



Calliope State School

29th May 2018

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

News from 1B

This term 1B have been discovering all things Pirate! In English we have been looking at different adjectives to describe pirates so that we can write our very own pirate descriptions. We have had lots of fun in our Mixed Media Arts Unit and have enjoyed drawing our Picasso self portraits. We then used this abstract approach to turn Mr Wright into a pirate! Over the next couple of weeks we will be using our own self portraits to turn ourselves into the meanest and toughest pirate you'll ever see! In science and technology we have been looking at different materials and their properties in hope we can build a sail boat to sail the 7 seas! It's been a very busy term so far!



Principal's Piece

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying our Prep teachers and students on their excursion to Tondoon Gardens to see the performance of 'The Owl and the Pussycat'. For many it was their first ride on a bus and they were so excited as they arrived at the gardens. We all enjoyed the show as we sat in the pea green boat! After the performance we created origami animals before having a picnic lunch together on the grass. Thank you for inviting me to join the very first Prep excursion for the year.



Under 8s Day – Calliope

Arrangements are well under way for our annual Under 8s morning on 25 June from 9.15am - 10.45am. This day gives all our students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities, with a focus on acknowledging the importance of supporting young children exploring language and culture.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the morning with their child/children. We look forward to having the local childcare and kindergarten centres join with us also. There will also be special visitors from our local community on the day.



Wear Purple for CCRFDV

This Wednesday, 30 May, students are invited to wear purple and bring a gold coin donation to raise funds for our local organisation: Co-ordinated Community Response to Family and Domestic Violence. Last week our school leaders created a canvas to show support for #end domestic and family violence.



Loose Change Challenge

We have less than one week to go for the 'Loose Change Challenge'. Each class has been busy collecting loose change over the last two weeks, raising funds for our school. All bottles will be collected on Monday 4 June to find out our class champions!

Botanic to Bridge

This year the Botanic to Bridge is on Sunday 19 August and will again include a 3km and 8km course. All registration funds from the event are redirected back into the community via the major beneficiary and local schools. Please put the date on your calendars! It is a great family event and we are hoping to increase our number of participants this year to over 50. Early Bird registrations are now open.



Volunteers Day

Last Friday after parade, we celebrated and thanked all the wonderful volunteers from our school. Each and every one make a significant positive impact on the staff and students. Our amazing P&C provide many services to our families, including tuckshop and our uniform shop as well as fundraising for our many bigger projects such as shelter sheds and purchasing additional resources such as sports equipment and reading books. They also support school excursions and extra-curricular programs for our Chess and Robotics teams. Thank you to all our dedicated, enthusiastic parents who provide invaluable support to our school.

Kind Regards



Raelene Norris
Deputy Principal

!!DATES TO REMEMBER!!

29th May – ICAS Science

30th May – Free Dress Day

6th June – P-2 Sports Day

7th June – High Jump & 800m

8th June – Yr3-6 Sports Day

15th June - FFF

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.

Reading

The teaching and learning of reading is a core learning priority at Calliope State School.

Improved student achievement and outcomes in reading secures success across all the learning areas and beyond.

Switching students onto reading and developing fluent, competent, independent problem-solvers who willingly read widely for different purposes are the goals.

It is important for children to experience reading on a daily basis. During school hours children read for a wide variety of purposes, to gain information, to practise a reading strategy or to demonstrate their reading ability to the class teacher. It is also important that children read purely for pleasure. This can be choosing to spend some quiet time alone reading, sharing a bedtime story with another family member or having someone read to them – just because.



Free Dress Day – Wednesday 30th May

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is an annual event held each May to raise community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence and the support available to those affected. Students and families wishing to support this cause with a gold coin donation can dress in **purple** for the 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
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

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Attendance – Every day Counts

2018 School Attendance for Week 6, Term 2						
Fri 11/05/18	Mon 14/05/18	Tues 15/05/18	Wed 16/05/18	Thurs 17/05/18		
92.2%	94.8%	94.3%	91.6%	94.2%		
Whole School Attendance for the Year to Date: 93.9%						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.3%	93.5%	93.7%	94%	93.8%	94.8%	94.3%

Congratulations to 1C, 2B and 2/3E who all had the best attendance for Week 6. Each class only had three students away for the week and this resulted in a 97% attendance for each class. Week 6 saw 15 classes at or above our school target of 94%. Every day counts – because children do better when they attend school every day.



School success starts
with attendance

Stars of the Week



Prep A	Chace	Prep B	Solara
Prep C	Harry	Prep D	Harry
1A	Sophia	1B	Tannym
1C		1D	Mason
2A		2B	Jimmy
2C	Kiarra	2D	Malakai
2/3E	Jordan	3A	Ava
3B	Mitchell	3C	Indianna
3D	Logan	4A	Jayme
4B	Elina	4C	
4D	Elliott	5A	
5B	Billy	5C	Ruby
6A		6B	Billy
6C	Shyla	PE	Alec
Health	Mackenzie	LOTE	Isabel

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.**

Chappy News

On Thursday 24 May, Chappy Sonia spoke at Coping Café on "The Five Love Languages" by Dr Gary Chapman. If you missed it and would like to know more head to the website <http://www.5lovelanguages.com/>.



On the 23 and 24 of May, Calliope celebrated Chappy Week. Chappy Week is an annual event run by SU QLD to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains. At Calliope we held a range of activities such as a Paper Plane Competition. Congratulations to following students who won in their age/year level:

Yr 1-2 – Lucas

Yr 3 – 4 – Cooper

Yr 5 - 6 - Jai



To finish off Chappy Week, Chappy craft was all about colouring in a specially made colouring in page designed for Chappy Week.



Community News

Calliope Kindergarten are now taking enrolments for children.

Please see attached flyer.

RotaKids

Last week, the year 6 RotaKids made a hand painted banner with Mrs Watson. This week on Wednesday 30 May, the school is allowed to wear purple in awareness of Family and Domestic Violence. Those wearing purple are asked to bring a gold coin donation to raise money for the CCRDFV. Remember, only wear purple not other colours. This week, on Thursday 31 May, all year 3-6 students are invited to 6A classroom to hear the district chair of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) speak to us about how we can help those overseas.

Regan and Jessica



Weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

RESPONSIBLE – I play in the correct area at play time

The PBL focus for week seven is about being responsible and is 'I play in the correct area at play time.' Minimising transitions in the playground helps produce a calmer environment for children. The calmer the area, the more settled behaviour is. It is for this reason that children are instructed to choose ONE area at break time and remain there.

Please take a minute to reinforce the importance of being responsible with your child, and remind them that they can receive Cool Coins during break time.

FFF Update

Fantastic Fun Friday happened on Friday 25 May and the theme was 'Sausage sizzle and disco.' Over three hundred students demonstrated SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE behaviour in the lead up, filling their Stamp Charts, and had a great time. We look forward to seeing them have lots of fun at the next Fantastic Fun Friday in week 9.

Brian Rowe
Student Welfare Team





Resilience

Everybody's life has ups and downs

Adults sometimes look back on their childhood as a time when they were always happy, but life's ups and downs are a part of childhood too. Children need to build resilience skills to be able to both enjoy good times and deal with hard times. Helping children learn how to manage life's ups and downs and build their coping skills supports their mental health and wellbeing now and into the future. Feeling good protects mental health and wellbeing.

Did you know that experiencing positive emotions such as joy, pleasure and having fun are essential experiences for building and maintaining a healthy mind across our whole lives?

Skills and qualities that help children cope with life's ups and downs

- **Trust** - that the world is safe and that there are caring people to help them.
- **Belief** - in their ability to do things for themselves and achieve their goals.
- **Feeling good** - about themselves and feeling valued for who they are by their parents and carers.
- **Optimism** - that things generally turn out well.
- **Regulation** - Ability to manage their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

Children develop these skills and qualities and **learn to keep a balance** over time, initially through their experiences in coping with small stresses with help from supportive adults. When bigger stresses come along, even though at first they might feel quite distressed, children can draw on what they have learned about helping themselves to cope and feel better. Looking to others for support continues to be an effective way of coping.

How are your child's resilience skills developing?

Resilience is the ability to cope with life's ups and downs. Children's resilience is enhanced when they:

- are loved by someone unconditionally
- have an older person outside the home they can talk to about problems and feelings
- are praised for doing things on their own and striving to achieve
- can count on their family being there when needed
- know someone they want to be like
- believe things will turn out all right
- have a sense of a power greater than themselves
- are willing to try new things
- feel that what they do makes a difference in how things turn out
- like themselves
- can focus on a task and stay with it
- have a sense of humour
- make goals and plans, both short and longer term.

Feeling optimistic and hopeful are key parts of mental health and wellbeing.