



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

News from 2B

2016 has started off incredibly well for students in 2B, with their creativity being put to the test in all areas of classroom work. This has been a great opportunity to instil a positive growth mindset as many children identified that they were not good at it **YET!** It is amazing to see how this positive talk creates an atmosphere of persistence, whilst cultivating a spirit of courage.

English

Look out A.A Milne (author of Winnie the Pooh), students from 2B have risen to the occasion to recreate and recite a radical, rendition of a familiar poem. Students learnt how to use alliteration, rhyme, repetition and rhythm to change a poem that they had read during class. Many poets were discovered in this process and many students can now say that they can indeed do it!

Science/Technology

Coming up in the next few weeks, students will use their ingenuity to construct a lunchbox for Miss Norris that is both strong and water resistant. The design brief asked for a lunchbox that was strong enough to carry an orange and a sandwich as well as being water resistant, should it need to be washed out or in case it gets wet by this onslaught of rain we have had recently. Below are some pictures of finished designs and a few scientists working in a team, to design, test and observe various elements of strength and water resistance leading up to the production of their lunchbox.

We are looking forward to using our newly discovered creativity when making our Easter Bonnets for the Principals' parade.



Principal's Piece

Interim Reports

This term, teachers will be providing interim reports for students. These reports will provide a snapshot of student progress throughout term in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science. These reports, while an important part of our assessment and reporting framework, are indicative only. They will provide valuable communication of student performance to this point and are designed to inform parents in the lead up to parent-teacher interviews which will be held early in term 2. The indicative results provided will be based on whatever assessment has been completed by the end of week eight. This may mean that, for some classes, the interim achievement results are based on class work and draft assessment items. If you have any queries regarding the interim reporting process, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

On Tuesday May 10, Wednesday May 11 and Thursday May 12 this year (week 5, term 2), all year 3 and year 5 students will be required to complete the NAPLAN tests. The tests will assess students on writing, reading, language conventions (punctuation, grammar and spelling) and numeracy. For further information about the tests, including procedures for withdrawal and absentee processes, parents are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher and/or visit the NAPLAN website: <http://www.naplan.edu.au>. It is important that parents try to minimise and avoid any unnecessary absences during the days mentioned above.

2016 School Priorities

Please see attached to view Calliope State School's 2016 school priorities.

The school curriculum is, essentially, the "what" of our teaching and learning process. It is informed by the Australian Curriculum (<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au>) and is tailored to meeting the specific needs of the Calliope SS students. Above is the extract from our school Annual Implementation plan. If you have any questions about our school's plan, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Shave for a Cure

This Friday (10 March), Year 6 student Braith S will be demonstrating his bravery and having his head shaved on assembly, to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Parents and students will be able to make a donation at school on Friday in a number of ways. There will be opportunity to donate coins via a number of collection tins in the school. Parents can make larger, tax-deductible donations at the school hall on Friday morning. The school will also be providing an opportunity for students to participate in the fundraising event by having their hair colour-sprayed (\$1 ½ head, \$2 full head) during first break. This is a tremendously worthy cause to raise much needed funds to research a disease that has touched every one of our lives in one way or another. I congratulate Braith for his bravery and thank him for his efforts in the endeavour. I look forward to sharing news of the fantastic support given to this event by the community.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

ICAS – University of NSW competition

Each year the University of NSW conducts assessment tasks (competitions) for children across the South Pacific in a variety of subjects. These competitions are not compulsory but are open to families willing to pay the cost to have their child participate in the task. There are a variety of competitions to enter, each of which cost \$8.00, apart from spelling which is \$11.00 as they are marked individually. The due date for payments is **Friday 18th March**. Unfortunately late entries cannot be accepted, as these payments need to be forwarded interstate. The competition is open to all students in Years 4-6. We encourage parents to talk to their children to consider taking on this challenge. Children should not be expected to sit for each competition, but should consider tackling the subjects they demonstrate confidence in. eg: if they're good spellers, try the spelling competition! Information letters were sent home last week or you can collect a copy from the office.

Seven Steps to Writing Success – Parent Information Session

Seven Steps to Writing Session is the writing program that was implemented from Years 1-6 at Calliope State School last year. Have you heard your child talk about Sizzling Starts or Dynamics Dialogue? Do you want to be familiar with what they are learning in class? A one hour information session is being offered to all parents who are interested in learning about this writing program.

When: Friday 11th March 10:00am – 11:00am

Where: Music room

Disco

Our first disco for the year is on this Thursday night in the hall.
5.30 – 6.45 pm - Prep – Year 2 students

7.00 – 8.30pm – Years 3-6

Only Calliope State School students are able to attend. Entry is \$4.00. The P&C will be running a canteen on the night.

Chappy Sonia's Corner

Stop nagging and start following through

When instructing your children about the jobs you want them to do, be friendly, matter-of-fact, brisk and specific. We want our children to eventually ask, "What can I do to help?" rather than, "Do I have to?" Constant reminding leads to your child losing her/his sense of accountability. You delegate, they do. When the job is done, acknowledge good work without going overboard. If you make a big deal they will expect elusive praise each time they help. Catch them being good.

Dates to Remember

8 March

9 March

10 March

P&C AGM

Addams Family

DISCO

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

Food: Light breakfast snacks with coffee and tea

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are Friday 8.30-9.30am. The uniform shop will now have 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 the Friday.



Year 6 Fundraising

50c frozen cordial cups can be purchased from the school tuckshop at 1st break on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next few weeks. This is a Year 6 fundraising activity to help raise funds for the year 6 camp.

Thank you to all parents who have donated Easter Eggs for the Year 6 Easter raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated by helping to sell the raffle tickets over the past few weeks. The Easter raffle will be drawn at the Principal's parade on 24th March.



I Love my country

Each week all classes recite this on parade. Below is a copy.

I love my country

I Love my country
I honour the flag
I strive to me a worthwhile citizen

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Jett	Prep B	
Prep C	Trace	Prep D	Luke
Prep/1E	Leo	1A	Jasmyn
1B	Lucas	1C	Connor
1D	Tahlia	2A	Lily
2B	Lincoln	2C	Ava
2D		3A	Jordyn
3B	Ava	3C	Malakai
3D		4A	Toby
4B	Thomas	4C	Dylan
5A	Shenay	5B	Danielle
5C	Hugh	6A	
6B	Jahi	6C	Teyha
PE	Tayla	MUSIC	Mathew

World's Greatest Shave

Braith from Year 6 will be shaving his hair on parade on Friday 11th March, raising awareness for the Leukaemia Foundation. Congratulations to Braith in demonstrating great responsibility and dedication to this cause. Please come along to parade to help support Braith.

Friday 11th of March, the Student Council is supporting Shave for a Cure by holding a "Crazy Hair Day". Students can support this event by donating:

\$1 - Half Head coloured

\$2 - Full Head coloured

Students can have their hair coloured at the tuckshop area during 1st break.

Inter-school Soccer

The inter-school soccer competition has concluded for 2016. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, Monday's games were cancelled and the fields are booked for the next few weeks.

ATTENTION – P & C AGM DATE TONIGHT

The P & C AGM has been changed to the 8th of March at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please see attached invitation.

PJ Marsh Rugby League Carnival

On the 4th of March, Calliope SS competed in the PJ Marsh Rugby League Carnival. The boys played unbelievably well against some tough competition. The boys and girls tied their first 3 games against Gladstone West SS, Kin Kora SS and Star of the Sea and lost 4-0 against Western Barbarians. Calliope was then placed 3rd overall in Pool B and played for 5th place in the carnival against Barbarians 1. The team found extra energy for the last game and won 16-4.

Chayce, Noah and Max were selected to play in the possible and probable teams for Port Curtis selection. All boys played extremely well with Noah gaining selection in the Port Curtis Under 10's team. Congratulations to all the boys and a big thank you to coaches Mo Andersen and Matt Ind for all their efforts.



Twilight Netball Carnival

On the 3rd of March, the Calliope SS netball teams competed in the Twilight Netball Carnival held at Dennis Park in Boyne Island. The girls were split into 2 teams – Calliope 1 and Calliope 2. Calliope 1 played really well, winning 3 out of 4 games in their pool. The girls only narrowly lost to Tannum Sands SS who were the pool winners.

Calliope 2 displayed excellent sportsmanship and team work playing competitively in all 4 games. For mostly new netballers, the girls played extremely well.

At the end of the night, 3 girls were selected to trial for the Port Curtis team on the 21st of March. Congratulations and good luck to Chloe, Charley and Ellara at the trials. Thank you to Ms Badham and Mrs Betts for coaching the girls.



Girls Rugby League Gala Day

Seven brave girls attended the Girls Rugby League Gala Day on Friday the 4th of March. The girls were put through their paces in a skills session and learnt more about the game. The NRL provided two excellent helpers in Brad and Rob and Jillaroo Chelsea Baker were able to help all day. At the end of the day, the girls played in a possible and probable game. Calliope SS were lucky enough to have 2 girls selected in the Port Curtis team. Congratulations to Charley and Tracey! Thank you to all the girls that participated!

Development Cup

This Wednesday will be our last week of the Development Cup competition. Calliope Stars will be playing Tannum Sands SS at 5.45pm at Marley Brown Oval. The boys will be playing for 3rd place overall. Good luck boys!

Community News

Pink Stumps Day – Sunday 13/03/16
10am - Bunting Park
Rotary Club President's 11 vs Local Members 11
BBQ Lunch on sale
For more information – visit Pink Stump Day's facebook page

40th Gladstone Harbour Festival Fun Run

The 40th Gladstone Harbour Festival Fun Run will be conducted on the 25th March, Good Friday at the East Shores Precinct. All ages and abilities are welcome. This is a great family event where everybody can have the chance to win many random draw prizes and a major prize of a trip to Heron Island or Cania Gorge. This run will be supporting the Gladstone SES. There will be a 3k and a 5K course.