What’s happening in …

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Well we are at the end of Term Three and almost the end of Year One. This term we have been very busy learning about characters, summer safety, our family history, Australian money, o’clock and day and night.

In week 7 the year ones were lucky enough to go on an excursion to see Wombat Stew. We travelled by bus to the Entertainment Centre which was a first for some students. It was an entertaining show and the students got to participate with singing and dancing. We all thoroughly enjoyed the show and the teachers were very pleased with the behaviour of all students. We would like to thank the parents who attended and also the P&C for assisting with the cost.

Next term the students are very excited about swimming with Miss Tuttle and the opportunity for some students to participate in Dance Fever. We hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday and see you back at school in Term 4.
**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@calliope.eq.edu.au

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Earlier this term an external coach came to Calliope to profile teachers and provide feedback on classroom management strategies. This data was also compiled into a whole of school report, indicating areas of strength and areas to improve. Over the next three days Mrs Goodman-Jones and Miss Heron are attending Advanced Profiler Training so that they will be able to conduct future sweeps at Calliope and other schools if required. Miss Norris is also out of the school this week, travelling abroad with her family. We wish her well for a wonderful break.

Congratulations to our gorgeous P-2 Speaking Choir and Ms Pengelly for their win at last week’s Eisteddfod. If you caught them on parade you will have seen how wonderful they were. Good luck to the Choir who compete at the Eisteddfod tomorrow.

The next instalment of the School Annual Report has been included in this week’s newsletter. The focus is on student attendance.

Have a great week!

*Marni Morrison*
Uniform Shop
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday 8.30 to 9.30am and Friday from 8.00 -9.00am.
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 Roster
17th September - S. Bukowski, A. Sippel, L. Ninness, H. Page
18th September - M. Ingham, S. Taylor, L. O’connor

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Calliope P & C President’s position has become vacant. We are calling for nominations for the position of President for the remainder of 2014, October - March 2015. The position is to be filled at the next general meeting, to be held Tuesday 7th October. If you would like to nominate for this position please fill in a nomination form and place it into the P & C box at the office.

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2013

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The overall attendance rate in 2013 for all Queensland state Primary schools was 92%.

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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.

In 2013 students with 100% attendance for the term received a letter and ice-cream voucher in the mail. The two students with 100% attendance for the entire year received a prize of an iPad Mini at the final Principals’ Parade, donated by local company Sibelco.
**Magpie Season**

Magpies are well known for attacks on humans during the breeding season, between July and December, and peaks in August to October. Only a small percentage of male magpies act aggressively in the defence of their nest. This behaviour usually occurs within 100 metres of the tree containing the nest and only occurs when chicks are present, usually lasting only 6 - 8 weeks.

**How to Minimise Potential Attacks**

- If possible, avoid areas where magpies are breeding and nesting for the duration of the breeding season.
- Remove unnecessary sources of water from the backyard.
- If you must enter the area, keep the bird under constant observation as it is less likely to swoop when it is being watched. Also, wear a hat or helmet or carry an umbrella. Bike riders should dismount and walk through the area.
- Do not feed magpies. Ensure no scraps of food or rubbish are left lying around.
- If you are swooped upon, do not crouch in fear or stop. Move on quickly but don't run. Most importantly, never deliberately provoke a magpie as this usually results in greater defensive behaviour.
- Cyclists should dismount their bikes and walk away. It is believed the birds respond mainly to movement.
- Protect yourself with a sturdy hat or umbrella.
- Never harass or provoke magpies as this may lead to a worse attack next time.
- Do not try and kill or cause injury to the magpies.
- Do not remove nests or eggs.
- Do not touch young birds on the ground.
- Do not disturb the birds when there are fledglings in the nest.

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**Eisteddfod – Speech Choir**

Congratulations to our Prep-2 Speech Choir on their winning performance at the eisteddfod. Thank you to Ms Pengelly for all her hard work and to all the parents who supported our group at the eisteddfod.

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**2015 Prep Enrolments**

Enrolment packs for Prep in 2015 are now available from the school office. Children need to be born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 to be eligible for Prep in 2015. Prep interviews will begin at the end of this term, so please book a time if you haven't already made one. Prep open mornings will be held next term.

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**NO Parking**

Please be aware there is to be no parking in front of the Fire Hydrant out the front of the pool. Fire season is approaching and in case of an emergency the Fire Brigade will need to access the hydrant. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this matter.

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**Birthday**

- 01/07/08 to 30/06/09: Prep Year, Year One
- 01/07/09 to 30/06/10: Kindy, Prep Year
- 01/07/10 to 30/06/11: Kindy, Prep Year
- 01/07/11 to 30/06/12: Kindy, Prep Year
- 01/07/12 to 30/06/13: Kindy, Prep Year
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School Banking
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. If you are new to our school and would like to open up a Dollarmite account, please see Vanda or Cathy in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.

Brothers Cricket Club
Brothers Cricket Club will be having its sign on on Friday the 19th September at the Clinton Park Sports Association grounds (opposite airport service station). Brothers Cricket caters for adults and juniors of all ages and grades so grab your mates and your dads and come along between 4.30pm and 6pm or contact John Sunderland for junior players on 0403385481 or Mal Carlyon for senior players on 0429349192.

Learn to Swim
Learn to Swim and Squad Classes – Calliope Community Pool. 8 Week block in Term 4. Please contact Jodi on 4975 6606 or 0497 815393.

School Camp
Please be aware payments for school camp are due on Wednesday. If you have not yet returned your Medical/Permission Agreement please do so ASAP.

Spending money and medications are due to the school office from the 7th October. Please ensure medication is labelled from the chemist, and spending money is broken up in small denominations (e.g. $5 or $10 notes) not exceeding $100 in total.

Dance Fever
Last week notes were handed out regarding Dance Fever. Dance Fever will commence in week 1 of Term 4 and will run for 10 weeks. The cost is $37 for the term and is required to be paid in full by Wednesday 17th September. As dance is an integral part of our students physical activity this is an opportunity not to miss. By participating in this program students in Years 4-7 will have the opportunity to showcase what they have learned at the ‘Dance Fever Interschool Dance Challenge’, at the end of the term.