



Calliope State School

27 November 2018



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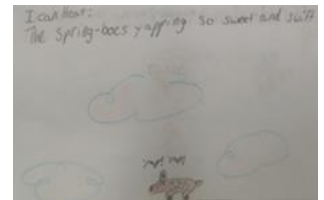
News from 3C..

What a fantastic term it has been in 3C! In English, we have been learning all about poetry and how the poets use different poetic devices to engage the audience. We have been busy planning and creating our very own poems and transforming them into small books for other students to read and enjoy.

In Maths, we have been learning how to measure weight, volume and length. We have also been working extremely hard on improving our mental addition, subtraction and multiplication skills. We have really enjoyed showing multiplication in a variety of ways.

In Science, we have been conducting science investigations that have taught us how melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation occur within our environment and in everyday life. We really enjoyed learning about how different objects have different melting and freezing points to change their states of matter. For example, we learnt that if you remove the heat from candle wax it becomes a solid very quickly however melted chocolate takes a little longer to form back into a solid.

We cannot wait to perform our exciting Christmas song with you all using sign language at the Community Christmas Carols this Friday!



PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

The school year is quickly coming to a close with under 3 weeks of school to go. Before we get to the holidays however, there is much still to be done. We have students completing assessment tasks, Christmas Carols, swimming carnivals, Fantastic Fun Friday, Year 6 Transition Days and Graduation and our End of Year Concert/Principals' Parade. We look forward to having our community come together and celebrate these events with us.

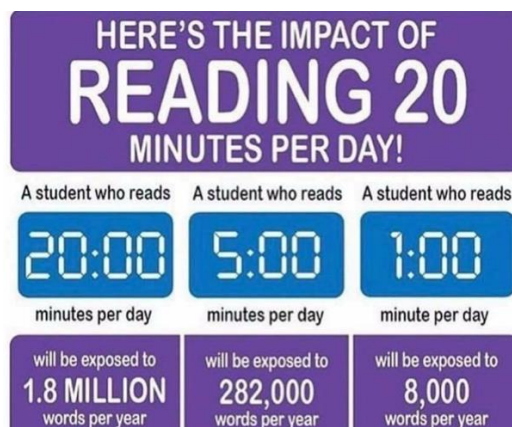
Congratulations Robotics Team!

A huge congratulation to our Robotics team who competed at the State Lego League competition in Brisbane over the weekend. The team did themselves and our school proud. They were fortunate to bring home a research trophy for their efforts on the day! I want to sincerely thank Ms Wreide who attended Brisbane with the students and all of the staff who have supported the students with Robotics in 2018. Thank you also to our P&C and Calliope Rotary for their financial assistance to participants.



The Importance of Reading

Reading is such an important skill for all of us. With holidays, approaching, it is the ideal time to come together and share the wonder of adventure through books. The table below highlights the gains a student reading can make with just 20 minutes a day!



Christmas Carols

Don't forget to come on down and celebrate the festive season with the Calliope Christmas Carols at the Rodeo Showgrounds, this Friday night from 4pm. Our students will be performing in the choir, bands and year level performances.

2019 Intentions

If your family is leaving Calliope State School at the end of 2018 (excluding Year 6's), can you please advise the office at admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au. This will assist us with our school numbers and class allocations.

Questions or Feedback

As a school we value your feedback. If you have questions about our processes or policies, please feel free to contact the school directly, to ensure you receive the correct information. You can contact us via email- admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au, phone 4975 8333 or our Facebook page- Calliope State School.

Mark Wright
Principal

P&C News

Recipe Book

Our recipe book is under production and we cannot wait to see the finished product. Pre-sales are open now on Flexischools and via our email or Facebook page. Books will be ready for Christmas. The book will be in full colour and contains over 130 recipes, priced at 1 book - \$20.00, 2 books - \$35.00, 3 books - \$50.00



Monster Raffle

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

Please continue to return your sold books to the P&C box at the office. If you require more tickets you can see the ladies at the office or contact us via Facebook or email pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au.

Thank you to the families who are returning unsold books early. Any fundraising activity is completely at your family's discretion and we will appreciate the return of unsold books.

A reminder that all books must be returned sold or unsold by **6 DECEMBER 2018**.

Traditional Christmas Raffle

Given we have asked for family support this year with the Monster Raffle, we have decided to have "Lucky door prizes" at the Principal Parade on 13 December in lieu of our usual Christmas hamper raffle. All parents, students and staff who attend will receive a lucky door ticket. Prizes will be:

1st Prize: Whole leg ham and Lions Christmas Cake

2nd Prize: Half leg ham and Lions Christmas Cake

Senior Swimming Carnival

The senior swimming carnival is on Friday 7 December. We will provide a limited canteen. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or wish to help out.

Volunteer Shout out

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who offered their valuable time to support our school last week. You are all amazing and we are very thankful.

Tuckshop: Bev Kaine, Melissa Platten, Jessica Charles, Jess Buckingham and Wanda Lowe

Uniform Shop: Jess Buckingham, Tracey McCarthy

Promotions: Ann-Maree Macmillian

Drought Fundraiser: Tenielle Wode, Casey Black, Lisa O'Connor

Calliope Country Carnival - 2019

We formed our Calliope Country Carnival 2019 sub-committee at our last P&C meeting. Please let us know if you wish to be part of this committee. A meeting will be held before end of year.

Have a great week.

Lisa Moore
P&C President

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
- absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	William	Prep B	Allayna
Prep C	Harrison	Prep D	Cydi
1A	Aidan	1B	Eli
1C	Lorrae	1D	Izabelle
2A	Lilly	2B	Parks
2C		2D	
2/3E	Sophie	3A	Riplee
3B	Nicola	3C	Matilda
3D	Kobe	4A	Keira
4B	Mia	4C	Mitchell
4D	Travis	5A	Tillee
5B	Cameron	5C	Clayton
6A	Regan	6B	Samantha
6C	Tiana	Health	
PE	La-La	Music	
LOTE	Jessica		

Attendance

2018 School Attendance for Week 7, Term 4						
Fri 16/11/18	Mon 19/11/18	Tues 20/11/18	Wed 21/11/18	Thurs 22/11/18		
91.7%	92.9%	91.7%	97.4%	94.2%%		
Whole School Attendance for the Year to Date: 92.4%						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.9%	92%	92.5%	92.4%	92.1%	92.7%	93.5%

Congratulations to 1D for having the best attendance rate for Week 7. Their amazing attendance rate was 97% for the week! Also congratulations to the 11 classes which were at or above our school attendance target of 94%. Remember, every day you are away is a learning day lost.

Swimming Carnival

Please note students are competing in year levels not age groups due to time constraints. Students have already done their nominations during PE lessons.

Year 1

Thursday 6 December 1:45 - 3:15pm

Year 2

Wednesday 5 December 1:45 - 3:15pm

Year 3

Monday 3 December 1:45 - 3:15pm

Year 4-6

Friday 7 December 12:00 - 3:15pm



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.

A message from your School Banking Co-ordinator

If your child has collected 10 Dollarmites tokens and would like to redeem them for a School Banking reward item this term, please fill in your child's redemption slip and bring it along to one of our School Banking days before 30 November 2018. This will ensure the reward item will arrive before the school holidays.

Our final School Banking day for 2018 is Wednesday 5 December. Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2019.

Calliope Christmas Community Carols

*Performers need to gather side stage 15 minutes prior to their performance *Please note times are only a guide

Approx 5.00pm	Calliope SS Christmas Jokes
	Calliope SS Instrumental Band – Christmas Medley
	Calliope SS Strings Ensemble – Jingle Bells Medley
Approx 5.30pm	Calliope SS Choir – I saw Three Ships
	Calliope SS Prep – Away in a Manger
Approx 6.30pm	Calliope SS Year 1 – Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
	Calliope SS Year 2 – Rocking around the Christmas Tree
	Calliope SS Year 3 – Aussie Jingle Bells
	Calliope SS Year 4 – Jingle Bell Rock
	Calliope SS Year 5 – Merry Christmas
	Calliope SS Year 6 – When Grandma got run over by a Reindeer

Christmas Cards

The Christmas card Post Office will be starting next week. It will be open for the last two weeks of the term. A Christmas post box will be at the student entrance to the office. Students post their Christmas cards with the student name and class on the front. Our Year 6 students collect, sort and deliver the mail each day. Candy canes are not to be put into any Christmas cards.

Helping Hands

With Christmas and 2019 fast approaching, Helping Hands Calliope have an amazing holiday program for your children.

If you have a new prep child starting in 2019, they are welcome to attend the holiday program in January starting on January 7. This is a great way to introduce your prep to the school, meet new friends and have a great time! If you would like to enrol please go to helpinghandsnetwork.com.au and go to the Families tab and register your child.



Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

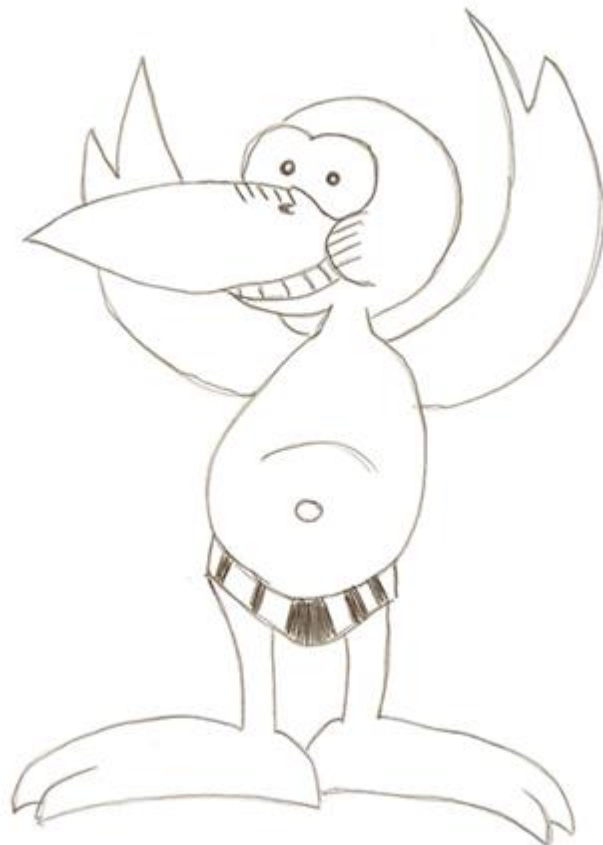
As the weather heats up our Positive Behaviour for Learning lesson in week 8 is: Safe – Sun Smart. There are lots of ways kids can be sun smart at school, starting with the most obvious – wearing a hat out in the playground at break time. Wearing a hat ensures that we protect our heads from the harsh Queensland sun, and also helps us avoid dehydration. If a student is feeling too hot when out at play, there are plenty of shaded areas for them to sit under to allow their body temperature to cool.

Given how hot it is at present, it's important we revise being sun smart and talk about sunscreen, drinking plenty of fluids, and making good choices of sitting calmly when the weather gets too hot.

In the lower years, students will be dressing poor old Sid the Seagull (see below) and making him as sun smart as he can be. Feel free to ask your child/children what they would do to make Sid more sun smart.

Have a great week.

Brian Rowe
Student Welfare Teacher



Tips for Keeping your Child Reading During the School Holidays

While school holidays are a time for a well-earned rest from formal education, they are still an important time for reading. Having your child continue to read on a regular basis during the holidays will help them to practise the reading skills they have obtained and refined during the school year.

Below are some easy ways to encourage your child to continue reading during the Christmas holidays:

1. Make reading time fun (and quick!)

Read together with funny voices, try humorous books to engage the reluctant readers in your family. You should aim for no more than ten minutes reading together.

2. Visit the local library

Make regular visits to the local library part of your family's routine. This is a free way to enjoy books.

3. Allow children to choose what they want to read

Allow your child to choose books/titles that they are interested in. This will encourage them more to read.

4. Have a 'screen free night' each week

Make a screen free night part of your family's regular routine where everyone in the family picks up something to read – even, as a family, reading the rules of a board game.

5. Give books as gifts

Christmas and birthdays for children mean presents, and more books in the house can never go astray.

6. Read together using supportive strategies

When you are reading together with your child, it's a great idea to give them the option of how they would like to read. Provide the opportunity for children to choose whether they would like to read aloud or silently. Remember to Pause, Prompt and Praise your child when reading.

