What Happening in …

6B

“We’ve got brains in our head and feet in our shoes!
We can steer ourselves in any direction we choose!”

~ Dr. Seuss

Time flies when you are having fun! It’s been a busy year of learning and exploring in 6B and it’s hard to believe we are over half way. Already, we’ve explored Food Production, News Reports, Natural Disasters, Electricity, Nutrition, Short Stories, Percentages, Integers, Cartesian Planes and Advertisements….just to name a few! Currently, 6B are studying personal recounts and our writing is superbly spectacular! In class, we have investigated the features of personal recounts and the ways in which we can ‘show’ not ‘tell’ to make our writing more expressive. We have read and analysed a range of different personal recounts. In the coming weeks, our class will be designing a Time Capsule and writing letters to year 6 students of the future. This unit has really got our brains thinking. Can you imagine what the world will look like in 50 Years? How different will our school be? How will they communicate? What will they think about our way of living? We can’t wait to find out! If you have any ideas about objects you think would be important to have in our Time Capsule, please let one of our lovely 6B members know.

We’ve got much more of our learning to share with you, so make sure you come along to Principal’s Parade. We’re busy plotting an energetic, enthusiastic and engaging experience!
**Principal’s Piece**

**Every day is a learning day!**

Congratulations to our P&C Association for another successful fundraising event. The Calliope Catwalk Design Awards, held on Saturday, showcased not only our local fashion designers, but also our students, who were a delight on the catwalk. The organising committee worked very hard to make the day a success, with enormous thanks going to them, as well as the sponsors and all of the volunteers who came along and helped.

The next P&C meeting is tomorrow night and we would encourage new friends and families to come along and join us. The P&C has a small group of dedicated volunteers who work very hard for our school and our students; it would be wonderful to see more people join the team, because as we all know, many hands make light work. The P&C will be discussing the School Chaplaincy service at the P&C meeting on Tuesday 6th August and you are encouraged to come along and have your say about this very important support service.

Have you returned your State School Consent Form? If you haven’t, please do so. Additional copies are available from the school office, or can be downloaded from the school website.

We are half way through our time with our Pedagogical Coach. Ask your child/ren about Rapid Recall Routines (or Warm Ups), I do, We do, You do and bookwork expectations. All teachers are working with Miss Park, and are using Explicit Instruction as the signature pedagogy, to improve student learning outcomes. In week 9 we will be hosting our school’s Yvana Jones Network Meeting, with guests from across Central Queensland working and networking at our school, and observing our teachers in action.

The passing of Billy Ward over the weekend is a sad loss for the Calliope community and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Miss Ward and her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison
Literacy / Numeracy Week
Last week we celebrated Literacy/Numeracy Week during the lunch breaks with a variety of activities. Thank you to all the students and teachers who participated – they were lots of fun!

Puppet making

Spaghetti towers

Literacy Carnivale – Alison Lester
Last Wednesday 28 students travelled to CQ University campus in Gladstone to listen to children’s author and illustrator Alison Lester. She spoke about her inspiration for writing and illustrating books and in the afternoon 5 students had an art workshop with Allison. Their work will be displayed in the library.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013
We now have nearly 150 students who have completed the Challenge. Congratulations to those students! The Challenge finishes on 6 September so we have 5 weeks for everyone to finish. Congratulations to Daniel in 1A who won the prize draw.

Stars of the Week
Prep A  Ryan
Prep B  Amelia
Prep C  Chelsea
1A  Braden
2A  Alexi
2B  Beau
2C  Jossie
3A  Isabella
4A  Piper
4B  Bailey
5A  Callan
7A  Kyla

School Banking
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times.
Uniform Shop Opening Hours
The uniform shop will be open every Friday from 3-4pm as well as every Monday 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
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday. Orders must be placed each Tuesday by placing the orders in the tuckshop bin located in each classroom. Tuckshop menus are available from the office. A new menu was sent home last term. Please be aware of the changes and price increase.

Tuckshop Roster
14th August- Shayne, K. Warhurst, R. Marsh
21st August- Shayne, K. Warhurst, R. Marsh
28th August- W. Banks, C. Campbell, S. Ward
4th September- K. Warhurst, R. Marsh, S. Meyer

Gladstone State High School Information afternoon Tues 6th August.
Gladstone State High School invites parents to an open afternoon on Tues the 6th of August. Staff and students will be on hand to welcome you to our school community.

- A formal information session will take place at 3.30 and repeated at 5.30.
- Facilities will be open for viewing between 3.30 and 5.00pm. Students will be on hand to help direct you.
- Subject displays and active presentations will take place in the hall between 4.00 and 5.00pm.
- Staff will be available to discuss programs on offer at the school.
- Our students will be cooking up a sausage sizzle storm.

Tannum Sands State High School
Welcomes all Year 5, 6 & 7 Students to our OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 6th August 2013
4.00 – 6.30 pm
TSSHS Performance Centre

Information Session and School Tours from 4.00 pm
- Have all your beginning high school questions answered
- Meet Deputy Principals & Heads of Department
- See where your child will spend the next five years
- Special guest speaker: Principal Ray Johnston
- Refreshments from 5.30 pm in the Amphitheatre

For more information contact Anna Osborn at TSSHS on 4979 9777.

Instrumental Music News
Please not there will be no String Lessons on 25th August
Benaraby Country Fair

Sunday 11th August, 2013

Benaraby State School

Don’t miss the wonderful country atmosphere of Benaraby State School’s 26th Annual Country Fair. It’s set to be our biggest yet, with both school ovals filled with market stalls, a Cent Sale, Old McDonald’s Farm, white elephant stall, licensed bar and more amusement rides than ever before!

Get the earlybird discount and pre-purchase your ‘All Day Rides’ pass for just $28 at www.facebook.com/BenarabyFair.

Enjoy the bush poet while having Devonshire tea and scones and later, pull up a hay bale or bring a blanket/chair to enjoy some fantastic live music. The crowds are set to swell at the live music stage with country singer-songwriter Terry Clark bringing his band from Brisbane! We also have some other great local artists performing – some featuring in the recent Boomtown production!

Don’t leave without visiting our wonderful homemade Cake and Candy stall. Hope to see you there!

Calliope Social Netball Group is looking for some fresh faces to have fun and keep fit by enjoying a social game of netball. If you are interested, come down to the School Hall Wednesday nights or phone Bec on 0414351128.

Mrs Anderson is looking for new players to start on the following school hired instruments immediately:
- French horn
- Trombone
- Bass Clarinet
- Tuba

Please email Mrs Anderson if your family is interested or send a letter of interest to Mrs Anderson at School. Students will then go through a suitability test to see if they are suitable for the instrument and behaviour in the classrooms.

DATE CLAIMERS
- Tuesday August 13, 6pm to 7:30pm Clinton State School: **FREE Queensland Symphony Orchestra**. Mrs Anderson STRONGLY encourages all musicians to see this concert. It is a rare opportunity for the children to see any amazing professional musicians!!
- Thursday August 29: NO LESSONS as Mrs Anderson will be with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra …… Mrs Anderson is very excited.
- Friday 30 August, 7pm Marina Stage: **Classic Cinema, Free Concert from Queensland Symphony Orchestra** containing songs from Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean and Lord of the Rings. Mrs Anderson STRONGLY encourages all musicians to see this concert. It is a rare opportunity for the children to see any amazing professional musicians!!

Beginner Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Students:
Thank you to all families who had their students on time for band this week. It was so lovely to see all the beginners join our continuing students!

Band for all students is on Thursday Morning. Arrive 7:50am for an 8am start.

Bring a folder to put music in.

**BAND SHIRTS**
All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop.

How can parents help with practise?
1. Ask your child what a specific note is?
2. Ask your child which “coin” or “sticker exercise” are they doing this week?
3. Listen for new material being attempted. (The same old song should not be practised every day) Continuing students should start with a scale from page 42 of the book. (8 notes up 8 notes down)
4. If students practise 5-10 minutes 4 times a week they will progress very quickly through the book.
5. Have the music stand with the book on it, a chair and a safe place for the instrument very handy so it is not an effort to get set up each time to practise.
6. Private lessons outside of school will excel the student well beyond the group lesson.

**App for iphones/ipads/ipods to help with practise and Standard of Excellence Books.**

**STEP ONE:** Please upload all cd’s from the Standard of Excellence books onto itunes

**STEP TWO:** Download app called: **Tempo Slow**
This app allows the student to slow down the piece of music to make it easier for the students to play along with the music.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC/GYMC
MEETING TIMES:
Meeting dates for 2013, at this
stage, are:
14 August, 7.00 pm
7.00 pm 4 September,
7.00 pm 6 November,
Meetings held at Gladstone State
High School Language Centre.

CASUAL SCHOOL BUS DRIVER
Buslink QLD Pty Ltd is currently
looking to recruit a casual school
bus driver for work in the Calliope
area – based at our Calliope depot.
The role offers 4 hours' work per
school day (20hrs per week for 40
weeks per year).
Buslink is looking for a person who:
- has an MR licence
- preferably has experience in
  the passenger transport
  industry
- has a focus on safety and
  customer service
- is looking to work for a stable
  organisation with long-term
  secure contracts
- is capable of getting a Drivers
  Authority
- may have some spare hours
  in the day and looking for that
  extra income

Immediate start available for
experienced Driver with MR
licence and current Drivers
Authority
Full training is available for persons
with little or no previous experience.
Please apply to:
busdriver@buslinkqld.com.au

Preparatory Year
Enrolment and Information Packages are now available for
children entering Prep in 2013. The following table will
assist you to determine when your child/ren are eligible to
commence Prep. It is a requirement of Education
Queensland that a birth certificate and immunisation
records be sighted, so please present these documents
upon enrolment.

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Junior Basketball Come and Try Night
Friday the 16th August 2013
Boys and Girls age 10 & 11 who don’t currently play in the
Gladstone Basketball competition are invited to come
along to this free session from 4pm – 6pm, at Kev
Broome Stadium (behind PCYC).
Gladstone Phoenix Power’s very own Jess Bibby and
fellow team mates will run you through a basketball skills
training session. Please register by contacting
gladstonejuniorbasketball@y7mail.com or call Angie 0404 859
030
If you are looking for a new and exciting fun sport for this
Summer - Gladstone Junior Basketball Summer season starts on
the 10th October, and runs through until the end of March 2014.
Games are played Thursday evenings from 5pm. All skill levels
welcome to join teams.
Registration forms to sign up will be available at the Come and
Try Session.