recipe book. The funds raised in this initiative will contribute towards school readers for each class.

We will also publish pre-sale opportunities in Term 4.

### **Tuckshop**

We have loved the response to the new nugget meal deal. Given summer is approaching, we would love families to share menu / meal ideas with us for Term 4.

Have a fabulous break and stay safe.