



Calliope State School

30th January 2018

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

News from Prep B

Last week 22 eager faces entered Prep B to begin their schooling journey at Calliope State School. There were big smiles for first day photos with parents before we waved them all goodbye.

It's been a huge week of learning about new people and new places. We've been busy making new friends and meeting teachers. We are finding our way around the school and are now able to get ourselves to our eating area, our playground, the hall, the library and the oval.

We have explored our room and we have been busy learning. We've assembled puzzles, built with lego, created masterpieces with playdough and chilled out with books in the reading corner. We are already working hard on identifying the letters of the alphabet and recognising our numbers. We were even lucky enough to help celebrate a birthday.

B is for brilliant, boisterous, brave, beaming, beautiful, bighearted, and busy.

We are Prep B!



Principal's Piece

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the staff, students, parents and community members who have ensured such a smooth start to the school year. It has been wonderful to see routines remembered quickly and learning already taking place. With high standards and high expectations, I am sure 2018 will continue to see our school grow in reputation, achievement and improvement as we all work together towards our school motto: 'Present Achievement, Future Success'.

2018 Student Leaders

This Friday on parade we will be presenting our Year 6 school leaders with their badges. Mayor Matt Burnett and Mrs Liz Cunningham will be attending the parade to present the leadership badges to our 2018 school leaders. Families and friends are welcome to attend. There will be a morning tea for our invited guests, school leaders and their families after parade.

Parent Information Afternoons

In week 4 our classroom teachers will hold their Parent Information sessions. Class teachers will discuss school expectations as well as classroom routines and procedures. This is also a time to ask any questions you may have.

These afternoons are conducted on different days to accommodate our families who have children in more than one year level and to also enable our staff, who are also parents, to attend these information sessions.

Prep –	Tuesday 13 February 4.15pm
Year 1 –	Tuesday 13 February 3.30pm
Year 2 -	Monday 12 February 4.15pm
Year 2/3E -	Monday 12 February 5.00pm
Year 3 -	Wednesday 14 February 3.30pm
Year 4 -	Wednesday 14 February 4.15pm
Year 5 –	Monday 12 February 3.30pm
Year 6 –	Tuesday 13 February 5.00pm

No Excuse Words

As part of our Spelling and Writing program, Calliope School has 'no excuse words' for all students in years 1-6. No excuse words are those words that students at that year level are expected to spell correctly in all written work. The list of 'no excuse words' will be sent home with your child/ren this week. This list is provided as a reference for home. Students will have a copy of their 'no excuse words' at school as well.



Reading Resources

Reading is a priority area for Calliope in 2018. Each year our P&C contribute money towards the purchasing of new reading resources. In 2017 RotaKids also contributed funds from a Free Dress Day towards purchasing reading materials for the upper school. New reading books have been purchased for Prep, Year 1, Year 3 and novels for years 4-6. Our focused reading times commenced this week for all classes in years 1-6 and it was wonderful to see many of these new resources being used in classrooms.



Regards



Raelene Norris
Deputy Principal

Helping Hands

We are holding information sessions from the 29th January – 2nd February 2018. We will be able to answer all your questions that you may have between 3pm & 5pm. You're more than welcome to bring the children with you and see the range of activities we have on offer.

If you can't make it this week please send an email or give me a call and I will be more than happy to let you know your individual price in relation to your child care benefits etc.

Linda – Coordinator of Helping Hands Calliope

Phone: 0409267755

Email: calliope@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au



!!DATES TO REMEMBER!!

2nd Feb – Leadership Ceremony

12th Feb – GRIP Leadership Day

13th Feb – P&C Meeting

14th Feb – Parent/teacher meetings

14th Mar – Coping Cafe

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 admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au 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.

P&C NEWS

Welcome to the 2018 school year. We hope everyone has settled well.

Tuckshop

We are pleased to advise our tuckshop is re-opening on Wednesday, 31 January. Our menu is attached. We look forward to providing our children with delicious meals this term. If you are interested in volunteering in the tuckshop this year, please pop in and have a chat. We have some great plans for this year and welcome contributions from our families.

Membership

We warmly invite all parents/guardians to consider becoming a member of our P&C for 2018. It is great way to be informed of the goings on at school and to make a valued contribution to the school community. Keep an eye out for our P&C Welcome correspondence which will be circulated later this week.

Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, 13 February at 4.30pm in the conference room at the administration building. We look forward to welcoming our returning members and our new families to the P&C.

Welcome Afternoon Tea

Prior to our meeting on Tuesday, 13 February we will be hosting an afternoon tea outside the tuckshop for families to meet, chat and have a bite to eat. We look forward to seeing you there.

Communication

We encourage families to keep up to date with the activities of the Calliope State School P&C by way of our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CalliopeSSPandC>

We also encourage you to contact us via email if you have any queries that we may be able to support you with - pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au

Thank you for your ongoing support of our wonderful school. We are going to have a great year!

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.**

**Calliope Pool
Number**

07 4975 6606

0497 815 393

Chappy News

The first Coping Café is on the 14th of March. Coping Café was started over 2 years ago. It is designed to be a safe place for parents to come vent, cry, meet new friends, ask questions they may have about the extra support that is needed for their child or seek outside support for themselves, a family member or child. Coping Café is held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. It runs from 9.15-10.30am in the Conference Room with a morning tea provided. Coping Café is organised by myself and the school support team. We will often have a guest speaker or organisation come to talk or have a staff member talk about a topic that parents may be interested in. In the past we have had topics such as Anxiety in Children, Bothersome Behaviours, How to keep a balanced life etc.

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, starting this week. Tuckshop orders can be made via the flexischools website – www.flexischools.com.au. Please update your child's class on flexischools to ensure their food is delivered to the correct classroom. Please see attached tuckshop menu.

School Banking



School banking resumes on Wednesday, on 31st January 2018. Please hand in your deposit book to the office on Wednesday mornings for the banking to be processed. This year's theme is Super Savers and we'll be joining the Dollarmites in their superhero headquarters, ready to help students develop saving habits and lifelong money skills.

Booklist Items purchased from Office

The booklist items listed below are available for purchase from the office:

Alphabet Scrapbook – \$14

Thrass Chart - \$7.50

No Glass at School

We request no glass water bottles or containers to be sent to school. Plastic or metal containers are recommended.



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!