Prep E
Well, it has been a very hectic start to the year but we are finally settled into our new classroom. After the first two weeks, we welcomed another 11 Preps to our classroom and the work really started. We have been having fun learning about picture books in preparation for our book talks in a couple of weeks. In Maths we have been doing lots of counting activities and the children learnt a new word. Ask them what subitising is. In Science, we are learning about living things and what they need to stay alive and we even found out that leaves have veins just like we do. We are very busy learning about different families in our History lessons and how families do things together. I cannot believe that we are already into the 6th week of Prep and the children are, as of today, 26 days smarter than when they started their school journey.
**Dates to Remember**

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**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

This week we will be seeing lots of photography happening in the school. On Monday, our beautiful Preps had their photos taken for the annual Gladstone Observer feature. This will be published later in the month and all Prep students from the local area will be part of this feature. This week we are also having our 2015 school photos taken by MSP. All money needs to be given directly to the photographers while they are at school either on Tuesday or Wednesday. Please ensure your child/ren are wearing school uniform on their photo day.

Last week I attended the Principal’s Conference in Brisbane along with almost 1 200 State School Principal’s. There were lots of amazing speakers over the two days and the theme was ‘A great school has a great school down the road’. Collaboration between schools has always been an important part of the philosophy at Calliope. Each term our teaching staff meet for one afternoon with staff from Boyne Island SS and Tannum Sands SS to moderate and discuss curriculum. This will be happening next Tuesday afternoon after school from 3.30pm. Please be aware that staff will need to leave promptly after school that day to travel to Tannum Sands SS for their meetings.

Calliope School will also be hosting several teachers from Clinton SS over the next few weeks to model RTR (Reveal the Reason) maths lessons. Calliope School was a Phase 1 school for this project last year and now it is our turn to support the Phase 2 schools. We will be hosting a Professional Development day early in Term 2 for several other schools in the area.

Our fantastic Calliope staff ready for their photo this morning. It is a pleasure to work with this dedicated (and photogenic) team!

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**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.

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**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.

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**Newsletter Distribution**

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**Office hours are 8am–4pm**

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**School Payments**

Please be aware that all eftpos transactions have a minimum limit of $10.

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Regards

*Raelene*
**Nut Allergy**
As many families may be aware we have a couple of students with nut allergies. For all the new families, could you please use the guide below of foods to avoid in school lunch boxes. Below is a guide for these students. **Please avoid PEANUTS.**

**Also please avoid:**
* peanut M&Ms
* picnic chocolate bars
* biscuits with peanuts or peanut paste in them
* peanut paste sandwiches
* pine nuts
* food cooked in peanut oil
* packets of nuts
* satay chips, leftovers etc
* most chocolate contains nut traces
* muesli bars containing nuts

**Safe foods:**
* multigrain bread
* boiled egg
* roasted chickpeas
* Nutella
* tiny teddies and other prepacked snacks which state they ‘may contain traces of nuts’

If students do have items containing nuts we ask that they wash their hands with soap and water to remove residue before they use play areas.

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**Donations required**
If you have any old footy socks at home and are happy to donate them to the school, please drop them into the office. Thanks for your support.

**Win a classroom makeover for your child’s school**
If you have tokens to enter the competition from the newspaper, please hand them into the office.

**P&C meeting and AGM**
The annual general meeting for the P&C will take place at 6pm tonight 3 March in the school library – all welcome.

**Attendance Award**
Class Attendance Award for Week 5 goes to Prep B with 100%!

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**School Photos**
Calliope students will be getting their school photos for 2015 today and tomorrow. Students are asked to wear their full school uniform on photo day. This means that they wear their blue school shirt rather than their sports shirt for this special occasion.

**Life Education** The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting our school from 23rd March to 2nd April. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart choices for a healthy future. Notes were sent home last week. Please return your permission slip along with your payment of $4 to your child’s teacher. Payments are due by 18th March. No late payments will be accepted.
Stars of the Week

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Students arriving late or early departures
Parents are asked, where possible to avoid making appointments for your student during school hours. Parents are reminded that if you are signing your student out it must be done through the office.

Message for students
Please make sure your child knows before they leave home in the morning to how they are getting home. If you require a message to be delivered to your child during the school day, it is necessary to let the office know before 2nd break which is 1.15pm. We understand that some messages after this time is unavoidable but also we would like you to be aware that these messages may not be conveyed to your child due to class changes etc. We will endeavour to deliver late messages but cannot guarantee the message can be given to your child. It is best that you contact the office ASAP if there is a change in your child’s normal routine.

ICAS tests
Students in years 4-6 have the opportunity to participate in the ICAS tests in 2015. Information sheets were sent home last week.