



Calliope State School

3 November 2015

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

Prep E

What a huge year it has been for Prep E. We have learnt so much. The children are becoming very confident with their reading and writing and we are getting excited for the end of the year. I cannot believe how fast it has gone. Currently we are learning to write letters, which is going to come in handy for when we write our letter to Santa at the end of the term. We are also going to send a letter to our parents and are hoping to walk to the post office to post it towards the end of the term. In Maths, we are about to start a guided enquiry about making the perfect sized house for a toy. We will be doing lots of measuring and predicting to make it "just right".

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the parents who have helped out in the classroom this year. It is very much appreciated. I am astounded with just how far these little munchkins have come and we are only half way through the term.



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Principal's Piece

With only six weeks of the school year remaining, it is vital that all students and families commit to the high standards of the school up until the very last school day of the year. This includes the wearing of the full school uniform every day. Later this term, the School Dress Code Policy will be sent home to all parents detailing the expectations of Calliope State School. It will continue to be a mandatory expectation of the school in 2016 that every student presents themselves according to the school policy.

Swimming

It's been another wonderful week here at Calliope State School in what has been a busy start to Term 4. The students have been engaging in their weekly swimming lessons and will complete their swimming program during the next couple of weeks. I have been amazed by how organised students have been. Well done, and thank you, to all of the teachers involved for providing our students with the opportunity to learn a very valuable skill.

A reminder to our families also, that our school swimming pool is now open to the public for recreational swimming before and after school and on weekends. Swimming lessons and squad training are also being offered by pool manager, Jodi Robertson. For more information about the use of the pool or programs offered, please contact Jodi on 0497815393.

Enrolments and Workforce Planning

I know I have been harping on about this for a couple of weeks now and I hope this showcases how important it is that we have accurate and up-to-date information about enrolments for 2016.

Our local high schools are still chasing enrolments for Year 7. If you have not enrolled your child at a high school, please do so as soon as possible. We are also looking to finalise our enrolment numbers, particularly in Prep. If you know of friends or family who have not yet enrolled in Prep, or any other year level, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If you are leaving Calliope at the end of the year, please notify the Office as soon as possible. Thanks to those parents who have already done this.

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 - the day after the Australia Day public holiday. The previous start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff.

For a full list of the 2016 term dates and holidays in Queensland, visit the calendar page on the Education Queensland website.

Asbestos Incident Information

On Tuesday 3 November I decided to restrict access to C Block due to the possibility that asbestos material has been disturbed. Any necessary remedial actions, including professional clean, are to be undertaken. A letter regarding this matter will be going home with all students. Please check your child's school bag for this letter. If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on 49758333.

Prep enrolments for 2016

Please ensure you have completed enrolment information for your 2016 Prep student. We are arranging staffing for 2016 and we need enrolment information completed to put your child into a class for 2016. Don't miss out on getting your child into a class for next year.

Chappy Sonia's Corner

Cultivating an attitude of gratitude

Most of our families take for granted what we already have, want more than we need and forget to count our blessings. Here are a few behaviours to help:

1. Teach your children non-monetary ways to delay gratification;
2. Don't use the word 'need' when you really mean 'want';
3. Try not to let shopping become your most frequent family outing.

~'THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE' by WENDY MOGEL

VITAL Unlimited has started this term on Wednesday first break to 12:30pm with 10 Year 5 boys. UnLimited is an action-based learning program that gives students the opportunity to develop leadership ability, resilience, self-management and teamwork skills based on our school's values. The program has been run successfully in Queensland secondary schools for about 20 years and has been adapted for middle school children. We are in week 3 of running the program, the boys, the leader volunteers and myself are having loads of fun working as a team and learning about our potential in life.

Dates to Remember

- 3 November – P&C meeting**
- 4 November – Prep Interviews**
- 13 November- Fantastic FunFriday**
- 27 November – Exodus Graduation**
- 4 December – Swimming Carnival**
- 7 December - Yr 6 Graduation**
- 10 December – Principals' Parade**

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.

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 Tuesday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing

admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

Office hours are 8am-4pm

School Payments

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

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are **Monday 8.30-9.30, Wednesday 2.30-3.30, and Friday 8-9**. The uniform shop will now have eftpos available *most* Mondays and Wednesdays. Otherwise cash and cheque accepted. If you are unable to get to the uniform shop during opening hours, you can fill out an order form available from the office, and leave completed form and cash or cheque payment with the office ladies. Your order will be filled and be ready for collection the next Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Tuckshop Roster

Volunteers needed. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out at the tuckshop please see Amanda in the Tuckshop or contact the office.



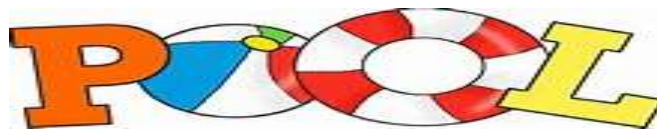
Swimming

Please ensure all belongings are named for swimming, including swimmers, towel, uniform, goggles etc.



★ Stars of the Week ★

Prep A	Travis	Prep B	Chloe
Prep C	William	Prep D	Allisa
Prep E	Lilly	1A	Kaleb
1B	Flynn	1C	
1D	Alissa	2A	Peyton
2B	Tristan	2C	Jordis
2/3D	Dylan	3A	Jace
3B	Jordyn	3C	Lachlan
4A	Max	4B	Mia
4/5C	Darcy	5A	Kyra
5B	Charley	5/6D	Kiera
6A	Kelsey	6B	Brianna
PE	Sophie	Music	Pippa



Calliope Pool Opening Hours

The following are the pool opening hours:

5am – 9am – Weekdays

3.30pm – 7pm – Weekdays

9am – 5pm - Weekends

Calliope Pool Phone Number

Please phone 0497815393 to contact the pool regarding swimming lessons etc.

Tuckshop Day

This Thursday we are celebrating Tuckshop Day. It is a day to say thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers and our fantastic convenor Amanda. Thank you all for your time and contribution towards the students and staff of the school.



Curriculum Catch-up

Seven Steps to Writing Success

This week we will look at **Step 6 – Ban the Boring Bits** and some tips for both Narrative and Persuasive writing.

Everyone gets up, gets dressed, travels to school...it's not exciting. So why write about it? Ban all mention of the 'boring B' words – beds, breakfast and bus trips. Think like the movies, the heroes never travel, they just arrive...

Narrative:

- Writing is NOT real life
- Do not write five pages of dialogue
- No waffling due to poor planning



Persuasive:

- The 'formula' does not persuade, a strong original voice does.

Less is more. Take a tip from authors – slash and be ruthless to make your ideas stand out.

Term 4 Curriculum

Classes are well under way with their units for Term 4. Learning continues all term with new concepts in Maths, English, Science, Geography, History, The Arts, Technology and LOTE.

Areas of the Australian Curriculum are currently under review and may have some slight changes for 2016, especially in the Social Sciences of History and Geography. Digital Technology is also a new area being introduced over the next couple of years. As we all know learning is a lifelong process and we are all learning new things on a daily basis.



Some 1A students with their musical instruments. This is part of their Science unit on 'Sound' and their Technology unit in constructing a musical instrument.

Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Raelene Norris

Remembrance Day

Calliope RSL Sub Branch will conduct a Remembrance Day service at the Calliope Cenotaph beside the RSL Hall, Stirrat Street, Calliope on Wednesday 11th November 2015. Service will commence at 10.45am and conclude at 11.15am. Veteran, 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.

Complimentary cold drinks will be available for service attendees and following the service, the annual Remembrance Day raffle will also be drawn.

For further information please contact President Paul Hawkins on 4975 6473 or Secretary Darryl Saw on 4978 5621.