



Calliope State School

8 November 2016

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

News from 2B

All Aboard!

This term 2B have boarded a simulated plane to venture to different countries around the world, including our very own nation of Australia; as well as China, New Zealand and England. We have discussed how people are connected to these places and what different factors can influence these connections. Students will write a letter to Ms Norris to persuade her why she should connect with one of these countries and how she can make this happen.



If you have visited 2B you may also have had the pleasure of seeing some little visitors in our classroom this term. They have gotten hairier each week with a little love and care. Sunlight and water has helped them too. Children are learning about sustainability and conservation in Science and our little Hairy Heads are a great way to learn about soil types and how different soils help different plants grow. Students will also be designing a water conservation poster this week and have really engaged with this authentic learning experience. We look forward to finishing off the last few weeks of Year 2 with enthusiasm and fun.



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Principal's Piece

Commitment to Excellence

With only five weeks of the school year remaining, it is vital that all students and families commit to the high standards of the school up until the very last school day of the year. This includes the wearing of the full school uniform every day and behaving in such a way that aligns to the school's values of Safe, Respectful and Responsible. I would like to thank all families in advance for your support of this request so that we can collectively maintain an environment that supports safety, standards and pride in our school.

Student leadership applications

Last Friday, our aspiring leaders from year 5 were handed their 2017 Student Leadership application forms. These students will be putting their hands up to lead our student body into 2017 and will be serving to leave a lasting legacy of community service and model behaviour. I look forward to reading the applications and hearing the short-listed applicants present their views on leadership to their classmates and teachers. Good luck to all involved.

Assessment and Reporting

Teachers are currently in the process of assessing students for this year's end of year reports. Students' final grades and comments are informed by the range of assessments each child has participated in over the semester. Year level moderation processes are used to ensure comparability. Calliope students are continually engaged in formative (informal) and summative (formal) assessment that assists their teachers and the school to determine student growth over 2016 in key learning areas and provides starting points for the ongoing, individual development of literacy and numeracy knowledge, skills and understandings in 2017. With this in mind, it is vital that all students are in attendance wherever possible to ensure accurate and informed determinations can be made about student progress. Reports will be distributed in the final week of term.

Key dates for office disruption

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the school administration office will be relocating on November 18. The office staff and administration personnel (Mr Godden, Ms Norris and Mr Pryce) will be moving into a temporary office space while we await the completion of the new building and allow for the refurbishment of our current office building. Once again, I thank you for your patience and understanding during this period.

Notification of Students Leaving Calliope SS in 2016

If you have a child /children who will be leaving Calliope State School during, or at the end of Term 4 this year, can you please notify the school Office as soon as possible.

Notification of Students who will be absent for the Commencement of School in 2017

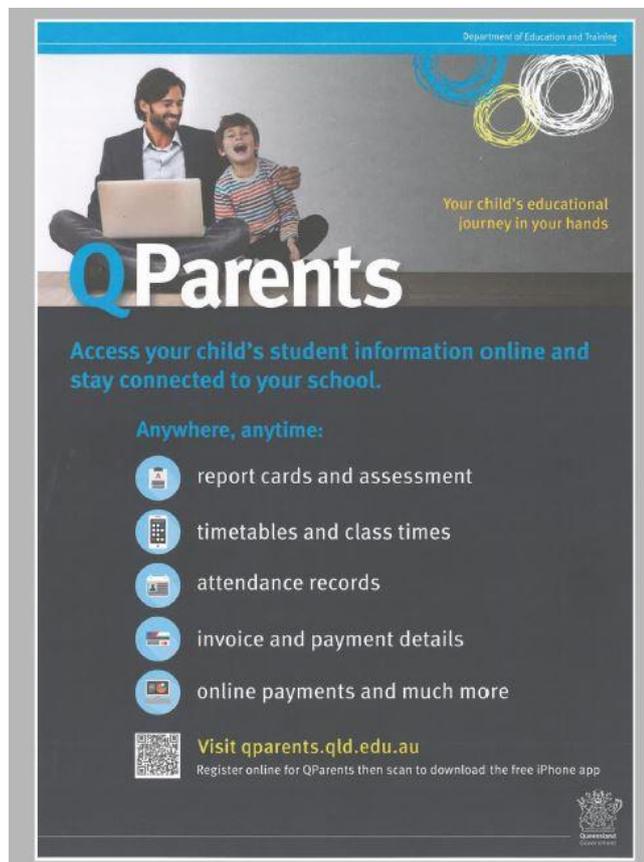
I know it seems a bit early to be starting this process but the end of the year is rapidly approaching. If you know that your child/children WILL be returning to Calliope SS, however will not be back at school from when we resume on Monday 23rd January 2017, please notify our office via email at admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au.

Please provide name of student/s, dates absent, absence reason and confirmation that your child/children are not enrolled at another QLD State School.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

QParents

In the near future Calliope State School will be providing parents with access to a new, convenient, online parent portal called QParents. The QParents web and mobile application provides an easier way for you to interact with our school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. Please see attached document referring to QParents.



Department of Education and Training

Your child's educational journey in your hands

QParents

Access your child's student information online and stay connected to your school.

Anywhere, anytime:

- report cards and assessment
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- attendance records
- invoice and payment details
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Reconnecting when things go wrong

Four-year-old Sarah was playing in the kitchen when her mother had gone into the bedroom for a moment. While playing, the kitchen tablecloth was tugged, and a plate fell onto the ground and was broken. Sarah and her friends hid the broken plate in the kitchen bin. Later, when Sarah's mother saw the broken plate in the bin, she felt angry and asked Sarah what had happened. Sarah wasn't sure what to say, so didn't answer her mother.

This made Sarah's mother angry and Sarah then began to cry. Sarah's mother tried to calm herself by taking deep breaths and tried to reconnect with Sarah by hugging her. Sarah wasn't ready to reconnect and pulled away, so her mother said, "I'd like to hug you when you're ready". Later, Sarah came to her mother and said she was sorry for hiding the plate and that she was upset she had broken it.

As they shared a hug, Sarah's mother reminded herself about the importance of hearing children's feelings and being in touch with her own feelings.

Reconnecting when things go wrong is an important coping skill children can learn from supportive adults. It helps children to know bad feelings are temporary and that they will feel better. Reconnecting with loving parents reaffirms children's senses of safety and enables them to move on.

Optimism helps children cope when things go wrong.

A positive outlook on life improves children's wellbeing. Optimistic children believe they can help themselves or get help when things go wrong, they expect most things will turn out well. With confidence, sense of optimism, and helpful thinking, children are better able to cope with life's ups and downs.

Some examples of helpful and unhelpful thinking are:

Helpful thinking	Unhelpful thinking
Down times are short term and will change.	Down times last forever and won't change.
"I had no one to play with today, but I will find someone tomorrow."	"I had no one to play with today, nobody ever plays with me."
Mostly things go well.	Mostly things go badly
"I usually have lots of fun at school".	"We never do anything interesting at school".
If you get something wrong there will be lots of times to get things right.	If you get something wrong, you will fail at everything.
"I could not climb up the wall, but I am good at running and throwing balls."	"I could not climb the wall, I can't do anything right."
Things can go wrong for lots of reasons.	If you get something wrong it is your fault.
"My painting was spoiled because the paint was too runny."	"My painting was spoiled. I am hopeless at painting".

For more information about Mental Health Matters

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



Dates to Remember

08 th	Nov	P&C Meeting
11 th	Nov	Remembrance Day
11 th	Nov	FFF
12 th	Nov	McHappy Day
16 th	Nov	Prep Interviews
18 th	Nov	Office Moves
25 th	Nov	FFF
29 th	Nov	GSHS Year 6 Transition

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.

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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

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Stars of the Week

Prep A	Kaeli	Prep B	Jaydyn
Prep C	Campbell	Prep D	Joff
Prep/1E	Rhyan	1A	Skylah
1B	Kobe	1C	Ashlyn
1D	Mathew	2A	Javell
2B		2C	Travis
2D	Jace	3A	Nicholas
3B	Kendall	3C	Maxwell
3D	Jasmine	4A	Riley
4B	Logan	4C	Lillian
5A	Azrahn	5B	Sophie
5C	Thomas	6A	Kyra
6B	Wally	6C	Jacob
PE	Allison	Music	

REMINDER

P & C Meeting – Tuesday 8th November

The P&C are holding their monthly meeting tonight, the 8th of November at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend the meeting.

Year 6 Transition to GSHS

29th and 30th of November are the Transition days for the Year 6 students who will be attending Gladstone State High School in 2017. More information will be given to students in the future.

Year 6 Graduation

Please save the date of 5th of December for the Year 6 Graduation which begins at 5pm.

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday
Time: 8:00– 8:30am
Where: Chappy Sonia's office



McHappy Day
Sat 12th NOV

ROCK YOUR SOCKS OFF GLADSTONE
FOR McHAPPY DAY 2016
@ McDONALD'S BOYNE ISLAND
SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER

- ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL @ 9:45AM
- TANNUM SANDS STATE SCHOOL @ 10:5AM
- BOYNE ISLAND STATE SCHOOL @ 11:5AM
- TANNUM SANDS STATE HIGH SCHOOL @ 11:5AM
- GLADSTONE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL @ 1:00PM
- VERDI STRINGS @ 12:0PM
- KIN KORA STATE SCHOOL @ 1:00PM
- CALLIOPE STATE SCHOOL @ 2:00PM
- CLINTON STATE SCHOOL @ 2:00PM
- GLADSTONE SOUTH STATE SCHOOL @ 2:50PM

rmhc.org.au/mchappyday

Chappy News

Dare 8

Determine to become your spouse's/partner's biggest fan and to reject any thoughts of jealousy. To help you set your heart on your spouse/partner and focus on their achievements, take last week's list of negative attributes and discreetly tear it into little pieces. Share with your spouse how glad you are about a success he or she recently enjoyed.

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

Coping Cafe

You are invited to attend Calliope State School's cake and conversation Coping Café!

Parents come along and chat with support staff and other invited guests over a cuppa and cake. This is a great opportunity to get to know your children's support network and school community. We would like to meet you, and as an integral part of your child's growth and support, encourage parents and caregivers to be part of our positive school community.

Guest Speaker:
 Robyn Hamilton will share her experience
 "How to manage children with Anxiety"

What do I bring? Conversation, concerns, congratulations and children you may have at home!
Do I need to RSVP? No! Coffee, tea and cake is provided we just need YOU there to share it with.

Wednesday 16th November
 9.00 am in the Library Square
 Calliope State School
 Phone: 07 4975 6333 Fax: 4975 6437
 Support personnel
 Kayleen Bishop (Head of Special Education)
 Sonia Hain (School Chaplain)

McHappy Day – 12th November

McHappy Day will be celebrated on Saturday, the 12th of November 2016. Our Strings band will be performing at the Boyne Island McDonalds on McHappy Day, which gives our students an opportunity to enhance performance skills while allowing them to build community spirit. Students need to arrive by 1.30pm for a 2pm performance. Band uniform, music and a music stand are required.

Student Banking finishes on 16th November

There are only 2 more weeks for students to deposit funds for student banking at school. Due to our office moving on the 18th of November, the school will be unable to process anymore banking for 2016. School banking will resume in term 1 2017.

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.



Calliope Pool

Calliope Pool Number

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The Silver Spurs Western Performance Club Inc will be holding Horse Sports at the Mt Larcom Showgrounds on Saturday 19th November at 3pm. Nominations for the day are \$10 per rider. Special prizes and awards will be presented. The events will be followed by a BBQ tea. Please nominate to Jenny Grother on 0409751158.

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Junior Swimming Carnivals

Years 1-3 will be competing in mini swimming carnivals during week 9. Parents are welcome to attend and help out on the days – younger children are not permitted to be at the pool due to safety and supervision reasons. The students will be participating in a range of races and fun events.

- * Prep – usual swimming times
- * Year 1 – 28th of November - Monday 9:30am-11am
- * Year 2 – 28th of November - Monday 11.45am-1.15pm
- * Year 3 – 29th of November - Tuesday 1.15pm-3pm

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.



Free Dress Day

Congratulations! Free Dress Day raised \$435.10 towards Coordinated Community Response to Domestic and Family Violence.

Do you need advice, help or support?

Please contact:

DVConnect Womensline on 1800 811 811

DVConnect Mensline on 1800 600 636

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Elder Abuse Helpline 1300 651 192

www.qld.gov.au/makethecall

