What’s happening in …

News from Prep B

What a week we had last week! 24 excited faces entered Prep B ready to begin their journey at Calliope State School. We started our first day with some great photos at our pop up photo booth before giving our families big hugs and waving them goodbye. We read the book ‘Where is the Green Sheep’ and then went on our own search of ‘Green Sheep’. We searched at the hall, in the library, around the tuckshop, near the music room and in our playground, but finally found ‘Green Sheep’ sound asleep outside our classroom! We also enjoyed listening to ‘The Kissing Hand’ and made our own kissing hand to take home. Throughout the week we have been making new friends and learning the rules of our class and our school. We have been having lots of fun and are getting used to being at school.
Principal’s Piece

Week two has been a fantastic continuation of the wonderful start to the year that our school is experiencing. Our newly formed classes are settling well and our break-time changes are working very well. These successful change processes are possible only thanks to the amazing support from our parents, staff and wider community.

It has been great to see students sinking their teeth into their school work as they also build new friendships and social groups.

At a school-level we are witnessing some fantastic, positive behaviour during transitions to and from lunch and play times. We have seen reduced tardiness upon return to class and a significant decrease in time lost due to these factors. It’s great to see. Keep up the great work kids!

It has been great to get some feedback from a number of parents who have also shared their tips for managing the lunch changes. Simple ideas such as putting frozen poppers or water bottles in with the lunch have been mentioned by a number of parents.

Developing a positive school environment is a priority for us here at Calliope State School. Our school embeds the Positive Behaviour for Learning framework to set our expectations and to support students in learning and developing the skills they require. The correct wearing of our uniform is one such factor that contributes to our positive school environment. I thank parents and carers for your continued support of our uniform policy and the high standards of dress that have been on display right from the start of the year.

School Leadership Induction

This week we will be inducting our 2017 school leaders at our Friday assembly. This is an exciting year for our school leaders as they embark on a journey of challenge and community service. This year we welcome the addition of the EarlyAct club. The EarlyAct Club is an initiative of Rotary Australia. We are proud to be starting the first EarlyAct Club in Queensland and the first in Australia outside of a metropolitan area. EarlyAct will provide a framework for student leadership founded in community service. A huge thank you to Ms Heron for taking the reins on this project and thank you also to the Calliope Rotary Club for their involvement as mentors.

Scoliosis Screening

As a part of our Wellbeing agenda, I have recently met with Dr Brenden Pascoe from Calliope Chiropractic and have accepted his offer of free Scoliosis Screening for our Year 6 students (the best age for screening is between 10 and 14 years). Year 6 students will receive an information sheet and permission form for this optional service in the coming weeks. The process involves two photographs being taken and analysed by an app that then generates a comprehensive report and takes no more than a couple of minutes per child.

Jeremy Godden
Principal
School Parade - Friday 9:15am
Parade is held in the hall every Friday morning at 9.15am and all parents and carers are invited to attend. This week the school leaders will be receiving their leadership badges on parade.

THE SCHOOL CREED
This is our school.
Let peace dwell here.
Let the rooms be full of contentment.
Let love abide here.
Love of God, love of one another,
And love of life itself.
Let us remember that, as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school.

I LOVE MY COUNTRY
I love my country
I honour the flag.
I strive to be a worthwhile citizen.

Australian National Anthem

Verse 1
Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history’s page, let every stage
Advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia fair.

Verse 2
Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We’ll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who’ve come across the seas
We’ve boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.
Welcome back to a new year of Book Club. My name is Mrs Kristine Booth I am a part-time teacher at Calliope and am also the Book Club Co-ordinator. Each term your child will bring home a Book Club pamphlet, with the return date clearly stamped on the form, that they are able to order from.

Orders can be made via the LOOP system on the Scholastic web site, by cheque (made out to Scholastic) or by cash (the correct amount). If paying by cheque or cash the money and order form must be placed in the Book Club box in the office by 3:15pm on the due date. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. If you have any questions you can leave a message at the office.

School Photos
School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create our school records this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child. **The photo date is Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd March 2017.** Personalised order envelopes will be sent home soon.
Chappy News
Welcome to 2017! My name is Chappy Sonia and I am the School Chaplain at Calliope State School. I work on Monday and Wednesday and you will find my office in between 5A and 5B classrooms. For those who may not know my role in Calliope school, it is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, parents and staff members. Some of the things that I will be doing this year are running a Girl and Boys program, opening up my office at lunch time for students to come in and play board games and also seeing students one-on-one who have been referred to me. For the parents, I have many events that may interest you. A staff and parent prayer time is held every Wednesday morning at 8am in my office; Coping Café is for parents which is organised twice a term (stay tuned for more details) and also do not forget the first Wednesday of every month at Coffee Ink from 9-11am, there is a fundraising morning tea for Calliope Chaplaincy. Please stay tuned for more events that will be run throughout the year and I look forward to seeing you or your child at one of these events. Please feel free to contact me through the office or shain48@eq.edu.au

Instrumental Music Program
Week 2 – Tuesday – WBP Beginning students
Week 3 – Tuesday – WBP Beginning and Continuing students

Week 2 – Thursday – Strings Beginning students
Week 3 – Thursday – Strings Beginning and Continuing students

P&C News
Welcome back to 2017. This year, the P&C have some exciting ventures planned for our school community. Our P&C welcome pack will be sent home to our school families this week. We will also kick start our fundraising for this year with our “Krispy Kreme Drive.” Look out for these letters also being sent home with your child shortly. Our first P&C meeting for the year is to be held on 7th February at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Prayer Time with Chappy
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 8:00– 8:30am
Where: Chappy Sonia’s office
Tuckshop New
Tuckshop starts in Week 2 and is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 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.

Parking
Parents are 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.

School Banking
Calliope State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth School Banking program to all students. School banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young students to learn about money and develop good saving habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through school Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards. The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt handball
- Pencil & Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School banking resumes on Wednesday, on 8th February. 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.