



# Calliope State School

1 March 2016

Calliope Kids  
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



## What's happening in ...

### News from 6C

What a great start to the year! The children are forming supportive relationships where they celebrate each other's achievements and success. They have developed so much in just the last five weeks, it is exciting to think what they can achieve by the end of the year.

In English we have been reading and analysing many short stories and the features that authors use to interest us. This knowledge is now being applied to writing their own stories and they are coming up with some amazing plots. We feel that some of them are destined to become blockbuster movies in the future.

The students are itching to start building their bird feeders in Technology. They have showed a lot of enthusiasm in their research and planning for their designs. It will be wonderful to see the construction of their inventions.

They have recently enjoyed some hands on history where they stepped back in time and made some very authentic looking ballot papers to vote for or against Federation. Most students agree, that with the benefit of hindsight, we should vote 'Yes' to the Australian Constitution.



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### **ATTENTION – P & C AGM DATE CHANGE**

The P & C AGM has been changed to the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 6.00pm.  
Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see attached invitation.

# Principal's Piece

## 2016 School Priorities

As many of you may have seen on the school sign, our 2016 school improvement strategies are Wellbeing, Curriculum and Pedagogy. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be sharing the school's vision for improvement in these key areas as we move through the year. This week's focus is on Wellbeing.

Initiate a Learning and Wellbeing Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of KidsMatter and Friends program</li> <li>• Establish Wellbeing Priority leadership team comprising of members from each year level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in school opinion survey (SOS) data across school community-               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is a good school (98%)</li> <li>○ Staff Morale (90%)</li> <li>○ I would recommend this school to others (95%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Reinvigoration of School Wide Positive Behaviour and Support (SWPBS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamline policy documents, procedures and expectations and clearly define roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Staff induction program to ensure new staff to CSS become versed in CSS Signature Practices in Curriculum, Pedagogy and Wellbeing</li> <li>• Explicit lessons and strategic timetabling of SWPBS lesson times</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff engaged in SWPBS lessons as timetabled</li> <li>• Staff engaged in SWPBS processes for positive and negative consequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OneSchool behaviour entries trending towards positive (4:1)</li> <li>○ Decrease in School Disciplinary Absences (SDA)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Student behaviour is well managed at this school data (SOS) 90%</li> </ul>
Improve student attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuation of attendance team processes as per the Calliope SS Attendance Guidelines</li> <li>• Introduction of SMS attendance messaging system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall attendance rate increased to 94%</li> <li>• Unexplained absences &lt;10%</li> <li>• &lt;85% attendance &lt;10%</li> </ul>

The above table is an extract from the school's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). The AIP is the school's summary of key priorities and strategies for improvement through the year. A full version of the AIP is available on the website. While I understand that a large amount of the terminology and language used in this document may not hold significant meaning for the wider community, it forms the "point of truth" for our focus as a staff.

**Wellbeing** is quite deliberately listed as our first priority. The wellbeing of our students and our staff is paramount in ensuring we are providing the best possible learning and development opportunities for students. This year we are focussing on the establishment of a **Learning and Wellbeing Framework** which will serve the school community long into the future. The school framework will be based on the research base of the Kids Matter framework and the embedding of the "Friends" resilience program in classrooms. The reinvigoration of Calliope's **Schoolwide Positive Behaviour and Support** program will provide the background to the explicit teaching and learning of the school's expectations and values.

Of course, **attendance** is a key element of our Wellbeing focus. Those parents who have been attending our weekly assemblies have seen the results of the terrific work we have been doing around attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties in getting your child to school, please contact the school office so that we can work on a school engagement solution together.

At the end of week 5, I am pleased to report that our school attendance rate is 96.25%. This is a terrific start to the year and can only serve as a positive element in improving the educational outcomes for our students.

Thank you again to all parents and students for the extremely positive start to the school year.

Jeremy Godden  
Principal

## ICAS – University of NSW competition

Each year the University of NSW conducts assessment tasks (competitions) for children across the South Pacific in a variety of subjects. These competitions are not compulsory but are open to families willing to pay the cost to have their child participate in the task. There are a variety of competitions to enter, each of which cost \$8.00, apart from spelling which is \$11.00 as they are marked individually. The due date for payments is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. Unfortunately late entries cannot be accepted, as these payments need to be forwarded interstate. The competition is open to all students in Years 4-6. We encourage parents to talk to their children to consider taking on this challenge. Children should not be expected to sit for each competition, but should consider tackling the subjects they demonstrate confidence in. eg: if they're good spellers, try the spelling competition! Information letters were sent home last week or you can collect a copy from the office.

## Addams Family – Combined Schools Musical

We have around 15 seats left for this wonderful performance. Students in years 3-6 can attend. The cost is \$12.00. Please return your permission form and payment by Thursday 4 March.



## Seven Steps to Writing Success – Parent Information Session

Seven Steps to Writing Session is the writing program that was implemented from Years 1-6 at Calliope State School last year. Have you heard your child talk about Sizzling Starts or Dynamics Dialogue? Do you want to be familiar with what they are learning in class? A one hour information session is being offered to all parents who are interested in learning about this writing program.

**When: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 10:00am – 11:00am**  
**Where: Music room**

## Dates to Remember

<b>3 March</b>	<b>Twilight Netball Carnival</b>
<b>4 March</b>	<b>FFF</b>
<b>4 March</b>	<b>PJ Marsh Cup</b>
<b>8 March</b>	<b>P&amp;C AGM</b>
<b>9 March</b>	<b>Addams Family</b>
<b>10 March</b>	<b>DISCO</b>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au). If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

## Office hours are 8am-4pm

## Lost Property

**There is a large amount of lost property stored under B Block. If your child has lost any items, please check under B Block.**

## P & C NEWS

### Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are Friday 8.30-9.30am. The uniform shop will now have 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 the Friday.



### Year 6 Fundraising

50c frozen cordial cups can be purchased from the school tuckshop at 1st break on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next few weeks. This is a Year 6 fundraising activity to help raise funds for the year 6 camp.

Pizza Forms are to be returned to the office no later than 2.00pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you to all parents who have donated Easter Eggs for the Year 6 Easter raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated by helping to sell the raffle tickets over the past few weeks. The Easter raffle will be drawn at the Principal's parade on 24<sup>th</sup> March.



### School Creed

Each week one class recites our School Creed on parade. Below is a copy.

#### 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 on one another and love of life itself  
Let us remember that as many hands build a house  
So many hearts make a school.

### Stars of the Week

Prep A	Kane	Prep B	
Prep C	Baylee	Prep D	Chelsey
Prep/1E	Logan	1A	William
1B	Sienna	1C	
1D	Allison	2A	Riley
2B	Keira	2C	
2D		3A	Jacob
3B	Jordis	3C	Georgia
3D	Mathew	4A	Jessica
4B	Evie	4C	Clayton
5A	Byron	5B	Jason
5C	Alanah	6A	Brittany
6B	Isobel	6C	Alicia
PE	Matilda	MUSIC	Ryder

### World's Greatest Shave

Braith from Year 6 will be shaving his hair on parade on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, raising awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation. Congratulations to Braith in demonstrating great responsibility and dedication to this cause. Please come along to parade to help support Braith.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of March, the Student Council is supporting Shave for a Cure by holding a "Crazy Hair Day". Students can support this event by donating:

**\$1 - Half Head coloured**

**\$2 - Full Head coloured**

Students can have their hair coloured at the tuckshop area during 1<sup>st</sup> break.





## Calliope's Wide World of Sport

### Interschool Sport

**Soccer:** The boys' team had a well-earned bye last week and play Boyne Island SS at 5.40pm. The girls have been placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the overall competition and will play Boyne Island SS at 4.50pm at BITS. Good luck to both teams.

**Rugby League:** The boys had an impressive win over the Barbarians last week, 22-10. Player of the match went to Tyler Peckham-Harris for his well-constructed solo try and his solid performance throughout the game. This week the Calliope Stars play at 4.15pm at Marley Brown.

**Netball:** The twilight netball competition is this Thursday afternoon from 4pm at Dennis Park, Boyne Island. Good luck to all the girls competing!

**PJ Marsh:** Good luck to all the boys and girls playing in the PJ Marsh competition on Friday. They have been training hard and hopefully will reap the rewards.

### Upcoming Port Curtis Trials

3<sup>rd</sup> of March: AFL trials

4<sup>th</sup> of March: PJ Marsh – Under 10 Rugby League trials

10<sup>th</sup> of March: Hockey and Rugby League

17<sup>th</sup> of March: Soccer



## Chappy Sonia's Corner

### Grant authority with responsibility

Along with acknowledging your children's capabilities, you'll need to grant them more authority as they take on more jobs. Let your child decide how they will get their jobs done. Children will develop their own unique style of dressing, cleaning their room, or preparing food. If you demand they do it exactly your way, you'll take the creativity out of the task and increase their resistance to it.

*-'The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel*

## School Banking

Welcome to another thrilling year of the School Banking Program. The School Banking Program rewards students who demonstrate good savings behaviour through our Rewards Program. Reward items can be redeemed once your child has made 10 School Banking deposits. To participate in the School Banking program, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. Parent packs can be collected from the office and our school banking day is **Wednesday**.



## Calliope Junior Golf Club Sign on & AGM

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Sign On 8.30am & AGM 10.30am

Calliope Junior Golf Club is now taking new memberships for the 2016 year.

### Calliope Country Club

TEE TIMES: SATURDAY MORNINGS

18 HOLES & 13 HOLES – 7.30am

9 HOLES & 6 HOLES – 7.45am &

JOEYS 8.00am

(subject to change slightly on numbers)

PH: 0403731485 Sherron/Scott for more information

or Calliope Golf Club:

49755200 (Dion Hayne – Pro Shop)

49757454 (Clubhouse)

## Community News

### River Ranch Bus 48 Conveyance Committee Meeting

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9am, 4 Riverview Dr, River Ranch. All enquires to Helen Streeter-Smith on 0411750433. The AGM is required to elect office bearers and discuss general operation of the service. This is a mandatory audit requirement for the continued operation of the service and without a conveyance committee the service may cease.