What’s happening in …

1B

This term is a very busy one for 1B. We have already had a visit from Mark Dorse, a Deadly Australian animal expert. We have also met Peter Carnavas and he taught us how to draw a really cute shark. Coming up we have an excursion to the Gladstone Entertainment Centre to watch a production of the very popular children’s story, “Wombat Stew”. In Maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction using the part-part-whole model and in Science we have been observing the features of day and night. In our English unit this term, we have been creating characters that possess human qualities using the “Willy the Wimp” series of books by Anthony Browne and this week is our assessment for this unit. Mrs Foster can’t wait to see the characters that we create.
**Dates to Remember**

- **11 Aug**: Prep excursion to “The Gruffalo”
- **12 Aug**: ICAS Maths
- **12/13 Aug**: Calliope’s Got Talent auditions
- **16 Aug**: Calliope Catwalk
- **17 Aug**: Botanic to Bridge
- **20 Aug**: Open Night
- **29 Aug**: FFF - Free Dress
- **2 Sept**: P&C Meeting
- **3 Sept**: GYMC Meeting
- **4 Sept**: Twilight Netball Carnival
- **5 Sept**: Teacher Aide Day
- **5 Sept**: 5-a-side Touch
- **12 Sept**: R U OK Day
- **Free Dress Day – footy colours**
- **19 Sept**: FFF - Technology Day
- **Principals’ Parade 2pm**

**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.

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**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!*

Ms Kirk returns from leave this week to work on an exciting project for the remainder of the year. We are using our Great Results Guarantee funding to employ Ms Kirk to deliver the intensive MiniLit and MultiLit programs to students not meeting reading benchmarks. We also have SPELD coming to work with our teaching staff in October and with support staff and parents in November, on the topic of Dyslexia and other significant learning disabilities.

At Calliope State School we pride ourselves on our commitment to digital learning so it was exciting to unpack 20 new laptops and place them in the Computer Lab last week. Some of the older laptops will be moved to classrooms to replace the old desktops and others will increase the number of computers in classrooms to at least three available in every learning area.

This weekend is a very busy weekend for our school community. On Saturday we are hosting the Calliope Catwalk Fashion Design Awards at the school Hall. There is a record number of entries and, with the theme being The Mad Hatters Tea Party, it promises to be lots of fun. If you aren’t planning to go and be part of the audience, why not donate a couple of hours to sell raffle tickets or work back stage. Visit the School, P&C or Calliope Catwalk facebook pages to contact the organiser, Mrs Lynda Ninness and volunteer to help make this event a successful fundraiser to benefit your child/ren.

The other event occurring this weekend is the annual Botanic to Bridge fun run. Nominations are being taken until Thursday evening and each nomination in our school’s name directly benefits our students with part of your nomination fee coming back to the school. Go to [http://www.botanictobridge.com.au/](http://www.botanictobridge.com.au/) to nominate.

Thank you to the one fabulous mother who volunteered to help with our reading program last week. We still have a handful of students looking for someone to read to each day. Please contact me through the office if you can help out.

The next instalment of the School Annual Report has been included in this week’s newsletter. The focus is on the school’s Curriculum Offerings.

Have a great week!

*Marni Morrison*
Uniform Shop
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday 8.30 to 9.30am and Friday from 8.00 -9.00am.

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.

Tuckshop Roster

6th August- Show holiday
7th August- S. Taylor, H. Page, L. O’Connor
13th August- M. Behrendt, C. Nightingale, J. Burfield, P. Carlyon
14th August- L. O’connor, K. Birch, M. Ingham

Calliope Catwalk Fashion Design Awards
Our major fundraiser is coming up and we need as many helpers as we can get, setup on the Friday, raffle ticket sellers, dressing room helpers, bar helpers etc. If you are able to donate any time either on the day or in the lead up to Saturday16th August, please contact Lynda on 0427 853 709. All proceeds go back to improving your child’s education.

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 or Cathy in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings
• Instrumental music, including Strings and Woodwind, Brass and Percussion
• THRASS Program
• Learn to Swim
• Project 600 – Reading
• UNiFY Programs – Write On, Critical Thinking, Sketch Up
• Chaplaincy Program

Extra curricula activities
• ICAS Maths, English, Science, Spelling and Computer tests
• Interschool Sport including netball, rugby league, boys and girls soccer, AFL and volleyball
• Excursions including Year 7 Camp to Brisbane, Year 6 Leadership Camp and class excursions
• School Choir
• Community Services such as ANZAC Day march and school-based services
• Gladstone Cluster Schools Extended Learning Programs
• Literary Carnivale
• Toolooa Super Challenge and Out of The Box (Tannum Sands SHS)
• CQ Regional Shield
• Literacy/Numeracy Week activities
• Sewing Club
• Card Making Club
• Green Team
• Band Camp
• Community Christmas Concert

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning
Calliope State School is very well resourced in terms of ICT hardware with all classrooms equipped with an electronic whiteboard, several computers and a digital camera. Teachers also have access to iPod Touches, iPads, Bee Bots, a robot named Eddy, which can be used for problem solving and programming. The Resource Centre contains a computer lab with 22 computers, a bank of mobile laptops and a multi-media room with Chroma screen technology. Desktop computers are being phased out and replaced with classroom laptops as they provide more flexible learning options and take up less classroom space. Teaching staff have a high level of expertise in the area of digital learning. The C2C curriculum materials used in classrooms are embedded with digital learning experiences. At Calliope State School our intention is that the choice to use digital technologies is as natural as choosing to pick up a pencil to write. Students use the Internet and eBooks as research tools, they record their learning using a wide range of programs and devices such as iPod Touches, and they communicate with classmates, teachers and the wider community using a variety of tools. Many teachers operate virtual classrooms for learning in the classroom and at home. In 2013, students participated in on-line learning programs such as Project 600 and UniFY (through Brisbane SDE). Students connected with a teacher and classmates through iConnect and The Learning Place to participate in these extension programs.
**Botanic to Bridge**

You only have days left to register for the 2014 Botanic to Bridge. Registrations close this Thursday at 8pm. Thank you to all who have already registered.

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**2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

We have less than one month to go with the Reading Challenge. All forms need to be returned by 5 September 2014. Congratulations to Emmy in 1A as the winner for the draw last week.

**Stars of the Week**

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**School Payments**

Please beware any monies due to the school for payment of excursions or activities have a due date. To avoid disappointment please make sure payments are made by the due date as no late payments will be accepted. All money is to be provided in an envelope with your child’s name and activity clearly marked, then given to the classroom teacher. Please do not take money to the office unless it is stated to do so. Please note the Caltex service station will not provide you with change as they do not have the capacity to do this. Where possible it would be appreciated if the correct amount of money is provided. If change is to be given it will be provided with your receipt once the payment has been processed.