



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

News from 6Awesome

The students of 6A have handled the many demands of Term Four with confidence and composure.

In addition to a heavy learning and assessment workload, they have gone on camp for a week and participated in cultural and sporting activities including tennis, softball and swimming. Many students have taken up the option of additional time in the pool outside lesson time in preparation for their swimming carnival this Friday afternoon. Students on the school softball team spent a lot of their lunch breaks practising in preparation for an interschool competition. Unfortunately this didn't proceed due to other schools pulling out; however, they were able to demonstrate their skills in a very competitive match against the teachers last week.

The students enjoyed the recent Science unit which entailed exploration of their local environment and an investigation into the relationship between the growth and survival of living things and the physical conditions of the environment. They set up an experiment which sought to determine the conditions which best promote mould growth, using bread as the food source. Needless to say, after a week some of their specimens looked pretty gross!

As the end of primary school approaches for our Year 6 students, we have graduation planning well underway. Invitations to Graduation Night have been sent home and our students have been sifting through hundreds of photos for the 'Year in Review' presentation. They have also been practising their stage performance over recent weeks in preparation for the big night which will be followed by a pool party.

Excitement is building in anticipation of the completion of primary school and most of the students have also been a little anxious about what high school may bring. This week, most of the students are attending two transition days at either Gladstone State High School or Toolooa State High School to familiarise themselves with their new schools. Farewell from 6A.



Principal's Piece

Hello everyone and welcome to the penultimate newsletter for 2016.

It has been an amazing year and I look forward to being able to celebrate some of the outstanding achievements and milestones for Calliope State School's students at the various events over the coming week and a half.

Year 6 Graduating Class

It is an exciting time for our graduation class of year 6 students whose achievements will be celebrated on **Monday 5th December** from 5pm. It is fitting that as I write this piece, those students are engaged in transition activities at their future high schools as they orient themselves with the geography, the people and some of the processes of their new school.

2017 Class Lists

At this time of year the management of student enrolments is critical as student numbers determine teachers and class groups. Staffing, as always will be finalised on Day 8 in the new year. Preliminary planning is taking place regarding class groups and teaching allocations. Teaching responsibilities will be distributed prior to the end of the year if it is possible to do so. This is determined by the reliability of information regarding 2017 enrolments.

Continue to inform the office if you will not be returning in 2017. The opportunity to provide information for consideration for 2017 class groupings has now closed.

As we continue to receive enrolments for the 2017 school year, we are updating and reviewing class lists on a needs basis. With this in mind, we are still on track for publication of the lists late in week ten. It is important to note, that while every effort is made to adhere to the decisions and planning that is carried out during this time, situations may arise which require changes to class allocations and rooms etc. Be assured that each of those changes will be made in the best interests of student learning at our school.

Our enrolment numbers, so far, are quite strong and I encourage anyone who hasn't yet enrolled their eligible child for the 2017 school year to do so before the holidays. At the moment, we are close to an enrolment number that may result in the provision of an additional teacher. With this in mind, it is vital that we have the most accurate information possible about students/families leaving as well as those joining us in 2017. Please let the office know, in writing, of any known departures as soon as possible.

2017 School Commencement Processes

School commences for all students on January 23rd 2017. As per last year and by popular request, classrooms will be open for parents to drop off resources and stationery etc on Friday 20th January between 8am and 9am. Unfortunately, these times are not flexible as staff are required to attend a range of meetings and professional development activities on that day.

With the construction of the new building, which will be home to our year 5 and 6 students in 2017, looking like it will be very close to completion on the first day of school, contingency plans are being developed to provide temporary classrooms for those year levels - just in case. It will be the temporary classrooms that are published in the first instance and, if the new classrooms are ready, we will advise the school community via our Facebook page. If you haven't already, I

I advise you to like to page to make sure you have access to up to the minute information regarding any required changes etc.

Language Studies (LOTE)

As you would recall, a survey was conducted to ascertain which language Calliope State School should deliver from 2017. The results of that survey were combined with the decisions made by Gladstone State High School and it was decided that Japanese will be delivered in our school. 2017 will serve as a transition year during which Japanese Intercultural Investigation Studies will be delivered to our year 5 and year 6 students. 2018 will see the implementation of Japanese LOTE. I thank all of the parents, students and staff who participated in the survey. All up, around 155 surveys were received. This is a great sign of the interest and value our community has on the study of languages other than English at our school.

Christmas Holidays and School Watch

With our Christmas Holidays starting on December 10, I would like to ask for our school community's help in keeping our school safe and secure over the holiday period. While there will certainly be a large amount of activity over the break with construction and refurbishment projects being undertaken, I ask that any suspicious activity is reported via the School Watch number.

We need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. No one can access the school grounds after hours without written permission from the Principal.

If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene.
Call the School Watch number - 131 788.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let's work together to help create a safer school community.

Jeremy Godden
Principal





Calliope Helping Hands Outside School Hours Care

Helping Hands Network is joining the Calliope State School community to deliver on site Outside School Hours Care – before school, after school **as well as during holiday periods and staff development days** to our community. They are currently working with the department to licence the service and are aiming to commence start of Term 1, 2017.

Helping Hands Network has a philosophy of building stronger, happier and healthier communities through the provision of quality childcare in partnership with children, parents and schools. They **tailor their programs to meet the local school community needs**. More information on the company can be found at www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

Parent information packs with enrolment forms will soon be sent to each family of the school and will contain all of the information required to enrol your children. It is a licencing requirement that any **child using the service must be enrolled**.

As there is **no fee to enrol** with Helping Hands, it is recommended that all children are enrolled so that the service is available for your family, even if only in an emergency. You can complete the hard copy forms or enrol online at www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au/schools-families

As a school we look forward to welcoming Helping Hands and know that they will add **significant value to our school community**. In the interim, if you have any questions about Helping Hands and the service they will be providing to the school, please contact the **Helping Hands Help Desk on 1300 612 462**.



Helping Hands staff will be at the school hall before parade on 2nd December and again in the afternoon at 2.30pm near the library covered area to speak with parents, answer any questions and provide quotes for attending the before or after school care service. Please come and meet them from 8.30 until 9.30am and again at 2.30pm. Staff will also be available at the next P&C meeting on the 6th December at 6.30pm. Enrolment packs and brochures will also be provided should you wish to take one with you.



Managing Downs

You may not always be prepared for what might upset a child because they see and experience things in their own way. Below are some signs that may indicate something is wrong for your child, if they:

- get upset easily
- misbehave
- act younger than they are
- sleep badly or resist going to bed
- whine and cling
- get angry and act aggressively

If you see these signs, have a think about what might have changed for the child. It might be as simple as a change from a cot to a bed, or as big as a new baby in the family or starting child care. Young children find it hard to put themselves in adults' shoes, for example understanding adults' decisions. They may believe you cannot play with them because you do not love them, or may become hard to settle at night as they need reassurance of your love.

If children experience difficulty managing change for more than a few weeks, it may be helpful to share concerns with a health professional or your early childhood service.

For more information about Mental Health Matters

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

Dates to Remember

29 th &		
30 th	Nov	GSHS & Toolooa Transition
02 nd	Dec	Yr 4-6 Swimming Carnival
05 th	Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
06 th	Dec	P&C Meeting
07 th	Dec	Report Cards
08 th	Dec	Principal's Parade

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

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.

Word of the Week

tradition

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Jett	Prep B	Sienna
Prep C	Dre	Prep D	Logan
Prep/1E	Parks	1A	Indianna
1B	Indiana	1C	Kaylah
1D	Amalia	2A	Lachlan
2B	Madalyn	2C	Tahliah
2D		3A	Cameron
3B	Max	3C	Kiara
3D		4A	Kaide
4B	Zoe	4C	Janae
5A	Byron	5B	Georgia
5C	Chelsea	6A	Brittany
6B		6C	Braith
PE	Ezyekiel	Music	Maycee

Booklist Items purchased from Office

Due to the office relocating, we unable to provide eftpos services, so if possible please have the correct money when purchasing the books from the office. Purchasing is available until Tuesday 06th December and when the office reopens in January.

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

Lost Property

There is a large quantity of lost property located under B Block. We encourage parents and students to please check under B Block if your child has lost any lunchboxes, jumpers or hats during the school year. These items will be donated to charity at the end of the school year if not claimed.

Tuckshop is closed for the last week of school

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 8:00– 8:30am

Where: Chappy Sonia's office

Calliope Pool Notices

Calliope Pool Number

0497 815 393

Pool Disco

**Santa at the Pool Friday
2nd December 6pm-8pm.
BBQ Dinner.**



Chappy News

Dare 11

What need does your spouse/partner have that you could meet this week? Can you do a job for them? Is there housework you could help with? This similar to last week but the gesture should say 'I cherish you'. Do it with a smile.

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

P&C Christmas Raffle



The Christmas Raffle is the last school fundraiser for the year. The P&C are making up a few fun filled Christmas Hampers! Any donation of goodies/gifts greatly appreciated and can be dropped in at the office. The P&C are selling raffle tickets for the hampers each morning. We will be drawing the hamper winners at Principal's Parade next Thursday.

The P&C would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers and dunkees at the Calliope Community Christmas Carols. The P&C raised \$298 for the school.



P&C Meeting – 6th December

The P&C Meeting will be held at the Bowls Club at 6.30 on Tuesday the 6th of December. All parents and guardians are invited to attend.

Community Notices

!!!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.

Lt Larcom Bus Service 2017

Mt Larcom State School & Secondary Dept will be running a bus service in 2017 for secondary students from Calliope and Yarwun. As we are an Accredited School of Excellence in Agriculture, we are able to run this service for any students who are enrolled in Agriculture Studies at our school from Calliope and Yarwun. The bus will pick up students from Calliope at 8.15am and Yarwun at 8.25am. In the afternoon, the bus will drop students off at Yarwun at 3.35pm and Calliope at 3.50pm. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mt Larcom School on 4970 2333.

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Senior Swimming Carnival

The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 2nd 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. Please see attached Swimming Carnival Program for the senior carnival.



QParents

Department of Education and Training

QParents

Secure online parent portal

QPARENTS IS HERE!

Our school now has QParents. Parents should have received/will receive an invitation email or letter shortly. It's great to see we already have parents registered.

QParents won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding QParents, please do not hesitate to contact the admin staff.

More information about QParents can be found at <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about>