



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

2C



2C has had such a wonderful year. Students have shown they're eager and keen to learn new and wonderful things. It has been such a speedy approach to the end of the year and 2C has been involved in some extra fun activities.

Taylah has really enjoyed our art activities such as the snowmen and reindeers you can see in our classrooms.

Georgia D has been enjoying our Christmas themed maths work.

Conner has enjoyed swimming at the pool and our pool party.

Georgia M likes when Christmas music is playing in the background, it feels so festive!

Daniel has liked English, he says spelling is his favourite and he likes to learn new words.

A class favourite this term has been learning how to play AFL with Ben. We can all agree the Christmas activities have been a blast and we're really excited to move into Year 3.



Principal's Piece

We are in the last week of the school year – it has certainly gone by so quickly! We have an exciting week with many culminating events.

Last night we celebrated the graduation of our year 6 students. They have completed seven years of primary school, for many, they have completed all these years at Calliope State School. We wish them every success in their next phase of learning at High School.



Congratulations to our 2016 school leaders. The badge ceremony will be held early in 2016.

Captains – Tracey Betts and Chris Winstanley

Vice Captains – Ellara Taylor and Tom Schmidt

Music Captains – Kiarna Marks and Brianne Ninness

Fitzroy House Captains – Charley Wilson and Ryder Huth

Flinders House Captains – Wally Latcham and Darcy Williams

Oxley House Captains – Ebony Schulte and Kyran Lowe

Work for our new building will commence in the holidays. Exciting times ahead! The school residence and a classroom building will be removed during the holiday break. The school grounds will be completely out of bounds from Monday 14 December until 11 January.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers at the school this year. Whether you helped out in the tuckshop, classroom, library or at swimming or another class event, we appreciate your support to our students and school. You are invited to our 'Volunteer Afternoon Tea' on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm near the library.



At this time of year we have to say farewell to several of our school staff. Miss Natalie Sun takes up a position in Mt Isa in 2016, Ms Carmel Robinson and Mrs Amanda Griffith finish their current contracts at Calliope, Miss Sarah Cahill takes on new adventures, and Mrs Catherine Maroske returns to Gladstone Central SS. Mrs Shay Gilliland is taking leave to await the arrival of the newest family member in 2016. Ms Vanda Nocon is taking 12 months leave in 2016 and we wish her well for her time in Brisbane. Mr John Fry returns to his Regional role and I thank him for stepping into the Acting Deputy role for the last 13 days. Ms Coralie Baldwin is also returning to her role of Principal Education Officer – School Improvement at the Gladstone Office for Education Queensland. Each will be missed and we wish them well in whatever directions they go in the future.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Principal's Parade on Thursday morning. We all wish everyone a safe and happy holiday break and looking forward to greeting you again in 2016.

Kind regards
Raelene

Classrooms Open in 2016

On Friday 22 January, classrooms will be open between 8.00am – 9.30am for parents and carers to drop off books before the start of the school year.

Resource Returns

With the end of the year quickly approaching, a reminder goes out to all families to start returning any library books or home readers that have been borrowed. Each year we have a large amount of resources that are lost, not returned or go missing. Your assistance in minimising these losses would be appreciated.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of all the staff at Calliope State School we would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. School resumes January 27th 2016. We look forward to seeing you again in 2016.



Dates to Remember

8 December – Dancefever Challenge
10 December – Principals' Parade 9.15am
27 January – First day of school 2016

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 no cash payments will be accepted in the last week of school but we will accept eftpos.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop Opening Times

If ordering your uniforms online, please collect from the office by Thursday 10/12/15. The uniform opening times for January 2016 are:

Thursday 21/01/16 – 10am – 12pm

Friday 22/01/16 – 8am – 10am

The uniform shop will be open during the above times to purchase uniforms and to collect online orders.

Tuckshop Closed

The tuckshop will be closed during the last week of school and the first week of school for 2016. Please remember to bring your lunch on those days, as tuckshop will be unavailable to students.



Calliope Pool Opening Hours

The following are the pool opening hours:

5am – 9am – Weekdays

3.30pm – 7pm – Weekdays

9am – 5pm - Weekends

Please phone 0497815393 or 4975 6455 to contact the pool regarding swimming lessons etc.



★ Stars of the Week ★

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| Prep A | Haasni | Prep B | Kobi |
| Prep C | Maddie | Prep D | Amalia |
| Prep E | Sienna | 1A | Amiella-Rose |
| 1B | Annalise | 1C | Annabelle |
| 1D | Maddy | 2A | Ryan |
| 2B | Tristan | 2C | |
| 2/3D | Mekal | 3A | |
| 3B | Lillian | Clayton | |
| 4A | Sophie | 4B | Ebonie |
| 4/5C | Ali | 5A | Tommy |
| 5B | Jacob | 5/6D | Tyler |
| 6A | Lilly | 6B | Jordan |
| PE | Arian | Music | Ryan |

2016 Booklist

The 2016 Booklist is now available. A paper copy is available at the office. Book packages are available at the Calliope Newsagency and Office National in Gladstone are also offering book packages for the Calliope booklist.

School Transport

Is your child starting high school next year? Will they be catching the bus? They may be eligible for free travel or discounted fares. To apply, go to www.buslink.com.au and download a Bus Travel Assistance application. LODGE YOUR CHILD'S APPLICATION IN 2015 TO AVOID THE START OF YEAR RUSH 2016 Bus Pass Cards can be collected from Buslink, 9 Lyons St, Gladstone From Monday 11th January 2016 For enquiries please phone 4972 1670 or email info.gladstone@buslink.com.au

Principal's Parade

Our final Principal's Parade for 2016 will be on Thursday 10 December, starting at 9.15am in the hall. All families are welcome to attend.

Christmas Cards

From this week, students are welcome to bring along Christmas cards for their peers at school. Students are asked to deliver them to the large post box that will be outside the year 6 classrooms. The envelopes must have the student's name and class written clearly on the outside. Our year 6 students will deliver cards during the day. We ask that no candy canes are put in the envelopes due to our Healthy Schools policy.

School Improvement Bulletin

Our Weekly Attendance Statistics

Calliope SS Attendance Target – 94%

Calliope SS Actual Attendance – 92.1%

Attendance Awards Term 4

Each week the class with the highest attendance is awarded a certificate for their effort and they take possession of the Attendance trophy for a week.

Week 1 – 2/3D, 3A, 3B, 4/5C all with 100% attendance for the week

Week 2 – 3B with 99% attendance for the week

Week 3 – 3A with 99% attendance for the week

Week 4 – 1C with 100% attendance for the week

Week 5 - 2C and 4B with 99.2% attendance for the week

Week 6 – 1C with 98.4% attendance for the week

Week 7 – 3C with 99.1% attendance for the week

Week 8 – Prep E with 99.1% attendance for the week

Week 9 – 2C with 97.6% attendance for the week

Farewell to Calliope State School

Wednesday, December 9, is my last day at Calliope State School as I will be returning to my role of Principal Education Officer – School Improvement at Gladstone Regional Office. During my time at Calliope State School my position at Regional Office has been patiently waiting my return and I am really looking forward to once again hitting the highways and visiting my schools across the Region (we have 190 schools in the CQ Region).

I was originally asked to come to Calliope State School as Acting Deputy Principal for Term 1 as Raelene was stepping up to the Acting Principal role while the Region went through the process to permanently appoint a new Principal. This ended up being extended through until the end of Term 2 and then again until the end of 2015.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at Calliope State School. The biggest drawcard for me in agreeing to come to the school, other than being able to work with Raelene again in a leadership position which we did a number of years ago 😊, was to be back inside school grounds with the opportunity to work with children again. I have been travelling the Region in my substantive role since 2010 and although I visit many school across the Region and have taken on short term Acting roles along the way, I have not had the chance, in a long time, to spend quality time with children where I have had the opportunity to develop relationships that extend to really knowing students, their hobbies and interest, their family backgrounds etc. It has been a very rewarding experience.

I thank you for welcoming me into your school and your community. I am looking forward to returning to the position of School Improvement Officer in 2016 and will actively follow your journey over the coming years at a Regional level. I plan to drop by regularly to catch up with the wonderful staff who have supported me whilst being here and to say hello to the children.

Have a safe and merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Best wishes to you and your family for 2016.

Coralie Baldwin
Deputy Principal – School Improvement