



Calliope State School

24th April 2018

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

News from Prep C

Prep C is extremely excited about the term ahead and has settled back into the school routine for a busy week 2. Students have already been writing fabulous recounts about their holidays and their weekend. They will be soon writing about the many busy events happening this term such as Anzac Day, Mother's Day, Sports Day and Under 8's day.

Students are continuing to learn about numbers 1 to 20 and beyond as well as patterns, shapes, measurement and sequencing events. In science we are investigating different materials that objects are made out of and students have started examining the properties that these materials have. This week we explored materials in the playground and why those materials are used.



Principal's Piece

NAPLAN

This term sees our year 3 and year 5 students sitting the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. This common national tests assesses:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2018 are **Tuesday 15 May, Wednesday 16 May and Thursday 17 May. Breakfast will be available for our participating students.**

Following are the benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child's results and a comparison of your child's performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child's areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN data to analyse your child's results. Our program provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>

If you have any questions regarding your child's participation in NAPLAN, please contact Mrs Crapp – Years 3-6 Deputy.

STARLAB

Last Wednesday night I was privileged enough to be invited to the Year 3 StarLab evening. This was an amazing educational experience for our year 3 students and for all the adults as well. Seeing Jupiter and some of Jupiter's moons through the telescope was definitely a highlight.

P&C

Last Tuesday evening the P&C AGM was held. The Calliope State School community is in good hands with more parents coming on board to take on roles within the P&C. It is great to see this dedicated team of people doing so much to support the school and our students to reach our goals. If you would like to be a part of this great team, please come along to the general meeting to be held in the Administration Block at 6pm tonight.



Rebecca Crapp
A/Deputy Principal

Parent Workshop – Fine and Gross Motor Skills

When: 9:15am, Thursday 26th April

Where: Conference room in Admin Building

Presenter: Ms Ann Pengelly

You are invited to this workshop to gain information on how to help your child develop their fine and gross motor skills.

Fine motor skills are small movements — such as picking up small objects and holding a spoon — that use the small muscles of the fingers, toes, wrists, lips, and tongue.

Gross motor skills are the bigger movements — such as rolling over and sitting — that use the large muscles in the arms, legs, torso, and feet.



!!DATES TO REMEMBER!!

25th Apr – ANZAC Day

26th Apr – Parent Workshop
Fine and Gross Motor

27th – Wear Blue for Autism

30th Apr – Pizza Day P-2

1st May – Pizza Day Yr3-6, 2/3E

4th May – FFF

7th May – Labour Day Public Holiday

8th May – ICAS Digital Technologies

15,16 & 17th May - NAPLAN

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 to please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333 or emailing

admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au

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.

Attendance – Every day Counts

2018 School Attendance for Week 1, Term 2						
Tues 17/04/18		Wed 18/04/18		Thurs 19/04/18		
95.3%		96%		94.9%		
Whole School Attendance for the Year to Date: 94.2%						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.7%	93.8%	94%	94.3%	94.1%	95.3%	94.4%

In Week 1 we had 17 of our 27 classes at or above the school target of 94%. Congratulations to Prep C and 3D who had the best attendance rate for Week 1. Their attendance rate was an amazing 100%. Well done to both of these classes! Every day counts.



Stars of the Week



Prep A	Ahmarnee	Prep B	Bella
Prep C	Kourtney	Prep D	Harley
1A	William	1B	Ethan
1C	Lucas	1D	Braxton
2A		2B	Zahara
2C	Kassi	2D	Eli
2/3E	Deacon	3A	
3B	Mathew	3C	David
3D	Heith	4A	Lachlan
4B	Connor	4C	
4D	Briley	5A	Bethany
5B	Finn	5C	Harper
6A		6B	
6C	Coen	HEALTH	Mia
PE	Zavier	LIBRARY	

ANZAC Day

CALLIOPE ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2018

Calliope's ANZAC Day 2018 commemorations will be held on ANZAC Day, Wednesday 25th April 2018. The day commences with a march moving off at 10.45 am from Bunting Park, Archer Street to and along Bloomfield Street and Stirrat Street, to the Cenotaph at the RSL Hall, Stirrat Street Calliope. The commemorative service will follow at 11.00 am.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend the service and also to take part in the march and/or to lay a wreath during the service if they so desire. There will be temporary closure of the following roads from 10.30 am for the duration of the march. Stirrat Street between Muirhead Street and Sutherland Street, Archer Street and Bloomfield Street between Stowe Road and Stirrat Street. Stirrat Street from Bloomfield Street to Muirhead Street will continue to be closed for the duration of the service which concludes at 12.00 pm.

After the service a luncheon for members, returned and service veterans, serving ADF personnel and invited guests will be held at the Railway Hotel, Calliope.

For further information please contact Calliope RSL Sub-Branch President Robyn Marshall on 49756931, Mobile 0439 756 931, or Secretary Darryl Saw on mobile 0447 417 746.



PRAYER TIME WITH CHAPPY

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 8:00– 8:30am

Where: Chappy Sonia's office



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

**EFTPOS is AVAILABLE in
the office.**

Student Absences

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- **Phone on 07 4975 8366**
- **Email:**
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RotaKids

Last Thursday RotaKids had Jenny Jones to talk about Recycling and Op Shops. The students were fascinated by some of the items that can be recycled. Next week RotaKids will be making posters to inform the community about what can be recycled, where it can be recycled and how this can help others in our local and global community. This Sunday 29th May Gladstone Sunrise Rotary Club is holding an open day to show case their Bikes 2 Wheel Chairs projects. The club use parts from bikes donated to the tip and turn them into wheelchairs to send overseas to developing countries. The flyer with time/location is attached to the newsletter.

Calliope State High School Information Session

Honeywill Consulting will be holding an information session for the new Calliope State High School.

Where: Calliope State School Multipurpose Hall

Date: Wednesday 2nd May, 2018

Time: 6.00pm

All welcome to attend.

School Banking

There will be no school banking this week, due to the public holiday on Wednesday. School banking will resume as normal in the following week.



Changed Traffic Conditions

Please be aware of the changed traffic conditions in front of the pool and administration building. **"A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line."** **"It is immaterial whether they are on the left or right side of the line, they can't stop there unless they are travelling on the road and there is a queue of traffic. Any vehicle stopped on the nature strip outside the school can expect to receive tickets. Tickets may be either left on the vehicle or served through the mail.**

Community News

Please see attached flyer regarding a talk at the CWA hall Calliope. Anthoathy Hill from www.plasticpollutionsolutions.com.au will be giving a talk and question time. Founders of www.boomerangbags.org will also be at this gathering on the 30th April. They welcome children to come along to this chat.

The CWA Calliope registered with Boomerang Bags about 12 mths ago to make Fabric bags due to the plastic bags no longer being available in the shops and to recycle fabric as well. To date we have made over 700 to hand out. We seek any donations of clean doona covers, pillow cases or fabric suitable to recycle into bags. This can be left at the CWA hall Monday mornings.

Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus



RESPONSIBLE – *I follow teacher instructions straight away.*

The PBL focus for week two is 'I follow teacher instructions straight away.' At school it is important to remember that learning time is precious, and one way we can fit as much learning time in as possible is by following teacher instructions straight away. Some examples of following teacher instructions straight away include:

- when you are asked to focus on your schoolwork;
- when you are asked to move to a certain area;
- when you are asked to keep your hands and feet to self;
- and when your teacher asks for your assistance with a task.

Please take a minute to reinforce the importance of following teacher instructions straight away with your child, and remind them that they can receive stamps for responsible behaviour during class time and Cool Coins during break time.

PBL update

The next **Fantastic Fun Friday** is on Friday, 4th May and the theme is 'Popcorn and movie.' Please remind your child/children about working towards filling their Stamp Chart through SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE behaviour in the classroom. We look forward to seeing them have lots of fun at Fantastic Fun Friday in week 3.

Enjoy your week.

Brian Rowe
Student Welfare Team



Wear Blue for Autism



Wear blue for
Autism
Awareness Day

Friday 27th April

Gold coin donation

* Wear sun safe clothing





WHAT IS AUTISM?

When someone has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), it means that their brains are wired differently to other people. However the symptoms of ASD vary enormously from person to person.

People with ASD find it difficult to interact socially and communicate with others. As they often have difficulty understanding what other people are feeling and what interests others, they might say the wrong thing.

They might talk for a long time about a topic they really like, as they are unaware that the topic is of no interest to others. They may not use gestures and body language, in the way that other people do. For example they may not use eye contact and may not smile. However, their ability to communicate can vary tremendously, with some people with Autism having no or limited speech, and others having extensive vocabularies.

Although people with ASD can find it difficult to talk to people and make friends, they still have the same emotions as anybody else and love to have friends, even if it's hard.

People with ASD also like things to happen the same way. They might take the same route to school or the shops, or line up their toys in a particular order. If something is out of place or if routines change without warning, they can get upset or worried.

They may also be bothered by sudden loud sounds, bright lights or unexpected touch that do not bother others. They may become upset if someone hugs them or talks too quickly or loudly.

They often have intense interests in particular topics and may be extremely knowledgeable about their special interest areas. They can also have an amazing memory for detail.

Every person with Autism is different to another and has their own way of seeing the world, which makes them interesting and unique.

<https://www.goblueforautism.com.au/whatisautism>

Helpful resources:

<http://suelarkey.com.au/>

<https://autismqld.com.au/>

Homework



Homework Club

WHAT: Homework Club for our students. Staff will be able to provide support to students in Maths and English or with classroom homework tasks.

Afternoon tea is provided by the support from our P & C.

WHEN: Monday afternoon

3:15pm until 4:00pm.

WHERE: Student Support Room.

Contact: Kayleen Bishop (kbish41@eq.edu.au) for register your child's interest.

