



Calliope State School

8 September, 2015

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

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We are very close to the end of Term 3 and we are working on many different elements of our learning. We also are having fun with different school events.

Many students came dressed in their sports colours for Free Dress Day. This was a success in our classroom with many donations made.

We are currently working on writing a narrative, which will include our own pictures. We are presently writing the beginning of our story with Sizzling Starts and Dynamic Dialogue.

In Mathematics, we are learning about patterns that can change. We are using our knowledge of odd and even numbers and number facts to help us do this.

In Drama, we are creating our own dramatic action. We have to create our own character to help a new student at the school.

Many students are also participating in Dance Fever. They are working really hard at learning the different combinations.



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Year 6 camp

All payments MUST be finalised by **Monday 14 September** for your child to attend camp. All forms were due last week. If you have not sent in your forms (medical, DVD, consent) you must do so by **WEDNESDAY 9 September**.

Principal's Piece

I can't believe it's week nine already!

Principal's Forum

This week I had the pleasure of meeting with a couple of parents in the first Principal's Forum. It was fantastic to hear directly from the parents about the great things Calliope SS is doing. It was also a terrific opportunity for me to hear, directly from parents, about what they see as requiring improvement. Over the coming weeks I will be working with our team to continue the improvement of our already great school.

Keep an eye for the invitation to the next forum which will be held early in term 4.

Building Project

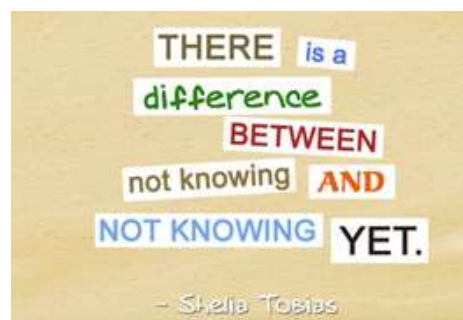
Another step towards our new administration and learning facility was taken this week. The initial facilities brief has been submitted for approval. At this stage, it is too early to showcase exactly what we will be getting but we will certainly be working with the Department to ensure that Calliope SS gets the best possible facilities for our students. With the joys of the new facility comes the pain of the construction phase. During the construction of the new building(s) there will be a range of areas that will be cordoned off which may impact on accessibility on the eastern side of the school. Once again, I will work with the construction managers to ensure that our needs as a school are paramount in consideration.

I will endeavour to keep the school community updated as the project develops.

Growth mindset

This week, teachers were able to participate in a professional development session which provided a glimpse at the research into future employment and career prospects for our students. We heard that, according to a wide range of research, it is posited that approximately 44% of the current jobs in the global workforce will no longer exist. With this in mind we discussed the importance of developing a skills base for students that will continue to serve them in an ever-changing employment landscape. Problem-solving, collaboration, entrepreneurship, and interpersonal skills will be necessary to ensure that our young people are well prepared for life beyond school. While it seems that this is such a long way off, especially for our prep students, the key message for us all to take away is a "Growth Mindset".

The Growth Mindset (Carol Dweck) refers to a positive, life-long learning culture and outlook in which we accept failures as, simply, a stepping-stone to success. This is something that we can all work together on - parents, students and the school - with the simple addition and discussion of the word, YET. "I'm no good at maths, YET." "I can't draw, YET." The list goes on. With this very simple, yet brilliantly meaningful word added to our "can't" statements, we instantly start changing our mindset from fixed to growth and concentrate on the positive notions of improvement.



If you have the time, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-swZaKN2lc> is great presentation on the "Power of Yet" from Carol Dweck herself.

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child's learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P & C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P & Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people who are involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

P and Cs QLD

Gladstone State High School

Representatives from Gladstone State High School will be visiting our school on September 9 to address our Year 6 students. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to attend.

Presentation to Year 6 Students

- Where:** Calliope State School
When: Wednesday 9 September 2015
2pm to 3pm
Who: Mrs Lisa Donohue, Head of School JNR
Mrs Janelle Haigh, Year 7 Coordinator
Year 7 Student Representatives
(former Calliope SS students)

Program:

- Introductions by Head of School, Mrs Donohue
- PowerPoint presentation by Mrs Haigh showing what our current Year 7s have experienced throughout 2015 at GSHS
- Speech by Year 7 Student Representatives
- Question and Answer session
- Student Representatives collected by parents
- Mrs Donohue and Mrs Haigh will answer any questions by parents collecting students from school.

Have you enrolled for Year 7 2016? It is a requirement that all future students complete an enrolment interview at Gladstone State High School. Narelle Hayes, Deputy Principal from Gladstone State High School will be visiting our school on Wednesday 16 September so parents can come and complete enrolment forms and complete a 15 minute interview. Please ensure you bring along documentation to confirm your residential address, ie: Council Rates, current Tennant Lease Agreement (please ask our friendly office staff if you are unsure what to bring). To arrange your interview time please contact Gladstone State High School office 4976 6111. Bookings essential.

Dates to Remember

- 9 September – T20 cricket
- 15 September- P-2 Speech Eisteddfod
- 16 September – Volleyball comp
- 16 September – Netball carnival (Biloela)
- 18 September – Principal's Parade 9.15am

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

9th September- R. Thurgood, A. Mills

10th September- S. Bukowski, R. Marsh, L. O'Connor

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.

Earn and Learn

Calliope School is collecting the Earn and Learn stickers again this year. There is a collection box in the school office. We use the points to purchase items such as mobile for classroom and the portable soccer nets on the oval.

DanceFever

DanceFever showcase will be week 10. Parents are welcome to attend student lessons to see the showcase performance.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Drachen	Prep B	Hayley
Prep D	Mathew	Prep E	Ava
1A	Kaleb	1B	Skye
1C	Layton	1D	Riley
2B	Joey	2C	Travis
2/3	Dylan	3A	Keera
3B	Ashton	3C	Jasmine
4A	Nickea	4B	Tayla
4/5	Te Rori	5A	Alana
5B	Ethan	5/6	Matty
6A	Erika	6B	Paige
PE	Noah	Music	Travis

Calliope's got Swag!

75 students from Year 4 and 5 camped out in the hall on Friday night to raise money for Swagtember – an initiative that provides swags for people in Australia who are homeless. Students and parents gave generously and we are delighted to announce that \$513 was raised on the night. \$80 can provide a homeless person with a water resistant swag and a good night's sleep. The money we raised will buy 6 new swags.

We played ball games, ate hot dogs for dinner and ice cream for dessert before settling in to watch a movie on the big screen. When we woke up (which was pretty early) we had fruit and toast for breakfast before we played more ball games. Our sleepover was officially over at 8am when the kids went home to their Saturday activities and the staff went home to nap!

The staff in attendance were pleased with how well the students conducted themselves for this special fundraiser.



Chappy Sonia's Corner

Teaching honour beyond the family

Teach your children how to greet other people with eye contact; saying the person's name; smiling and answering questions briefly. Children should also be taught to speak respectfully about other people, just as you do. Your most lasting legacy is how your children will treat their fellow human beings and the world you're leaving them.

-'THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE' by WENDY MOGEL

Curriculum Catch-up

Seven Steps to Writing Success

This week we will look at **Step 3 – Tightening Tension** and some tips for both Narrative and Persuasive writing.

To engage a reader's heart and emotions in any genre, you have to build up to a climax.

- Narrative:**
- You believe the hero (male or female) will fail
 - What do you see, hear, touch, taste, smell and feel?
 - Short words and sentences

- Persuasive:**
- Build to a crescendo – aim to persuade
 - Paint word pictures
 - Use stories
 - Engage the emotions



Use your six senses: What do you:

- See
- Hear
- Touch
- * Taste
- * Smell
- * Feel (emotional)

Topics: Storm at Sea Rock Concert Parachute Jump

Extended Learning Days:

We have continued with several more Extended Learning Days this term for our students.

Our Year 5 and 6 students spent the day at Toolooa SHS on Friday and more Year 5 students will be attending days over the next two weeks. We have students going to a Science Day, an Arts and Drama day as well as a Visual Arts day.

Year 2 students participated in an Extended Learning Day last Friday at Gladstone Central. They used iPads and Bee Bots to extend their technology skills.

The local schools run these focus days as part of the Gifted and Talented project for the Gladstone area cluster.

Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Raelene Norris



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 have opened Prep Interviews for this Thursday 10 September. Please contact the office for an appointment.

Year 7 at Toolooa SHS 2016 School Tour/Information Session

Date: Thursday 10
September

Times: Tour (4:30-6pm)
Information Session (6-
7pm)

Who Should Attend:
Parents and students
enrolled or intending to
enrol in year 7 2016.