



Calliope State School

25 January 2017



Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

Principal's Piece

Welcome to 2017 at Calliope State School. Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to our new families. With the exception of the new building not being finished yet, we couldn't be happier with the start of the school year. It has been great to be out and about seeing the smiling faces on the students as they meet their new classmates and teachers and the smiles on the faces on the parents as the dropped their children off. We have yet another exciting year ahead of us and I would like to thank and recognise the staff for their input and hard work during the student free days and this first week.

This brief newsletter will provide a couple of key updates and pieces of information for families as we kick start 2017.

One change to our systems and processes that parents would have heard about by now is the switching of play time and eating time during lunch breaks. Students are now being released from class at first and second breaks straight into play time. This process has already yielded some fantastic outcomes and we anticipate the benefits will continue throughout the year. Some of the key benefits include:

- Students get to run around straight after sitting in class for each session
- Students are already in place, and settled, at the beginning of each new session- no late returns to class
- Litter is contained and controlled in each class' own eating area- greater responsibility for our school environment
- Student transitions from play time to eating time are more efficient

Each year level has developed a slightly different process around this change. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

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First Break

- 11.00 am Playtime**
Students to move to their designated play areas.
NO HAT NO PLAY- Students with no hat are to remain in the tuckshop area, under B block, hall or go to the library.
- 11.25 am End of play**
Students to have a drink and move to their eating areas.
- move from their play area safely
- get your lunchbox, sit and eat lunch
- 11.30 am Eating time**
All students are sitting and eating their lunches.
- 11.40 am Toilet time**
Students are to go to the toilet and get a drink ready to transition to class
- 11.45 am End of first break**
All students must be lined up ready for their teacher.

Second Break

- 1.15 pm Playtime**
Students to move to their designated play areas.
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- 1.30 pm End of play**
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Welcome to New Staff

In addition to the new students and families that we have welcomed to Calliope this year a number of new teaching staff and some who are returning to Calliope SS after a period of leave. We would like to welcome Ms Karissa Maticic (HPE), Ms Trina Hartley (Yr 4), Ms Casie Hintz (Yr 6), Mrs Sonya Jones (Yr 4), Mrs Tanya Gallagher (Yr 3), Mrs Kayleigh Donald (Yr 3), Angie Clifton (IM). Over the next week or two, we will be introducing these new teachers through our Facebook page.

Building updates

The new building is nearing completion and we have already moved into the refurbished "old admin" building (now known as D Block). As we move through the next week or so, the landscaping around the building will commence as the internal fitout and external elements are completed. I will keep you posted about progress and timelines as they come to hand.

Rotary Youth Exchange Program

Calliope Rotary Club are looking for host families to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program!

You do not need to be a Rotarian to be considered as a suitable host family.

There is no typical family structure required. An acceptable family might have small children, older children or no children living at home. All that is expected is a caring and friendly family and home atmosphere is provided. Exchange students are between the ages of 15 years and 18 years and will be attending a secondary school in the area of the host club. Host families voluntarily open their homes to these students for periods of approximately three to four months. This time provides an opportunity for everyone to develop a lifetime of friendships, to learn a different culture and to gain many other rewarding experiences.

If you are interested please visit <http://www.ryea.org.au> or contact Nathan Fletcher on ph: 0401245505, email: nathjdfletch@hotmail.com.

Outside School Hours Care (OSCHC)



HELPING HANDS CALLIOPE

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

WE ARE NOW OPEN!!!!!!

OPENING HOURS – BEFORE SCHOOL CARE: 6:30-9:00AM

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: 3:15-6:00PM

VACATION CARE: 6:30AM- 6:00PM

POP IN ANYTIME FOR A QUOTE!

If you bring your CCB percentage Quotes can be provided 😊

PLEASE POP IN TO THE SCHOOL HALL AND MEET AMRON and ERICA

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY
AUSTRALIA DAY

Dates to Remember

26 th	Jan	Australia Day
03 rd	Feb	Leaders Parade
07 th	Feb	P&C Meeting
13 th	Feb	Grip Leadership Course

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

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

Uniform Shop

Open: Wednesday 8.15 – 9am

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. Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools - www.flexischools.com.au.

Tuckshop is closed for the first week of school

Tuckshop New

Tuckshop starts in Week 2 and is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tuckshop orders can be made via flexischools website - www.flexischools.com.au. Please update your child's class on flexischools to ensure their food is delivered to the correct classroom.

Parade on Friday

Parade is held in the hall every Friday morning at 9.15am and all parents and carers are invited to attend.

THE SCHOOL CREED

This is our school.

Let peace dwell here.

Let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love abide here.

Love of God, love of one another,

And love of life itself.

Let us remember that, as many hands build a house,

So many hearts make a school.

Instrumental Music Program

Week 2 – Tuesday – WBP Beginning students
Week 3 – Tuesday – WBP Beginning and Continuing students

Week 2 – Thursday – Strings Beginning students
Week 3 – Thursday – Strings Beginning and Continuing students

School Banking

School banking resumes on Wednesday, on 8th February. Please hand in your deposit book to the office on Wednesday mornings for the banking to be processed. School banking encourages students to develop regular savings habits. The office has more information regarding the school banking program.