News from 5A

5A wraps it up in style!

One of the whole school priorities for this year has been WRITING and we have focused on using the Seven Steps to Writing program to achieve amazing success. All students have been able to present a highly polished, typed, final persuasive piece for a real audience. Mr Godden has been presented with some highly persuasive letters for consideration in how the school could be improved and I know some parents received evocative letters of request for extra pocket money!

Students have spent every Friday afternoon engaged in a board game making, design and technology activity. The photos below are of this activity.

On a final note, we have spent a year doing our best in all areas, including getting Harper to laugh. It is quite fitting that the final photo of the year should show that we achieved that aim too. Great team work 5A.
Principal’s Piece

Welcome to another edition of the school newsletter for 2016. As the term progresses, it is great to be able to communicate the ongoing successes of our students, through their display of positive behaviour and hard work and commitment to their school work. As we progress (rapidly) towards the end of another school year, future newsletters will be used as a tool to continue this communication as well as to inform parents of timelines and procedures in preparation for 2017. Please keep an eye out for the final two editions that will outline the processes for disseminating 2017 class allocations and start of the year processes.

It has been wonderful to see so many students achieving the designated standards of our school on a daily basis and it’s been great to be continually rewarding and recognising our Safe, Respectful and Responsible students and their behaviour. All students should be extremely proud of their achievements.

I know many parents and community members are aware of, and have already liked the Calliope SS Facebook page. I encourage families to like the page to receive ongoing updates about our school. It will also serve as an invaluable method of communication should the need arise during the holidays.

To assist student transition into their new classrooms on the designated first day of school, class allocations for the 2017 school year will be communicated in the last week of school. An open classroom experience will also be provided prior to the first day to allow students and parents to meet their teacher as well as drop off book packs and other materials. Specific details outlining dates and times for this process will be communicated later this year.

While the construction of the new building is coming along very nicely, we are prudently establishing a contingency plan for the start of the school year, just in case the classrooms are not ready to be occupied. Any decisions made in this regard will, of course, be made with student learning as the primary consideration. It is an exciting time for our school and we look forward to the great benefits that will come as a result of the new building. We thank the students, parents, staff and community for their patience during the construction and our transition to the new facility.

Plans are well underway in our classrooms for our end of year celebrations and events. Please check our school newsletter, facebook page or with your child's teacher to identify any events that your child may be involved in. Parents may withdraw their child from religious occasions and events or activities if they choose to do so by notifying their classroom teacher.
Please note the attached flyer for the Calliope Community Christmas Carols - which will, once again feature the festive vocal stylings of the Calliope State School choir and year level groups. There will be a fantastic opportunity to splash a staff member at the P and C’s Splash Tank and many other great events and performances. I look forward to seeing you there.

Also attached in this edition is a call to parents to complete a survey regarding the School Chaplaincy Service. Our wonderful Chappy Sonia works tirelessly to support our students and it’s great to have the opportunity to share our thoughts with the governing body about this invaluable program.

Jeremy Godden
Principal
Calliope Helping Hands
Outside School Hours Care

Helping Hands Network is joining the Calliope State School community to deliver on site Outside School Hours Care – before school, after school as well as during holiday periods and staff development days to our community. They are currently working with the department to licence the service and are aiming to commence start of Term 1, 2017.

Helping Hands Network has a philosophy of building stronger, happier and healthier communities through the provision of quality childcare in partnership with children, parents and schools. They tailor their programs to meet the local school community needs. More information on the company can be found at www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

Parent information packs with enrolment forms will soon be sent to each family of the school and will contain all of the information required to enrol your children. It is a licencing requirement that any child using the service must be enrolled.

As there is no fee to enrol with Helping Hands, it is recommended that all children are enrolled so that the service is available for your family, even if only in an emergency. You can complete the hard copy forms or enrol online at www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au/schools-families.

As a school we look forward to welcoming Helping Hands and know that they will add significant value to our school community. In the interim, if you have any questions about Helping Hands and the service they will be providing to the school, please contact the Helping Hands Help Desk on 1300 612 462.
Thank you to Robyn Hamilton for sharing her experience and knowledge about “Managing Children with Anxiety” at our Coping Café last week.

A big thank you to parents, special guests and staff who attended & made coping café possible this year. Coping café will resume in 2017 with more guest speakers.
### Dates to Remember

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### 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

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. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

### Office hours are 8am–4pm

### Uniform Shop

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.

### Christmas Carols – Friday 25th November

The official opening of the carols is at 5.20pm, with the choir performing directly after at approx. 5.25pm.

The year levels will be performing from 5.30pm onwards, in the following order:

- Prep and Prep/1E: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- Year 1: Away in a Manager
- Year 2: Aussie Jingle Bells
- Year 3: Santa Claus is Coming to Town
- Year 4: Silent Night
- Year 5: Frosty the Snowman
- Year 6: Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree
**Prayer Time with Chappy**

**When:** Every Wednesday  
**Time:** 8:00– 8:30am  
**Where:** Chappy Sonia’s office

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**Calliope Pool Notices**

**Calliope Pool Number**

0497 815 393

**Pool Disco**

Santa at the Pool Friday 2\(^{nd}\) December  6pm-8pm.  
BBQ Dinner.

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**Chappy News**

**Dare 10**

Do something out of the ordinary this week for your spouse/partner – something that proves (to you and to them) that your love is based on your choice and nothing else. Wash his car. Clean the kitchen. Fold the washing. Make or buy his/her favourite dessert. Demonstrate love to them for the sheer joy of being their partner.  
‘The Love Dare’ by Stephen & Alex Kendrick (Summarised)

**Christmas Cards**

From 28\(^{th}\) November, students are welcome to bring along Christmas cards for their peers at school. Students are asked to deliver them to the large post box that will be outside the year 6 classrooms. The envelopes must have the student’s name and class written clearly on the outside. Our year 6 students will deliver cards during the day. We ask that no candy canes or other sweets are put in the envelopes due to our Healthy Schools policy.

**Year 6 Transition to GSHS**

On the 29\(^{th}\) and 30\(^{th}\) of November, Gladstone State High School are holding their transition days for the Year 6 students who will be attending Year 7 at Gladstone State High School in 2017. More information will be given to students in the future.

**Year 6 Transition to Toolooa SHS**

On Tuesday 29\(^{th}\) and Wednesday 30\(^{th}\) of November, Toolooa SHS are holding a two day orientation program for current Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2017. Please see attached sheet with more details.

**Calliope’s Wide World of Sport**

**Interschool Volleyball**

This is the last week of our volleyball competition. Both teams have supplied plenty laughs and hopefully they’ve all had a great time. This week the 2 Calliope teams are playing each other for 5\(^{th}\) and 6\(^{th}\) overall at 4pm. Good luck to both teams!

**Junior Swimming Carnivals**

Years 1-3 will be competing in mini swimming carnivals during week 9. Parents are welcome to attend and help out on the days – younger children are not permitted to be at the pool due to safety and supervision reasons.
The students will be participating in a range of races and fun events.

* Prep – usual swimming times
* Year 1 – 28th of November - Monday 9:30am-11am
* Year 2 – 28th of November - Monday 11.45am-1.15pm
* Year 3 – 29th of November - Tuesday 1.15pm-3pm

Senior Swimming Carnival
The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 2nd of December starting at 12.30pm. Students are asked to nominate in at least one event. Parents, guardians and spectators are welcome to attend. The pool gates will be open from 12.15pm.

Swimming Carnival Program – Years 4-6

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**Calliope State School**

**Years 4-6 Swimming Carnival**

2nd of December, 2016

STARING AT CALLIOPE STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL AT 12:30pm AND FINISHING AT 3pm.

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**EVENT 1-10 FREESTYLE EVENTS**

| EVENT | 1 | Year 4 Boys | 25m
|-------|---|----------|--|
| 1-3  | Year 4 Boys | 25m
| 4-6  | Year 4 Girls | 25m
| 7-9  | Year 5 Boys | 25m
| 10   | Year 5 Girls | 50m
| 11-12| Year 6 Boys | 25m
| 13   | Year 6 Girls | 50m
| 14   | Year 6 Boys | 50m
| 15-18| Year 6 Girls | 25m

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**EVENT 20-25 BUTTERFLY EVENTS**

| EVENT | 25 | Year 4 Boys | 25m
|-------|---|----------|--|
| 26-29| Year 4 Boys | 25m
| 30-34| Year 4 Girls | 25m
| 35-38| Year 4 Girls | 25m
| 39-43| Year 5 Boys | 50m
| 44-48| Year 5 Boys | 25m
| 49-53| Year 5 Girls | 25m
| 54-57| Year 6 Boys | 25m
| 58-62| Year 6 Girls | 25m

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**EVENT 75-79 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY EVENTS**

| EVENT | 79 | Year 4 Boys | 25m
|-------|---|----------|--|
| 80-85| Year 4 Boys | 25m
| 86-90| Year 4 Girls | 25m
| 91-95| Year 4 Girls | 25m
| 96-100| Year 5 Boys | 25m
| 101-105| Year 5 Girls | 25m

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**EVENT 70-74 BACKSTROKE EVENTS**

| EVENT | 74 | Year 4 Boys | 25m
|-------|---|----------|--|
| 75-79| Year 4 Boys | 25m
| 80-84| Year 5 Boys | 25m
| 85-89| Year 5 Girls | 25m
| 90-94| Year 6 Boys | 25m
| 95-100| Year 6 Girls | 25m

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**EVENT 75-79 FREESTYLE RELAYS**

| EVENT | 79 | Year 4 Boys | 50m
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* The all in across the pool challenge will take place. Points for across the pool are: student – 1 point, parent – 5 points, grandparent – 10 points.

NOVELTY RELAYS ACROSS POOL AND ALL IN POINTS CHALLENGE.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

FINISH AT 3pm

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**Community Notices**

**!!!REMINDER!!!**

With fire season rapidly approaching, we would like to ask parents to refrain from parking in front of the fire hydrant outside the pool.

**Calliope Community Carols**

**Date** - Friday 25th of November
**Where** - Chapman Park (Calliope Rodeo Grounds)
**Time** - Gates open at 4pm with the concert kicking off at 5:30pm
**Parking** - Parking will be in the rear area of Chapman park closest to the Diggers Arms Hotel with entrance from Bell Street and in the turnaround area opposite the Railway Hotel.
**Entry Fee** - Gold coin donation
**Armbands** - $20.00 - includes: Unlimited - Jumping Castle, Inflatable Obstacle course, Pony Rides and Nativity Scene entries AND one Sand Art, Yo-Yo Balloon, Popcorn cup and a Lolly Jar guess.
**Single Tickets** - $5.00 each for Activities and/or Sand Art

Please see attached flyer.