



# Calliope State School

25 October 2016

Calliope Kids  
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



## What's happening in ...

### News from Prep A

This year has been going so fast and I cannot believe we only have 6 more weeks as Preppies. We have been very lucky this term as a lovely fairy has moved into our classroom and she loves writing letters. She also loves all of the letters that she is getting from us. Her name is Moonbud. Miss Norris has also written us a letter and last week, we spent some time with our Year 6 buddies writing letters to her too. It is lucky that we are learning to write letters in English.

In Science, we are learning all about movement and have been having so much fun exploring how different objects move and we love dancing to the song "I Like to Move it, Move it". "Shake it Off" is also another firm favourite and we really get our groove on to that one.



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# Principal's Piece

Hi All

It's hard to believe we are almost half way through the last term of 2016. So much to do, and so much excitement about continuing our amazing improvement journey into 2017.

With our 2017 workforce planning in full swing, and with a relatively low staff-turnover anticipated, I am happy to announce that we are fortunate to have a number of very experienced and competent teachers who have been transferred into the school or are returning after a period of leave. New and returning teachers for 2017 are:

- Sonya Jones (returning)
- Tanya Gallagher (returning)
- Kayleigh Donald (returning)
- Troy Jenkins (from Fairbairn Outdoor Education Centre)

These teachers will receive a comprehensive transition/induction to our school to ensure that they are welcomed and prepared for the 2017 school year.

To continue to assist us in planning for the 2017 school year, if you are planning on relocating your child(ren) to another school in 2017, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let the school office know as soon as possible. A form has recently been sent home regarding this. Returning this form will help us to make accurate decisions about resourcing and staffing for 2017. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

## **Attendance Notification**

We are extremely pleased with how well our same-day absence notification process has been working. We would like to thank parents for their support of the process and understanding when minor issues arise. To ensure the process runs smoothly, it is essential that all parent contact details remain current with the school office and student absences are explained through the school's processes.



## **School-Parent Communication**

It is important that the school administration is kept informed of any matters in a student's life that may impact on their ability to effectively engage with their peers and/or their school-work. Every family, at one time or another, will go through stressful and difficult times. Changes to a child's life that may impact on their schooling may include grief and loss, housing changes, parent(s) marriage or separation, (un)employment related stresses and many others. By keeping the, sensitive, confidential and supportive, channels of communication open between home and school, we can work together to seek support for the children and families involved as well as provide access to internal and external agencies who may be able to assist. All matters of a sensitive nature will be handled in the strictest of confidence. Remember, our number one priority at Calliope SS is the wellbeing of our community.

## **2017 Prep Open Mornings**

It was great to see so many of our 2017 prep kids during their visit on Monday morning. It was great to give them (and their parents) the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the facilities and staff in a fun and enjoyable way. Another Open Morning is scheduled for this Thursday (27 Oct) and I encourage parents to bring their children along - even if you have been involved in the school for years! Keep an eye on the newsletter, facebook and the sign in front of the school for further information about additional transition events for Prep 2017.

Jeremy Godden  
Principal





## Helping children cope with change

Changes, even when positive, can involve some losses. Adults and older children have more experience of change so they have some knowledge and skills to help them cope, but change can be scary for young children who don't know what to expect.

Babies' lives are full of change, parents and carers can help them cope by protecting them from too many changes at once and being with them during changes – holding them gently and talking to them about what is happening.

Toddlers live in a rapidly changing world. They are learning to be independent, and to move around on their own feet – this can be both exciting and scary for them. Toddlers have a strong need to be independent but still do not understand enough about the world to feel safe in it. Toddlers often deal with this by wanting to stick to routines they know, for example, they may insist on the same food or bedtime story. Parents can help toddlers deal with change by allowing them to accept change at their own pace, letting them keep their usual routines, watching over their new ventures and being there for comfort when they need reassurance.

Preschoolers have more resources to draw on than younger infants as they know more about the world and are more able to say how they feel. Parents and carers can give children confidence by reminding them of their strengths and listening to their fears. Even so, there are many times when a pre-schooler cannot cope with change and needs support and comfort from parents and carers.

One of the biggest changes toddlers and pre-schoolers are likely to face is having a new baby in the family. Parents and carers can tell them about all the positive things that will happen for them, such as having a new playmate when the baby is older and they are loved just as much as ever. School-aged children will be more used to change, and may be able to manage some changes in routine without too much difficulty. Starting school can be a big change for children, as can prior to the transition, or organising a playdate with a classmate prior to the start of the term.

For more information about Mental Health Matters

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/social-and-emotional-learning/resilience>

## Dates to Remember

27 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Prep Open Morning
28 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	World Teacher's Day
01 <sup>st</sup>	Nov	P&C Meeting
03 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov	Free Dress Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Remembrance Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	FFF
12 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	McHappy Day

## 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.

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## 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

## 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](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

## Word of the Week

contrast

## Star of the Week

<b>Prep A</b>	Jessica	<b>Prep B</b>	Corey
<b>Prep C</b>	Rachelle	<b>Prep D</b>	Eliza
<b>Prep/1E</b>	Tristan	<b>1A</b>	Xander
<b>1B</b>	Elan	<b>1C</b>	Drachen
<b>1D</b>	Tahlia	<b>2A</b>	Aidan
<b>2B</b>	Luca	<b>2C</b>	
<b>2D</b>	Talia	<b>3A</b>	
<b>3B</b>	Roy	<b>3C</b>	
<b>3D</b>		<b>4A</b>	Regan
<b>4B</b>	James	<b>4C</b>	Kaleb
<b>5A</b>	Yasmin	<b>5B</b>	Max
<b>5C</b>	Nickea	<b>6A</b>	Brianne
<b>6B</b>	Alyssa	<b>6C</b>	Billie
<b>PE</b>	Blake	<b>Music</b>	Mikayla

## Prep Open Mornings

Our Prep Open Mornings will be on during week 4. Parents and children starting Prep at Calliope in 2017 are welcome to attend either morning. Rooms will be open for families to visit. There will also be a school tour available for any families new to the school.

Our next date is:

**Thursday 27 October from 9.15 – 10.00am**

Children are to be accompanied by an adult for their visit.

## P & C Bake Sale – Rotary Markets

The P&C send a huge thank you to all the families who kindly donated to our first bake sale stall at the Rotary Markets. It was a great opportunity for our P&C to have a presence in our community and despite the rain dampening usual attendance, we raised over \$350 for our school.

## World Teacher's Day – 28<sup>th</sup> October

World Teacher's Day provides a timely opportunity to reflect and thank the teachers who have had a profound impact on our life and education. On Friday, we acknowledge the important role that teachers play at Calliope State School and thank them for the dedication to teaching and learning and for their investment in the education of our students. **"Teachers open minds, touch hearts and shape the future."**

## Prayer Time with Chappy

**When:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 8:00– 8:30am

**Where:** Chappy Sonia's office

## Calliope Pool

Calliope Pool Number

0497 815 393

## Chappy News

### Dare 6

Choose this week to react to difficult circumstances in your marriage/relationship in loving ways instead of with irritation. List or think about any wrong motivations you need to get rid of.

**'The Love Dare' by Stephen & Alex Kendrick(Summarised)**



### Save the Date

Please save the date of 5<sup>th</sup> of December for the Year 6 Graduation which begins at 5pm.

### P & C Meeting

The P&C are holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend the meeting.



### Year 6 Transition to GSHS

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of November are the Transition days for the Year 6 students who will be attending Gladstone State High School in 2017. More information will be given to students in the future.

### Free Dress Day – Thursday 3rd November

We will be holding a special free-dress day on Thursday November 3rd to support Domestic and Family Violence. Students and families wishing to support this cause with a gold coin donation can dress in purple for the day.

## Community Notices

**McHappy Day will be celebrated on Saturday, the 12th of November 2016. Our school band will be performing at the Boyne Island McDonalds on McHappy Day.**



**Mt Larcom District Youth & Community Recreation Group Inc is having a Halloween Night on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30pm at the Mt Larcom Youth Centre. Please see attached flyer.**

**Calliope Kindergarten is having a Halloween Barefoot Bowls Fundraiser on 29<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. Please refer to attached flyer.**

### !!!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's Wide World of Sport

### Queensland Athletics

Last week Tyler competed in the Queensland State Athletics trials. Students from all over Queensland travelled to Brisbane to compete in the track and field events. Tyler participated in the 100m sprint, long jump and relay team. Tyler won a bronze medal in the relay team. Congratulations Tyler!

### Interschool Volleyball

Calliope SS is competing in the interschool volleyball competition at Toolooa SHS on Wednesday afternoons. Last week, our teams were narrowly defeated by Boyne Island SS. This week the Cowboys play at 4pm and the Crushers play at 4pm and 4:30pm. 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 – 28<sup>th</sup> of November - Monday 9:30am-11am
- \* Year 2 – 28<sup>th</sup> of November - Monday 11.45am-1.15pm
- \* Year 3 – 29<sup>th</sup> of November - Tuesday 1.15pm-3pm

### Senior Swimming Carnival

The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

