What’s happening in …

Reading with 7A

We have been using a variety of strategies to support readers and improve reading levels. The photos are showing students participating in Guided Reading during which each student has a particular role to play in contributing to the group’s work. The roles include: leader, reader, word person and questioner. The word person uses a dictionary and a thesaurus for any unknown words, the leader keeps everyone on task and ensures only one person is speaking at a time, the reader reads the page with support from the leader, if necessary, and the questioner asks a level 2 (inferential) or a level 3 (imaginative) question at the end of the page.

Students from Miss Gothman’s year 1 enjoyed interacting with 7A as we read year 1 books as book buddies focusing on reading for expression. Prior to this, 7A students enjoyed practising their expression by reading various big books from the library. We culminated this experience by performing puppet plays to the year 1’s and making sure that our character’s voices were clear and expressive.

We also explored level 1 (the answer is in the text), 2 and 3 comprehension questions through the use of specific reading comprehension sheets. Some were from seen work through the C2C English Curriculum and some were from unseen texts.

Reading for meaning was greatly enhanced through integrated work from History where students had to research an artefact and then give a speech based on rewriting their research to produce a descriptive and an explanatory paragraph. Together with this speech, students needed to give a persuasive speech, which they read from their own ‘marked up’ work, which was designed to motivate people to do something. So, as you can see, 7A have been participating in many and varied, intensive reading experiences designed to support where they are at and to extend them through new learning.

7A students participating in Guided Reading – a supportive reading task used to improve comprehension.


**Dates to Remember**

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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!*

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A visit to the Mothers’ Day stall was a lovely way to start the week. There are so many lovely items to choose from that I’m sure all mums will be thrilled when they unwrap their presents on Sunday. Huge thanks to Mrs Farmer for donating beautiful, hand-knitted scarves for sale at the stall. Our P&C do an amazing job with the Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day stalls each year. It’s a tremendous amount of work with many volunteers helping out and the proceeds go to supporting our students with resources and subsidies. If you are free tomorrow night, why not come along to our monthly meeting – 6:30pm in the Resource Centre. Everyone is welcome.

P & Cs Queensland 2014 State Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Gold Coast on 12 – 13 September 2014. Registrations are now open. For more information visit www.pandcsqld.com.au/state-conference or contact the Conference Manager on 1800 218 228 or 07 3352 3900.

Our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students states that ‘No knives of any type are allowed at school, including flick knives, ballistic knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives, butter knives, fruit knives or craft knives, or any item that can be used as a weapon, for example a chisel.’ Please remind your child/ren about this very important safety rule. Suspension is the minimum consequence for bringing a knife to school, with police involvement a strong possibility.

Have a great week!

Regards

*Marni Morrison*
Maths Mental Strategies
This week we are focusing on:

**Prep – Year 3: Rainbow fact subtraction**
Knowing rainbow facts helps with subtraction. For rainbow fact subtractions such as 10-3, encourage the students to think of the other pair of the rainbow fact. Ask “how does knowing 7+3 as a rainbow fact help me with 10-3?”

**Years 4-7: Zigzag for subtraction**
As with chunking methods and the open number line strategies, the zigzag strategy for subtraction encourages students to use their number sense and known computation strategies to make decisions about how to split the numbers and what order to compute in. For 73-38, for instance, the student may split the 38 into 30 and 8 and deal with the tens first, and then split the 8 into 3 and 5 and subtract 3 which leaves a friendly number from which to easily subtract 5.

SWPBS

**Playing safely on the ovals.**
This week’s lesson students will be revising the play areas in our school. Each year level will be able to identify 3 areas.

- **Prep-3 – Oval** (from the line to the right of the trees to the MPH)
- **4/5** - Front oval (includes the cricket nets, netball courts and basketball court) during second break
  - Back oval during first break
- **6/7** - Front oval (includes the cricket nets, netball courts and basketball court) during first break
  - Back oval during second break.

Students will identify other safety rules; ‘no hat, no play’, ‘hands off, feet off’ and safe games appropriate for school. Examples of unsafe games are: tackle football and red rover.

An easy reminder is **S.A.F.E.** – Safe And Fun for Everyone.

School Banking Reward Redemption Day
Congratulations to the students who have earned 10 silver Dollarmites tokens through the School Banking program and are now ready to redeem these tokens for a fantastic reward item. Please complete your reward card coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, on the next School Banking day and the item will be ordered for you.

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**We now have eftpos available at the office for your convenience. This facility is for school related purchases, not for P&C Payments. Please note there is a $5 minimum payment.**

**P & C NEWS**

**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.

**Tuckshop Roster**
7th May- M. Ingham, K. Birch, S. Kington, Shayne
8th May- S.Taylor, S. Peirce, L. O’Connor

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.

**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 on the way.
Under 8’s morning
Our annual Under 8’s morning will be celebrated on Tuesday 20 May at Calliope School. Students in Prep – Year 3 will be able to participate in a wide range of activities on the oval from 9.15 – 10.45am. Our year 6 and 7 students will be involved by assisting the teachers to run the activities. Parents are most welcome to attend. A note with more details will be sent home this week with students.

Calliope’s Wide World of Sport
Development Cup
Congratulations to all the boys that were involved in the Development Cup grand final. Calliope State School came out victors, winning 28-4 against Tannum Sands State School. The boys displayed excellent teamwork and determination. Congratulations to Connor, who was named player of the final. Well done, Connor!
The boys will now be playing against the regional winners for Biloela and Rockhampton with dates to be advised.
A big thank you to the tremendous coaches, Mr Claridge and Mr Huth who have given up their own time to coach the boys. Thank you!

Capricornia Trials
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CANCELLED- Gladstone PCYC Roller Derby League
I’m very sorry to have to inform you all that due to double booking and some unforeseen circumstances this months Roller Disco due to be held on the 9th of May has unfortunately been cancelled. We are terribly sorry for any inconveniences this may have caused.

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BRING YOUR DOG ALONG TO GLADSTONE’S MILLION PAWS WALK ON SUNDAY 18TH MAY, CANOE POINT, TANNUM SANDS. WALK STARTS 9AM.