



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

News from 2C

The students in 2C have had such a busy and exciting term!

The last couple of weeks have seen Under 8's Day, Sports Day, and our very own class play of *The Gingerbread Boy*.

Under 8's Day was a huge success and definitely high on the favourite activities list so far for many in our class. The students in 2C especially enjoyed decorating a biscuit, painting and the Police visit.

Sports Day has been another highlight of our busy term. 2C enjoyed our rotations where we competed in events like shot put, high jump and the clothes relay. The favourite however was the running races with every student getting a moment in the spotlight to run their race.

Just last Friday, 2C put on a performance of *The Gingerbread Boy* for an adoring audience of friends and families. We loved practising our lines and getting dressed in costumes but the best part was all of the praise we got from our families.



Principal's Piece

Premier's Reading Challenge

Calliope State School is again participating in the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge. *Please encourage your children to participate.*

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide event for students from Prep to Year 9 in all schools. Since 2006 the Premier's Challenge has aimed to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for learning and pleasure. It is not a competition, but a way to encourage students to develop a lifelong love of reading. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts. A certificate signed by the Premier will be awarded to each student who completes the challenge.

For a student to successfully complete the challenge they must read or experience 20 books between now and 26 August. While there is no compulsory reading list for the challenge, a book list is available to help students select appropriate reading material.

Please see your child's teacher for a challenge form.

End of Semester Reports

Teachers are currently finalising assessment for the semester and completing end of semester report cards for all students. These reports will be sent home with students on 23 June. While the level of achievement indicator provides a great snapshot of a student's achievement through the assessment program, it really is the comments that will provide some of the most valuable information about the progress of students. Your children's teachers have worked very hard to provide meaningful comments indicating not only current level, but also strategies for further improvement as well as comments about other skills that are not covered by an assessment program, skills such as social interaction, collaboration, resilience and effort. I encourage parents and carers to take the time to sit with their children to read through the comments and, if necessary, contact the class teacher to establish an improvement plan. If you have any questions about the reporting process, please contact the office.



School start times

It has been noticed that a number of students are arriving at school well before the official start of the school day. This has significant implications for students as they are effectively extending their school day by up to 1 ¾ hours. I'm sure that, as parents, we can all understand what adding this additional time to our own workday would mean in terms of productivity, focus and attention, not to mention the additional issue of supervision at that time of the morning. We are currently investigating the processes for the establishment of an outside school hours care (OSHC) program with the aim of having it in place for the commencement of the 2017 school year. Until then, unless students are arriving on a bus, in which case there is little opportunity to vary arrival time, or if a student is engaged in a sanctioned before-school activity (eg Instrumental Music) students should not be arriving at school until after 8:05am. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



School Building Project

I would like thank students and their families for the manner in which the changes to the access points to the school have been handled. It is great to see students following the rules and walking their bikes and scooters through the high traffic zone in front of the school. Thanks also to the school staff who are parking off-site, ensuring that the school community has access to the car parking during drop-off and pick-up times.

I will continue to provide progress reports as the project continues and will continue to have student, staff and parent/carer safety as my number one priority.

Friday Assembly

This week we have an exciting assembly planned- not just because it will be my first one in almost a month! We have a visit from Glenn Butcher MP who will be presenting the school with a new Queensland flag. With this in mind, if any of our wonderful parents or community members have access to a scissor lift and would be interested in supporting the school to raise this flag in our assembly hall, please contact me.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

P&C Meeting

Don't forget our monthly P&C meeting which will be held on Tuesday 7th June commencing at 6.30pm in the Administration Building. All parents and carers are welcome.

Chappy Corner

Making amends repairs the world

The purpose of discipline is to teach both new attitudes and new behaviours. Making amends is a good way to help children learn precisely what they have done wrong, because the child is required to actively undo or repair the unacceptable behaviour. If your child was rebellious, he can repair the physical or emotional he caused by using whatever faculty he employed to commit the crime!

"The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel'

Enrolments for 2017

Our enrolments for 2017 are now open. Families that live within our catchment area are invited to enrol for 2017. Enrolments for Prep 2017 are now open for children born 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. A Prep Information session and interviews will be held in Term 3. Please contact the office for additional information.

Gladstone Region Combined Schools String Workshop

It is time for our annual String Workshop! This is a fantastic chance for our string students to consolidate on what has already been learnt this year, study for a day under renowned Guest Conductor, David Maddick, and perform at a Gala Concert. Forms can be collected from the office. **The workshop costs \$30 and payment and form needs to be returned to the office by 17th June.**

Botanic to Bridge

The annual walk/run is on again on Sunday 21 August 2016. Early bird registration closes on Sunday 19 June. From Monday 20 June, standard registration fees apply. A part of all registration fees from Calliope families participating comes back to the school.



Dates to Remember

7 June	P&C meeting
9 June	Fanfare
10 June	FFF
23 June	Report cards go home
24 June	Principal's 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

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 7:45 – 8:00am

Where: Chappy Sonia's office between 3A and 3B

Uniform Shop

The opening time for our uniform shop is **Wednesday 8.15-9.00am**. The uniform shop has eftpos. Otherwise cash and cheque are 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 on Wednesday. Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools - www.flexischools.com.au.

Community News

2016 – June/July School Holiday Activities

Please find attached a flyer advertising school holiday activities in June/July.

Curry Night – 8th July

Attached is a flyer advertising a Curry Night at Calliope State School on 8th July at 6pm.

Walk to End Polio Now

Please see attached flyer advertising "Walk to End Polio Now" on Sunday 12th June at Tondoon Botanic Gardens.

Calliope Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Please see attached flyer advertising "Calliope Dinner Dance Fundraiser" on 11th June at RSL Hall Calliope from 6pm – 10pm.

The Great Rio Tinto Yarwum Valley Rally

Please see attached flyer for this event on 30th July.

Student of the Week

Prep A	Jessica	Prep B	Nathan
Prep C	Bonnie	Prep D	Mufaro
Prep/1E	Phoebe	1A	Skylah
1B	Lilly	1C	Chelsea
1D	Jett	2A	Shyanne
2B	Jazmine	2C	
2D	Cooper	3A	Jordyn
3B	Mekal	3C	Nathaniel
3D	Caitlin	4A	Jace
4B	Jesse	4C	Ahlia
5A	Jossie	5B	Eathan
5C	Blake	6A	Sriram
6B	Kody	6C	Billie
PE	Monique	MUSIC	Mikayla

Personal Details

Do you have a need to update your personal details, phone numbers, mobile numbers, addresses, email, emergency contacts, court orders to name but a few. At times we are finding one or more has changed, which could lead to a delay in contacting you in an emergency. Please advise us and update if your personal circumstances have changed. Please find attached our 'Change of Details Form'.

Cooler Weather

The weather is certainly getting cooler in the mornings. Please ensure that as per our enrolment agreement your child is wearing the correct winter uniform. Calliope State School jumpers are available from our uniform shop. Please clearly mark your child/children's jackets with their name.

Word of the Week

Our word this week is "similar". This is a new initiative starting this week. You can find out more about this at parade on Friday.

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Calliope Catwalk – 13th Aug

Save the Date: 13th August

Calliope Catwalk Ladies Day will be an afternoon of fun, fashion and friends and will include the Recycled Fashions and Wearable Art Fashion Awards. There will be entertainment, raffles etc. Tickets can be purchased from Limestone Clothing and through the Calliope P&C, and include nibbles and a 2 course meal. Cost for tickets is \$60.