What’s happening …

Recipients of the Principals’ Award from Term 3

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the Principals’ Award

Prep A  Piper  4A  Jacksen
Prep B  Maycee  4B  Henry
Prep C  Maxwell  5A  Chelsea
1A  Daniel  5B  Aleksi
1B  Savannah  6A  Katie
1C  Ahlia  6B  Renae
2A  Alexia  7A  Brayden
2B  Carissa  7B  Sharnie
2C  Shari
3/4C  Paige
3A  Isobel
3B  Tracey
Welcome back to term 4 which is always a very busy term for everyone. I hope you had a restful break and had some fun family time.

Welcome back to Mrs Donald who is returning from maternity leave and will be teaching 7B this term. Miss North has returned for the term as well, and will be teaching 1C for the remainder of the year.

Miss Norris and I have been looking at Term 3 reading and spelling data during the holidays and are very happy to congratulate the following classes, who met spelling targets for unit 6 at the end of last term.

SPELLING – the expectation is that 100% of students are achieving ‘at level’ and 40% of students are in the upper two bands.

Congratulations to 1A, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3/4C, 4A, 4B, 6B and 7A who have met both targets.

Congratulations to 1C and 5B for meeting the ‘at level’ target, and to 1B, 5A, 6A and 7B who have met the target for the upper two bands.

Dance Fever joins us for the first lesson today and we welcome Ash and Antonio to Calliope. All students will receive a free lesson today to allow them to see if they would like to continue for the term. Payment and permission details will go home this week. The Dance Fever program culminates in the Dance Fever Challenge which is a wonderful experience for students and their families.

This week’s focus reading strategy is…

**DETERMINING IMPORTANCE**

Efficient readers constantly ask themselves what is most important in this phrase, sentence, paragraph, chapter or whole text.

Factors such as purpose for reading, knowledge of topic, prior experience, beliefs, and understanding of text organisation will help readers to identify important information in a text.

When Reading with your child, ask “What is the most important part of this sentence/paragraph/chapter/text/website?’

Warm regards

Marni Morrison
**Being Sun Smart**

This week students will revise the procedure for going out in the sun. Teachers and students will discuss what the consequences are for not dressing ‘sun safe’. We are a Sun Smart school, therefore, **no hat, no play**. Students have to stay in shaded areas during play, and outdoor activities.

**P & C NEWS**

New opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday and Friday from 8.30 -9.30am. 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. **Please note change of opening times above.**

**Tuckshop**

Last term new tuckshop menu’s where sent home. Please take note of the changes in the menu selection and prices. Lunches are to be ordered on Tuesdays for Wednesday tuckshop. Ice blocks and snack food can be purchased over the counter at play time. Please provide separate bags for first and second break.

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**2012 School Annual Report**

**Staff composition, including Indigenous staff**

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<th>2012 Workforce Composition</th>
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**Qualifications of all teachers**

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**Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development**

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2012 were $18 189. The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Coaching - QELI/GCI Coaching program for School Leaders
- SWPBS – Key Leadership Team members attended the SWPBS Conference in Brisbane
- First Aid

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2012 was 100%.

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<th>Average staff attendance</th>
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<td>Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.</td>
<td>96.4%</td>
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**Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year**

From the end of the previous school year, 94.9% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2012 school year.
Swimming Lessons
Lessons will commence this week, starting Tuesday 8th October concluding Wednesday 4th December. Students are encouraged to participate in all lessons as it contributes significantly to your child’s life long learning and safety. It is compulsory for students to wear a swim shirt. For safety reasons jewellery and hair clips are not permitted in the pool. Letters have been sent home with a timetable included and a permission slip attached. If you have not yet returned your child’s permission slip, please do so at your earliest convenience.

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*The Prep classes will begin their water orientation classes in week 5 of term four- 06/11/13.

Hot Weather
The weather has become a lot hotter these last few weeks so we encourage students to make sure they bring a bottle of water and a hat to school.

Magpie Season
We would like to remind students to be mindful of swooping magpies in the months of August –October. Helpful Hints to minimise magpie attacks are:

- Wear a hat or use an umbrella
- Bikers to dismount their bikes and walk away
- A bright coloured flag attached to a pole and placed on the back of your bike
- Avoid areas of nesting and do not touch or remove eggs from the nest
- Do not provoke or harass the magpies

School Banking
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times.

Dance Fever
This term students are able to participate in the Dance Fever Program. Week 1 and 2 students get to trial the lessons and see if they wish to attend. The cost is $35 for the term and a discount applies to 3 or more children in a family. Letters will go home this week regarding the program with further information.

Messages to Students
We would like to ask that if you need a message to be given to your child in regards to how they are getting home or for after school arrangements such as sport, to please inform your child in the morning before school. If it is required to pass on a message to you child please inform the school office no later than 1.15pm. The school office is being notified at the last minute and it is not always possible to track down the students to pass the message on in time as they are not always in their classroom. Whilst every effort will be made to pass messages on it becomes very difficult with limited time. We thank you for your cooperation in regards to this matter.
**DAD’S DAY OUT 2013**


**Public Open Day at Gladstone Hospital**

Sunday 13 October 2013 10am-3pm. Join us for Hospital tours, health checks, Food and drinks stall, face painting and plaster demonstrations.

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**Instrumental Music News**

**Instrumental Music Band News**

Why Instrumental Music?
Music Education facilitates students’ academic achievement:
- Improves recall and retention of verbal information.
- Advances Maths skills.
- Boosts reading and English language skills.

There is a high relationship between interest in Instrumental Music and high self-perception, high cognitive competence scores and general self-esteem.

**RECRUITMENT for year 3 and 4**

It is that time of year again when we are looking for students for our 2014 Band program.

October 14 – 17 All students who returned permission notes will be assessed for suitability for all instruments.
November 8 Letters of offer for positions will be handed out to students
November 15 Permission letters for 2014 participation due back
November 28 Parent information night for all 2014 beginner students

**Continuing Students DATE CLAIMERS**

- Band Tour to Yeppoon: 21 and 22 November. Letters are being finalised and will be sent home soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to combine with other schools musically and socially. All beginners and Continuing students are expected to attend all band rehearsals in preparation for Band tour.
- Calliope Community Christmas Concert: Friday night 29th November.

**BAND SHIRTS**

All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop. All students will need a full band uniform for tour.

App for iphones/ipads/ipods to help with practise and Standard of Excellence Books.
STEP ONE: Please upload all cd’s from the Standard of Excellence books onto itunes.
STEP TWO: Download app called: Tempo Slow This app allows the student to slow down the piece of music to make it easier for the students to play along with the music.
Preparatory Year

Prep Open Mornings will be held on Monday, 28th October, Thursday, 31st October 9am-10am.

The Open Morning will be focussed on children’s active participation. Children can attend either session. If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you can contact the school office on 4975 8333 or call in and collect an enrolment / information pack.

The following table will assist you to determine when your child/ren are eligible to commence Prep. It is a requirement of Education Queensland that a birth certificate and immunisation records be sighted, so please present these documents upon enrolment.

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Enrolments for 2014

We are now taking enrolments for 2014 for all Year levels. To enquire about enrolling your child or to arrange an enrolment interview at Calliope State School, please contact us on (07) 4975 8333.

Enrolment packages can be collected from our administration office between the hours of 8am to 4pm.