



# Calliope State School

14 July, 2015

Calliope Kids  
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



## What's happening in ...

### 5/6D

Over the last two terms our class has completed at least one Science topic. Last term the topic was Matter. We discovered that everything in our universe is made of at least one matter and that sometimes that matter can be altered and even altered back to its original state. We also discovered that scientists have to classify everything into a matter and as they have travelled into the universe, scientists have had to create new names for the new matter that is being discovered.

Last term we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves designing and then creating a robot. We had a few rules, such as minimum height and it had to be symmetrical for the design to be acceptable. We collected boxes over some weeks as well as glue and bits and pieces for the robots. I have enclosed some photos of the robots.

This term we will be reading historical letters, discussing the language that is particular to them and then writing our own.



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# Principal's Piece

Welcome to Semester 2!

Firstly, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jeremy Godden and I have taken up the role as Principal of Calliope State School.

I have been getting out and about in the school and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many students, of all ages, who are engaged in some fantastic learning opportunities.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting a handful of parents at the gate on these, unusually, brisk mornings so far this week and look forward to meeting with more of you as the week progresses and at Tuesday night's P and C meeting (14 July 6:30pm).

We have a busy week to start off the term with a number of school-based and external activities providing students with a wide variety of experiences to complement their learning at Calliope SS. This week is our school's celebration of NAIDOC week and a number of presentations and activities have been arranged for students. Also this week is the regional instrumental music workshop (Wed, Thurs, Fri) and the Regional Shield Sports program on Thursday and Friday.

With the colder weather hitting rather suddenly, there has been a sudden need to drag out the winter coats and jumpers. The school uniform jumper is available via the uniform shop at a cost of \$28. The uniform shop is open on Mon (8:30-9:30am), Wed (2:30-3:30pm) and Fri (8:00-9:00am).

Coming up in the next couple of weeks is the annual School Opinion Survey. This online survey provides the school with valuable information and feedback from the community to allow systematic analysis and response. It is a valuable tool for parents, students and staff to have a say in the future direction of the school. Families will receive, this week, an information flyer regarding the survey. Your feedback is important to us and we would love to have as many families complete the survey as possible.

On a personal note, I cannot be happier with my introduction to the wonderful community that is Calliope State School. I

consider myself privileged to be provided with the opportunity to lead this school forward and look forward to working with you to ensure positive learning outcomes for your children.

A bit about me, I have come here from Varsity College on the Gold Coast where I have held the position of Assistant Principal- Junior Secondary for the last couple of years. Prior to that I held a position at Robina Primary School where I was Deputy Principal – Prep – Yr 3. While Calliope holds very few, if any, similarities with the Gold Coast, it does not feel totally foreign to me as I spent 4+ years in Central Queensland (Capella SHS and Moranbah SHS) before relocating to the coast. I have very recently held a couple of Acting Principal positions in Central Queensland region, the most recent being at Gladstone Central SS where I have had the opportunity to build wider community partnerships and collaborate with other principals in the region. I am passionate about the P-12 learning journey for all students and look forward to working with parents, staff and the students on building the foundations for future academic success in secondary schooling and beyond.

My family consisting of, Louise (wife) and twin daughters (Stephanie and Claire) and I have been delighted with the wonderful welcome to the Calliope neighbourhood that we have received and look forward to immersing ourselves in the community.

Kind regards,  
Jeremy Godden  
Principal



*Louise with Stephanie (L) and Claire (R)*

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## 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***

## Chappy Corner

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope you all had a fantastic holiday with your children. I would just like to inform you all, that I will be working Monday and Wednesday this term. I would like to remind you of what a School Chaplain does. A Chappy is all about prevention and support business, we provide a listening ear and caring present to students, parents and staff who are in crisis or dealing with a range of issues such as family breakdown, loneliness, anxiety etc. If you would like to talk to me, please free to email on [sruge6@eq.edu.au](mailto:sruge6@eq.edu.au) or book an appointment through the school office.

## Establishing your Authority

Today parents work hard to honour their children's ideas and feelings, and that is good. But the world is starting to turn upside down, as children become the power elite while their parents are squashed beneath them. Children are not our equals and they really don't want to be as it makes them feel insecure. Children don't have the maturity to teach, monitor or regulate their lives.

'THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE' by WENDY MOGEL

Tour de Chaplain is on the 18th July, the bike ride is 100km from Many Peaks to Yarwun raising money for the Gladstone region School Chaplains. If you would like to register or find out more information head to the website:

<http://gladstoneschoolschaplaincy.org.au/tour-de-chaplain/>

## Playgrounds

We would like to inform parents/caregivers that the playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school for students and family members. This is Education Queensland policy and a Workplace Health and Safety issue. Please ensure children are supervised and in an orderly manner, to limit disruption to classes as students are still working until 3.15pm. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this matter.

## Early Departures and Late Arrivals

It is our school policy that all late arrivals and early departures must go through the office. If your child is late to school you must sign your child in at the office. If you wish to collect your child early you must sign them out at the office and then collect them from the classroom. Students will not be pulled out of class to wait at the office for collection. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this manner.

## Dates to Remember

14 July	P&C meeting
15 July	Excursion – Andy Griffiths
15-17 Jul	Music workshops
16/17 Jul	Regional Shield

## 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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.

## Student Banking

Student banking is processed every Wednesday. Please hand in your banking to the school office before school. Once banking is processed bank books will be given to the classroom teacher to return to students.



## 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.

## Calliope's Wide World of Sport

### CQ Regional Shield

This Thursday and Friday our Rugby League and Netball team will be competing in the CQ Regional Shield in Rockhampton. The boys and girls have been training hard over the past few weeks. Regular score updates will available on CQ Development website - <http://www.developmentcentralqld.leaguenet.com.au/>. Good luck to both teams!

### Port Curtis Athletics

Good luck to the students who are participating in the Port Curtis Athletic trials at Boyne Island on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of July.

## Principal's Parade recipients – Term 2



Congratulations to our award recipients from the end of Term 2 Principal's Parade. Thank you for demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible behaviour.

## 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.

## Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department's website:  
<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- Australian Government Department of Education website:  
<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

## Major Prizes Calliope Catwalk Community Raffle - \$5 a ticket

Collect your book of 10 tickets from the office. All Proceeds go to Calliope School P & C

**1st Prize** - Gold Coast Theme Park Family Adventure - Valued at \$1200. 4 x Adult Day Passes to Dreamworld, plus 4 x Adult Day Passes to Warner Bros Theme Park, Plus 3 nights accommodation on the Gold Coast. **Kindly Donated by Dreamworld, Warner Bros Theme Parks and Departure Point Gladstone**

**2nd Prize** - 1770 Escape - Valued at \$550. Family Day pass on the Larc 1770 Tours, plus accommodation at Lagoons 1770 in a Pool View room and Breakfast.

**Kindly Donated by 1770 Larc Tours and Lagoons 1770 Resort & Spa**

**3rd Prize** - Beautiful Gems for the Gem in your Life - Valued at \$350. German made Sterling silver 18ct gold plated earrings, pendant and chain. **Kindly Donated by The Gem Shack**

**4th Prize** - Feel Like a Fashion Model - Valued at \$350. Beauty Mini Makeover. **Kindly Donated by Silver Salon**

**5th Prize** Mum and Dad's Date Night - Valued at \$300.

Dinner at Dicey Riley's, Gold Room Tickets for 2 and a night at Metro Hotel.

**Kindly donated by Dicey Riley's, Gladstone Cinemas and Gladstone Metro Hotel**

**6th Prize** - Capture Special Moments - Valued at \$250.

Photography mini session including session and 10 digital images.

**Kindly Donated by Jabbi Photography**

Drawn Saturday 1st August at the Calliope Catwalk Fashion Awards Gala