Welcome …

Welcome back to the new school year!

We have welcomed 92 new Prep students and 13 new teachers to Calliope State School in the last week, along with a number of other students in various year levels. As with anything new, it will take some time for everyone to become familiar with Calliope’s processes and expectations, but we are all working hard to that end. Please join us to help the newest members of our school community settle in and make many lasting friendship and memories.

Left to Right: Ms Steph Costello (SEP), Mrs Koti Hayes (2A), Miss Charleigh Williams (Intern – Prep C), Miss Jessica Ward (4B), Mr Craig Little (5/6D), Miss Shanice Andersen (Classroom Music), Mr Allan Greenbank (6/7C), Miss Carmen Tuttle (Phys Ed), Mrs Karryn Greenbank (5A), Miss Leisa Genrich (1C), Mrs Kelli Denyer (2C), Ms Loraine Baker (Prep A), Mrs Cathy Betts (3B) and Ms Leesa Robertson (Prep B).

Reminder for Preparatory Year 2014

Parents if you have not yet provided all the necessary documents for Prep 2014, such as birth certificate and immunisation records, could you please do so at your earliest convenience.
Welcome to 2014 and what promises to be another amazing year of learning. At Calliope State School, every day is a learning day and we expect our students to be at school unless they are sick or have other exceptional circumstances. Birthdays, shopping trips and family visitors are not considered exceptional circumstances.

A huge hello and welcome goes to all of our new families, new Prep students and new staff. A new beginning can be a little scary, no matter how old you are, so please let us know if there is something new that we haven’t explained. Our website, newsletter (which is emailed to the contact on the enrolment form) and Facebook page are all very important sources of information and I would encourage you to make sure that you stay up to date through whichever medium you prefer.

Day 8 is quickly approaching and we have already made some class changes in the Prep and Year 1 area. We hope to be able to add another teacher to our staff by the end of the week, which will mean that many classes from Year 3 – Year 7 will be reorganised, some classes will move location and some teachers will change. I know that a change at this time is a little uncomfortable for everyone but we always underline that classes are only in draft form until Day 8. This year we are very close to the line and unable to commit to the changes until 12 noon on Day 8 when the numbers are submitted. We will have the plan in place and ready to action once we receive the green light from HR. Where there are large-scale moves, students will bring a note home informing parents of the change that has been made. Where there are one or two students being moved from a class, either Raelene Norris or I will contact parents by phone.

Unfortunately, our wonderful Instrumental Music teacher, Mrs Anderson is not returning to Calliope this year as she is moving back to Brisbane with her family. At this point in time we are still trying to find an IM teacher for Calliope and we will be unable to hold Beginners Week for woodwind, brass and percussion until this happens. Strings will go ahead as usual.

Our first P&C Meeting for the year is tonight, at 6:30pm in the Library. Come along and bring a friend.

Regards
Marni Morrison
**Maths Mental strategies**

In 2014, the focus area of ‘Number’ will be a priority for Calliope students. During Semester One, we will be focussing on developing a repertoire of Math Mental strategies throughout the school. Each week classes will focus on one particular strategy. The Prep – Year 3 students will have different strategies to the Year 4-7 students – although a few will overlap. This week we are focusing on:

**Prep – Year 3: Subitise**

Subitise – meaning to *suddenly know*, Subitise is an important skill that lays down the foundation for much maths later. Perceptual subitising means looking at a single group of objects knowing just by looking how many there are.

**Years 4-7: Bridge through 10**

Bridge through 10 builds on the knowledge of friendly numbers (adding on the numbers ending in 0) as well as rainbow facts (pairs of numbers that add to 10). For example, to use bridging to add 9+4, the 4 is first split into 1+3 giving the rainbow pair 9 and 1 that makes 10 and then 3 is easily added to the friendly number 10 to make 13.

**No Excuse Words**

As part of our Spelling and Writing program at Calliope this year, we are continuing to use ‘no excuse words’ in all grades from Year 1- 7. This week your child will be bringing home their list of words that are the no excuse words for their year level. These are the words that all students at that year level are expected to spell correctly in all written work.

**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 in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.
**Tuckshop Roster**
5th Feb - R. Marsh, Shayne, M. Ingham

6th Feb - S. Peirce, S. Taylor, C. Campbell

12th Feb - S. Kington, M. Behrendt, K. Baker

13th Feb - M. Ingham, C. Campbell, L. Ninness

**Uniform Shop**
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday and Friday 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.

**Stars Of the Week**
Prep A   Amy
Prep B   Teegan
Prep C   Annabelle
Prep D   Maverick
1A      Jaidah
1B      Andrew
2A      Mackenzie
2B      Ella
2C      Eva
3A      Max
3B      Hayden
4A      Ryan
4B      Ebony
5A      Isaak
6/7B    Elijah

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**Community News**

**Boyne Tannum Sharks Juniors Football Club sign-on**
Boyne Tannum Sharks Juniors Football Club will host their 2014 sign-on dates on Saturday, February 8 from 10am-2pm held in the Castletower Building, located at the rear of the Boyne Tannum Community Centre.
All current, former and new players are invited to come and sign up for the 2014 football season. Registrations are being taken for players aged from 6-16. Interest is also being sought for children wanting to play in an under-5 competition (must turn 5 this year). All new players must bring a birth certificate to be sighted by club officials. If you are unable to make either sign-on date but wish for your child to sign-on please contact the club at btfcjuniors@hotmail.com to make alternative arrangements.
Cost is $170 for small sided field players (under-11s and below) and $230 for junior competition players (under-12s and above). Interest will also be taken on both days from those wishing to coach or manage a team this season. You can follow the club and find out all the latest news on our Facebook page, Boyne Tannum Sharks JUNIORS Football Club (Bits Football Club).

**Biloela Netball sign on**
Will be held at the Biloela Shopping Centre on 8/2/2014 from 8.30am-1pm.
If anyone has any questions or would like any further information they can email bilonetball@bigpond.com