What’s happening in…

Prep A

Well, our first year of school is almost over and it has been a huge year for us. We are learning to read and write like little champions and have a good head start for Year One. We have been locked in jail, seen the inside of an ambulance, performed on parade and have many more fantastic memories - far too many to list here.

This term we have been learning about movement and the senses we use to observe movement of other objects in Science. In Maths, we have continued learning about numbers and recently we participated in an activity where we had to build a house for one of our soft toys and, in order to do this, we had to measure our toys and then build a house that was “just right” (just like in Goldilocks).

In English we have been writing a letter to a monster from the story, “A Monster Wrote Me a Letter” and later in the term we will put our new skills to work again to write a letter to Santa. The children are very excited that swimming has finally begun for them and they had their first lesson last week. Everyone even managed to go home with all their own belongings, from what I have heard.

The Christmas Principal’s parade is fast approaching so we will be starting to learn a song for that and we are looking forward to getting to do some Christmas art and craft.

It has been a massive year and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents who have come in and helped in any way that they could. Without parent support, our programs would be more difficult to implement. Also, thank you to all of the Prep A parents for your support this year. It is much appreciated.
**Dates to Remember**

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**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!*

**Remembrance Day**

This morning I joined with our Year 7 school leaders to attend the Calliope Remembrance Day service at the Calliope cenotaph. Our students recited the poem ‘In Flanders Field’ and laid wreaths on behalf of our school. They are outstanding ambassadors for the school.

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**Staffing for 2014**

At this time of year we start looking at classes and staffing for 2014. Our staffing ratio is dependent on student numbers, so we need to ensure we have the best possible estimate of students for 2014 as soon as possible. If you are leaving the school in 2014 or know of families wanting to enrol students for next year, please make sure you have contacted the school office to let us know. This helps to minimise changes and disruptions early in the new year.

**Out of the Box**

Last Friday and Saturday, eight students from Calliope attended the BSL Zenith Gifted and Talented Program ‘Out of the Box’ run by Tannum Sands State High School. They were joined by students from other local Primary Schools to undertake a range of activities. Thank you for all being wonderful representatives of Calliope School.

Regards
Raelene Norris
Acting Principal
Chappy Corner
Nine wonderful grade 6 boys, Miss Gothman, Mrs Smith-Ashton and I have just completed an 8 week program called VITAL (Values Integration through Adventure Based Learning). We have had heaps of fun learning through hands on activities and problem solving adventures.
Through these activities the boys have demonstrated an increased respect and care for each other. It has also given them more confidence in their ability to reach their individual potential.
One of the main aims of VITAL has been that the boys will do their best as respectful, productive team members in both the school and in the wider community. It was a very full-on 8 weeks and we are fortunate that we have such a terrific school which allows us to do worthwhile programs with teachers and students.
Chappy Beth

P & C Annual Christmas Raffle
Tickets for our annual Christmas raffle is be available to purchase from this Wednesday, purchases can be made each morning at the front and on Friday mornings at parade. The tickets will be 50c each and the raffle will be drawn at the last parade of the year. The P&C are asking each family to donate non-perishable items for the Christmas raffle, there will be a basket in the office for you to drop off your donation.

New opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday and Friday from 8.30 - 9.30am.
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
The P&C committee and the lovely Tuckshop Ladies would like to thank everyone for their fantastic response to the tuckshop changes that started last week, the tuckshop ladies were kept very busy with all of your orders over the two days. Please keep supporting the tuckshop during the trial period if you would like this to be a permanent change next year.

We are still in need for at least 6 or more volunteer helpers in the tuckshop on both Wednesday and Thursday, our busiest time is between 9 and 11:30 am if you are able to spare some of your time to help, please see Amanda in the tuckshop on either of those days or leave your name and number with the ladies in the office.
Tuckshop Roster

13th Nov - M. Ingham, K. Warhurst, R. Marsh
14th Nov - C. Campbell, W. Banks, Shayne
20th Nov - M. Behrendt, S. Meyer, K. Baker
21st Nov - K. Giffin, J. Kerr, L. Ninness

If you are paying for multiple orders in one bag, could you please write on the bag (money in John Smith’s Bag 5B)

School Banking

School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times.

Out Of The Box Program

Last Friday and Saturday, 7 of Calliope students went to the Out Of The Box Program. On Friday we had to create a photo essay. Saturday we went into Tannum State High School’s Science Lab and created slime. While we were in the Science Lab we were lucky enough to watch a Gummi Bear explode and a small firework happen. We also got to see a watermelon explode. We had to create a maze for a marble to go through in the slowest time possible. Delaney, Kyla, Kiarra, Jarrod, Lachlan, and Jack thoroughly enjoyed being able to do a maths and science challenge over 2 days.

Community News

Autism Spectrum Conditions Family Support Group Meeting

DATES: Fridays: 29 November, 13 December
WHERE: The HUB 5 Buller Street, Gladstone
TIME: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for more information 0427750130 autismsupport4680@hotmail.com
Preparatory Year
Enrolment and Information Packages are now available for children entering Prep in 2013. The following table will assist you to determine when your child/ren are eligible to commence Prep. It is a requirement of Education Queensland that a birth certificate and immunisation records be sighted, so please present these documents upon enrolment.

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Stars of the Week
Prep A  Ella
Prep B  Jake
Prep C  Annabelle
1A     Danny
1B     Savanah
1C     Declan
2A     Noah
2B     Yasmin
2C     Declan
3A     Channel
3B     Jayde
3/4    Logan
4A     Brae
4B     Delaney
5B     Aleksi
6A     Mercia
6B     Ryan
7A     Jasmine

Gladstone Regional Council’s popular youth holiday program, SUNfest, is back in 2014.

More than 40 fun and exciting activities have been organised for January 7-16. Programs are available at Council’s website, administration centres and schools throughout the region from November 4. Tickets go on sale from Wednesday, December 4, at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. Don’t miss out, grab a program today!

Caring for Kids in Our Community
There is an ongoing need for foster carers in Gladstone. Keeping children in our local community assists to reduce the trauma they experience when separated from their families, and also helps increase the chances of the family being reunited. The more foster carers Anglicare’s Foster, Kinship and Intensive Care Program is able to recruit the better outcomes for children and young people who require out-of-home-care. Anglicare requires a diverse range of foster carers to meet the diverse range of needs of children in care, in order to match the needs of the children to carers’. Foster carers need a strong commitment to children. They need the ability to be flexible, patient and understanding. A good sense of humour is certainly beneficial. A supportive network of family and friends is also important. We encourage you to call and speak with a member of our foster care team on 4972 8220.