



Calliope State School

01 September, 2015

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

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Term 3 has been a flurry of learning and fun! In Science we have been recording observations about the day and night sky, making glittery phases of the moon and discussing how our lives are affected by different types of weather. This has involved lots of exciting outside lessons – including a shadow experiment!

We've created fantastic characters that fit into some of our favourite stories in English - a wide selection of African animals from Bumping Buffaloes and Pink Flamingos to Stripy Zebras and Zooming Hornets. In Unit 6 we are reading many different traditional stories and learning how to write and present a retell of our favourite one.

We have been developing our writing skills and enjoy our visits from Mrs Kettle. We are excellent at writing 'Sizzling Starts' and have nearly mastered the use of speech marks! We are also superb at adding in describing words to make our writing more exciting to read.

Thank you to all our wonderful parents who have been graciously giving their time to come in and help out.

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School Improvement Bulletin

Improving Attendance

Calliope SS Attendance Target – 94%	Calliope SS Actual Attendance – 92.4%
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Literacy Boost Groups

This week in Literacy Boost Groups the Years 3 to 6 students started a new web based literacy program, through Literacy Planet. In week 8, I will introduce the Year 1 and 2 students to this program also. The students access this program on the computers in the Computer Room.

The Literacy Planet program allows me to assign tasks to match each students individual learning needs. The tasks have been assigned with the idea of challenging and ‘boosting’ the literacy skills of these students so that they are participating in tasks at levels above their current class level. The students’ progress at their own pace, with the capacity to redo exercises until they reach mastery level, before moving on. The students receive immediate feedback about their learning, during each exercise and at the completion of each exercise. The student’s responses are marked immediately. If they enter an incorrect response, they will be shown the correct response before moving forward. Scores are given at completion and a ‘trophy’ is awarded that equates to gold, silver or bronze level mastery. Students are motivated to achieve 100% accuracy in each exercise until they receive a gold trophy. This ensures that skills and concepts are mastered.

Advanced Learners Challenge

10 students from across Year 5 and 6 have been nominated to attend an Advanced Learners Challenge at Toolooa SHS on Friday September 4. The Advanced Learners Challenge will provide participants with a rigorous but fun experience involving a rotation of events. Activities will require students to perform at high level in areas related to Maths, Science and Humanities. The event will challenge them while they have lots of fun and will provide students a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded peers across the district within a high school setting. Ultimately, they’re competing for the Advanced Learners Challenge Cup however, we strive to provide an event that encourages team work and respect for all.

Deputy Principal – School Improvement
Coralie Baldwin

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child’s learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P & C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P & Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people who are involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

P and Cs QLD

Prep enrolments

We are now taking names of children who wish to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child born from **July 1st 2010** to **June 30th 2011** he/she is eligible for Prep enrolment in 2016 at Calliope State School. Late last year, changes were made regarding Prep. Principals have the discretion to enrol students who turn five by **July 31st**. Prior to a decision being made, a detailed enrolment interview will take place to determine his/her suitability and readiness.

2016 Prep Enrolment Process

Enrolment packs are now available from the school office. The current interview times are now full and we will be rescheduling more days later in the year. Please contact the office for an appointment time.

Gladstone State High School

Representatives from Gladstone State High School will be visiting our school on September 9 to address our Year 6 students. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to attend.

Presentation to Year 6 Students

Where: Calliope State School
When: Wednesday 9 September 2015
2pm to 3pm
Who: Mrs Lisa Donohue, Head of School JNR
Mrs Janelle Haigh, Year 7 Coordinator
Year 7 Student Representatives
(former Calliope SS students)

Program:

- Introductions by Head of School, Mrs Donohue
- PowerPoint presentation by Mrs Haigh showing what our current Year 7s have experienced throughout 2015 at GSHS
- Speech by Year 7 Student Representatives
- Question and Answer session
- Student Representatives collected by parents
- Mrs Donohue and Mrs Haigh will answer any questions by parents collecting students from school.

Botanic to Bridge

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Botanic to Bridge. Our school raised a total of \$755. Great job Calliope students!

Dates to Remember

3 & 4 September- F/Day Stall
3 September- IM Eisteddfod
15 September- P-2 Speech Eisteddfod

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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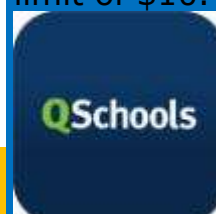
Newsletter Distribution

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

School Payments

Please be aware that all eftpos Transactions have a minimum limit of \$10.



P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are Monday 8.30-9.30, Wednesday 2.30-3.30, and Friday 8-9. The uniform shop will now have eftpos available most Mondays and Wednesdays. Otherwise cash and cheque 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 next Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Tuckshop Roster

2nd September- R. Thurgood, A. Mills

3rd September- L. Moore, S.Taylor, L. Smalley

9th September- R. Thurgood, A. Mills

10th September- S. Bukowski, R. Marsh, L. O'Connor

Volunteers needed. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out at the tuckshop please see Amanda in the Tuckshop or contact the office.

Earn and Learn

Calliope School is collecting the Earn and Learn stickers again this year. There is a collection box in the school office. We use the points to purchase items such as mobile for classroom and the portable soccer nets on the oval.

Position Vacant

Toolooa State High School is recruiting for a Permanent Part-time Scientific Operations Officer. This position is 18 hours per week worked over 4 days and will commence the first week of term 4.

Additional information has been uploaded to the school webpage www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au.

Enquiries should be directed to the school Business Services Manager on 49714310.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Lilly-Rose	Prep B	James
Prep D	Sydney	Prep E	Cooper
1A	Coby	1B	Tori
1C	Lincoln	1D	Monique
2A	Michael	2B	Roy
2C	Georgia	2/3D	Andrew
3A	Mia	3B	Braden
3C	Declan	4A	Memphys
4B	Akayla	4/5C	Beau
5A	Caitlyn	5B	Tierney
5/6D	Jaylin	6A	Ashlei
6B	Hailey	PE	Brae
Music	Tori		

Year 7 at Toolooa SHS 2016 School Tour/Information Session

Date: Thursday 10 September

Times: Tour (4:30-6pm) Information Session (6-7pm)

Who Should Attend: Parents and students enrolled or intending to enrol in year 7 2016.

Fathers' Day Stall

Time	Thursday 3 Sept	Friday 4 Sept
9:15-9:30	Prep E	
9:30- 9:45	1A	
9:45-10:00	1B	1D
10:00-10:15	Prep B	3A
10:15-10:30	Prep A	5/6D
10:30-10:45	2B	6B
10:45-11:00	1C	6A
Break	Stall Open	
11:45-12:00	Prep D	
12:00-12:15	4A	
12:15-12:30	Prep C	
12:30-12:45	2/3D	
12:45-1:00	2A	
1:00-1:15	2C	
Break	Stall Open	No Sales
1:45-2:00	5B	
2:00-2:15	5A	
2:15-2:30	4B	
2:30-2:45	4/5C	
2:45-3:00	3B	
3:00-3:15	3C	