What's happening in ...

4/5C
What a busy term it has been so far! Students have been working hard to complete all assessment ready for Report Cards to be written. We were all very glad when the Sports Day started on Wednesday allowing us to get out of the classroom and use up lots of energy. All who attended the full Sports Day on Friday had a great time also! A special congratulations goes to two students from our class, Delaney Claridge and Jacob Betts, on winning Age Champions on the day.

Students have been having fun in Technology creating a machine to ‘help out at school’. The students have created amazing machines and cannot wait to test them out with other classes.

Korean Culture Day

Thursday we had a visit from the Korean Cultural Centre. Students participated in activities such as K-Pop dancing, cooking and making Lotus flowers.
**Dates to Remember**

- 17 June: ICAS Spelling
- 11 June: Regional Rugby League Final - TBC
- 19 & 20 June: School Photos
- 20 June: Reports go home
- 20 June: Country Coast Athletics
- 27 June: Principals’ Parade
- 28 June-13 July: July Winter Vacation
- 14 July: First day of Term 3

**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!**

Only three weeks until the holidays and the halfway point of the year. I’m sure that Prep parents are scratching their heads and wondering how the year has flown so fast, and I’m doubly certain that parents of Year 6 and 7 students, who are all off to High School in six short months are wishing that time would slow down. There is quite a bit of action around enrolments for high school at the moment so I would encourage parents to check the website of their chosen high school regularly; you don’t want to miss out on applying for the laptop class or the scholarship if your child is so inclined. We are currently negotiating a Parent Information Session with Mrs Jo Dahl from Gladstone State High to follow up on the informative session she did with us last year, so watch the Facebook page for a confirmation on date and time.

As part of our Great Results Guarantee plan, students in Year 3, 5 and 7 who were identified as being at risk of falling below the national minimum standard in Reading have participated in a combined home reading and volunteer reading program. Our data on the progress of these students shows that students have significantly benefited from this program, when they have read at home every day and shown up for their volunteer reading every day. Reading a text, at an instructional level, with an adult using Pause Prompt Praise, every day, makes a real difference to a child’s reading ability. This intervention is drawing to an end for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 and in the last week of the term, parents will receive a graph of their child’s progress and students who have had a high rate of participation will be invited to a pizza party to celebrate their hard work. We are currently identifying the next group of students who will participate in the program, commencing next term, drawn from years 2, 4 and 6. As with all intervention programs, and we have many that we run periodically, this will only work if students are turning up every day. Every day is a learning day!

Students who miss more than ten consecutive school days are now able to apply for an exemption from schooling. This means that the time away is not recorded as an official absence from school but certain conditions must be met. A family holiday is not acceptable for an exemption but a prolonged hospital stay or travel overseas might be. An Exemption Interview with the Principal and DETE paperwork are part of the process. Please contact the office for more information.

Regards

Marni Morrison
Maths Mental Strategies
This week we are focusing on:
Prep – Year 3: Number splitting
When the students have a range of strategies at their finger tips, they can begin to play around with numbers to make addition of unknown facts easier. 5+8 can be thought of as 5+5+3 by number splitting. Numbers can be split to make rainbow pairs or to allow doubles to be used.

Years 4-7: Chunking and multiplication
Chunking can be applied to multiplication but requires close attention to the place value of the numbers being multiplied. This ensures that students develop an understanding of what it is they are doing when they multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.

Free Dress Day
Friday 13 June is our next Free Dress Day. Students are welcome to wear ‘State of Origin’ colours on this day. Students still need a hat and closed in shoes on this day. All students in Free Dress are asked to bring along a gold coin donation.

Instrumental Music News
Congratulations to our two groups who performed at Fanfare last Thursday.

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge
Thank you to those students who have already completed the Challenge! As reading is part of the homework expectation for all students (20 minutes a night) you can add those books to your list once you read them.

Late Arrival/Early Departures
Our policy at Calliope State School regarding early departures or late arrivals is as follows:
- Children arriving late at school must be accompanied by a parent to sign them in or a note explaining late arrivals
- This is recorded and students will be given a late slip. Students must then report to their classroom teacher
- Children departing school early must be signed out at the office by a parent. Parents will be provided with an early departure slip which is then to be given to the classroom teacher upon collection of your child
Parents are reminded that continued late arrivals or early departure contribute to poor work habits.
SWPBS News.

This week the students are learning about ways they can show that they are listening to adults or peers. Students will brainstorm strategies that can help a good listener.

- Attention to the speaker
- Chairs straight and still
- Teacher talking
- I look to the front
- Voice has stopped
- Ears are open

Smiley Classroom Visits

Keep an eye out for our SWPBS mascot ‘Smiley’. Smiley will be spreading the word about our three school rules ‘Safe, Respectful and Responsible’.

Smiley will be discussing the SWPBS system in regards to positive and negative behaviour.