What’s happening in …

News in 2B
2B has had a wonderful start to the year with all students keen and eager to learn new and wonderful things. In English we have been playing with poems, changing the words around to make them our own. Here are a couple of our poems.

**Crocodile Swamp Snap**
- Snapping, Snapping Crocodile
- Snapping round, Oh so vile!
- Snap! Snap! Snap!
- Hunting, Hunting Crocodile
- Spying boats with sneeky eyes
- Spy! Spy! Spy!
- By Braden

**A Kitten in my Mitten**
- If I saw a kitten,
- Sitting in my mitten.
- Would it disco?
- Would it go-go?
- Not as fast as a chicken!
- By Jayde

In Maths this week, we have been looking at measuring and comparing length, width and thickness. Mrs Fisher gave us a challenge after we listened to “Jack and the Beanstalk”. The challenge was: Who could make the longest beanstalk? Makayla and Ahlia made the longest. Logan and Alec made the shortest.
**Principal’s Piece**

**Every day is a learning day!**

As part of our Improvement Agenda for Reading, students considered to be ‘at risk’ will be identified and will begin reading to an adult for 15 minutes every day. I will be phoning parents of identified students to invite them to attend a parent information session on how to Pause, Prompt and Praise when reading at home and this session will also be open to any other interested parents. There will be two sessions, to cater for parents’ different schedules and the sessions will be held in the Resource Centre –

- Wednesday 12 March from 3:30pm – 4:30pm, and
- Friday 14 March from 9:45am – 10:45am.

I am also looking for volunteers who are able to read with one student for 15 minutes **EVERY SCHOOL DAY** or as close to as possible. The preferred time is before or after school, depending on transport arrangements, and so that we don’t impact on class learning time. Maybe you drop your child to school at 8:30am and can give us 15 minutes each day. Maybe you have a neighbour or there is a Grandma or Grandad who has some time that they could volunteer each day on their morning walk to get the paper. You would work with the same child each day and be an important part of their learning. Volunteers who are not a parent of a child at the school will require a Working with Children Blue Card. If you can help, or you know someone who can, please ring me at the school on 4975 8333 or email me at mmorr108@eq.edu.au. We’d like to begin next week.

**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**

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**Dates to Remember**

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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@callipess.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

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**Unexplained Absences**

Tomorrow night (Tuesday 4 March) is our P&C AGM. Please consider coming along and joining the team of dedicated helpers who make a difference to your children’s school experience. You don’t need to take on a position, but many hands lighten the load. We will also be going through the Great Results Guarantee and our strategies to improve the learning of all students.

Thank you to those P&C members, parents and staff members who helped out at the Disco last Thursday night. A great night was had by all and it wouldn’t be possible without your support.

Many parents are parking illegally after school, during pick up time. Not only are they risking a fine and loss of points, they are endangering the lives of our students. Please park safely, respectfully and responsibly. The Stop, Drop, Go area is staffed until at least 3:30pm if you are able to arrive after the rush, and there are always parks available in the pool car park that do not interfere with the bus zone. We will be monitoring the situation and will be liaising with the police about this very important safety issue.

Regards

Marni Morrison
P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is this week – Tuesday 4 March. The meeting will start at 6.30pm with the AGM for 2014.

Tuckshop Roster
5th March – Shayne, Rebecca Marsh, Stacey Kington, Trinette Kelly.
6th March – Linda Ninness, Tina Skyring, Charmaine Murphy, Michelle Ingham.
12th March – Simone Peirce, Maria Behrendt, Chantelle Nightingale, Jodie Burfield
13th March – Shayne, Sam Taylor, Cassandra Campbell, Kylie Birch.

A huge thank you to all our new tuckshop volunteers! Your time is much appreciated.
If you would like to join our tuckshop volunteer group, please call in and see Amanda at the Tuckshop and introduce yourself.

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.

Maths Mental Strategies
This week we are focusing on:
Prep – Year 3: Turnarounds
Turnarounds refers to the commulative property of numbers in addition. The order in which the numbers are added makes no difference to the answer. It does however make a difference to the ease of counting if the largest number is used first. For example for 2+6 it is faster to turn the numbers around and then count on 2 from 6.
Years 4-7: Number Splitting
Numbers can be split in many ways to make computation easier. A 2-digit number can be split into 10s and 1s. The 1s can also be split so that known facts can be used to speed up computation. In 26+37, for instance, 26 is left whole and 37 is split first into 33 and 4 so that 26 and 4, a rainbow pair, make 30 to which 33 is easily added. Using number splitting increases the options for adding and subtracting mentally.

Combined Schools Musical – Peter Pan
Calliope students in Years 4-7 have the opportunity to attend the Combined Schools Musical – Peter Pan, on Tuesday 25 March. Notes were sent home last week with students. The cost is $10 per student, with the P&C subsidising the cost of the bus. We have reserved 150 seats for Calliope students, so it will be a first in, first served basis for students. Please send your money and permission form to the office as places are filling fast.

Early collection of Students
Please be advised that if you need to collect your child early, it is our policy for parents/carers to sign students out at the office and collect your child from their classroom. There has been a high number of telephone requests to have students waiting at the office for collection. This creates a disturbance to the class and interruptions to the office staff as the students are not always in the classrooms and it can be difficult to track them down. To ensure the smooth operations of the office and school as a whole we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in regards to this matter.

Phone Messages
We are getting a large number of phone calls late in the school day to pass messages onto children in classrooms. Parents are reminded that messages to students during school times is disrupting learning in the classrooms. All messages should be phoned in by 1.30pm or there is no guarantee that the student will get the message in time.

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!
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 this week.

Positions Vacant – Calliope State School
We have from time to time, relief Teacher Aide, Cleaning and Groundsperson positions available. If you are interested and hold a Working with Children Blue Card, please drop in a copy of your Resume into the office to hold on file.

Calliope’s Wide World of Sport
This Friday our Under 10’s boys will participate in the PJ Marsh Cup. Good luck boys!

Upcoming Events
6th of March: Port Curtis Rugby League Trials (Under 11’s & 12’s)
7th of March: Port Curtis Rugby League Trials (Under 10) – PJ Marsh Cup
7th of March: Port Curtis Girls Gala Rugby League Day
13th of March: Port Curtis AFL Trials
13th of March: Port Curtis Netball Trials
24th of March: Port Curtis Basketball Trials
27th of March: Port Curtis Hockey Trials
3rd of April: Port Curtis Touch Trials

Carmen Tuttle – HPE Teacher

University of NSW - competitions
Students in Years 4-7 have received a letter about participating in the UNSW assessment tasks called ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools). Participation is not compulsory and is open to families who would like their child to participate. The fees for each test are outlined in the letter. Calliope students have the opportunity to participate in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics. The permission forms and payment are due by Friday 14th March. Late entries will not be accepted.

Gladstone Performing Arts Company Youth Theatre
GPAC Youth Theatre meets each Tuesday afternoon. Prep-Year 3 from 3:30 to 4:00, Years 4-12 from 4:15 to 5:15 at the Salvation Army Hall in Goondoon St. Annual Membership is $30 and there is a weekly fee to help pay for expenses of $5 a week. Activities include singing, dancing, acting and theatre sports. The group has also started to rehearse for GPAC’s Musical Revue performance in June.

Please note, that when numbers for the group increases, there will be a Years 7-12 group commence, 5:30 to 6:30 on the Tuesday
If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah:
0408 728594.