What’s happening in …

2C

2C are looking forward to the Technology Challenge in Week 9. The whole of year 2 will be ‘camping out’ for the day and we will all be working in teams to make our very own tents. Should be a lot of fun!

In Science, the children have been patiently checking on their bean sprouts each morning when they arrive to school – you should see them now, they are really growing well!

As part of a joint venture, 2C have helped beautify our little garden by planting some fresh herbs and flower seeds, right alongside our grassy caterpillars. We love watering them and watching them grow.

Next week, 2C will be going on a mini-excursion as part of our History Unit. We are lucky enough to have Mr Cuff (from 2B) volunteer his time to take our class to visit the Cenotaph and the old Church. We will also be looking forward to returning to school to hear all about Mr Cuff’s time as a past student.

In English we have been learning about informational texts and comparing them with narratives. The children have found it very interesting to learn about various animals, in particular the bat, which was compared to the fiction book titled ‘Stellaluna’ by Janell Cannon.

In maths, we have been practicing our warm ups, which are becoming more engaging for the students each week. This week we learned about balancing numbers on either side of an equation.

Last but not least, 2C will be performing at the Principal’s Parade at the end of term – hope to see you there!
**Dates to Remember**

1 Sept  Eisteddfod - WBP
2 Sept  Eisteddfod - Strings
3 Sept  GYMC Meeting
4/5 Sept  Fathers’ Day stall
4 Sept  Twilight Netball Carnival
5 Sept  Teacher Aide Day
5-6 Sept  5-a-side Touch
9 Sept  Calliope’s Got Talent
10 Sept  Eisteddfod - Speaking Choir
10-12 Sept  Combined Band Tour
12 Sept  R U OK Day
12 Sept  Free Dress Day – footy colours
16 Sept  Eisteddfod - Choir
19 Sept  FFF - Technology Day
19 Sept  Principals’ Parade 2pm

**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 on 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 Monday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing vnoco1@eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

**Office hours are 8am-4pm**

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**Principal’s Piece**

**Every day is a learning day!**

This week’s SWPBS lesson is on Talk Walk and Squawk which teaches students a way that they can respond to low level problems, trying to solve the problem themselves before asking an adult for help.

At this stage we have 18 students who are on track for 100% attendance awards at the end of the year.

**Our year to date attendance rate is 92.8% which is below our school target of 94%. Remember Every day is a learning day!**

Eisteddfod for our students begins this week, kicking off with Woodwind Brass and Percussion on Monday and Strings on Tuesday. We wish them good luck for a wonderful performance. We also have Choir performing on Tuesday 16 September and the Speaking Choir performing on Wednesday 10 September.

We also have a Twilight Netball Carnival this week and 5-a-side Touch on Friday and we wish all players all the best for a great carnival.

The next instalment of the School Annual Report has been included in this week’s newsletter. The focus is on involving parents in their child’s education and reducing our environmental footprint.

Have a great week!

*Marni Morrison*
Parents are encouraged to participate in their child’s education by being involved in the many P&C Association activities and meetings, e.g. fundraising, tuckshop and supervising at school discos.

In 2013 we held an Open Night, Science Week, Book Week, end of term Principals’ Parades, a Christmas Concert and Grandparents’ Morning, all of which were very well attended by parents and community members. Parents are also invited to various culminating activities and to volunteer in classrooms where possible.

Parent Information Sessions – Support-a-Reader, THRASS.

Parents are invited to attend an initial parent/teacher interview at the end of term one, with other opportunities to discuss progress formally following the reporting process, or informally, on appointment. A class newsletter is distributed at the beginning of each term to inform parents and caregivers about what can be expected in the term ahead.

### Reducing the school’s environmental footprint

Data is sourced from school's annual utilities return and is reliant on the accuracy of these returns.

In 2011, the school developed the School Environmental Management Plan (SEMP), with the explicit goal of reducing waste, water, and electricity from the grid, as well as increasing biodiversity levels in the school.

A reduction in waste was a school target during 2013 with the introduction of a Litterless Lunch one day per week.

Electricity and water consumption were both reduced slightly from the 2011-2012 period to the 2012-2013 period.

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The consumption data is sourced from the validated utilities expenditure return which the school submits at the end of each financial year. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on the schools environmental footprint.

## Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday 8.30 to 9.30am and Friday from 8.00 -9.00am.

Please remember that Uniform Shop sales are by cash or cheque only. If you are unable to be at the uniform shop on Monday mornings you can fill out an order form and leave it at the office and the P & C will fill the order and deliver it to your child’s classroom the following Monday. If you require an order form you can collect one from the office.

### Tuckshop Roster

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## School Banking

School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. If you are new to our school and would like to open up a Dollarmite account, please see Vanda or Cathy in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.
2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge
There is only one week left to complete the Challenge. All forms must be completed and back to school by Friday 5 September. Travis from Prep D was our weekly prize winner last week.

School Support Staff Week
This week is School Support Staff week, a week to recognise the contributions of our support staff at Calliope State School. This includes our Business Services Manager (Toni Schmidt), our Administration staff (Vanda Nocon and Cathy Mackie) and our Schools Officer (Lee Newby). They make a significant contribution to the school on a daily basis and we thank them for all their amazing work during the year.

Teacher Aide Day
This Friday is Teacher Aide Day and we will be celebrating and thanking our wonderful teacher aides for all the hard work and outstanding contribution they make to Calliope State School. We are indeed fortunate to have the quality aides we have working at our school.

2015 Prep Enrolments
Enrolment packs for Prep in 2015 are now available from the school office. Children need to be born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 to be eligible for Prep in 2015. Prep interviews will begin at the end of this term, so please book a time if you haven’t already made one. Prep open mornings will be held next term.

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Science Week
Last week several classes participated in Science Week activities. Year 4 made ice-cream and experimented with Dancing Sultanas!
Calliope’s Wide World of Sport

Interschool Soccer
In the final round of the competition, Calliope SS played Clinton SS. The boys played really well against Clinton SS but unfortunately lost, 6-0. Over the season the boys did a fantastic job representing Calliope SS. Thank you to the parents who travelled each week to Boyne Island and Mr Little for coaching the boys.

Interschool AFL
This afternoon the Calliope SS AFL team is playing in the grand final against Tannum Sands SS. The boys and girls have played remarkably well against the Gladstone teams this year and have great momentum going into the final. Good luck!

Cricket Australia Visit
Last Thursday, Calliope SS had a visit from Cameron Gannon and Chris Lynn from the Brisbane Heat. The students were put through their paces, participating in a number of drills, games and activities. The students were lucky enough ask the players questions and receive some awesome prizes.
Yours in sport,
Carmen Tuttle

Stars of the Week

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