Calliope Kids are:

Safe
Respectful
Responsible

What’s happening in …

Prep C
A big hello and welcome to our first newsletter article from Prep C. We have had great fun this week learning about the letter ‘M’ and making monsters. Here are some of our monsters made of play dough. We’ve read lots of monster books and made monster biscuits too. Congratulations and thank you to our Prep C parents who have prepared their children so well for commencing school life.

In Prep C we focus on the four habits of mind that help us achieve success throughout our school lives. These are confidence, persistence, organisation and getting along with others.

Confidence is just so important as it allows children to accomplish goals, resist peer pressure and deal with adversity. This week the children have accomplished this by independently facing many new and challenging activities.

Persistence is being demonstrated by our Prep C children when they independently complete their set tasks to the best of their ability.

Organisation is quite a steep learning curve for many of our children as they have to gradually learn to let go of their parents and begin to organise themselves. The children have been working on looking after their hat, lunchbox and water-bottle this week and have been quite successful at this.

Getting along with others is encouraged and rewarded just as much as academic success. When a child needs help we encourage his or her peers to offer assistance. We talk about Prep C like a family and that we all must get along to achieve the best results. We work in various groupings and children are made to mix with children other than their closest friends. We will continue throughout the year to develop these important habits of mind to allow our prep children to become what all educators aim for: life-long learners.
Principal’s Piece

Every day is a learning day!

Welcome to the 2015 school year and what a fantastic start it has been. This year, we have started the year with more learners than we finished 2014 with. Our current effective enrolment is 586, including 108 brand new Calliope learners in Prep. We also welcome a number of new staff to our amazing team which includes, Ms Coralie Baldwin, our Acting Deputy Principal, Mr Tim Kerr, our Music Specialist, Ms Natalie Sun (Prep A), Ms Rebekah Hasler (Prep B), Mrs Cherie Lowe (1A), Mrs Shelley Kerr (2B), Ms Rachel Penn (2C), Mrs Valerie Little (3B), Ms Nicole Badham (4/5C), Ms Michelle Smit (5B) and Ms Kirsty Lowe 6B). We also welcome the return of Mrs Kayleen Bishop as our Head of Special Education Services and Mrs Suzanne Betzien to the Student Services team. Mrs Glenda Twiner will be an additional support person through our GRG funding. We also welcome Ms Karen Mooney to Calliope as our Guidance Officer.

At this stage it looks like we may have to make some minor class adjustments in the lower school due to increasing numbers. This however, will not happen until after Day 8 (Thursday) and any class changes won’t happen until at least week 3. We thank everyone for their patience during this time, as staffing is dependent on student enrolments on Day 8 and we can’t make any firm changes until after that time.

During our student free days at the beginning of the year our staff participated in Professional Development around our two curriculum areas of focus for 2015 – writing and numeracy. This week your child will be able to tell you all about ‘sizzling starts’ in their writing.

Regards

Raelene
Uniform Shop
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday 8.30 to 9.30am and Friday from 8.00 -9.00am.
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.

CALLIOPE STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

P&C meeting – Tuesday 3 February at 6.30pm in the library. All new and continuing members welcome.

AGM – Tuesday 3 March – we are looking for new members for our committee in 2015.

Stars of the Week

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Instrumental Music
This week is Beginner’s Week! We have a new Woodwind, Brass, Percussion instrumental music teacher this year – Elaine Hueber. She will be out on Thursdays to Calliope, starting this week for our beginning students.
Unfortunately, we are still waiting for a strings teacher. Recruitment is under way to find additional staff for the strings program. We will let you know as soon as a new teacher has been appointed.
The first GYMC meeting for parents is on this Wednesday in the Kin Kora McDonalds meeting room starting at 7pm.

Staff Car Park
A reminder that walking through the staff car park is not an entrance way to the school. It is an out of bounds area for students, as cars are entering and exiting throughout the day. Please use the gate at the side entrance from the pool side or the entrance at the front of the school to ensure the safety of all.
2015 School Captains
This Friday on parade we will present our 2015 School Captains with their badges. All are welcome to attend.

**Captains**
- Logan Mann
- Delaney Claridge

**Vice Captains**
- Jai Hansen
- Emily Sadleir

**Music**
- Kelsey Ingham
- Laila Birch

**Flinders**
- Olivia Foster
- Brooke Stone

**Fitzroy**
- Hailey Grey
- Jayde Oliver

**Oxley**
- Jacob Betts
- Logan Rule

The Calliope Breakfast
Breakfast Club will start again in 2015 on Friday 13 February.

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, emailing admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au or by returning the slip below to the office. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

Please return to the office to inform us of your email address for newsletter purposes.

Student Name: ________________________________

Parents Name: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Signed: __________________ Date: ____________

Community News
Gladstone Performing Arts Company (GPAC) Youth Theatre Group
The GPAC Youth Theatre group will commence in the 2nd week of Term 1 on Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:15pm. Activities will include singing, dancing, acting and drama.

For more information or to register your interest in your child attending, please contact Sarah Bobart: 0408728594 or join our group on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/GladstonePerformingArtsCompany/

Junior Golf Clinics
Starting Wednesday 11th Feb and Thursday 12th Feb.
Times: 3.30pm to 4.00pm- 8 years and under. 4.15pm to 5.15pm over 8 and more experienced. 7 Weeks $100
Please ring Gladstone Golf Shop 7am to 5.30pm 4978 2649.

Hockey
Souths Sports Club will be holding their 2015 sign-on day on Saturday 14th February, between 3-6pm. It will be held at Rigby Park Hockey Fields on Dawson Hwy, opposite the 24hr servo. All grades, boys and girls, are welcome to register, and bring the whole family for a free sausage sizzle and bouncy castle. Enquiries to southshockey@gmail.com
THE SCHOOL CREED

This is our school.
Let peace dwell here.
Let the rooms be full of contentment.
Let love abide here.
Love of God, love of another.
And love of life itself.
Let us remember that, as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school.

I LOVE MY COUNTRY

I love my country
I honour the flag.
I strive to be a
worthwhile citizen.