What’s happening in …

News from 1D

We finished off Term 2 by following instructions to make Fairy bread and we started Term 3 by discussing Fairy Tales.

This term in English we are focussing on retelling some of our favourite Fairy Tales. We have discovered different versions of The Little Red Hen, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks.

In Maths we have been learning about the capacity of different containers and starting to set out and work out our sums vertically.

We are looking forward to a fun but busy term.
Last week, the 2016 NAPLAN results were released to schools. We at Calliope SS should be extremely proud of our students’ achievements. These achievements, some of which are outlined below, are a direct result of the quality programs and dedication and commitment of the staff, students and parents of the Calliope SS community. We have set high expectations of students in relation to learning and they have demonstrated their capacity emphatically. One of the goals that was set for our school was to ensure that all students are improving at a rate greater than the national average. Preliminary analysis of our data clearly indicates that this has occurred in a wide range of areas.

Some of our achievements include:

**Yr 3**

- Statistically similar to the State in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation
- Statistically similar to the nation in Grammar and Punctuation
- Significant improvement (equivalent to approximately 1 yr of growth) in Reading from wk 5 Term 1 (data from internal diagnostic assessments and pre-tests)

**Yr 5**

- Statistically similar to the State in ALL areas
- Statistically similar to the Nation in Reading, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy
- Year 3 – Year 5 relative gain shows improvement approximately 15% greater than the national average for Reading and 10% greater for Numeracy

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It is important to note that, while Queensland has been identified as the state with the greatest overall improvement, Calliope SS has still managed to close the gap with the rest of Queensland. An outstanding effort from all involved.
As we head towards the end of the year at an alarming rate, it is vital that all children who are eligible for Prep in 2017 are enrolled as early as possible. Early enrolment will ensure that parents and students have the opportunity to engage in the many transition, orientation and information sessions provided to ensure successful transition into the prep year. I ask for parents to support us in this by mentioning the importance of early enrolment to family and friends of the aforementioned processes. Enrolment details and information packs can be obtained from the school office, after the Prep Information Session on the 15th August.

Over the next couple of weeks, all eyes will be on Rio and people across the globe will be inspired by the amazing feats from the athletes competing at the Olympic Games. These athletes, in a wide range of sports, have demonstrated the fruits of dedication, determination and resilience that have allowed them to compete at the highest level on the world stage. While I’m sure we will all be focussing on our local and national athletes and admiring their achievements and efforts, I also encourage families to take the time to explore and be inspired by the many different tales of courage and determination from other nations’ athletes. Of particular note may be this year’s inclusion of the Refugee Team. A team of 10 athletes from a range of countries experiencing significant conflict and hardship have been selected to compete at the Games. These are some amazing stories of survival, commitment and dogged determination that epitomise the values and spirit of the games. It is stories like these, and many others, that can be a true inspiration for our students and the lessons to be learnt in that winning isn’t everything and the achievement of personal goals is something to be celebrated.

Remember, “You don’t have to be the best, you just need to be better than you were yesterday.”

Jeremy Godden
Principal
Resilience

Everybody’s life has ups and downs

Adults sometimes look back on their childhood as a time when they were happy, but life’s ups and downs are a part of childhood too. Children need to build resilience skills to be able to both enjoy good times and deal with hard times. Helping children learn how to manage life’s ups and downs and build their coping skills supports their mental health and wellbeing now and into the future. Feeling good protects mental health and wellbeing.

Did you know that experiencing positive emotions such as joy, pleasure and having fun are essential experiences for building and maintaining a healthy mind across our whole lives?

Skills and qualities that help children cope with life’s ups and downs

- **Trust** – that the world is safe and that there are caring people to help them
- **Belief** – in their ability to do things for themselves and achieve their goals
- **Feeling good** – about themselves and feeling valued for who they are by their parents and carers
- **Optimism** – that things generally turn out well
- **Regulation** – ability to manage their feelings, thoughts and behaviours.

Children develop these skills and qualities and learn to keep a balance over time, initially through their experiences in coping with small stresses with help from supportive adults. When bigger stresses come along, even though at first they might feel quite distressed, children can draw on what they have learned about helping themselves to cope and feel better. Looking to others for support continues to be an effective way of coping.

For more information about Mental Health Matters

Prep Information Session – 15th August
Enrolments are now being accepted for the 2017 school year. If you have a child who is eligible for Prep in 2017 please enrol early so that you will receive all relevant information and details relating to the upcoming transition program. Students are eligible for Prep 2017 are born 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012. Enrolment details can be obtained through the school office.

Information sessions for Prep 2017
Calliope State School

Monday, 15th of August at 9am & 5pm

All parents of children who were born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012, are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the Prep program at Calliope State School. Parents may attend either session time.

* Address from School Administration
* Prep Routines
* First day of Prep
* Getting ready for Prep
* Question Time

ALL WELCOME!

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Stars of the Week

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Word of the Week

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Calliope Catwalk – 13th August 2016
Calliope Catwalk Ladies Day will be an afternoon of fun, fashion and friends and will include the Recycled Fashions and Wearable Art Fashion Awards. **Raffle tickets need to be returned by Thursday 11th August.**
Chappy’s Corner
From generation to generation
Many loving, sensitive and smart parents look in the wrong places to remedy their families’ distress. Stuck in the short view of parenting, these parents measure their children’s worth by sizing up their mood, grades or social standing. When we take a longer view, we measure differently. We look at children’s capacity for reverence, for gratitude, and for compassion. Building strength and self-reliance in our children requires an investment of our time and thought, it requires a long view both backward to our heritage and forward to our future. The End!
“The Blessing of a Skinned Knee’ by Wendy Mogel’

Coping Café – 17th August
Parents are invited to come along and chat with support staff and other invited guests over a cuppa and cake on the 17th August at 9am in the Library square.

Uniform Shop
The opening time for our uniform shop is Wednesday 8.15-9.00am. The uniform shop has eftpos. Otherwise cash and cheque are 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 on Wednesday. Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools - www.flexischools.com.au.

Prayer Time with Chappy
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 8:00– 8:30am
Where: Chappy Sonia’s office between 3A and 3B

Book Week – 22nd -26th August
Australia: Story Country! is the theme for Book Week 2016.

Book Week is being held from the 22nd August to 26th August. Come dressed as your favourite book character on Friday 26th August, but please remember to bring your uniform to change into after parade.
**Botanic to Bridge – 21\(^{st}\) August**

We have two weeks to go until the Botanic to Bridge Fun Run. Please register as it is a fabulous family activity. Homework passes will be given to any students who can beat Miss Norris’s time.

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**Open Night – 24\(^{th}\) August**

Calliope State School is holding an Open Night on the 24\(^{th}\) August at 5pm. All parents, carers and members of the community are invited to attend. Please refer to the agenda below.

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**Calliope State School**

**Open Night**

**Wednesday 24th of August**

*Agenda:*

- Classrooms will be opened from 5 pm to 6 pm.
- Book fair will be in the Hall Foyer from 5 pm to 6 pm.
- Parents are invited to make their way to hall at 6 pm to listen to the School’s Choir and a presentation by Mr Godden to view the construction of the new school building.*
Positive Behaviour of Learning (PBL)
This week the students are learning about being prepared and ready to learn. To ensure students are responsible learners, it is essential that have all of their equipment ready. It is that time of the semester when students are running low on pencils and rubbers. Please check with your child to ensure they have all their equipment that is required.

Be Prepared and Ready
Before school, pack school bag with:
- Lunchbox
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Homework or Library bag

Before school starts, set up desk:
- Sharpened pencils / red pen
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Water bottle

Community News
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