Congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders for 2016. They were presented with their badges on parade last Friday. Thank you to our Local Member Glenn Butcher and Mayor Gail Sellers for joining us for this special presentation.

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1A have had a great start to 2016! We have spent the first two weeks of school settling in, learning our new routines and making new friends. Our class is so excited to investigate the external features and habitats of different creatures during our science unit this term. This week we are looking at the external features of plants! We are learning about emotions in English and using that knowledge to create amazing artwork in the form of portraits as we express emotions with colour choices.
Our school review – an opportunity to have your say.

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 22 – 24 Feb 2016.

The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the department’s School Improvement Unit.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au.

Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: schoolreviews.eq.edu.au

School Leaders Announced

Last Friday we had the pleasure of Mayor Gail Sellers and Gladstone MP Glen Butcher attending our assembly to present our school student leadership team with their badges. It was great to see such interest in our community from such revered community leaders. I look forward to working with the student leaders throughout the year as we work to make this great school even better.


Well done to our students and parents on a great start to the year in terms of attendance. On assembly last week it was announced that 25/26 classes had achieved our school attendance target of 94%. Two of those classes had 100% attendance! The more you are here, the more you can learn. The more you learn, the more you can do. The more you do, the more difference you can make in the world.

Well done!

Jeremy Godden
Principal
Class Meetings
At the beginning of each school year we have class meetings, so that the class teachers can meet parents and go through some of their class routines and expectations. It is also a wonderful opportunity for parents to clarify any questions. Class meetings will be held in week 4 (15-17 Feb). Below are the times for each year level meeting.

- Prep - Monday 15th at 3.30pm
- Year 1 – Tuesday 16th at 5.00pm
- Year 2 – Wednesday 17th at 3.30pm
- Year 3 – Wednesday 17th at 5.00pm
- Year 4 – Monday 15th at 4.00pm
- Year 5 – Tuesday 16th at 3.30pm
- Year 6 – Tuesday 16th at 4.00pm

Addams Family – Combined Schools Musical
The Addams Family is the 2016 Combined Schools Musical. Calliope School will be taking 200 students in years 3-6 to a performance on Wednesday 9 March. An information letter and permission form will be sent home this week with all students in years 3-6. The cost will be $12.00. We thank the Calliope P&C for subsidising part of the bus costs for this excursion.

Chappy Sonia’s Corner
Learning by doing
Children need both skills (competence to do what is good) and motivation (the will to take on responsibility). Doing jobs – looking after themselves and helping the family – are a child’s first good deeds. By teaching our children a habit of responsibility at an early age, we give them the confidence to take on ever-more challenges as they grow older. Helping at home raises self-esteem. Ordinary jobs are the foundation of our children’s character. 

- The Blessing of a Skinned Knee’ by Wendy Mogel’

Tuckshop News
The tuckshop will be opening on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in 2016, starting in week 2. If you have any spare time, please consider volunteering at the tuckshop, as it is a good way to be part of the school community and meet new people. A tuckshop menu can be obtained from the office.

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.
We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

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.
Stars of the Week

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School Banking
Welcome to another thrilling year of the School Banking Program. The School Banking Program rewards students who demonstrate good savings behaviour through our Rewards Program. Reward items can be redeemed once your child has made 10 School Banking deposits. To participate in the School Banking program, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. Parent packs can be collected from the office and our school banking day is Wednesday.

School Photos
School photos envelopes are being sent home today with students. School photos are scheduled for the 23rd and 24th of February. A timetable will be advertised in the upcoming newsletter, detailing the dates and times when the classes are having their photos taken. Sibling and spare photo envelopes can be collected from the office. Envelopes and payments should be returned on the day of the school photos.

Calliope Country Fishing Club
The Calliope Country Fishing Club (CCFC) are looking for new members for the upcoming 2016 season. The CCFC is a family orientated fishing club which meets one weekend a month. So if your family enjoys camping on weekends while fishing the estuary systems between 1770 and Stanage Bay, there will be an information night held at the Calliope Country Club on Friday the 19th of February at 6pm. The first meet for 2016 will be the 27th & 28th of February.

For further information please call Brendan on 0488794459 or Darren on 0447279955; alternatively email to calliopecountryfishingclub@yahoo.com
New Cashless System is here!

Calliope State School is constantly on the lookout for new ways to make your interactions with school more convenient. That's why we've engaged with Flexischools, Australia’s leading school payment system, to provide a new cashless way for you to pay for school services.

Order and pay for a range of school services online with Flexischools online ordering…

Flexischools is the fast, convenient and secure way to order and pay for

**Tuckshop and Uniform Shop**

orders from home or on your mobile.
Flexischools makes our school services available to you 24/7

- Parents set up a Flexischools account online and pre-load the account with funds.
- Parent can use the funds in their account to order and pay for a range of services online
- Parents can view their orders online and can set a daily spending limit.

Get Started with Flexischools…

Set up an account for online ordering…

You can set up an account online – it only takes a minute.

2. **Top-Up your account** via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
3. **Make an order** by selecting from the range of options made available by your school and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.
4. **Review Orders** by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

What does it cost?

**Online Ordering Fees** - $0.25 per order
**Account Top-Up Fees** -
- Direct Deposit $0.00
- Credit card (visa/mastercard) $0.29
- PayPal $0.35