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We have had a very busy start to this term. Recently we went on an excursion to the Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre. At the centre we completed our science assessment for this term all about heat! We participated in a number of activities, including making damper and creating a cooler to keep our drinks cool.

We enjoyed making damper as we were required to build our own fires and roll our damper balls out onto sticks which we learnt were good insulators to keep our hands way from the fire.

We had lots of fun on our excursion. Some members of the first group even got to hold a snake which we found as we were walking through the bush to our campfires!
Dates to Remember

18 August  Botanic to Bridge
28 Aug    Open Night 5-6pm
28-29 Aug  Fathers’ Day Stall
12 Sept    Discipline Audit
2 Sept     P&C Meeting
13 Sept    Free Dress Day
16-18 Sept Combined Band Tour
20 Sept    Spikezone Volleyball
21 Sept    Principals’ Parade
8 Oct      Term 4 begins
28 October Eisteddfod
21-22 Nov  WBP Band Camp
14-18 Oct  Yr 7 Camp

Principal’s Piece

Every day is a learning day!

This week is Science Week, with a number of activities planned to celebrate the occasion. Thank you to Mrs Sellin for co-ordinating the week. The Science competition closes today, but I think if you get in early tomorrow your entries may be accepted.

Each term, our teachers meet with teachers from Boyne Island and Tannum Sands to moderate student work and this term is our turn to host. Teachers meet in year level groups with samples of different assessment pieces and participate in professional conversations about why they were graded as an A or a C etc. This is a fantastic opportunity for networking and professional conversations and ensures equality of grades across different schools. We start at 3:30pm on Tuesday afternoon, so you can expect a little more traffic during pick-up time.

Holidays during the school term are a significant concern for classroom teachers and our Administration team. We teach the Australian Curriculum through the Education Queensland C2C units, with a very full timetable and using Explicit Instruction as our major pedagogy. This means that much of your child’s learning is done through the teacher and cannot be caught up or made up through worksheets. Parents often ask for work to be sent on holidays with them, but aside from reading, keeping a journal of holiday events and practicing spelling, sight words and number facts, there is little that can be done without the teaching component. Assessments are task based, so when students miss out on the teaching component they are significantly disadvantaged when it comes to assessment. When they are absent during assessment tasks, teachers try to make them up, but they do not have the same amount of time and support and are again disadvantaged. Please try to avoid taking holidays during the school term. Every day is an important learning day! An exemption from compulsory schooling is available when a child or a young person cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in the circumstances for them to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days and there is specific paperwork to be completed. Absences for greater than ten consecutive days without exemption will be recorded as unauthorised.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison

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
**School Annual Report**

**School Profile**

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Year levels offered in 2012: Prep - Year 7

Total student enrolments for this school:

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Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

Characteristics of the student body:

Students from Calliope State School come from a wide range of socioeconomic and familial backgrounds. Approximately 6% of students identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and less than 1% of students have English as an Additional Language. A Special Education Program caters for Students with Disabilities who make up approximately 4% of the school population.

**Average Class sizes**

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**School Disciplinary Absences**

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**Stars of the Week**

Prep A Georgia
Prep B Bradley
Prep C Cameron
1A Tiarna
1B Reilly
2A Tyran
2B Joel
2C Jack
3A Caitlyn
4A Max
4B Brooke
5B Paige
6A Jaime
6B Patrick
7A Ethan

**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.
Uniform Shop Opening Hours
The uniform shop will be open every Friday from 3-4pm as well as every Monday 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
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday. Orders must be placed each Tuesday by placing the orders in the tuckshop bin located in each classroom. Tuckshop menus are available from the office. A new menu was sent home last term. Please be aware of the changes and price increase.

Tuckshop Roster
14th August- Shayne, K. Warhurst, R. Marsh
21st August- Shayne, K. Warhurst, R. Marsh
28th August- W.Banks, C.Campbell, S.Ward
4th September- K. Warhurst, R. Marsh, S. Meyer

Instrumental Music News
Please not there will be no String Lessons on 25th August
Mrs Anderson is looking for new players to start on the following school hired instruments immediately:
- French horn
- Trombone
- Bass Clarinet
- Tuba
Please email Mrs Anderson if your family is interested or send a letter of interest to Mrs Anderson at School. Students will then go through a suitability test to see if they are suitable for the instrument and behaviour in the classrooms.

DATE CLAIMERS
- Tuesday August 13, 6pm to 7:30pm Clinton State School: FREE Queensland Symphony Orchestra. Mrs Anderson STRONGLY encourages all musicians to see this concert. It is a rare opportunity for the children to see any amazing professional musicians!!
- Thursday August 29: NO LESSONS as Mrs Anderson will be with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra ..... Mrs Anderson is very excited.
- Friday 30 August, 7pm Marina Stage: Classic Cinema. Free Concert from Queensland Symphony Orchestra containing songs from Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean and Lord of the Rings. Mrs Anderson STRONGLY encourages all musicians to see this concert. It is a rare opportunity for the children to see any amazing professional musicians!!

Beginner Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Students:
Thank you to all families who had their students on time for band this week. It was so lovely to see all the beginners join our continuing students! Band for all students is on Thursday Morning. Arrive 7:50am for a 8am start.

Beginner Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Students

Band shirts
All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop.

How can parents help with practise?
1. Ask your child what a specific note is?
2. Ask your child which “coin” or “sticker exercise” are they doing this week?
3. Listen for new material being attempted. (The same old song should not be practised every day) Continuing students should start with a scale from page 42 of the books. (8 notes up 8 notes down)
4. If students practise 5-10 minutes 4 times a week they will progress very quickly through the book.
5. Have the music stand with the book on it, a chair and a safe place for the instrument very handy so it is not an effort to get set up each time to practise.
6. Private lessons outside of school will excel the student well beyond the group lesson.
Friday the 16th August 2013

Boys and Girls age 10 & 11 who don’t currently play in the Gladstone Basketball competition are invited to come along to this free session from 4pm – 6pm, at Kev Broome Stadium (behind PCYC)

Gladstone Phoenix Power’s very own Jess Bibby and fellow teammates will run you through a basketball skills training session.

Please register by contacting gladstonejuniorbasketball@y7mail.com or call Angie 0404 859 030

If you are looking for a new and exciting fun sport for this Summer - Gladstone Junior Basketball Summer season starts on the 10th October, and runs through until the end of March 2014. Games are played Thursday evenings from 5pm. All skill levels welcome to join teams. Registration forms to sign up will be available at the Come and Try Session.

**Cricket Sign On.**

Sign on this year for the BITS Cricket Club is Thursday 19th September at BITS Cricket Ground (Also known as BITS Saints AFL oval) off Jacaranda drive at 4:30pm. We cater for age groups from preps- year4 (milo cricket), under9’s to 16’s and right through to senior cricketers. At sign on day, we will have a number of past Australian and Queensland Cricketing greats such as Jimmy Maher or International Player Graeme Hick as they will be attending our fantastic free for the community ‘Industry of Gladstone’ Cricket Carnival that occurs the following weekend. For further details please contact Nev Judd on 0459091196 or email bitscc@yahoo.com.au. For milo inquires check out our web page on mycricket- search for a milo centre and then follow the links.

**App for iPhones/iPads/iPods to help with practise and Standard of Excellence Books.**

**STEP ONE:** Please upload all cd’s from the Standard of Excellence books onto itunes

**STEP TWO:** Download app called: **Tempo Slow**

This app allows the student to slow down the piece of music to make it easier for the students to play along with the music.

**Science Week**

This week we are celebrating Science Week at Calliope School. The theme is “A Century of Australian Science”. Students have been working on the Science Week competitions for the last few weeks. Entries are due today – Monday 12 August. Winners will be announced at parade this Friday. As well this week, classes will be participating in science activities with their year levels during the week.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013**

How is your child going with the Premier’s Reading Challenge? We now have just 4 weeks left to have completed the challenge and we still have many students reading books to meet their goal. We hope to have all students complete the challenge by September 6.

**Botanic to Bridge**

We currently have 38 students registered for the Botanic to Bridge. It would be great to have a few more by the event on Sunday.

**Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser**

Last term, we held a crazy hair day. The money raised on this day was donated to the Gladstone Hospital, Childrens Ward, which was all thanks to Isis from 4B. Isis wanted to start her own charity to help all the sick children by raising money to purchase toys to make their time in hospital more enjoyable. In conjunction with Calliope State School P & C and Isis, they agreed to donate all money raised on this day to the Hospital for the sick children. What a wonderful idea Isis, we are very proud to have such a kind and caring student as part of our school.
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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Prep Information Sessions for Prep 2014 will be held Tuesday, 3rd September 9.15am & 5pm.
All parents of children who were born between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009, are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the Prep program at Calliope State School. Parents may attend either session time on the day.

* Address from School Administration
* Prep Routines
* First day of Prep
* Getting ready for Prep
* Question Time

Prep Open Mornings will be held on Monday, 28th October, Thursday, 31st October 9am-10am.
The Open Morning will be focussed on children’s active participation. Children can attend either session. If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you can contact the school office on 4975 8333 or call in and collect an enrolment / information pack.