What’s happening in ...

5B
Term 4 in 5B has been an eventful term so far!

We have taken part in a school campout in the hall to raise money for SWAGTEMBER and they did a fantastic job! Overall $1381.50 was raised and over $400.00 came from students in 5B!! A great lead into a term full of leadership for all Year 5 students.

5B have been focusing on a variety of topics this term. An area of particular enjoyment for students has been reading novels during class such as Storm Boy, The Lorax and Charlottes Webb as well as watching the corresponding movies. 5B are comparing the written and visual versions of these three stories to create their own new and improved version of the story line by comparing key elements, characteristics and representations of the plot. Comparing the novel and the movie together has allowed students to be able to understand the importance of using precise detail, visual and audible elements in a story. A lot of fantastic storylines are coming alive in our classroom filled with compelling characters and detailed settings. The completed stories will be a fantastic read!
Dates to Remember

- **4 Nov**: P&C Meeting
- **11 Nov**: Remembrance Day
- **14 Nov**: FFF – Homework Pass
- **20 Nov**: Leadership Speeches
- **27 Nov**: Instrumental Music (new students) Parent Night
- **28 Nov**: Community Christmas Carols
- **1 Dec**: Swimming Carnival
- **2 Dec**: DanceFever Challenge
- **5 Dec**: Reports go home
- **8 Dec**: Year 6/7 Graduation
- **11 Dec**: Christmas Concert and Principals’ Parade Breakup Day
- **27 Jan 2015**: School resumes

Principal’s Piece

Every day is a learning day!

On the pupil free day we were very lucky to secure Marion McMahon, the CEO of SPELD (Supporting People Experiencing Learning Differences), to speak with our teaching staff. Marion and an associate presented on Dyslexia and Other Significant Learning Difficulties and providing support using assistive technologies. The workshop, funded by Great Results Guarantee grant money, was very informative and will influence how we work with students who learn differently. One of the significant points of our professional conversation following the workshop was around the language we use when discussing students who aren’t achieving school and systemic benchmarks. As a team we decided that we would use the term ‘learning differences’ rather than difficulty or disability. We all learn differently and as teachers, we must make sure that we are catering for those differences in every student, whether they require intervention or extension. The SPELD website, [http://www.speld.org.au/](http://www.speld.org.au/) has a wealth of information and I would encourage you to take a look if you are looking for ways to support your child.

A very important task at the end of the year is to develop a student list for the next year that is as accurate as possible. To assist with this, please contact the office if your child/ren will not be returning to Calliope in 2015 AND if you have not yet enrolled your Prep student for next year please do so ASAP. At this point in time, with current numbers, we are right on the cusp between 22 and 23 classes and it may be that students are allocated to a class and teacher for the first two weeks only, with the possibility of a class being added and some students being reallocated after Day 8. While this is not ideal, the alternative is to form 23 classes and have to reallocate to larger classes and lose a teacher after Day 8 if we don’t make the required numbers. If you would like to request that your child is placed with a particular friend or is separated from a particular student when we form classes please submit this request in writing as soon as possible. While we are not able to grant every request, we do try to make sure every child has a friend in their next class and that we avoid existing clashes with peers.

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 on absences@calliope.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.

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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

Have a great week!

Marni Morrison
Stars of the Week

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2015 Prep Enrolments

Enrolment packs for Prep in 2015 are now available from the school office. Children need to be born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 to be eligible for Prep in 2015. Prep interviews have begun, so please book a time if you haven’t already made one.

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Gladstone State High School Orientation Day

As the year quickly draws to a close we look forward to our Orientation Days. We have two days to enable the students to experience high school and get to know their peer mentors. We hope this is a time where questions can be answered, connections can be made and concerns can be addressed.

When: Term 4, Week 9
- Year 7 into 8 Tuesday 2.12.14 and Wednesday 3.12.14
- Year 6 into 7 Wednesday 3.12.14 and Thursday 4.12.14

Where:
- Meet at the hall on your first day

What to wear:
- Your school uniform

What to bring:
- Hat, water bottle, writing materials and a happy disposition along with a positive attitude

Enrolment forms: Please hand in your enrolment forms prior to orientation days (if you have not already done so). This is necessary so that students can already be placed into house groups and participate in activities during orientation days.

Lunch: A sausage sizzle will be provided on one of the orientation days (year 7s on the Tuesday and the year 6s on the Thursday). On the alternative day you may either bring your own lunch or purchase from the tuckshop.

Booklists: These details and other organisational details for next year will be provided at the orientation.

Performing Arts: Information regarding the Performing Arts Class will be provided on the orientation days.

Volleyball School of Excellence: Trials will be conducted on the second day of each age group (Year 7s on Thursday, Year 8s on Wednesday)

Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop is open on the Orientation days from 8:15am – 3:30pm, as well as on Friday from 8:15am – 11:15am. The shop will also be open during certain days of the school holidays. Phone orders are also welcome on 4976 6193.

Travel: It is the responsibility of parents to organise drop off (9:00am) and collection (3:05pm) of students. If your child will be travelling by bus please contact the bus companies prior to these days.

If you require any more information please direct any queries to Nicki Collocott.
- ncoll55@eq.edu.au OR
- 4976 6155

Toolooa SHS year 6 to 7 and year 7 to 8 orientation days.

Year 6 to 7 – Thursday 4 December (Full Day). Year 7 to 8 – Friday 5 December (Full Day)
- students to wear full primary school uniform
- bring a hat, water bottle and lunch (limited tuckshop service on the day)
- bring a notebook and pens/pencils to write
- bring any paperwork and enrolment packs not yet handed in

Parents are welcome to attend school tours on both days from 9-10AM

Community News

Remembrance Day Service
Calliope RSL Sub Branch will conduct a Remembrance Day service at the Calliope Cenotaph beside the RSL Hall, Stirrat Street, Calliope on Tuesday 11th November 2014. Service will commence at 10.45am and conclude at 11.15am. Veterans, Returned and serving service members, community representatives and members of the public are cordially invited to attend the service and may lay a wreath if they wish. For further information please contact President Paul Howkins on 49756473 or Secretary Darryl Saw on 49785621.

Horse Sports Day at the Mt Larcom Showgrounds
Saturday 15 November
Commencing at 3pm for a 4pm start. 3pm : Register. Pay membership. Fill out attendance sheets. 4pm : Group teaching lesson on skills for events. 5pm : Participants move to events and record times. There will be classes for led children and other age-groups as well as adults. 6.30pm : BBQ tea. Presentation of event places. 7.30pm : Feature event / s under lights.

Membership (Membership to 31 July 2015) Adult Riding Membership = $30, Adult Non-riding Membership = $15, Youth Membership = $10, Event Nominations = $10 covers all events for the day. For more information and bookings, please call Jenny Grother on 0409 75 11 58