3/4 C
If you can hear lots of laughter coming from the 3/4C classroom as you walk past we’re actually working very hard! We have been studying humorous poetry in English and have been learning all about the structural features of poems and the poetic devices poets use to create humour in their poems. Some of our favourite poetic devices are below:

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<td>- fun + fantastic = funtastic</td>
<td>- ‘darling snog’ from snarling dog</td>
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<td>- chocolate + delicious = chocolicious</td>
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<th>Alliteration – words that have the same sound at the beginning</th>
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<td>- Eli eats eggs.</td>
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<td>- Savannah’s seven sisters slept soundly in sand.</td>
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<td>- Alliteration always annoys angry ants!</td>
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As well as analysing several different poems, we have had the chance to put all our knowledge about poetic devices into creating a poem of our own. We are very much looking forward to performing them for you at the Principal’s Parade next week.

**My sister and the magpie By Paige 3/4C**

One afternoon we went for a walk
From the tree at the left, we heard a big squawk.
My sister wasn’t walking she was riding her bike
Down came a magpie and she got a big fright.

Swooping and squawking and flapping her wings
Making a commotion with what she brings.
"Mrs Magpie, please! We’re just going for a walk”
So Mr and Mrs Magpie had a little talk.

"I suppose this girl doesn’t mean any harm,
We’ll just scare her off with a little of our charm.”
And with one last squawk and a flap and a swoop
Down her back they planted one great big poop!

‘Eeek! I’m going away!
That’s enough magpies for one whole day!”
So my sister sprinted swiftly across the strawberry patch
And the magnificent magpies always won the match.
### Dates to Remember

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### Principal’s Piece

**Every day is a learning day!**

This week’s focus reading strategy is…

**SYNTHESISING**

When comprehending text, efficient readers use synthesising to bring together information that may come from a variety of sources. As students read and use synthesising, they stop at selected places in a text and think about what has been read. When reading with or to your child, say ‘Stop and think about what you are reading.

Last week we hosted an Explicit Instruction Network Meeting of 30 Principals and Curriculum Leaders from Central Queensland. The group also included Mrs Yvana Jones, our Explicit Instruction Consultant (and former EQ Assistant Director General), and Mr Jeff Munce (Assistant Regional Director and my supervisor). The two days were very successful, with affirmation and praise from Yvana and our colleagues. Mrs Kirk, Mrs Kettle and Miss Heron very bravely demonstrated Explicit Instruction in our classrooms for the group.

Yvana’s feedback was very positive; she pulled me to the side at the end to say that Calliope, along with one other Gladstone school, is ‘way up there’. She has given us some ideas for tweaking, but on the whole she was very impressed. She went as far as to say that she would be happy to have any of the three teachers we observed on her staff if she were a Principal, which is high praise indeed.

Huge thanks go to Mrs Schmidt, who not only did her regular role, but also catered (and baked) for the group over the two days. Thank you to Mrs Holland for helping set up and pack up each day and to Mrs Kettle and Miss Talmage for being our Teachers-in-Charge while Raelene and I were working with the network. Thank you to everyone who modified their day to help make the days easier – Mrs Gilliland and 5A, Mr Perkins and 4B, Miss Talmage, Mrs Goodman-Jones, Mrs Fisher and 2B, Miss Smith and our strings students, and anyone else I have missed. Big, big thanks go to our demonstration classes – 2A, 4A and 5B who were wonderful learners during the two days and made us and their teachers very proud.

We have Explicit Instruction pod observations tomorrow, where our own teachers observe and provide feedback to each other. The work our team has done coaching each other, supporting each other, sharing and working in pods has contributed to the very high standard of teaching and learning in our classrooms, and Raelene and I are exceptionally proud of our team and the work they have done. Calliope is a great school to work and learn in and we get better and better every day!

Warm regards

Marni Morrison

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### 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 on 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 Monday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing vnoco1@eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

**Office hours are 8am–4pm**
**SWPBS Lesson**

**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.

**Autism Queensland**

**Autism Queensland** Support Groups are established to provide support to both individuals and other groups (community and professional). In particular the Family Support Group focuses on issues related to individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), parental or caregiver responsibilities associated with caring for a person with ASD, and the needs of family members including siblings.

This is a time for you. To be heard and nurtured, to find support from others who have been there, learn about upcoming events, network with other families and resources if available in our library. Come along and join us for a light supper and a cuppa. All enquiries call 0427750130.

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**When:** 20 September 2013.

**Meeting Times:** The above Fridays at 6:30 PM.

**Where:** Gladstone Community HUB 5 Buller Street South Gladstone

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**2012 School Annual Report**

**Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school**

97% of students responded that they are getting a good education at Calliope State School and that their teachers motivate them to learn. 95.1% of students like being at Calliope State School and 99% said that they were satisfied that their teachers expect them to do their best. 100% of staff were satisfied with staff morale in 2012 and 92.9% agreed that they had good access to quality professional development.

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* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items were incorporated in the School Opinion Survey in 2012.

* Percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement. Due to changes to the School Opinion Surveys in 2012, comparisons with results for previous years are not recommended.
Free Dress Day
This Friday is a Free Dress Day with the theme of wearing your favourite “Footy Colours”. Students are still required to wear sun safety clothes – sleeved shirts and covered shoes, no footy boots.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all the students who have completed the Challenge this year. Certificates will be sent during Term 4.

Flag Football Challenge.
The current school rugby league team is issuing a challenge to past rugby league players of Calliope State School to a game of flag football on the school back oval on Friday 20th September (last day of term 3). The game starts at 10:00am and will conclude by 11:00am. Mr. H will referee. It is a time reflect on past rugby league achievements at the school as well as acknowledge our current crop of talent. Regards Mr. H

Donation for Year 1's
Please save plastic containers and small cardboard boxes. The year ones are creating a recycled band in week 11, and we need cereal boxes, tissue boxes, muesli bar boxes, empty glad wrap and foil rolls, small plastic containers like margarine tubs, plastic cake or cookie containers. If parents could make sure plastic containers are rinsed and taken to the music room. We thank you for your efforts.

Swimming Lessons
Lessons will commence in the 1st week of Term Four, 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.

Stars of the Week

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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.
**P & C NEWS**

Uniform Shop Opening Hours. The uniform shop will be open every Friday from 3-4pm as well as every Monday 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.

**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop is open every Wednesday. Orders must be placed each Tuesday by placing the orders in the tuckshop bin located in each classroom. Tuckshop menus are available from the office. A new menu was sent home last term. Please be aware of the changes and price increase.

**Community News**

**Calliope & District Cricket Club Sign On**

Calliope cricket is looking for players, juniors and seniors, for the 2013/14 cricket season. Team nominations are required by 21st September 2013 and junior fixtures will commence 11th & 12th October 2013 (subject to change). For further details please contact Russell Williams on 0417 790 263 or Bruce Gibbs on 0409 737 391. Or for more information, visit playcricket.com.au.

**Gladstone Junior Basketball Summer Season Sign On**

Thursday 19th September 2013 5-7pm at Kev Broome Stadium (behind PCYC) The Summer season runs from 10th October through till the end of March 2014. All games are played on Thursdays from 5.15 pm. Boys and girls of all ages are welcome to come along and join a team, no previous game experience required. Registration is $145 for the season.
For more information email gladstonejuniorbasketball@y7mail.com

**Instrumental Music 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 and Strings program. Students in year 3 will offered a form to try out for the Instrumental Music Program.
Students in year 4 and 5 can certainly get a note from the office if they are interested in joining the program.

**Instruments offered in 2014**

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet (can rented for $150 a year from the school)
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French Horn (can rent for $150 a year from the school)
- Trombone (can rent for $150 a year from the school)
- Euphonium (can rent for $150 a year from the school)
- Tuba (can rent for $150 a year from the school)
- Percussion: Glockenspiel and Snare drum only in first year
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello (can rented for $150 a year from the school)
- Double Bass (can rented for $150 a year from the school)

**Sept 9 – 13**

Instrumental Music Week. Band to perform for year 3, 4, 5 students to demonstrate band instruments and permission notes for 2014 are given out.

**Sept 12**

Band performance at 9:20 for year 3,4,5 9:20 parents welcome

**Sept 16 – 18**

Combined Band/Strings Tour to Gladstone Schools to promote instrumental music

**Sept 20**

All permission notes must be returned to school

**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 28**

Parent information night for all 2014 beginner students
**Continuing Students DATE CLAIMERS**

- **Tuesday September 12:** Band Parade performance for **year 3 and 4 recruitment** 9:20am. Parents Welcome.
- **Week Of September 16th:** Combined Band Tour Concert for whole school.
- **Band Tour to Yeppoon:** 21 and 22 November

**BAND SHIRTS**
All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop.

**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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**Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens is celebrating its 25th birthday October 1st - 6th, 2013.**
Following is our birthday program of events. Some of the things we have planned include:
- **Friday 4th October Family Movie night,** BBQ will be available for purchase.
- **Family Fun Day Sunday 6th October 9am-2pm** Free parking is available at Meteors Sports Field, free entry, free kids rides, free jumping castle, free kids craft activities, free face painting, art and craft markets, native plant stall and food will be available for purchase on the day. We will be launching the Children’s trail in the Gardens at 1pm. Come and see Costa. Special guests are Costa from ABC Gardening Australia and Professor Tim Entwistle from the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. And heaps more! We look forward to seeing you at the birthday celebrations.