What’s happening in…

7B
It’s that time of year when the big man in the red suit makes an appearance down your chimney and leaves something special under your tree. This week the year sevens, have been little elves and delivering Christmas cards to students.

Next week on Monday the 9th at 5pm the Year sevens will be graduating from Calliope State School at their official graduation in front of their parents and fans. We have been working on a Graduation song that we will perform on the night.

The Elves – Delaney, Jevan, Logan, Angus, Lucas.

Breakfast Club
Last Friday was our last Brekky Club for 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bendigo Bank and Combined Churches volunteer groups for all their efforts with providing our children with a yummy breakfast. We appreciate all your hard work and time that you put in to make Brekky Club happen.

Christmas Concert will be held in the school hall on Thursday 12th December, commencing at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you all there.
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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 on 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. 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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### Principal’s Piece

**Every day is a learning day!**

We have had an amazing week with a fabulous inaugural Community Christmas Carols and taking out the honours at the DanceFever Challenge.

Miss T did a fabulous job of coordinating the Christmas carolling and Choir and Mrs Anderson and the Band added lots of Christmas cheer last Friday evening. The evening was a great success with a huge roll up, including our wonderful P&C helpers with their Christmas stall. There are still many stocking fillers and other gift ideas available which students will be able to purchase from the Tuckshop windows before school next week.

At the DanceFever Challenge we won many 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons, tied for first place in the Show Dance (hip hop) and won the overall trophy, pictured below. As always, the Challenge provided students with the opportunity to dress up in their finery and show their formal, grown up sides. Thank you to everyone to helped make the evening a success. Calliope rocks!

[Image of students holding a trophy]

Regards
Marni Morrison
Christmas Cards
We are fast approaching the end of term and students are starting to think about sharing Christmas cards with their friends. They can be brought from Monday 2 December and placed in the box outside the Year 7 classrooms. The year 7 students will sort the cards and distribute to classes during the day. All cards must be in an envelope with the students name and class clearly written on it so that it can be delivered to the right person.
We ask that candy canes and lollies are not given out with cards.

P & C Annual Christmas Raffle
Tickets for our annual Christmas raffle are now available to purchase. Purchases can be made each morning at the front gate and on Friday mornings at parade. The tickets are 50c each and the raffle will be drawn at the last parade of the year. The P&C are asking each family to donate non-perishable items for the Christmas raffle, there will be a basket in the office for you to drop off your donation.

Stars of the Week
Prep A    Alexis    Prep C    Travis
Prep B    Ricki-Lyn
1A        Tarlia    1C        Kaide
2A        Max        2C        Laith
3A        Dayn       3/4       Brittany
4A        Aiden      6A        Caragh
6B        Dylan      7A        Abbey
7B        Madiyn

School Banking
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. There will be no student banking on Wed 11th December 2013 due to it being the last week of school.

P & C NEWS
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday and Friday from 8.30 - 9.30am.
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.

Tuckshop
We are still in need more volunteer helpers in the tuckshop on both Wednesday and Thursday, our busiest time is between 9 and 11:30 am if you are able to spare some of your time to help, please see Amanda in the tuckshop on either of those days or leave your name and number with the ladies in the office.

Vacation Care Program
Gladstone Central OHSC are finalising the details for this terms Vacation Care Program. Our holiday program will commence on Monday 16th December 2013 and run through until the Friday 24th January 2014, until the commencement of the 2014 academic calendar on 28th January 2014.
If parents wish to make a booking for the upcoming holidays or get any more information they can visit the camp Australia website www.campaustralia.com.au or contact our customer service consultants on 1300 105 343.
Gladstone Regional Council’s popular youth holiday program, SUNfest, is back in 2014.
More than 40 fun and exciting activities have been organised for January 7-16. Programs are available at Council’s website, administration centres and schools throughout the region from November 4. Tickets go on sale from Wednesday, December 4, at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. Don’t miss out, grab a program today!

The Glen Cricket Club will be holding a Milo In2Cricket program in February 2014. This program is available to boys and girls aged 5-10. There will be lots of fun activities and give aways for everyone.
Registration day: Wednesday 4th December
Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Where: Sunvalley Sports Park Mercury Street, Sunvalley.
For further information please phone Melissa 0407 501599

Football For Children will be holding a 4 day soccer skills clinic at Tannum Sands State School from the 16th to the 19th of December. Each day will start at 8.30 am and finish at 2.30pm. Children can be dropped off from 8.00am and picked up by 3.00pm. The clinic is for any boys and girls aged from 5 to 13. Children can participate for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 days. please go to www.footballfc.com.au to register or call Blair on 0400033989.

CALLIOPE S.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL – 2013
Friday 6th December
START at 9:30am and FINISH at 1:15pm.

Swimming notes for Parents and Students prior to the carnival.

1. Sun shirts must be worn all day except during races.
2. Hats must be worn when spectating.
3. All items taken to the pool should have the student’s name on them.
4. No valuables should be taken to the pool.
5. A tuckshop will operate at the pool but only for snack foods, drinks and lollies.
6. Sunscreen can be coloured or clear.
7. No spray coloured hair or crepe paper to be brought into the pool.
8. The small wading pool will be out of bounds to everyone.
9. Students can come to school with their togs under their school uniform. Closed in shoes must be worn to school. Uniforms will need to be put back on after the swimming carnival.
10. At the end of the carnival, Years 4 and 5 will get changed back into their uniform at the pool while Years 6 and 7 will use the school toilets.

Please find attached to this newsletter the Swimming Carnival Program