



Calliope State School

15 September, 2015

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

T20 Blast Cricket

Last Wednesday, Calliope SS competed in the T20 Blast Cricket Cup in Gladstone. The team played very well, winning 2 out of 3 games. The boys showed excellent sportsmanship throughout a very hot day. Well done boys!



Twilight Netball Competition

Last Thursday, the year 5 and 6 netball teams competed in the Twilight Netball Competition at Boyne Island. The year 5 girls played well and got their first win together as a team. Mrs Betts said there were a lot of laughs and great sportsmanship shown by all the girls. The year 6 team merely missed out on winning their division. The girls won against Kin Kora SS, Tannum Sands SS and St Johns but unfortunately just lost by one point to winners, St Francis. It was a fantastic effort buy all the girls involved. Congratulations to both teams and coaches! Thank you to Mrs Betts and Ms Badham who have been coaching the girls for the past 2 terms in preparation.



Interschool AFL

The AFL team have had a lot of success, winning against Kin Kora SS and Gladstone Central SS. This week is the final week of the competition. Calliope SS play Gladstone South SS at 4.50pm. Thank you to the parents that travel each week for the competition. Good luck, boys and girls!

Upcoming events

16th Sept – Biloela Netball Competition, 16th Sept – Spikezone Volleyball Competition

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Principal's Piece

It is hard to believe that we are already through term 3. It has been a busy but rewarding term all round. As the Principal, I could not be happier with the way our school has started this semester. We are incredibly lucky to have such a talented and dedicated team of teachers supported by an active and helpful school community. This ultimately provides an environment where our students can reach their full potential.

Last week, the school received the preliminary school opinion survey data for 2015. This data has provided some great insight into the way that our whole community view the school. It is truly pleasing to see that 100% of parent respondents consider Calliope SS to be a safe learning environment for their children and 100% consider this to be a "good school". Student responses indicate that they feel that we as a school expect and encourage students to do their best (100%) and that they are provided motivation to learn (99.1%) and are getting a good education (95.6%) at this school. The data also provides some information on areas requiring improvement. Satisfaction with behaviour management (81%-parents, 73.6% students) is one such area in which we are already working. Information technologies and parent communication are two more areas earmarked for investment and improvement as we move forward. Overall, the data collected certainly shows that Calliope SS is a "good school" where the community feel safe, supported and encouraged to do their best.

It has been an absolute pleasure to come to Calliope State School and I look forward to building on the already positive start we've had.

Stay safe over the holidays. Go the Broncos. Go the Hawks. See you next term!

Children Leaving School Early

A quick reminder about the process of collecting a student from school early. Please remember to first report to the school office and sign your child out.

Please also remember, if the adult is not an emergency contact for your child, or we do not have your written approval, students will not be able to leave with another adult.

Every Day is an important day to attend school.

Thank you to the many parents who are supporting us with improving the daily attendance rates. At Calliope SS, we believe that every day is an important day for learning, and strong school attendance is a vital attribute for success. As shared in recent newsletters, our average school attendance rate is slightly lower than it should be this hasn't been helped by the wide range of nasty bugs going around (including the dreaded man-flu that nearly claimed yours truly!). Ideally, we would like to see our attendance at a minimum of 94%. To do this we ask parents to help us by:

- * Not encourage children to have a day off school for their birthday
- * Taking family holidays during the school holiday period and not during the school term

We know this is challenging, but please weigh up how important your child's education is when making decisions around missing school days.

Communication and Partnerships

Effective communication and positive partnerships are extremely important facets of a safe and supportive school environment. Whilst a utopia world would have everything run perfectly every day, we realise that there will be times when issues of concern arise for a wide range of reasons. If at any stage a concern does arise, it is vital that the issue is communicated through the correct channels by talking to the classroom teacher or a member of the Office and Administration Team. Contact details can also be accessed on the school website.

Prep enrolments for 2016

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. 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.

2016 Prep Enrolment Process

Enrolment packs are now available from the school office. We will be having more interviews early in Term 4. Please contact the office for an appointment.

Gladstone State High School 2016 Enrolments

We are currently looking at enrolment numbers and forming classes and lines for 2016 so it is imperative that families in our catchment areas enrol their children as soon as possible. Gladstone State High School is enrolment managed, only families living within our enrolment catchment are eligible to enrol. Please see the Catchment Map

<http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>. If you are unsure or need assistance with this please contact the school office. We are asking families who have not already enrolled their child for 2016 to please come into the office to enrol as soon as possible. **IMPORTANT:** Please bring with you proof of residence. This can include Electricity Invoice, current Council Rates Notice or a lease agreement. If you do not have any of these items please contact the school for further advice. Upon receiving your completed enrolment form you will be contacted to arrange an enrolment interview. Interviews take approximately 15minutes. Should you have any queries in relation to enrolling at Gladstone State High School please feel free to contact us on 4976 6111.

Have you enrolled for Year 7 2016? It is a requirement that all future students complete an enrolment interview at Gladstone State High School. Narelle Hayes, Deputy Principal from Gladstone State High School will be visiting our school on Wednesday 16 September so parents can come and complete enrolment forms and complete a 15 minute interview. Please ensure you bring along documentation to confirm your residential address, ie: Council Rates, current Tennant Lease Agreement (please ask our friendly office staff if you are unsure what to bring). To arrange your interview time please contact Gladstone State High School office 4976 6111. Bookings essential.

Dates to Remember

15 September- P-2 Speech Eisteddfod
16 September – Volleyball comp
16 September – Netball carnival (Biloela)
18 September – Principal's Parade 9.15am
5 October- Public Holiday
6 October- School Resumes
19 October

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**

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.

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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. 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.

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.

Tuckshop Roster

Volunteers needed. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out at the tuckshop please see Amanda in the Tuckshop or contact the office.



Stars of the Week

Prep A	Blake	Prep B	Michael
Prep C	Ava	Prep D	Keeley
Prep E	Mikey	1A	Avril
1B	Juan	1C	Kayla
1D	Annabel	2B	Chelsea
2C	Cooper	2/3	Landal
3A	Samantha	3B	Dylan
3C	Kyra	4/5C	Chloe
4A	Abbey-Jean	4B	Nicholas
5A	Jahi	5B	Monique
5/6	Bailey	6A	Ethan
6B	Jace	Music	Joel

Changing address over the holidays

Are you leaving or changing schools over the break? Please advise the office before Friday 18 September.

Instrumental Music recruitment

Please ensure that you have sent back the signed slip to the office if you would like your child to be tested for inclusion in our Instrumental Music Program for 2016. Testing commences next term and can only take place with a signed permission form. All forms are due back by this Thursday. Forms are available from the school office.

Swimming

Swimming commences day one of term 4 (Tuesday, 6th of October). Permission notes have been sent home this week and are to be returned before their first swimming lesson.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 – 10:15	4A		6A	3A	
10:15 – 11:00	4B		6B	3B	
11:45 – 12:30	2/3D	1D	5/6D	3C	1B
12:30 – 1:15	2A	1A	4/5C		1C
1:45 – 2:30	2B	2.15pm* Prep A	5A	1.45pm* Prep B	
				2.15pm* Prep E	
2:30 – 3:15	2C	2.45pm* Prep D	5B	2.45pm* Prep C	

School Improvement Bulletin

Our Weekly Attendance Statistics

Calliope SS Attendance Target – 94%	Calliope SS Actual Attendance – 92.1%
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Student Absence Line

Parents and Carers are encouraged to use the school's Student Absence line to report their child/ren's absences on 07 4975 8366 or email absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au

Does your child eat breakfast every morning?

We often hear that 'breakfast is the most important meal of the day!', yet according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2011) one in six Australian children skip the morning meal regularly. Skipping breakfast can contribute to poor academic performance and can even cause behavioural problems in the classroom.

It is really important that we encourage our children to eat a healthy nutritious breakfast every day. Why?

- Breakfast Increases your child's concentration levels and improves their ability to learn
- Strengthens heart, bones, muscles and joints
- Brightens their mood by providing them with energy.

Every child, every day, needs to eat a healthy nutritious breakfast, but we understand it can sometimes be difficult to get your child to eat in the morning!

Research tells us that one of the most common reasons children won't eat breakfast is because they insist they are not hungry. Try inspiring your child to eat in the morning. Why not give the following suggestions a go with your child this week?

- Eat some of the same breakfast foods as your child, as this will model healthy breakfast habits
- Involve them in preparing their breakfast and in trying new foods in different and creative ways.

Breakfasts don't need to take hours to prepare, here are some healthy, quick and delicious suggestions for your child's breakfast. Why not try:

- Whole-wheat or wholegrain breakfast cereals e.g. rolled oats, muesli, bran, wheat flakes, wheat biscuits, etc
- Wholemeal or multigrain toast with baked beans, eggs, cheese or spreads
- Yoghurt with fresh fruit
- Fruit smoothies with milk, yoghurt and soft fruit
- Wholegrain toasted sandwich with cheese and tomato, or banana
- Wholegrain muffins, crumpets or bagels.

You will be providing your child with sufficient amounts of fibre, vitamins and minerals that will boost your child's energy levels and brainpower!

Deputy Principal – School Improvement
Coralie Baldwin

Calliope State School Swimming Pool TENDER REQUEST



Calliope State School is seeking submissions from suitably experienced and resourced organisations/individuals for the licensing of pool facilities and provision of swimming pool management services including:

-providing community access for general recreational use at prescribed times

-provide stroke correction, coaching, learn to swim lessons and other suitable events/activities to the wider Calliope community

Tender documents are available upon request by contacting the Principal on (07) 49758333 or by emailing

the.principal@calliopess.eq.edu.au

Submit completed tender documents by Friday 25.09.2015 at 12.00noon.

Tender submissions must be received by the close time Friday 25.09.2015 at 12.00pm.

