What's happening in…

1C

What a busy term we have had in 1C! In English we have been learning about using persuasive techniques in our writing. The class has been reading ‘The Pigeon Series’ by Mo Willems, where the Pigeon uses a range of strategies to convince the reader to let him drive the bus, get a puppy or even let him stay up late. The children have created their own persuasive text in the form of a book.

In mathematics we have been focussing on increasing the speed and accuracy of our addition and subtraction facts. Last Friday, we had a Speed Test Challenge in which Jessica for 1B was crowned Speed Test Champion. Well done to all other students who participated.

During technology this term students investigated the process of joining materials to create their own insect. Their created insect had to include: a head, an abdomen, six legs, antennae, wings and a thorax. See some of the children’s creations below.

With the school year nearly over, 1C wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday!

2013 Christmas Concert will be held this Thursday from 9.15am in the school hall. Please come along and watch your child perform, we look forward to seeing you all there.
**Dates to Remember**

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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**

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**Principal’s Piece**

**Every day is a learning day!**

It’s hard to believe that the last week of the school year is finally here and that Christmas is just around the corner. Tonight we celebrate our Year 7 students’ Graduation and on Thursday we have our Christmas Concert and final Principals’ Parade for 2014 (9:15am start if you don’t already have it on your calendar).

We have achieved more than I could have thought possible this year. Aside from our usual rigorous routine to make a difference to every child, in every classroom, every day, we can also proudly say –

- Our improvement strategy around Reading and Spelling has become part of ‘how we do things here’ and will stretch to include Writing and Number in 2014.
- Students have spelling and reading goals and will expand this to Writing and Numeracy goals in 2014 as well. This process will be further refined and embedded next year.
- In NAPLAN we improved at rate greater than the nation in 14/15 areas.
- We have embedded many aspects of Explicit Instruction and consider ourselves an ‘Explicit School’. Explicit Instruction will continue to be our signature pedagogy next year and beyond.
- We have developed our Pedagogical Framework.
- The new school website was launched and is available on the QSchools app.

You will see a significant change in 2014, with 11 new classroom and specialist teachers joining our team, and many of the familiar faces off on new adventures. 2014 is also the last year that Year 7 will be a part of our school and we will be preparing students in Year 6 and 7 for the transition to high school.

Class lists for 2014 will not be posted under the Admin building this year. Instead you will receive a letter detailing your child’s class and teacher once lists have been finalised. Enrolment numbers are still fluctuating so please remember that classes are not final until after Day 8 and there are likely to be changes in the new year.

Have a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year and we’ll see you on the 28th January for the first day of school.

Regards
Marni Morrison
**Christmas Cards**
We are fast approaching the end of term and students are starting to think about sharing Christmas cards with their friends. They can be brought from Monday 2 December and placed in the box outside the Year 7 classrooms. The year 7 students will sort the cards and distribute to classes during the day. All cards must be in an envelope with the students name and class clearly written on it so that it can be delivered to the right person.
We ask that candy canes and lollies are not given out with cards.

**P & C Annual Christmas Raffle**
Tickets for our annual Christmas raffle are now available to purchase. Purchases can be made each morning at the front gate and on Friday mornings at parade. The tickets are 50c each and the raffle will be drawn at the last parade of the year. The P&C are asking each family to donate non-perishable items for the Christmas raffle, there will be a basket in the office for you to drop off your donation.

**Stars of the Week**

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**School Banking**

School Banking **is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office.** There will be no student banking on Wed 11th December 2013 due to it being the last week of school.

**Community News**

**Vacation Care Program**
Gladstone Central OHSC are finalising the details for this terms Vacation Care Program. Our holiday program will commence on Monday 16th December 2013 and run through until the Friday 24th January 2014, until the commencement of the 2014 academic calendar on 28th January 2014.
If parents wish to make a booking for the upcoming holidays or get any more information they can visit the camp Australia website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or contact our customer service consultants on 1300 105 343.
Gladstone Regional Council's popular youth holiday program, SUNfest, is back in 2014.

More than 40 fun and exciting activities have been organised for January 7-16. Programs are available at Council's website, administration centres and schools throughout the region from November 4. Tickets go on sale from Wednesday, December 4, at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. Don't miss out, grab a program today!

The Glen Cricket Club will be holding a Milo In2Cricket program in February 2014. This program is available to boys and girls aged 5-10. There will be lots of fun activities and give aways for everyone.

Registration day: Wednesday 4th December
Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Where: Sunvalley Sports Park
Mercury Street, Sunvalley.
For further information please phone Melissa 0407 501599

Football For Children will be holding a 4 day soccer skills clinic at Tannum Sands State School from the 16th to the 19th of December. Each day will start at 8.30 am and finish at 2.30pm. Children can be dropped off from 8.00am and picked up by 3.00pm. The clinic is for any boys and girls aged from 5 to 13. Children can participate for 1, 2, 3 or all 4 days. Please go to www.footballfc.com.au to register or call Blair on 0400033989.

Extra opening hours for the Uniform Shop 2014

The uniform shop will be opening the week before school starts. The dates and times are as follows:

**Thursday 23rd Jan** 8.30am – 10.00am

**Friday 24 Jan** 8.30am – 10.00am

Preparatory Year

If you have not already put in your application for Enrolment for 2014 can you please do so now. Information and packages are available from the school office. 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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Reminder for Preparatory Year 2014

Parent if you have not yet provided all the necessary documents for Prep 2014, such as birth certificate and immunisation records, could you please do so at your earliest convenience.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property bins under B Block for any lost items. If items have not been collected by Friday all lost property will be donated to charity.