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This term has been a blockbuster term. In science we’ve been concentrating on properties of materials. Our class investigated how to change the properties of everyday objects to make them serve a purpose. One activity even had us creating a one metre high shelf for a dictionary out of newspaper, sticky tape and paddle pop sticks.

In English we have been reading Rowan of Rin, a quest book, to look at character development. We have been exhaustively analysing the language features used by Emily Rodda to see how Rowan changes from a skinny pitiful boy who looks after animals for the village to a hero who solves the problem of the missing water from the river. Will Rowan run into the dragon of the mountain on his quest? We’re eagerly reading to find out!

In history we have been looking at contact between Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people and other cultures. We looked at how the land, culture, language, relationships, time and places have changed in an historical enquiry while also looking at different people’s points of view about those changes.

Finally, we’re up to the final steps on our Claymation projects. We’ve created short action scenes out of plasticine and will be taking 100s of photos to stream them together to make a final animation. It’s been an exhaustive process, but we’re certainly on the final steps.
**Dates to Remember**

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**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

This week’s focus reading strategy is…

**ADJUSTING THE READING RATE**

It is important that students allow themselves to adjust their reading rate or pace and recognise when this may be necessary. The purpose for reading often determines the most appropriate rate. Readers may slow down to understand new information, clarify meaning, create sensory images or ask questions. Help your child to adjust their reading rate by saying ‘Slow down if it gets too hard or if you are trying to understand new information.’

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS goes to all members of our school community for their commitment to being SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE. Our Discipline Audit went very well and the Executive Summary and 5 page profile will be published on the school website once it has been received and I will be sharing the data we have at this week’s P&C meeting. In the meantime, these were some of the descriptors which were outstanding, and which we can all be very proud of…

- The principal and school leadership team are driving an explicit, detailed and positive approach to managing student behaviour in consultation with the school community. This agenda is couched in terms of high standards and clear expectations of student behaviour and outcomes. This agenda is widely communicated, understood and rigorously actioned. There is a strong and optimistic commitment by all staff to the school-wide approach to managing student behaviour and the development of a culture that enhances learning.

- A strong culture of respect and caring relationships exist in the broader school community. This is reflected in the shared values and commitment to the implementation of the behaviour processes.

- The school has a small number of positively stated school-wide expectations and appropriate behaviours that are clearly defined and embedded in practice. These expectations are highly visible throughout the school environment and are continually communicated in school documentation, newsletters, meetings, assemblies and are evident in the behaviour of the students.

- The principal and other school leaders have accepted personal responsibility for ensuring a safe supportive and disciplined learning environment. They demonstrate a strong conviction that student engagement is a key to improved student learning and have clear and well-known positions on the kind of evidenced-based behaviour support strategies and interventions they wish to see occurring.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison

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**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**
**Being Sun Smart**

This week students will revise the procedure for going out in the sun. Teachers and students will discuss what the consequences are for not dressing ‘sun safe’. We are a Sun Smart school, therefore, ‘no hat, no play’. Students have to stay in shaded areas during play, and outdoor activities.

**Autism Queensland**

**Autism Queensland** Support Groups are established to provide support to both individuals and other groups (community and professional). In particular the Family Support Group focuses on issues related to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), parental or caregiver responsibilities associated with caring for a person with ASD, and the needs of family members including siblings.

This is a time for you. To be heard and nurtured, to find support from others who have been there, learn about upcoming events, network with other families and resources if available in our library. Come along and join us for a light supper and a cuppa. All enquiries call 0427750130.

**TERM 3 2013**

**When:** 20 September 2013.

**Meeting Times:** The above Fridays at 6:30 PM.

**Where:** Gladstone Community HUB 5 Buller Street South Gladstone

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**2012 School Annual Report**

**Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school**

Parents, students and staff indicated a high level of satisfaction with the school in 2012.

100% of parents responded that their child likes being at Calliope State School and that the teachers expect their child to do their best. 94.1% of parents felt that their child is making good progress at the school, that they can talk to their child’s teacher about their concerns, and that the school works with them to support their child’s learning.

97% of students responded that they are getting a good education at Calliope State School and that their teachers motivate them to learn. 95.1% of students like being at Calliope State School and 99% said that they were satisfied that their teachers expect them to do their best.

100% of staff were satisfied with staff morale in 2012 and 92.9% agreed that they had good access to quality professional development.

**Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)**

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Student and staff data will be included in next week's newsletter.
Open Night
Last Wednesday night, it was lovely to see so many families visiting the school to see the amazing work our students are learning and achieving.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
We have one week left to go! Congratulations to the 150 students who have already completed the Challenge. We look forward to more this week.

Flag Football Challenge.
The current school rugby league team is issuing a challenge to past rugby league players of Calliope State School to a game of flag football on the school back oval on Friday 20th September (last day of term 3). The game starts at 10:00am and will conclude by 11:00am. Mr. H will referee. It is a time reflect on past rugby league achievements at the school as well as acknowledge our current crop of talent. Regards Mr. H

Donation for Year 1’s
Please save plastic containers and small cardboard boxes. The year ones are creating a recycled band in week 11, and we need cereal boxes, tissue boxes, muesli bar boxes, empty glad wrap and foil rolls, small plastic containers like margarine tubs, plastic cake or cookie containers. If parents could make sure plastic containers are rinsed and taken to the music room. We thank you for your efforts.

Stars of the Week
Prep A  Austin
Prep C  Sienna
1A  Rick
1B  Kyan
2A  Danielle
2B  Hugh
2C  Harley
3A  Armani
3/4c  Logan
4A  Hope
4B  Koby
5A  Steven
5B  Ambur
7A  Chloe

School Banking
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times. This term redemption day will be Wednesday the 4th of September. Bring in your redemption card and 10 silver tokens on this day. Your prizes will then be ordered and delivered within 2 weeks.
Uniform Shop Opening Hours.
The uniform shop will be open every Friday from 3-4pm as well as every Monday from 8.30-9.30am.

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**
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday. Orders must be placed each Tuesday by placing the orders in the tuckshop bin located in each classroom. Tuckshop menus are available from the office. **A new menu was sent home last term. Please be aware of the changes and price increase.**

**Tuckshop Roster**
4th September- K. Warhurst, R. Marsh, S. Meyer

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**Instrumental Music News**

**Why Instrumental Music?**
Music Education facilitates students’ academic achievement:
- Improves recall and retention of verbal information.
- Advances Maths skills.
- Boosts reading and English language skills.

**There is a high relationship between interest in Instrumental Music and high self-perception, high cognitive competence scores and general self-esteem.**

**RECRUITMENT for year 3 and 4**
It is that time of year again when we are looking for students for our 2014 Band and Strings program. Students in year 3 will offered a form to try out for the Instrumental Music Program. Students in year 4 and 5 can certainly get a note from the office if they are interested in joining the program.

**Instruments offered in 2014**
Flute
Clarinet
Bass Clarinet (can rented for $150 a year from the school)
Alto Saxophone
Tenor Saxophone
Trumpet
French Horn (can rent for $150 a year from the school)
Trombone (can rent for $150 a year from the school)
Euphonium (can rent for $150 a year from the school)
Tuba (can rent for $150 a year from the school)
Percussion: Glockenspiel and Snare drum only in first year
Violin
Viola
Cello(can rented for $150 a year from the school)
Double Bass(can rented for $150 a year from the school)

**Sept 9 – 13** Instrumental Music Week. Band to perform for year 3, 4, 5 students to demonstrate band instruments and permission notes for 2014 are given out.

**Sept 12** Band performance at 9:20 for year 3,4,5 9:20 parents welcome

**Sept 16 – 18** Combined Band/Strings Tour to Gladstone Schools to promote instrumental music

**Sept 20** All permission notes must be returned to school

**October 14 – 17** All students who returned permission notes will be assessed for suitability for all instruments.

**November 8** Letters of offer for positions will be handed out to students

**November 28** Parent information night for all 2014 beginner students
Continuing Students DATE CLAIMERS
- **Tuesday September 12:** Band Parade performance for **year 3 and 4 recruitment** 9:20am. Parents Welcome.
- **Week Of September 16th:** Combined Band Tour Concert for whole school.
- **Band Tour to Yeppoon:** 21 and 22 November

**BAND SHIRTS**
All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop.

**App for iPhones/iPads/iPods to help with practise and Standard of Excellence Books.**
STEP ONE: Please upload all cd’s from the Standard of Excellence books onto itunes.
STEP TWO: Download app called: **Tempo Slow**
This app allows the student to slow down the piece of music to make it easier for the students to play along with the music.

**Preparatory Year**
**Prep Information Sessions for Prep 2014 will be held Tuesday, 3rd September 9.15am & 5pm.**
All parents of children who were born between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009, are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the Prep program at Calliope State School. Parents may attend either session time on the day.

* Address from School Administration
* Prep Routines
* First day of Prep
* Getting ready for Prep
* Question Time

**Prep Open Mornings will be held on Monday, 28th October, Thursday, 31st October 9am-10am.**
The Open Morning will be focussed on children’s active participation. Children can attend either session. If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you can contact the school office on 4975 8333 or call in and collect an enrolment / information pack.

**Happy Teacher Aides Day**
This Friday we will be celebrating Teacher Aides Day at Calliope School. We would like to say thank you to all our lovely teacher aides for all the hard work and effort you put into our school. Have an awesome day!

**Community News**

**Cricket Sign On for BITS Cricket Club is Thursday 19th September at BITS Cricket Ground** (Also known as BITS Saints AFL oval) **off Jacaranda drive at 4:30pm.** We cater for age groups from preps-year4 (milo cricket), under9’s to 16’s and right through to senior cricketers. **For further details please contact Nev Judd on 0459091196 or email bitscc@yahoo.com.au.** For milo inquires check out our web page on mycricket-search for a milo centre and then follow the links.

**The Glen Cricket Club Sign On**
Sign on this year for the Glen Cricket Club is Saturday 7th September 9am to 11.00am and Thursday 12th September 4.00pm to 5.30pm at Sun Valley Sports Park, Mercury Street Sun Valley. Age groups available are U9’s to U16’s and Seniors. **For further details please contact Melissa Shea (Junior Coordinator) on 0407 501599 or melissa.shea@bigpond.com**

**Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens is celebrating its 25th birthday October 1st - 6th, 2013.** Following is our birthday program of events. Some of the things we have planned include:

**Friday 4th October Family Movie Night,** BBQ will be available for purchase.

**Family Fun Day Sunday 6th October 9am-2pm** Free parking is available at Meteors Sports Field, free entry, free kids rides, free jumping castle, free kids craft activities, free face painting, art and craft markets, native plant stall and food will be available for purchase on the day. We will be launching the Children’s trail in the Gardens at 1pm. Come and see Costa. Special guests are Costa from ABC Gardening Australia and Professor Tim Entwisle from the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. And heaps more! We look forward to seeing you at the birthday celebrations.