Calliope Kids are:
Safe
Respectful
Responsible

5A
As you can see by the photos 5A has been actively engaged in the new “7 steps writing program”. We have been practising sizzling starts and planning to write by brainstorming and story graphing. Currently, we are working on tightening tension through the use of senses and emotions. All students are working hard to improve their writing which will assist them in their upcoming NAPLAN tests. We have explored each of the aspects of writing using the persuasive and narrative genres. We are working on becoming faster and completing more work in the allotted time. To date we have reduced our planning time to fifteen minutes which is a huge leap forward thanks to the 7 steps strategies. Soon, each student will receive an individualised improvement grid showing them which specific skills they need to work on to further improve their writing. Great work 5A champions!
**Dates to Remember**

19 Mar  School disco
20 Mar  Free Dress Day
20 Mar  6 a side soccer
27 Mar  Earth Hour
23-27 Mar  Parent Interviews
2 Apr  Principals’ Parade

**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**

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**Office hours are 8am-4pm**

**School Payments**

Please be aware that all eftpos transactions have a minimum limit of $10.

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**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

Parent interviews are an important way teachers and parents can communicate about the children in our school. All classes will be holding parent interviews during week 9 of this term, 23 – 27 March. Letters will be sent home this week with each child for parents to book a time during that week to talk to the teachers about their child and the start of 2015. Please return your preferred times to the class teacher and they will let your know when your appointment will be during the week. Please consider taking this opportunity to talk to the class teacher during our formal parent interviews.

The Life Education van will be at Calliope School from 23 March until the end of the term. Information letters regarding payment have been sent home and payment ($4.00) is to be handed to the classroom teacher. All classes will be attending. Students who do not pay will attend another class for that session.

Prep – Harold’s surprise
Year 1 – Harold’s Mystery Tour
Year 2 – Clued Up
Year 3 – All Systems Go
Year 4 – Harold’s Diary
Year 5 – bCyberwise
Year 6 – It’s Your Call

On Friday March 20, we will be holding our first Free Dress day for 2015. The theme is St Patrick’s Day, so start looking for some green clothing! At the March P&C meeting is was decided that all money donated on this day will go towards funding new library resources for Thangool State School. The school lost over 80% of their library books during the recent cyclone and we are looking to support the school in buying new resources. If you wear ‘Free Dress’ on 20 March we ask for a gold coin donation. You are most welcome to donate more if you wish.

Last Tuesday night we elected a new P&C executive for 2015. It was exciting to see lots of new faces on the night. There are many ways you can be part of the P&C from helping in the tuckshop, helping out at events such as the disco and fundraisers to being on the committee. I look forward to a busy and rewarding year with our P&C.

Regards

*Raelene*
**Donations required**
If you have any old footy socks at home and are happy to donate them to the school, please drop them into the office. Thanks for your support.

**Win a classroom makeover for your child’s school**
If you have tokens to enter the competition from the newspaper, please hand them into the office.

**Attendance Award**
Class Attendance Award for Week 6 goes to 2C with 99%!

**Life Education** The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting our school from 23rd March to 2nd April. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart choices for a healthy future. Notes were sent home last week. Please return your permission slip along with your payment of $4 to your child’s teacher. Payments are due by 18th March. No late payments will be accepted.

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*Please note due to our email system changing we are currently having problems with our email and contacts. We apologise for the inconvenience and hope to have this rectified as soon as possible. This week we have sent a paper copy home to the oldest student in the family.*
**Stars of the Week**

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**Students arriving late or early departures**

Parents are asked, where possible to avoid making appointments for your student during school hours. Parents are reminded that if you are signing your student out it must be done through the office.

**Message for students**

Please make sure your child knows before they leave home in the morning to how they are getting home. If you require a message to be delivered to your child during the school day, it is necessary to let the office know before 2nd break which is 1.15pm. We understand that some messages after this time is unavoidable but also we would like you to be aware that these messages may not be conveyed to your child due to class changes etc. We will endeavour to deliver late messages but cannot guarantee the message can be given to your child. It is best that you contact the office ASAP if there is a change in your child’s normal routine.

**ICAS tests**

Students in years 4-6 have the opportunity to participate in the ICAS tests in 2015. Information sheets were sent home last week.
Calliope’s Wide World of Sport

**Interschool Soccer**
23/2 – Calliope SS played St. Francis. The girls lost 4 nil and the boys lost 2-1.
2/3 – Calliope SS played Star of the Sea. The girls lost 4-2 and the boys lost 2-1.
This week, Calliope SS take on Kin Kora at 4.50pm. Good luck to both teams!

**Interschool Rugby League**
25/2 – Calliope SS played Central and South combined and won 30-0.
This week, Calliope SS play Kin Kora again at 5pm. Good luck boys and girls.

**PJ Marsh Cup**
On Friday, Calliope SS took part in the annual PJ Marsh Cup. The boys played extremely well in the hot conditions, winning 3 out of 4 games which took us to the grand final against Clinton SS. The boys played their hearts out but were defeated 12-8.
Congratulations to Ryder and Kyran who were selected in the Port Curtis U10’s team to play in the upcoming quad series.

A big thank you to Trevor Huth who coached the boys leading up to the carnival and on the day and to the parents and guardians who supported the team all day!

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**Community News**

**2015 Community Musical - THE MIKADO**
Presented by Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre and Gladstone Performing Arts Company
Written by Gilbert and Sullivan and re-imaged for Gladstone, it’s a classic comedy story of boy-meets-girl but turns into merry mayhem – it’s a musical to delight all ages.

The Mikado features a cast of exceptional local performers and musicians.

**TIME/DATE:**
7.30pm Friday, March 20 (Opening Night)
2.00pm Saturday, March 21
7.30pm Saturday, March 21
7.30pm Friday, March 27
7.30pm Saturday, March 28

**TICKETS:**
Full price $39.00
FFOT $33.00
Pensioner $33.00
Senior $33.00
Students $33.00
Groups (10+) $33.00