What’s happening in …

Prep B

The Super Scientists!

In honour of national science week, we transformed into super scientists!

The Preps participated in a series of rotational activities, visiting each prep room to explore a different science concept. In Prep C we made sultanas dance by mixing Baking Soda, Vinegar, Tap Water. In Prep D we painted bread with coloured milk only to discover the painted section didn’t toast. In prep A we investigated colours and patterns using milk, food colouring and dish washing liquid to discover how dish liquid reacts on the surface tension. In Prep B we made Volcanos erupt! We used warm water, vinegar, bicarbonate soda, food colour and dish liquid.

We are also turning into super sight word readers, with a few of our students completing the first sight word rocket all the way to the top! Our first rocket contains One Hundred and Twenty words so this is an AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT!
Dates to Remember

9 Sept  Calliope’s Got Talent
10 Sept Eisteddfod - Speaking Choir
10-12 Sept Combined Band Tour
12 Sept R U OK Day
      Free Dress Day – footy colours
16 Sept Eisteddfod - Choir
19 Sept FFF - Technology Day
      Principals’ Parade 2pm

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.
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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

Principal’s Piece

Every day is a learning day!

Last Friday was Teacher Aide’s Day and we celebrated the wonderful work of our lovely ladies making them all queens for the day –

This will be Mrs King’s last Teacher Aides Day as she begins her retirement at the end of this term. We wish her well for her next adventure. Last week was also Support Staff week and the work of our office and grounds staff was also acknowledged.

We had a great week with Eisteddfod and sport last week with our Small WBP Group taking out a Highly Commended, The Small WBP Band winning their section, the String Orchestra taking out a third and Calliope receiving the Encouragement Award trophy over all. Our students also participated in the Twilight Netball Carnival and the 5-a-Side Touch Carnival at Benaraby on Friday, playing well and demonstrating good sportsmanship. Thank you to the teachers who coached and supported the students at these events.

The next instalment of the School Annual Report has been included in this week’s newsletter. The focus is on staff attendance, retention, qualifications, and professional learning.

Have a great week!
Marni Morrison

With the warmer weather approaching, this week’s SWPBS lesson is about being SunSmart. Students should bring a hat to school every day so that they can participate in PE, play on the oval, join in with morning fitness and be part of the other fun activities that occur from time to time (such as when the Brisbane Heat visited).

Last Friday’s attendance rate was a woeful 79.5%. Three day weekends put your child at a disadvantage preventing them from participating in the learning program.
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
10th September - M. Behrendt, C. Nightingale, J. Burfield, P. Carlyon
11th September - M. Ingham, K. Birch, L. O’connor

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 or Cathy in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.
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**How to Minimise Potential Attacks**

- If possible, avoid areas where magpies are breeding and nesting for the duration of the breeding season.
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- Do not feed magpies. Ensure no scraps of food or rubbish are left lying around.
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CALLIOPE POLICE targets school zones

Calliope Police would like to remind motorists to pay particular attention when driving near or around schools. There has been a recent increase in the number of offences around schools and your local police will be paying particular attention to these areas. Traffic operation officers will be targeting:

- School zones, including speeding offences in 40kmh zones
- Parking and no standing zone offences in relation to the drop off and pickup of children at schools
- School crossings
- Any other offences detected around schools.

Parents are reminded to park in the designated areas to ensure that children are not put at risk by walking out onto roadways between parked cars.

Police also urge parents to familiarise themselves with school drop-off and pick-up practices, discuss with their children rules for school zones, and to obey the road rules around school zones, in particular the 40kmh speed zone.

Following the directions of school crossing supervisors, and allowing a little extra time for your trip due to the increase in traffic around schools, will go a long way towards ensuring the safety of children on their way to or from school.

Police would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to discuss with their children the basics of road safety, particularly children starting school for the first time.

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Stars of the Week

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School Camp

Please be aware payments for school camp are due on the 17th September. If you have not yet returned your Medical/Permission Agreement please do so ASAP.

Spending money and medications are due to the school office from the 7th October. Please ensure medication is labelled from the chemist, and spending money is broken up in small denominations not exceeding $100 in total.

Dance Fever

Last week notes were handed out regarding Dance Fever. Dance Fever will commence in week 1 of Term 4 and will run for 10 weeks. The cost is $37 for the term and is required to be paid in full by Wednesday 17th September. As dance is an integral part of our students physical activity this is an opportunity not to miss. By participating in this program students in Years 4-7 will have the opportunity to showcase what they have learned at the ‘Dance Fever Interschool Dance Challenge’, at the end of the term.
Calliope’s Wide World of Sport

Interschool AFL
Last Monday afternoon, Calliope SS played Tannum Sands SS in the Interschool AFL grand final. The first half of the match was a tough battle with very close scores, although the second half of the game, Tannum found their strengths and won the match, 25 – 54. The boys and girls played an entertaining and exciting game of footy which had spectators on the edge of their seat. Well done to Maddison Bishop who was named player of the game after some amazing tackles. Thank you to the coach, Gary Hill, the parents who travelled each week and Miss Wriede for being an excellent team manager.

Twilight Netball Carnival
Last Thursday Calliope SS took two teams to participate in the Twilight Netball Carnival. The newly formed under 11’s team played extremely well during the afternoon showing great determination and enthusiasm. After a malfunction with the lights, the presentation for the under 11’s competition was held with the Calliope SS team finishing runners up. Well done on a fantastic effort girls!
The under 12 girls had a tough draw, although all the training that Miss Wriede has put the girls through paid off. The girls won their first two games easily but were met with tough opponents in their third and fourth games. The girls finished strong against St. Francis to finish 3rd overall.
Thank you to all the parents who travelled to Gladstone for the event, Ms Pengelly for refereeing and Miss Wriede who has trained and prepared the girls all year.

5-a-side Touch
On Friday, two teams travelled to Benaraby to participate in the 5-a-side touch competition. Both teams played really well and showed excellent sportsmanship on the day. Despite their best efforts, either team made it into the finals. Thank you to the parents for travelling and Miss Wriede for coaching.

Yours in sport,
Carmen Tuttle

No Parking
Please be aware there is to be no parking in front of the Fire Hydrant out the front of the pool. Fire season is approaching and in case of an emergency the Fire Brigade will need to access the hydrant. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this matter.

Community News

1-2-3 Magic Parenting
In 1-2-3 Magic you will learn how to handle misbehaviours in public and how to avoid the talk - persuade - argue - yell - hit syndrome. You will also discover how your silence can speak louder than words. This "Stress Free Parenting" program covers how to keep your cool when things get heated and, strengthen your relationship with your child.
Boyne Island Information and Family Resource Centre,
Castletower Building Hayes Avenue. Wednesdays 3-17 September 6pm-9pm. Thursdays 4-18 September 9.30am-11.30am.
For more information and to register please contact Crystal Harvey at Gladstone Womens Health: Ph: 4979 1456.