



Calliope State School

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Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

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What's happening in ...

Principal's Parade

On Friday 18 September we held our end of term Principal's Parade. Congratulations to all the award recipients of the Principal's award for Term 3, demonstrating being safe, respectful and responsible students of Calliope State School.



We had some fantastic performances as part of the parade. Congratulations to all classes who shared their skills!

School choir

Year 2



Principal's Piece

Welcome to Term 4. I hope that this newsletter finds our students and families safe and well rested after a much deserved break.

Student Enrolments

Term 4 in any school is a time when planning for the following year really kicks into gear. In order for us to plan effectively for the future it is vital we have the most accurate information possible about your child(ren)s enrolment in 2016. If you are planning on relocating your child(ren) to another school in 2016, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let the school office know as soon as possible. This will help us to make accurate decisions about resourcing and staffing for 2016. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Interim Student Reports

Interim reports on your child's term 3 progress will be provided in week 2. These reports are a point-in-time summary of progress through the semester 2 curriculum. These reports can then be used to guide discussion between parents, teachers and students about key improvement messages and strategies as we continue through to the end of the year.

Swimming pool

At the end of term 3 a tender process was undertaken to seek a suitable person/organisation to undertake the out-of-school-hours management of the Calliope State School Swimming Pool. This process is almost complete. Meetings between the key stakeholders will take place this week in order to make a decision on the successful tenderer. This will mean that the pool will, once again, be open to the public for recreational swimming, learn-to-swim classes and squad/training purposes. Exact details of programs will be determined by the successful tenderer. I will be sure to update the Calliope SS community about the details as they come to hand.

Homework Help

Homework Help at Calliope Library is on every Tuesday afternoon from 3.30pm to assist students with assignments, research or even to have someone help with readers. All printing and photocopying is free on the Tuesday afternoon. The Calliope Library is a quiet and safe environment. We encourage the community to utilise these terrific facilities and services. Membership is not required to attend any of the programs and all programs are free to the public.

Here's to a great and successful term 4!

Regards

Jeremy Godden

Prep enrolments for 2016

We are now taking names of children who wish to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child born from **July 1st 2010** to **June 30th 2011** he/she is eligible for Prep enrolment in 2016 at Calliope State School. Late last year, changes were made regarding Prep. Principals have the discretion to enrol students who turn five by **July 31st**. Prior to a decision being made, a detailed enrolment interview will take place to determine his/her suitability and readiness.

2016 Prep Enrolment Process

Enrolment packs are now available from the school office. We will be having more interviews early in Term 4. Please contact the office for an appointment.

Prep Open Mornings

Our Prep Open Mornings will be on during week 4. Parents and children starting Prep at Calliope in 2016 are welcome to attend either morning. Rooms will be open for families to visit. There will also be a school tour available for any families new to the school. Days are:

Monday 26 October from 9.15 – 10.00am OR

Thursday 29 October from 9.15 – 10.00am

Children are to be accompanied by an adult for their visit.

Grandparent's Morning

Our annual Grandparent's Morning will be on Friday 23 October. We will start the morning with our whole school parade, followed by a morning tea. Grandparents are then welcome to visit classrooms from 10 -11am.

Gladstone State High School 2016 Enrolments

We are currently looking at enrolment numbers and forming classes and lines for 2016 so it is imperative that families in our catchment areas enrol their children as soon as possible. Gladstone State High School is enrolment managed, only families living within our enrolment catchment are eligible to enrol. Please see the Catchment Map

<http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>. If you are

unsure or need assistance with this please contact the school office. We are asking families who have not already enrolled their child for 2016 to please come into the office to enrol as soon as possible. **IMPORTANT:** Please bring with you proof of residence. This can include Electricity Invoice, current Council Rates Notice or a lease agreement. If you do not have any of these items please contact the school for further advice. Upon receiving your completed enrolment form you will be contacted to arrange an enrolment interview. Interviews take approximately 15minutes.

Should you have any queries in relation to enrolling at Gladstone State High School please feel free to contact us

Dates to Remember

6 October- School Resumes
12-16 Oct – Year 6 camp
13 October – P&C meeting 6.30pm
19 October – Student Free day

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.



Early Departures and Late Arrivals

It is our school policy that all late arrivals and early departures must go through the office. If your child is late to school you must sign your child in at the office. If you wish to collect your child early you must sign them out at the office and then collect them from the classroom. Students will not be pulled out of class to wait at the office for collection. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this manner.

Changed address or contact details over the holidays

Have you changed your address or contact details over the break? If so, please contact the office to keep your details current.

P & C News

The Chalk and Parent Direct orders are due back to the school by Friday the 16th of October. Delivery will be in the week of November 16th (week 7), plenty of time for Xmas. Remember, every 20c out of the dollar comes back into our school.

Swimming

Swimming commences day one of this term (Tuesday, 6th of October). Permission notes are to be returned before their first swimming lesson.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
9:30 – 10:15	4A		6A	3A		
10:15 – 11:00	4B		6B	3B		
11:45 – 12:30	2/3D	1D	5/6D	3C	1B	
12:30 – 1:15	2A	1A	4/5C		1C	
1:45 – 2:30	2B	2.15pm*	Prep A	5A	1.45pm* Prep B	
				2.15pm*	Prep E	
2:30 – 3:15	2C	2.45pm*	Prep D	5B	2.45pm* Prep C	

Curriculum Catch-up

Seven Steps to Writing Success

This week we will look at **Step 4 – Dynamic Dialogue** and some tips for both Narrative and Persuasive writing.

Think of dialogue as a mini play in the story. Let your characters walk and talk – that’s how we get to know them. Real words from real people are incredibly powerful.

Narrative: - Dialogue does three things:

- Makes a scene more dynamic
- Reveals character
- Moves the plot

Persuasive: - Dialogue can ‘connect’ a person with the reader

- Convince – quote an expert
- Engage – use stories

Topics to try:

- You spent \$250 on what!??
- It only tastes a little bit burnt
- You saw what under the house?

Extended Learning Days:

Our students participated in a range of activities in the last few weeks – and had a ball!



Arts and Drama – Tannum Sands SS



STEM – Gladstone Central SS



Science – Kin Kora SS

Teacher training: THRASS

Our staff will be participating in a two day THRASS course this term. This will take place on Sunday 18 and Monday 19 October. This will be on the Student Free Day. A parent workshop on THRASS will also be offered, date and time to be confirmed.

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. 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.

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.

