



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

News from 3B

It is certain that 3B has been working hard this term. They are currently writing a letter to Mr Godden about whether we should have a family, mothers' or fathers' day celebration at school. They are hard at work checking their spelling and punctuation, writing in cursive and using some astounding persuasive language.

We have also been off to the Mothers' Day stall to buy our mothers' presents for Mothers' Day. Lots of children were using their money knowledge to work out their change and how to spend their money. We also wrote mum a letter saying why she is the best mum in the world. The children designed an envelope for mum to put the letter in.

We are also learning how to do athletics in PE. It is the first time we will do the upper school athletics. We loved doing the long jump.



Get ready for NAPLAN this week, because we are going to blow it out of the water!

Prep-Yr2 – Sports Morning 25th May
Yr3-6 – Sports Day 27th May

Principal's Piece

NAPLAN Week

As you would be aware, some of our students (years 3 and 5) will be engaged in NAPLAN testing for the next three days. These assessments range in duration from 40 to 50 minutes with no more than two tests on any given day. The tests provide valuable information to assist teachers in designing the best possible learning experiences to help your children maximise their opportunities and potential. These assessments provide our young people with an opportunity to show us what they can do. Leading child psychologist, Andrew Fuller, has written a great article to remind students (and parents and teachers) that NAPLAN is not a measure of intelligence nor a predictor of future success. While the tests are important and it is important that the tests are completed, and completed to best of their ability, it is also important to note that it doesn't assess or measure all of the wonderful and unique qualities that make them so special.

<http://www.generationnext.com.au/2016/04/preparing-for-naplan/>

We wish all of our students well and encourage them to give their best.

Some Unpleasantness

Last week I had the unpleasant task of addressing the school assembly regarding some disappointing behaviour. The behaviour discussed involves students who are mucking around in the toilets. As adults, I'm sure we can understand the issues with this, not only from a behaviour perspective but also from a health and hygiene stand-point. At the moment, we are cleaning and repairing toilets in the school on a daily basis. This is disgraceful waste of resources and I am seeking your assistance in halting this issue as quickly as possible. Teachers are currently keeping a record of students who are leaving class to go to the toilet. We have requested that students report any damage to the office immediately upon noticing it. With these two processes in place, we will be able to respond to the matter and track the possible perpetrator(s). Could I please ask that parents have a conversation with their children about the obvious issues with loitering and playing in toilets? Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Building Program updates

As you may recall from previous information, we, theoretically, should have construction started on our new admin and classroom building. It appears that there has been a hold up at a bureaucratic level that has been caused by changes to approval processes etc. We have some time factored into the project to allow for delays like this and the indication is that construction will commence a bit later this month. In a way, this is a blessing in disguise as we have managed to avoid disruption during NAPLAN week.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

In the interests of providing a safe and secure learning environment, schools are expected to have an Emergency Response Plan which details how we will prepare for and respond to a disaster or emergency situation. This includes weather, geological, biological or human events that pose risks to life, property or the environment. The Emergency Response Plan applies to all staff, students, visitors, contractors and volunteers at Calliope State School.

The main general response strategies which are most likely to need to be implemented singularly or jointly, are:

1. Evacuation;
2. Lockdown;
3. Temporary Closure.

Quarterly reviews of Evacuation and Lockdown are held to ensure all staff and students are aware of the procedures. Be aware that in coming weeks we will conduct an Evacuation and/or a Lockdown drill. If your child shares these events with you, can you place the concept of being prepared for an event in context for them and discuss the importance of treating these readiness exercises seriously?

UPDATED CONTACTS

Can you ensure that your personal contact details are up to date. The following are worthwhile checking:

1. Emergency contacts
2. Mobile phone number for contact as well as SMS for absence text
3. Email address for report cards and general school information.

Jeremy Godden
Principal



Under 8's morning

Under 8's morning is on next Wednesday from 9.15 – 10.45am. It is one of the favourite student days of the year! Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come along and create, paint and construct with their kids. Please make sure you have sent in their permission form and media consent for this event.



Student of the Week

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|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| Prep A | Eli | Prep B | |
| Prep C | Kayden | Prep D | Nate |
| Prep/1E | Haasni | 1A | Keeley |
| 1B | | 1C | Deakin |
| 1D | Cooper | 2A | Tori |
| 2B | | 2C | Taliah |
| 2D | Archie | 3A | Clayton |
| 3B | Max | 3C | |
| 3D | Jasmine | 4A | Lachlan |
| 4B | Cooper | 4C | Darby |
| 5A | | 5B | Daniel |
| 5C | Ebonie | 6A | Kyra |
| 6B | Nikita | 6C | Kiarna |
| PE | Hailee | MUSIC | Ruby |

Chappy Sonia News

Preventative Havoc

Does your child get enough time to horse around, make noise, get into trouble or break things? You are parents, not police or undercover agents. Let your kids have a hose fight or make mud pies that they throw at each other. Let them make a messy cake with food colouring or have an ice throwing war at each other. Think of all this as preventative misbehaviour that is like an earth tremor that will release pressure so an earthquake does not happen!

The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel'

Happy Chappy Week

Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday 18th May

Gold Coin Donation

**All Money raised goes toward the school
Chaplaincy Service**

Dates to Remember

13,20,26 May 123 Magic workshops
10,11,12 May NAPLAN Yr's 3 & 5
18 May Under 8's morning
25 May P-2 Sports morning
26 May Yr 3-7 Sports Day
27 May Yr 3-7 Sports Day

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.

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Newsletter Distribution

The newsletter is published every Tuesday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

Office hours are 8am-4pm

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 7:45 – 8:00am

**Where: Chappy Sonia's office
between 3A and 3B**



Student Banking

Reminder - Student banking on Wednesday. Five or more deposits during this term puts students in the draw for a prize on Principal's parade



Community News

Weekend Cartoon Camp

Please find attached the information regarding a Weekend Cartoon Camp on the 4th & 5th June in Gladstone.

Calliope Catwalk – 13th Aug

Save the Date: 13th August
Calliope Catwalk Ladies Day will be an afternoon of fun, fashion and friends and will include the Recycled Fashions and Wearable Art Fashion Awards. There will be entertainment, raffles etc. Tickets can be purchased from Limestone Clothing and through the Calliope P&C, and include nibbles and a 2 course meal. Cost for tickets is \$55. Please find attached information regarding the Calliope Catwalk.

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Port Curtis Cross Country

Last Friday, 16 students from Calliope SS competed in the Port Curtis Cross Country trials at Ubobo. All students ran extremely fast times and showed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all of these students.

Port Curtis Rugby League

Congratulations to Tyler and Ryder who have made the Capricornia Rugby League Under 11 team. Both will be going to Sunshine Coast to compete in the State Championships. Good luck to Tyler and Ryder!

Athletics Days – 25th, 26th and 27th of May

Calliope State School will be holding their annual Athletics Carnivals in Week 7. A program is attached in this newsletter regarding times and information about the events.

For the senior carnival, this year will see a changed format due to the growing size of the school. When competing in the field events (long jump, discus and shot put), students in years 3-6 will receive one attempt at a throw or jump to make the top 10 within their age group. If students are successful in reaching the top 10 then they will receive a second and third attempt. Students aged 10-12 years old that finish first or second in their event will be eligible to attend the Country Coast Athletic trials on the 10th of June at St Francis, Tannum Sands.

Lost Property

A large number of lost lunchboxes can be located under B Block. We encourage parents and students to please check under B Block if you have lost your lunchbox. These items will be donated to charity at the end of this week if not claimed.

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.