



# Calliope State School

22 March 2016

Calliope Kids  
are:

Safe

Respectful

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## What's happening in ...

### 3A Classroom News

In History we have been exploring celebrations and commemorations from around the world. We have enjoyed learning about other cultures and traditions. This has resulted in us developing an understanding about Australia and world-wide events in history that have led to these celebrations and commemorations. Our unit culminates in writing a report on ANZAC Day.

We have been involved in a Dance unit with Miss Heron that links to our History unit. Each Thursday afternoon we head down to the hall with the whole of Grade 3 and travel to a different nation and learn a traditional dance that they use in cultural celebrations. So far, we have been to India, Hawaii, Ireland, Japan and Australia.

In Science we have had an exciting time this term growing plants to identify if they are living or non-living. Our plants have all grown by responding to sunlight, water and the nutrients in the soil proving that they are living.



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# Principal's Piece

It's incredible to think that just nine weeks ago we were welcoming our 90 new Prep students and their families to our wonderful school. I'm sure that they, like the rest of the school, are looking forward to their first school holiday period. It has been incredible to witness the progress made by these students in such a short amount of time. It's been great to visit classrooms and see the visual artefacts of their learning journey so far. It is also timely and important to thank and recognise the efforts of the staff in making this transition into primary school successful for so many students.

## **Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews**

This week (on Wednesday), students will be bringing home their interim report card. As mentioned in previous newsletters, these reports are indicative only. They will provide parents (and students) with a snapshot of progress made to date. The reports will also provide families stimulus for conversation about achievement, effort and behaviour and means of improvement as well as providing background information as we lead into parent/teacher interviews.

Parent/teacher interviews will be held in week two next term. Classroom teachers will be sending home an invitation to make appointments for meetings with parents. These letters of invitation will accompany the interim report card. Parent/teacher interviews provide an invaluable channel of communication between the three key stakeholders in the educational journey, parents, teachers and students. The interviews provide an opportunity for parents to clarify classroom expectations and work with the teacher and students on key improvement strategies.

## **Shave for a Cure**

During week seven, Yr 6 student, Braith Smith demonstrated his bravery and commitment to a great cause by shaving off his hair at assembly. The act of selflessness was very well supported by the student body whose cheers filled the hall as Braith's hair fell to the floor of the stage. With the accompanying hair spraying and other donations made by the very generous parents and staff Braith has raised in excess of \$1020! A truly amazing effort. Congratulations to Braith and sincere thanks to everyone involved.



## **School Holidays**

The final day for term 1 is Thursday 24 March. School will resume on Monday 11 April for all students.

We need everybody to look out for after-hours crime in our school. No one can access the school grounds after hours or during holiday periods without written permission from the Principal. If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene, call the School Watch number 131788.

The School Watch program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let's work together to help create a safer school community.

Have a great break. See you next term.

Jeremy Godden

Principal



## Principal's Parade

Thursday morning will be the Term 1 Principal's Parade in the hall. We will start the morning at 9.15am with the Easter Bonnet Parade. This will be followed by our Principal's Awards and class items, showcasing their work from the term. All are welcome to attend.

## Cross Country

Oxley were the winning sports house for the cross country carnival held today at school. Students showed great spirit and house pride, competing in the cross country gaining points for their sports house. The students had a great morning, and thanks to everyone that supported the event.



## Chappy Sonia's Corner

### The blessing of food

Encourage your family to eat moderately and with maximum pleasure. This happens when families sit around a meal table conversing as well as consuming. Childhood memories of scents and tastes stand out more than many other memories. The dinner table is a place where a family can come together to appreciate the good things in their lives and to enjoy each other's company.

*'The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel*

## Meet & Greet Afternoon Tea- 23 March

Please come along and meet Calliope State School's helpful and friendly support staff.

**When: 2-3pm, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Where: Hall, Kitchen area**

Please RSVP to Chappy Sonia [shain48@eq.edu.au](mailto:shain48@eq.edu.au) by the 21<sup>st</sup> March (please include any dietary requirements)

## Dates to Remember

22 March	Cross Country Day
23 March	Interim Report Cards
24 March	Principal's Parade
24 March	FFF
11 April	Term 2 starts

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

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

## 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](mailto:admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au). If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

## Office hours are 8am-4pm

## Prayer Time with Chappy

**When: Every Wednesday**

**Time: 7:45 – 8:00am**

**Where: Chappy Sonia's office between 3A and 3B**

**Food: Light breakfast snacks with coffee and tea**

## P & C NEWS

### Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are Friday 8.30-9.30am. The uniform shop will now have 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 the Friday.



### Year 6 Fundraising

Thank you to all parents who have donated Easter Eggs for the Year 6 Easter raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated by helping to sell the raffle tickets over the past few weeks. The Easter raffle will be drawn at the Principal's parade on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**Uniform Shop:**  
The uniform shop will be open on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 8am – 9am for your uniform orders.

## Stars of the Week

<b>Prep A</b>	Mason	<b>Prep B</b>	Josey
<b>Prep C</b>	Zahara	<b>Prep D</b>	Phillippa
<b>Prep/1E</b>	Paige	<b>1A</b>	Mackenzie
<b>1B</b>	Cooper	<b>1C</b>	
<b>1D</b>	Hayley	<b>2A</b>	Mitchell
<b>2B</b>	Rianna	<b>2C</b>	Kayde
<b>2D</b>		<b>3A</b>	Maycee
<b>3B</b>	Finn	<b>3C</b>	Andrew
<b>3D</b>		<b>4A</b>	Jacob
<b>4B</b>	Cooper	<b>4C</b>	Georgia
<b>5A</b>	Alexi	<b>5B</b>	
<b>5C</b>	Mai	<b>6A</b>	Billy
<b>6B</b>	Te Rori	<b>6C</b>	Kimberley
<b>PE</b>	Bayley	<b>MUSIC</b>	Daniel

## Free Microsoft Office 2016 for Students and school staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices. Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. Students who don't have a school login, school email account and password should contact their school's class teacher. Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you're a Queensland state school student or school-based member.

### Download process

For PC and Mac, visit [portal.office.com](http://portal.office.com), login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school address.

If you have trouble, please refer to the instructions on how to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to your personal home computer.

- How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Windows computer
- How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Mac computer

## **Gladstone is on the verge of complete fire ant eradication**

Throughout March and April this year, the Fire Ant Program will be conducting the largest fire ant community engagement campaign that has been undertaken in Gladstone, calling on all residents and businesses to be on the lookout for fire ants.

It is important that all Gladstone residents get involved in the coming months. It's as simple as having a look around your yard for suspicious ants and then letting Biosecurity Queensland know what you find.

It is just as important that you report to us if you haven't found fire ants as this information is needed to verify that Gladstone is fire ant free.

We aim to declare that fire ants have been eradicated from Gladstone in July 2016, which will be a world record timeframe in pest eradication, and will be due to the combined efforts of the Gladstone community and the Fire Ant Program.

**Join the ant hunt! Check your yard today and report your findings online at [www.anthunt.daf.qld.gov.au](http://www.anthunt.daf.qld.gov.au) or call Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23**

### ***Additional information:***

Although small, fire ants are one of the worst invasive species to hit Australia's shores. Fire ants can ruin our lifestyle, and have serious environmental and economic impacts. They inflict a terribly painful sting and can restrict everyday activities, such as barbeques, picnics and sporting events.

Join the ant hunt and check the top five spots for fire ants. On residential properties: lawns, footpaths, garden beds, outside taps and sprinklers, and electricity and water metre pits. On rural properties: dams and irrigation lines, edges of cultivated land, cropland post-harvest, fence lines and piles of organic matter.

A typical fire ant nest looks like a mound of loose dirt, with no visible entry or exit holes. Nests can also be found under logs, rocks or gardening materials.

Fire ants are small, varying in size between 2-6mm and are coppery-brown with a dark abdomen. They are aggressive and inflict a painful sting which can be life threatening.

Take a look around your property and if you see a mound of dirt that could be a fire ants nest, stand well back and poke the nest with a long stick. Never use your hand. If it's a fire ant nest you'll notice ants of varying sizes swarming out to attack.

**Join the ant hunt! Check your yard today and help us get rid of fire ants for good.**

For more information about the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program, visit [www.daf.qld.gov.au/fireants](http://www.daf.qld.gov.au/fireants).

## **Community News**

### **40<sup>th</sup> Gladstone Harbour Festival Fun Run**

The 40<sup>th</sup> Gladstone Harbour Festival Fun Run will be conducted on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, Good Friday at the East Shores Precinct. All ages and abilities are welcome. This is a great family event where everybody can have the chance to win many random draw prizes and a major prize of a trip to Heron Island or Cania Gorge. This run will be supporting the Gladstone SES. There will be a 3k and a 5K course

### **National Youth Week**

Please see attached flyer regarding a workshop for Girls Make-up on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Booking essential, please phone 4976 6300.

### **Gladstone Junior Basketball**

Please see attached flyer regarding their upcoming Winter Season which runs over Term 2/3. Also some exciting new training programs by Port City Power with the introduction of the Power Training School/Junior Boot camps for Term 2.

### **Gladstone Tennis Holiday Clinic**

Please see attached information regarding the school holiday clinic at the Gladstone Tennis and Squash Association Courts on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Cost: \$45 per child

### **Swimming Pool Easter Opening Times**

Good Friday – Closed  
26/03/16 - 03/04/16 – 9am – 1pm  
04/04/16 – 11/04/16 – Closed due to staff training

