



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Welcome back! This term is jam packed full of sport and we can't wait to get back into it!

Interschool Sport

- * **Soccer** – starting on the 8th of February, every Monday afternoon at BITS Soccer Fields and Tannum Sands State High School. Draw to be distributed this week.
- * **Netball** – Twilight netball competition to be held at Dennis Park, Boyne Island on the 3rd of March.
- * **Rugby League Development Cup** – starting on the 17th of February every Wednesday afternoon at Briffney Creek Fields. Draw to be distributed accordingly.
- * **PJ Marsh Rugby League** – Day carnival on the 4th of March.

** All teams have been selected and notes have been distributed.

Port Curtis Sport

- * Basketball – 18th of February
- * AFL – 3rd of March
- * Netball – 3rd of March
- * Rugby League (10 years) – 4th of March
- * Hockey – 10th of March
- * Rugby League (11 and 12 year olds) – 10th of March
- * Soccer – 17th of March

All Port Curtis sport is advertised both in the classrooms and during PE lessons. If students are interested in trialling, they will receive a note with all the necessary information regarding the trial.



Principal's Piece

WELCOME TO CALLIOPE STATE SCHOOL 2016!!

What an amazing start to what is shaping up to be a great year at Calliope State School. Last week we welcomed 89 prep students to our school for the very first time and I'm proud to say that everyone (parents included) seem to be settling into the school and its routines very nicely. While this number of enrolments into prep is a little down on predictions and expectations, the school has made a decision to fund a teacher to maintain our current staffing of 26 classes. This is of course pending our official enrolment figures remaining stable until the magical Day 8 (Friday 5 Feb).

Construction Projects

As you may be aware, some significant projects have already been underway over the holiday break. New covered walkways and a new modular classroom building have been installed towards the back of the school and I'm please to say that, after some delays and concerns, and with some not-so-gentle persuasion, the classes have been able to get in and get settled into the year very nicely.

This year we will also see our major expansion project underway in preparation for the 2017 school year. We have already had the removal of D Block classrooms and the Principal's Residence to make way for the new administration and classroom block. This will be an exciting new addition to our school which will "future-proof" the school for continued growth. With construction not due to commence until early May, we will welcome the reprieve from construction for a couple of months.



New High School for Calliope

We were proud to host the Premier, Education Minister and local Member, Glenn Butcher on Sunday for the welcomed announcement of a new high school to be built in Calliope for the start of the 2020 school year. This is great news for our current prep - year three students who will not only avoid the need for bus travel into Gladstone, but will also benefit from a brand new, state-of-art facility to continue their education in Calliope. What a great win for the community. Thanks and congratulations must go to Lynda Ninness and the team who have campaigned tirelessly to make this a reality.

School Priorities

This year, we at Calliope SS will be narrowing in on our goal to improve student learning outcomes through the focus on three key priority areas. Curriculum, Pedagogy (the process of teaching) and Wellbeing will provide focussed attention on improvement in our school. Parents can assist in helping our students achieve the best possible outcomes through heeding our school vision.

"Everyone at Calliope State School is working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving." Parents can help with this by ensuring that students are prepared for school with all the necessary equipment, dressed in the correct, full school uniform and attending school every day. I thank you in advance for your support.

I look forward to working with you as we move through a stellar 2016.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

Before/After School Procedures

As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support this week, we are focussing on our Before and After School procedures with all students. Students are to go to the tuckshop area if they arrive before 8.05am. They are then supervised by staff in the hall or on the oval until classrooms are open.

After school, students are to leave in a timely manner from the school grounds. Students catching the bus proceed to the tuckshop area for supervision until the buses arrive.

Students are not allowed on play areas before or after school, including younger siblings. A detailed letter from your class teacher will be going home with further details this week.

Parade

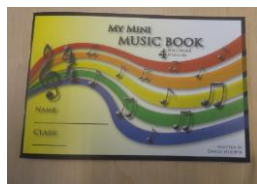
Parents are welcome to attend parade each Friday morning at 9.15. We ask that at the end of parade you do not go to your child's class line, unless you are a parent helper in class after parade. This will minimise disruptions, especially for our younger students. **This Friday on parade we will present our 2016 School leaders with their badges. All are welcome to attend.**

Chappy Sonia's Corner

Welcome to 2016 and a special welcome to our preps and new students. My name is Sonia Hain and I am the School Chaplain at Calliope State School. I am super excited to meet the new families/students over the next couple of weeks. I work Monday and Wednesday, so please say Hi if you see me around. For the parents, who may not know what a School Chaplain does. My role is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to the school community. *"A smile starts on the lips, a grin spreads to the eyes, a chuckle comes from the belly, but a good laugh bursts forth from the soul, and bubbles all around."* – Carolyn Birmingham

Music Books

This year during classroom music lessons, students will be using a Music workbook. The books are available at the school office for \$7.00.



Dates to Remember

2 February	P&C meeting
5 February	Yr 6 Leaders Badge presentation
15-17 Feb	Class meetings
23-24 Feb	School Photos
3 March	Twilight Netball Carnival
4 March	PJ Marsh Cup

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.



P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are Friday 8.15-9.15am. 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.



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.

Calliope Country Fishing Club

The Calliope Country Fishing Club (CCFC) are looking for new members for the upcoming 2016 season. The CCFC is a family orientated fishing club which meets one weekend a month. So if your family enjoys camping on weekends while fishing the estuary systems between 1770 and Stanage Bay, there will be an information night held at the Calliope Country Club on Friday the 19th of February at 6pm. The first meet for 2016 will be the 27th & 28th of February.

For further information please call Brendan on 0488794459 or Darren on 0447279955; alternatively email to calliopecountryfishingclub@yahoo.com

School Transport

To apply, go to www.buslink.com.au and download a Bus Travel Assistance application. For enquiries please phone 4972 1670 or email info.gladstone@buslink.com.au



Tuckshop News

The tuckshop will be opening on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in 2016, starting in week 2. If you have any spare time, please consider volunteering at the tuckshop, as it is a good way to be part of the school community and meet new people. A tuckshop menu can be obtained from the office.

Instrumental Music

This week is Beginner's Week! We have a new Woodwind, Brass, Percussion instrumental music teacher this year – Greg Duckman. He will be out on Mondays to Calliope, starting this week for our beginning students.

Mandy Ruge, will continue as our strings teacher, teaching on Wednesdays. Timetables have been sent home with students.



The Calliope Breakfast

Breakfast Club will start again in 2016, every Friday morning from the 05th of February. This is a free sausage sizzle provided by the Calliope Combined Churches group.

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New Cashless System is here!

Calliope State School is constantly on the lookout for new ways to make your interactions with school more convenient. That's why we've engaged with Flexischools, Australia's leading school payment system, to provide a new cashless way for you to pay for school services.

Order and pay for a range of school services online with Flexischools online ordering...

Flexischools is the fast, convenient and secure way to order and pay for

Tuckshop and Uniform Shop

orders from home or on your mobile.

Flexischools makes our school services available to you 24/7

- Parents set up a Flexischools account online and pre-load the account with funds.
- Parent can use the funds in their account to order and pay for a range of services online
- Parents can view their orders online and can set a daily spending limit.

Get Started with Flexischools...

Set up an account for online ordering...

You can set up an account online – it only takes a minute.

1. **Register for Flexischools** by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. Add your student, their school and form class to get started.
2. **Top-Up your account** via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
3. **Make an order** by selecting from the range of options made available by your school and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.
4. **Review Orders** by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

What does it cost?

Online Ordering Fees - \$0.25 per order

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Credit card (visa/mastercard) \$0.29

PayPal \$0.35