



Calliope State School

11 August, 2015



Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

Prep B

Dance Fever this term has let Prep B strut their stuff and get their groove on. We thoroughly enjoy getting moving, especially in this cold weather.

Prep B is looking at the wonderful world of weather this term for science. On a daily basis, we have been comparing our weather with the weather of our sister city Saiki, in Japan. We have also been learning about the symbols a weather scientist uses when looking at the weather. We have been using our senses to explore weather by talking about what weather looks like, feels like, smells like and sounds like.

We are becoming rhyming masters, exploring lots of different rhyming books and rhyming words. We are in the middle of talking about our favourite rhyming books and creating our own rhyming words to match words we have found in the books we've read. We have been looking at celebrations and commemorations and looking at events from the past and will be telling a story about the past.

We are also about to begin designing our kites. We have already looked at different types of kites and what sort of materials kites are made from. Prep B is very excited to begin building their kites which will happen in the next couple of weeks.



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Curriculum Catch-Up



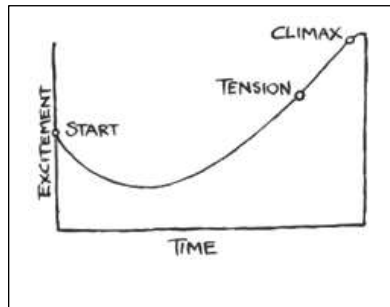
Seven Steps to Writing Success

In 2015, our other curriculum focus area has been writing.

All staff were trained on the Pupil Free Days in January with the program Seven Steps to Writing. This has been implemented in our Year 1-6 classrooms throughout Semester One. Our Prep classes will start this semester with the program.

Hopefully by now, you will have heard your child/children talking about some or all of these steps at home. The Seven Steps are:

- Step 1: Plan for Success
- Step 2: Sizzling Starts
- Step 3: Tightening Tension
- Step 4: Dynamic Dialogue
- Step 5: Show, Don't Tell
- Step 6: Ban the Boring Bits
- Step 7: Exciting Endings



We have focussed our Seven Steps on two main types (genres) of writing – Narrative and Persuasive.

This week we will look at **Step 1 – Plan for Success** and some tips for both Narrative and Persuasive writing.

- Narrative:**
- brainstorm ten ideas to get ONE great idea
 - Build up tension – a long scene
 - Know your ending before you start

- Persuasive:**
- brainstorm ten ideas – for and against
 - Pick your side
 - Select three 'body paragraph' ideas
 - Build up to the crescendo – persuade
 - Top and Tail –Sizzling Start and Ending with Impact

An example:

Brainstorming at least ten ways to tackle the topic...

Eg: jump

- The day your sister dared you to jump off the shed roof.
- A leap of faith.
- Jump for joy because...
- Frog jumping races



What other ideas can you come up with for this topic...

Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Raelene Norris

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child's learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P & C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P & Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people who are involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

P and Cs QLD

Prep enrolments

We are now taking names of children who wish to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child born from **July 1st 2010 to June 30th 2011** he/she is eligible for Prep enrolment in 2016 at Calliope State School. Enrolment packages and information sessions will be available in term 3. Late last year, changes were made regarding Prep. Principals have the discretion to enrol students who turn five by **July 31st**. Prior to a decision being made, a detailed enrolment interview will take place to determine his/her suitability and readiness.

2016 Prep Transition meetings

Information sessions for Prep parents in 2016 will be taking place in August. A parent session will be on Tuesday 18 August at 5.00pm and repeated on Wednesday morning 19 August at 9.15am. Enrolment packs will be available at these meetings. Bookings for enrolment interviews will start after these meetings.



Get Set for Prep

Book Week – Dress Up parade

On Friday 21 August we will be celebrating Book Week with a Dress Up parade. Students are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character that morning. After parade they will need to change back into their school uniform.

Botanic to Bridge – August 16

Registrations close this Thursday at 8pm! Make sure you are registered in time if you want to take part in this great local event.



Dates to Remember

18 August	Prep Parent Info Session 5pm
19 August	Prep Parent Info Session 9:15am
19 August	Open Night
21 August	Book Week Dress Up

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

School Payments

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

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are **Monday 8.30-9.30, Wednesday 2.30-3.30, and Friday 8-9**. The uniform shop will now have eftpos available *most* Mondays and Wednesdays. Otherwise cash and cheque 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 the next Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Tuckshop Roster

12th August- R. Thurgood, D. Cottee
13th August- L. Moore, B. Sherrington, L. O'Connor
19th August- A. Mills, A. Austin
20th August- L. O'Connor, L. Smalley
Volunteers needed. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out at the tuckshop please see Amanda in the Tuckshop or contact the office.



New QSchool

You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.



Stars of the Week

Prep A	Maddison	Prep C	Katelyn
Prep D	Makayla	Prep D	Barry
Prep E	Skylah	1A	Maddison
1B	Izabellah	1C	Brock
1D	Ava	2A	Harper
2B	Alexander	2/3D	Kai
3A	Samantha	3B	Arian
3C	Rhianna-Bell	4A	Tyran
4B	Shari	4/5C	Ty
5A	Nikita	5B	Ellara
5/6D	Kevin	6A	Tia
6B	Tahlia	Music	Mikaela
PE	Skye		

Open Night

On Wednesday 19 August, we will be holding our Annual Open Night. Parents and families are welcome to visit classrooms between 5-6pm on this night.

QSO excursion

Last Friday our Instrumental Music students went to the Gladstone marina to see the Queensland Symphony Orchestra. They had a fantastic time!



Earn and Learn

Calliope School is collecting the Earn and Learn stickers again this year. There is a collection box in the school office. We use the points to purchase items such as mobilo for classrooms and the portable soccer nets on the oval.



Pack a Nutritious Lunch

Packing nutritious food in your child's lunch box will help kids stay active and help with concentration and learning throughout the day. Foods such as red meat, wholegrain foods, vegetables, fruit and dairy foods provide key nutrients, such as protein, iron and zinc, omega-3 and B vitamins, required for a healthy diet in busy kids.

The following tips on what to pack and how to ensure it gets eaten will help kids perform at their best.

Keep school lunches interesting

- Vary foods from day to day
- Experiment with different tastes, texture and colour

Make lunches that are easy to eat

- Don't overfill sandwiches
- Use small pieces of fruit or chop into bite sized portions

Plan school lunches ahead

- Plan school lunches a week ahead

Make school lunches easy for you

- Leftovers make great lunches the next day for example:

Roast meat sandwiches/wraps

Fried rice

Salads

Meatballs, sliced steak or chicken and raw vegetables

Food safety tips

- Make muffins, scrolls, and sandwiches and freeze
- Use an insulated lunch box
- Keep food fresh and protected in reusable hard plastic containers



Variety Concert for any members of the community to attend free of charge.

There will be lots of singing, live music, laughs and fun....along with heaps of prizes, games and a raffle at the door.

The concert starts at 1pm on Sunday 23rd August 2015 with afternoon tea following.

The venue is at the New Apostolic Church, 161 Sun Valley Road Gladstone.

For further information please contact Craig on 4975 6828.

Sign on Days for Tannum Sands Surf Lifesaving Club, 2015/16 Season.

When: Saturday, 22 August 2015 and Saturday, 5 September 2015

Where: Wests Swimming Pool, Glenlyon Road, Gladstone, opposite Gladstone Duck Ponds

Pool swim proficiencies are conducted on the day.

Times: 8:00am to 11:30am

Cost: Family \$300

Single \$100.00 per person

Cash or cheque only- NO EFTPOS

New Registrations from 6-18 years

must present a birth certificate at sign on. A parent/guardian must also join

when joining a Junior between ages 6-

14 years. Joining Adults (18+) must

apply for a free Blue Card, so bring 2

forms of Identification (eg drivers

licence/birth certificate/passport)

Existing Members - renew and pay

online at <http://sls.com.au/join>

Registration enquiries to Club

Registrar at

email registrartannumsurf@hotmail.com

<http://sls.com.au/join>