



# Calliope State School

28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Calliope Kids  
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



## What's happening in ...

### News from 6C

#### Flying through the term

Our leaders are proving to be a great asset to our school. They are showing increasing maturity and leadership skills throughout most interactions with peers, staff and special guests alike.

Week six will see the beginning of our new units of work in English and Maths. We have begun consolidating our knowledge of literary devices and will soon use these in our very own Author-Illustrated books that we are creating for a young audience.

Maths will see us move through other multiple concepts with testing our knowledge and application of reading timetables, time and concepts regarding distance. This challenge will be fun and very appropriate as a life skill.

Our science is continuing to see us inquire into our ideas around chemical changes and what occurs at a molecular level when chemicals are combined.

In our History unit we are looking back to the time our country federated and the events that took place pre and post. You could even ask your child who Henry Parkes was. You may learn some interesting facts.

With anticipation we await our new building where we will see resources that will open our ability to learn in new exciting and different ways. We can't wait!



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# Principal's Piece

## Teacher Communication

Any parent who has experienced the "Nothing" or "I can't remember" response when asking what their child did today or how their child's day at school was, will understand the importance of communication between the classroom teachers and home. So it has been very pleasing to see teachers, parents and students forging partnerships at the Meet the Teacher information sessions and through agreed processes in each classroom. What a fantastic opportunity for parents to not only meet their child's teacher but also to understand what is actually going on inside the classroom and debunk the myth that 'nothing' happened. Being able to place a face to the name for both parents and teachers as well as having open lines of communication is invaluable in ensuring our students are getting the best educational, social and emotional outcomes.

## Pokémon Cards

While Pokémon cards are recognised as a meaningful hobby for students. The management of them at school has become a priority, as the sharing, trading and buying and selling of cards has caused issues that are interfering with:

- A positive play and learning environment and
- The social and emotional wellbeing of students.

Teachers are spending valuable learning time trying to sort out disagreements between students, and there have been reports older students are taking advantage of younger students in relation to trading.

In light of the situation, students will be allowed to bring cards to school but will only be allowed to play with their cards at lunch under supervision in the hall. There is to be no trading of cards during school time.

Students have been informed of these changes and we ask families support the school in ensuring their children support the policy. Families with any questions are encouraged to contact the office.

## We're moving in

This week will see the practical completion of the new building! Hooray! While this comes as exciting news, it also means that it's time for us to move. Students in the year 5 and 6 classes will transition into their new spaces on Monday and Tuesday. Please be advised that students will attend their current classroom on Monday morning and individual class processes will be developed and communicated to families by teachers.

The school administration will also be moving gradually into our new environment from Monday morning. I have no doubt that there will be a teething issue or two, but assure all of our community that we will work to minimise confusion and disruption to service.

As is the case with all new constructions, there are bound to be a range of issues and defects that require attention in the coming weeks and months. We will endeavour to minimise any disruption to operations and, of course, will ensure that the teaching and learning in our school remains the highest priority.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Jeremy Godden  
Principal



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MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

## **Positive Separations**

Separating from loved ones can be distressing

Early childhood services and schools are supportive environments where children have many opportunities to grow and learn through their positive experiences. However, when children are separated from their parents and carers they can feel distressed. This is a common response from about six months of age and can continue into the early years. Some school children may also experience some separation distress.

Children may show their distress in different ways. Whereas some may be visibly upset, others may have physical symptoms such as headaches, nausea or tummy aches. Other children may show their distress by appearing nervous, being restless, clingy or by being quiet and withdrawn.

Distress from separating from their parents or carers is a common feeling for many children when they first go to an early childhood service or start school. They may be feeling a little unsure in a new setting with new people. Children's distress is generally short-lived and they are quite often happily playing within a short time of their parents or carers leaving. Over time, children learn to feel safe in their new surroundings and gradually experience less separation distress.

Children vary in their levels of emotional sensitivity. Some children worry about lots of things, while others are more carefree. Most are somewhere in between. Separating from parents and carers can be distressing for children, and can result in behaviours that are hard to manage – like screaming, tantrums or refusal.

For more information please see: <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/social-and-emotional-learning/positive-separations-helping>

## Dates to Remember

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	School Photos
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mar	School Photos
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	P&C AGM
20-31	Mar	Life Education
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	Interim reports
27-30	Mar	Parent Interviews

Office hours are 8am-4pm  
Cash only, EFTPOS is  
**UNAVAILABLE** in the temporary  
office

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

## School Banking

Reminder: school banking has resumed on Wednesdays. Please hand in your deposit book to the office on Wednesday mornings for the banking to be processed. The office has more information regarding the school banking program.



## Stars of the Week

<b>Prep A</b>	Sophie	<b>Prep B</b>	Xavier
<b>Prep C</b>	Slater	<b>Prep D</b>	Macie
<b>1A</b>	Aaliyah	<b>1B</b>	Gabrielle
<b>1C</b>		<b>1D</b>	Ella
<b>2A</b>	Ava	<b>2B</b>	Holly
<b>2C</b>	Amalia	<b>2D</b>	
<b>2E</b>	James	<b>3A</b>	Declan
<b>3B</b>		<b>3C</b>	Asia
<b>3D</b>	Ava	<b>4A</b>	Kolby
<b>4B</b>	Tillee	<b>4C</b>	Sophie
<b>5A</b>	Mackenzie	<b>5B</b>	Chayce
<b>5C</b>	Lily	<b>6A</b>	Declan
<b>6B</b>	Brayden	<b>6C</b>	Harper
<b>PE</b>	Caleb	<b>Music</b>	Harley
<b>Health</b>			

## School Photos

The photo date is **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**. Personalised order envelopes have been sent home. Spare photo envelopes and sibling envelopes are available at the office. Photo money is to be brought to school on their photo day.

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March		Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Time	Class	Time	Class
9.10	Prep B	Parade	
9.30	Prep A		
9.50	Prep D	10.00	4A
10.10	Prep C	10.15	2A
10.30	1A	10.30	4C
10.45	1B	10.45	5A
11.00	Siblings	11.00	Siblings
11.50	1C	11.50	5B
12.05	1D	12.05	5C
12.20	2C	12.20	6B
12.35	2D	12.35	6C
12.50	2E	12.50	6A
1.05	3D		
1.15	Siblings		
1.50	2B		
2.05	4B		
2.20	3C		
2.35	3B		
2.50	3A		

## Prayer Time with Chappy

**When:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 8:00– 8:30am

**Where:** Chappy Sonia's office



### 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](mailto:admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au). If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

### 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.

## PBL lesson – Week 6

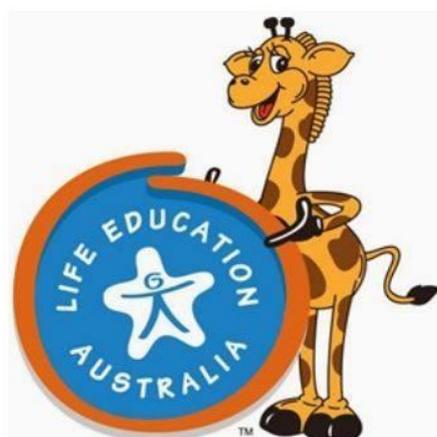
### Snake Safety

<i>Do</i> 	<i>Don't</i> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Stay quiet</i></li><li>• <i>Move away</i></li><li>• <i>Inform a teacher</i></li><li>• <i>Stay in the correct play areas</i></li></ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Make a lot of noise</i></li><li>• <i>Crowd around the snake</i></li><li>• <i>Interrupt the snake's natural environment (moving things, touching it)</i></li></ul> 

## Safe Respectful Responsible

### Life Education

The Life Education van will be visiting our school from the 20<sup>th</sup> until the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. The Cost will be \$6.00 per child this can be paid at the office. Permission notes will be going home this week.



## Community Notices

**!!!REMINDER!!!**

As it is fire season, we would like to ask parents to refrain from parking in front of the fire hydrant outside the pool.

### River Ranch Bus 48

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9am, Coffee Ink Café, Calliope Shopping Centre, Dawson Hwy. All enquires to Karen MacKenzie Ph: 0417495289. The AGM is required to elect office bearers and discuss general operation of the service. This is a mandatory audit requirement for the continued operation of the service and without a conveyance committee the service may cease.**

### Calliope Pool Number

**0497 815 393**

## Chappy News

**Reminder:** The Calliope Chaplaincy fundraising morning tea is on this Wednesday from 9-11am at Coffee Ink.

## Word of the Week

**Massive**

## Parking

Schools are busy areas, where there are often lots of children—who do not always understand the danger of roads and vehicles. Make sure to take extra care when parking on school grounds and on the roads and streets around the school and follow the signed parking rules at all times. Parents are also advised that they are not to park on the median strip along the front of the school entrance. This endangers children's safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Tuckshop News

Tuckshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tuckshop orders can be made via the flexischools website – [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Please update your child's class on flexischools to ensure their food is delivered to the correct classroom.

