



Calliope State School

1 December 2015

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

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What's happening in ...

4B

Term 4 has been a blast in 4B! The students have been working extremely hard and have shown a wonderful attitude towards learning throughout the year. In Term 4, we have been learning all about forces! The students have been using games to investigate and demonstrate the direction of forces and the effect of contact and non-contact forces on objects. These games have been very engaging and the students have been excited to see what game they will be playing to explore the next type of force. Once the students have investigated the force they have been required to draw an annotated diagram to explain what forces were occurring during the game and which objects they affected.

In English, we have been looking at advertisements and how they engage the interest of their target audience with the use of language features and visual techniques. The students have described the effects of persuasive techniques used on a breakfast cereal package. The students in 4B are now planning and designing their very own breakfast cereal package to gain the attention of their target audience.



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Principal's Piece

Last Friday night was a wonderful community event with the Calliope Community Christmas Carols. We had a terrific turnout from our students participating in the carols on the night. Thank you to all who participated and to the fantastic parent support of this event. We must thank Mr Tim Kerr, our Music teacher, for all his work with both the students and the organising committee in preparing for this event.



Next Monday afternoon we will be celebrating Graduation with our Year 6 students. It will be in the school hall, starting at 5.00pm. All family members are welcome to attend. This is a culmination of seven years of Primary School and will be a time to celebrate their achievements over that time.

As many of you will have seen, our latest building arrived last Thursday. It is amazing how quickly they can put the pieces together to make a new building! We have had several new buildings during the year and we still have much more restructure to go in 2016. This is an exciting time of change, but also one of occasional disruption. Thank you to everyone for their understanding; as we grow in numbers we need to be able to accommodate all our students!



Class lists are underway and our staff take considerable time and care to work on these during term 4. To assist with the finalisation of these, we ask all families to let us know if they will be leaving over the holiday period and not returning to Calliope in 2016. Classes for 2016 will go out next week; however, as many of you know, these will not be finalised until after 'Day 8' which will be Friday 5 February.

At the start of 2016 we are trialling something new for families. During the Student Free Days at the beginning of the year, before students start back, we will be opening classrooms for parents and students to visit their classroom, meet the teacher and bring in any books they may already have for school. This will happen on Friday 22 January from 8.00 – 9.30am. Parents are welcome to take up this offer, or otherwise we will meet you on Wednesday 27 January on the first day of school in 2016.

Finally, congratulations to Jeremy and Louise on the safe arrival of Michael William Godden on Monday!

Kind regards
Raelene

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Junior Swimming Carnivals

Due to unforeseen circumstances some of the Junior Carnivals have had to be rescheduled during the week. The new times are:

Wednesday 9.30am – Year 1

Thursday 9.30am – Year 3

Thursday 11.45am – Year 2

Prep A and Prep D have also changed times this week. Prep A is now 11.45am on Wednesday and Prep D is 12.15 Wednesday. Prep B, E and C are on at their normal times on Thursday afternoon.

Senior Swimming Carnival

The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday the 4th 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.

Resource Returns

With the end of the year quickly approaching, a reminder goes out to all families to start returning any library books or home readers that have been borrowed. Each year we have a large amount of resources that are lost, not returned or go missing. Your assistance in minimising these losses would be appreciated.

Chappy Sonia's Corner

Longing is also a blessing

Children who get most of their desires satisfied right away don't have a chance to appreciate what they've already got. Deprived of opportunities to wait and dream and long for something, they never learn to value their possessions or experiences. Everything carries the same weight, and none of it weighs very much. The sooner a child gets what she/he wants, the sooner they'll use it up and move on to the next desire.

~THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE' by WENDY MOGEL

Dates to Remember

- 4 December – Swimming Carnival**
- 7 December – Yr 6 Graduation**
- 8 December – Dancefever Challenge**
- 10 December – Principals' Parade**

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 no cash payments will be accepted in the last week of school but we will accept eftpos.

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 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 next Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Tuckshop will be closed for week 10 2015 and for week 1 in 2016.



Calliope Pool Opening Hours

The following are the pool opening hours:

5am – 9am – Weekdays

3.30pm – 7pm – Weekdays

9am – 5pm - Weekends

Please phone 0497815393 or 4975 6455 to contact the pool regarding swimming lessons etc.



★ Stars of the Week ★

Prep B	Xander	Prep B	Blair-James
Prep C	Amelia	Prep D	Logan
Prep E	Emme	1A	Luca
1B	Kayde	1C	Amy
1D	Jack	2A	
2B	Heidi	2C	Piper
2/3D		3A	Taylah
3B	Johnathan	3C	Cooper
4A	Kahlee	4B	Shari
4/5C	Alina	5A	Cobey
5B	Caitlyn	5/6D	
6A	Erica	6B	Alegra
PE	Ruby	Music	Mackenzie

2016 Booklist

The 2016 Booklist is now available. A paper copy is available at the office. Book packages are available at the Calliope Newsagency and Office National in Gladstone are also offering book packages for the Calliope booklist.

School Transport

Is your child starting high school next year? Will they be catching the bus? They may be eligible for free travel or discounted fares. To apply, go to www.buslink.com.au and download a Bus Travel Assistance application. LODGE YOUR CHILD'S APPLICATION IN 2015 TO AVOID THE START OF YEAR RUSH 2016 Bus Pass Cards can be collected from Buslink, 9 Lyons St, Gladstone From Monday 11th January 2016 For enquiries please phone 4972 1670 or email info.gladstone@buslink.com.au

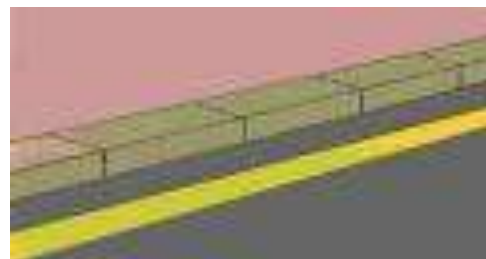
Christmas Cards

From this week, students are welcome to bring along Christmas cards for their peers at school. Students are asked to deliver them to the large post box that will be outside the year 6 classrooms. The envelopes must have the student's name and class written clearly on the outside. Our year 6 students will deliver cards during the day. We ask that no candy canes are put in the envelopes due to our Healthy Schools policy.

Calliope State School Adopt-a-Cop

Constable Peter HAMILTON

During the last few weeks, Calliope Police have received a number of complaints about parents parking in the no stopping zone outside the school and in the pool parking area. Parents are reminded that parking in these areas is not only illegal but also puts children, parents, teachers and carers at risk. No stopping zones are marked with a “S” sign with a cross through it and a solid yellow line on the road. It is important to keep these areas clear at all times. Police understand that parking during drop off and pick up can be difficult and frustrating but in the interest of safety, please do not park and stop in the no stopping zone.



The loading zones are limited to two minutes only to drop off or pick up passengers and are designed to keep traffic flowing and prevent congestion. You should always check parking signs carefully as they are often stricter than normal parking rules. The type of parking restriction, and the times that it applies, will be on the sign. If someone parks a vehicle illegally or dangerously they can be given a fine by police.



Authorised vehicle stop in loading zone for longer than signed \$47.

Stop contrary to 'NO STOPPING' sign \$47.

Stop contrary to continuous yellow edge line \$47.

Remember that parking rules exist to keep children, parents, teachers and carers safe and to keep traffic flowing during pick up and drop off.