Prep D
2014 has seen an influx of Preps which has resulted in the formation of the amazing Prep D class. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Gilliland have been impressed with how keen and motivated the students are as they begin their learning journey with Calliope State School. They have quickly learnt and adopted the routines and rules of the classroom. This week was exciting as they met some of the important teachers in the school when they wrote an “I Went Walking” innovation story.

Parent Meetings

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## Principal’s Piece

**Every day is a learning day!**

Welcome to Week 3. We have a teacher, Miss Randall, ‘freshly ordered from Brisbane’, as I told 3C, and arriving later this week. Until she arrives, Mrs Zmigrod will be teaching 3C, with support from the other Year 3 teachers.

With Day 8 now behind us it is time to focus on our school priorities – Writing, Number and Explicit Instruction. Shortly, we will begin POD observations, where teachers work in teams to observe and learn about Explicit Instruction from each other. Students are already working hard on improving their number facts and Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be leading the charge to improve Writing. It’s all systems go!

Congratulations to our Student Leaders who were presented with their badges at a special parade last Friday. We look forward to working with them in the coming year and are certain that they will be wonderful ambassadors for our school.

We have not yet found a permanent Instrumental Music teacher; however, Mr Reibel, an IM teacher from the Tannum area will be working with us for the term to get our students back into the rhythm of things. Mr Reibel will be with us on a Monday, so continuing AND beginners should all bring their instruments and other equipment next Monday for their first lesson. More information should be sent home in the next couple of days.

Regards

*Marni Morrison*
Maths Mental strategies
This week we are focusing on:

Prep – Year 3: Count on
Count on is more complex than it first appears as it relies on students having two distinct concepts; one being that of understanding altogether as the joining and counting of objects in two groups and the other being that of breaking the counting sequence. The latter involves counting on from a starting number other than 1. Looking at a group of objects, knowing how many and then counting on from that number is the first step towards addition. Touching and counting every object does not lead to practice with addition; it leads to practice with counting. Thus the move to counting on is very significant.

Years 4-7: Bridge back through 10
Bridge back through 10 also involves knowledge of friendly numbers and rainbow facts but this time is used in reverse. For 13 – 4 it is easy to think 13-3 is 10 and then to subtract 1 more to give 9. This works just as well for larger numbers too. For 140-60, subtract 40 to get to the friendly 100 and then subtract the remaining 20.

Nut Allergy
As many families may be aware we have a couple of students in Prep this year with a nut allergy. We have implemented a ‘Nut Free’ Lunchbox logo to assist with identifying any potential allergen foods. Below is a guide for these students. Please avoid PEANUTS.

Also please avoid: ❌
*peanut M&Ms
*biscuits with peanuts or peanut paste in them
*peanut paste sandwiches
*food cooked in peanut oil
*most chocolate contains nut traces
*muesli bars containing nuts

Safe foods: ✔
*multigrain bread
*boiled egg
*roasted chickpeas
*tiny teddies and other prepacked snacks which state they ‘may contain traces of nuts’

If students do have items containing nuts we ask that they wash their hands with soap and water to remove residue before they use play areas.

P & C NEWS

Tuckshop
To help our tuckshop to run more smoothly, please take note of the following changes:

Each break is to be in separate bags labelled, 1st Break and 2nd Break; if only one bag is included all orders will be given at 1st break.

NO BAG, NO ORDER. Please use brown paper bags or enviro bags from the Uniform shop, you will need to purchase two enviro bags if doing both breaks. Pieces of paper, post-it notes and ziplock bags will no longer be accepted.

All orders must be at the tuckshop by 9.15am, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Make sure to have your child’s full name and class on the bag, along with their order and prices. This allows helpers to distinguish what is being ordered, ie party pie or traveller pie, $1.20 or $3.00.

There will be no more special orders, no additions or exclusions to the menu. If your child doesn’t like tomatoes they will have to remove it themselves. Allergies are an exception; please speak with the convenor.

Please check prices; there has been a price change in Term 4 2013.

Please use correct change where possible.
If paying for multiple orders, i.e. siblings, please drop all bags directly to the tuckshop before 9.15am. It takes a lot of time to search for each sibling’s bag orders to find which one has the money in!

Our tuckshop is run by volunteers and we are losing several of our volunteers in 2014 as their children are moving onto high school. If we don’t get new helpers your children will miss out on the fun of tuckshop!

We have only 3-4 helpers feeding approximately 300+ people in only 1 hour, we do hope you appreciate that this means that we have had to streamline the way our tuckshop operates.
**Message from Chappy**
Hi, my name is Sonia Ruge and I have just recently moved from Toowoomba to be the new School Chaplain at Calliope State School.
I will be working at Calliope three days a week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) and Gladstone Central State School two days a week (Tuesday & Thursday.) My role as “Chappy Sonia” is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to the school community. My aim is to support students as they deal with issues ranging from family breakdown, loneliness, anxiety, self esteem etc. I will provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend including Staff and Parents.
Please come and say hello and if you have any more questions please contact me via the school office or email me at soniar@chappy.org.au.

**School Banking**
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. If you are new to our school and would like to open up a Dollarmite account, please see Vanda in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.

**Stars of the week**

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**Reminder for Preparatory Year 2014**
Parents 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.

**Tuckshop Roster**
12th Feb- S. Kington, M. Behrendt, K. Baker
13th Feb- M.Ingham, C.Campbell, L. Ninness

**Uniform Shop**
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday and Friday 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.

**RIVER RANCH BUS MEETING**
There will be an Annual General Meeting of the River Ranch Bus Conveyance Committee held at the Calliope State School Library on Monday, 17th February at 6:00pm. This is a mandatory audit requirement for the continued operation of the school bus. If you value this bus service, please show your support by attending this meeting. Enquiries: phone David 49756730

**POSITION VACANT**
A permanent Cleaning position (total 7. 25 hours) to be worked (Thursday & Friday) afternoons is available at Benaraby State School. If you are interested please phone the school 49704333, to start now.