What’s happening …

Stars Of the Week

Prep A  Alexis
Prep B  Amelia
Prep C  Samara
1A  Thomas
1B  Riley
2A  Sienna
2B  Taryn
2C  Ella
3A  William
3/4C  Immogen
4B  Max
5A  Matthew
6B  Tahlee

Congratulations
To the school AFL team who are now Gladstone champions. They defeated St. Francis 79 to 41 in a close game. Thanks you to Gary Hill for coaching the boys and girls.

Grandparent’s Morning
Our annual Grandparent’s morning will be held on Friday 25th October at Calliope School from 9 – 11am. Grandparents can start the morning at our weekly parade, followed by morning tea and a short concert in the hall. They will then be welcome to visit classrooms to see our fabulous children in action.
**Dates to Remember**

14-18 Oct  Yr 7 Camp
28 October  Eisteddfod
21-22 Nov  WBP Band Camp
29 Nov  Calliope Christmas Carols

**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

Congratulations to the 52 students who had 100% attendance in term 3. Your letter of congratulations will be landing in your mailbox very soon. There are 5 students with a 100% attendance record for the year as of today. These students are not only on track for a special award at the Christmas Concert, but their attendance has maximised their learning at school, which is the most important thing.

Last week we celebrated end of term 3 spelling progress, and this week we celebrate end of term 3 progress towards reading benchmarks and targets.

**READING** – the expectation is that 80% of students are achieving ‘at level’ and 25% of students are in the upper two bands by the end of term 4. Congratulations to 2A, 2B, 3/4C, 4A, 4B, 6A, 6B, 7A and 7B who have already met BOTH of these targets.

Payment and permission forms for Dance Fever went home last week. Please contact the office if you did not receive one. From this week, only students who are participating will continue with the program so it’s important that the form comes back by Tuesday. You have a little longer to make payment, and of course, if you would like your child to be part of the program but need a little longer to pay you can contact Toni in the office to work out a payment plan.

This week’s focus reading strategy is…

**SUMMARISING/PARAPHRASING**

Summarising is the ability to reduce a larger piece of text so the focus is on the most important elements in the text. The re-stating or re-writing of text into other words is referred to as paraphrasing. Summarising and paraphrasing involve using key words and phrases to capture the main focus of text.

When Reading with your children you can ask them to re-write or re-tell the most important parts in their own words using key words and phrases.

If your child will not be returning to Calliope State School in 2014, please contact the office as planning for next year has commenced and the accuracy of predicted class numbers are very important to minimise disruption at the start of the school year.

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**
This week students are reminded of toilet expectations of Safe, Respectful and Responsible behaviour in the toilets.

I am safe when I...
Walk
Flush the toilet
Wash my hands with soap.

I am respectful when I..
Use a quiet voice
Leave the toilets clean.

I am responsible when I...
Go quickly
Turn off the taps
Go only when I need to go.

**P & C NEWS**

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**

There will be a letter going home this week with important information regarding changes to the tuckshop. Please note the changes to the tuckshop days, the commencement date and ordering.

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**2012 School Annual Report**

**Key Student Outcomes**

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**Student Attendance Distribution**

The proportions of students by attendance range.

**Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school**

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET policies, SMS-PR-029: Managing Student Absences and SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

Rolls are marked twice a day, at 9:10am and immediately following second break. Students who arrive after the 9:10am bell or leave before the 3:15pm bell must be signed in or out by their parent or guardian. Student absences are followed up in the first instance by classroom teachers. Any unexplained absences of 5 days or more are referred to the Administration team for follow up.

Parents receive a letter at the end of each term listing the term’s absences and asking parents and guardians to supply a reason for any unexplained absences. The Principal invites parents of students with continual or recurring absences to attend a meeting to discuss absences, before proceeding with the formal EQ letters.
Swimming Lessons
Lessons started Tuesday 8th October and will conclude Wednesday 4th December. Students are encouraged to participate in all lessons as it contributes significantly to your child’s life long learning and safety. It is compulsory for students to wear a swim shirt. For safety reasons jewellery and hair clips are not permitted in the pool. Letters have been sent home with a timetable included and a permission slip attached. If you have not yet returned your child’s permission slip, please do so at your earliest convenience.

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*The Prep classes will begin their water orientation classes in week 5 of term four- 06/11/13

Message to students
We would like to ask that if you need a message to be given to your child in regards to how they are getting home or for after school arrangements such as sport, to please inform your child in the morning before school. If it is required to pass on a message to you child please inform the school office no later than 1.15pm. The school office is being notified at the last minute and it is not always possible to track down the students to pass the message on in time as they are not always in their classroom. Whilst every effort will be made to pass messages on, it becomes very difficult with limited time. We thank you for your cooperation in regards to this matter.

Magpie Season
We would like to remind students to be mindful of swooping magpies in the months of August –October. Helpful Hints to minimise magpie attacks are:

- Wear a hat or use an umbrella
- Bikers to dismount their bikes and walk away
- A bright coloured flag attached to a pole and placed on the back of your bike
- Avoid areas of nesting and do not touch or remove eggs from the nest
- Do not provoke or harass the magpies

Year 7 Raffle
The Year 7 Raffle has been extended for a week. The tickets are $5 and the prizes consist of $1000 towards training from TNT training solutions. One Day Dry Hire of a 1.5 T Mini Excavator – Kindly Donated by Rocco’s Mini Digger Hire. (Valued at over $300) $100 voucher to use at Mystifying Creations – This can be used towards custom made head pieces or fascinators. The raffle will be drawn on Parade Friday 18th October If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Cheree 0435061956

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.
DAD’S DAY OUT 2013

Calliope Local Ambulance Committee
Members of the public are invited to the Annual and Biennial General Meeting of the Calliope Local Ambulance Committee. It will be held at 4 Menzies Street (SES building) at 7:00pm on Wednesday 30th October 2013. Enquires: Phone David on 49756730.

Instrumental Music News

Why Instrumental Music?
Music Education facilitates students’ academic achievement:
- Improves recall and retention of verbal information.
- Advances Maths skills.
- Boosts reading and English language skills.

There is a high relationship between interest in Instrumental Music and high self-perception, high cognitive competence scores and general self-esteem.

RECRUITMENT for year 3 and 4
It is that time of year again when we are looking for students for our 2014 Band program.

October 14 – 17 All students who returned permission notes will be assessed for suitability for all instruments.
November 8 Letters of offer for positions will be handed out to students
November 15 Permission letters for 2014 participation due back
November 28 Parent information night for all 2014 beginner students

Continuing Students DATE CLAIMERS
- Band Tour to Yeppoon: 21 and 22 November. Letters are being finalised and will be sent home soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to combine with other schools musically and socially. All beginners and Continuing students are expected to attend all band rehearsals in preparation for Band tour.
- Calliope Community Christmas Concert: Friday night 29th November.

BAND SHIRTS
All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop. All students will need a full band uniform for tour.

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.
Preparatory Year

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.

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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Enrolments for 2014

We are now taking enrolments for 2014 for all Year levels. To enquire about enrolling your child or to arrange an enrolment interview at Calliope State School, please contact us on (07) 4975 8333.

Enrolment packages can be collected from our administration office between the hours of 8am to 4pm.

Year 7 Students attending Tannum Sands State High School in 2014

The TSSHS Uniform Shop will be open for the following extended hours during October to allow students to come in and order their uniforms for the next year:

- Thursday 17th October 3pm-5:15pm
- Friday 18th October 3pm-5:15pm
- Monday 21st October 3pm-5:15pm

A 25% deposit is required on the day that the order is placed. Method of payment is EFTPOS or cash. All orders must be received by Wednesday 23rd October. Enquiries to Tara Whiting on 4979 9752.

Jodi’s Learn to Swim at Calliope Community Pool. For further information please call 07 4975 6606 or 0497 815 393.