



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

News from 5A

As you can see by the photos 5A has been actively engaged in the "7 steps writing program". We have been practising sizzling starts and planning to write by brainstorming and story graphing. Currently, we are working on planning our first persuasive piece for the year. All students are working hard to improve their writing which will assist them in their upcoming NAPLAN tests. We will explore each of the aspects of writing using the persuasive and narrative genres. We are working on becoming faster and completing more work in the allotted time. The work we are doing in English complements the Seven Steps work and vice versa so when we learn to write a paragraph using the TEEEL (topic sentence, expand, explain, example link) process, we can use it in all subjects. Soon, each student will receive an individualised improvement grid showing them which specific skills they need to work on to further improve their writing. Great work 5A champions!



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Principal's Piece

As week 3 of school has drawn to a close and Day 8 enrolment numbers have been finalised it is time to look forward and make sure that the foundations for a successful year are in place.

Please ensure that you have either attended the Parent Information meeting(s) this week with your class teacher or received the information handed out at the meeting. This meeting forms the foundation of a successful relationship with the class teacher. An email will be sent to all families with the information distributed at the meeting. If you did not or cannot attend, you need to check that your details are up-to-date on the school computer management system:

- Contact details including emergency contacts
- Email addresses
- Medical conditions.

These changes can be dealt with at the front office or over the phone.

All Year 1 to 6 students need to have the necessary equipment at school to successfully engage in the daily learning. Thank you to parents who ordered the book pack or braved the back to school sales and purchased the required stationery. If your child does not have all of the necessary classroom equipment I would encourage you to follow this up next week.

Ensuring your child is at school on time is another priority for 2016. Students arriving late or leaving early on a regular basis are at risk of having this impact on learning in much the same way as absenteeism does. The target for our Student Attendance Rate continues to be >94%. To turn high potential into high performance, students need to be at school learning for as close to 100% of the time as possible.

Classroom Parent Representatives

This year, we are introducing the role of Classroom Parent Representative (CPR) as a means of improving communication and collaboration within and throughout our school. The main aim of the CPR programme is to enhance school/parent communication and provide support for teachers within the school in a positive and friendly manner.

Teachers have been handing out information about this initiative at the classroom meetings and we thank those parents who have already volunteered to take on this role.

Evacuation drill

Today we held our first evacuation drill for the year. I would like to congratulate the students and staff on their approach to this vital activity.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

ICAS – University of NSW competition

Each year the University of NSW conducts assessment tasks (competitions) for children across the South Pacific in a variety of subjects. These competitions are not compulsory but are open to families willing to pay the cost to have their child participate in the task. There are a variety of competitions to enter, each of which cost \$8.00, apart from spelling which is \$11.00 as they are marked individually. The due date for payments is **Friday 18th March**. Unfortunately late entries cannot be accepted, as these payments need to be forwarded interstate. The competition is open to all students in Years 4-6. We encourage parents to talk to their children to consider taking on this challenge. Children should not be expected to sit for each competition, but should consider tackling the subjects they demonstrate confidence in. eg: if they're good spellers, try the spelling competition! Information letters will be sent home this week.

Addams Family – Combined Schools Musical

The Addams Family is the 2016 Combined Schools Musical. Calliope School will be taking 200 students in years 3-6 to a performance on Wednesday 9 March. An information letter and permission form were sent home last week with all students in years 3-6. The cost will be \$12.00. We thank the Calliope P&C for subsidising part of the bus costs for this excursion.



No excuse words - Spelling

For the last few years, as part of our Spelling and Writing program, Calliope School has used 'no excuse words' for all Calliope students in years 1-6. These are the words that all students at that year level are expected to spell correctly by the end of the year. A copy of these words will be sent home this week with your child.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Lachlan	Prep B	Indiah
Prep C	Brody	Prep D	Mikeala
Prep/1E	Ella	1A	Charlotte
1B	Taylor	1C	Cooper
1D	Jordan	2A	Flynn
2B	Samantha	2C	Ryder
2D	Amy	3A	Bradley
3B	Georgia	3C	Tristan
4A	Seifer	4B	Isabel
4C	Alesha	5A	Harley
5B	Ty	5C	Noah
6A	Monique	6B	Caitlyn
6C	Brayden	PE	Bailey

Dates to Remember

15-17 Feb

22-24 Feb

23-24 Feb

3 March

4 March

9 March

Class meetings

School Review

School Photos

**Twilight Netball
Carnival**

PJ Marsh Cup

Addams Family

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

Year 6 Fundraising

50c frozen cordial cups can be purchased from the school tuckshop at 2nd break on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next few weeks. This is a Year 6 fundraising activity to help raise funds for the year 6 camp.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are Friday 8.30-9.30am. The uniform shop will now have eftpos. Otherwise cash and cheque are 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 Friday.



Calliope Kindergarten Annual General Meeting

Calliope Kindergarten is holding its 2016 Annual General Meeting at Calliope Kindergarten, 14 Menzies St, Calliope at 6.30pm on Thursday 25th February. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Committee to lead the Kindergarten in 2016. Look forward to seeing you there.

Community News

Dan Dan Bus Conveyance Committee AGM to be held Wednesday 17th Feb @ 9.30am at Annabelle's Coffee Shop. Please contact Kate Chapman on 4975 6132 for any information. It is a requirement from Translink QLD, that an AGM is held each year for the bus run to continue

School Photos

School photos are scheduled for the 23rd and 24th of February. Sibling and spare photo envelopes can be collected from the office. Envelopes and payments should be returned on the day of the school photos. Students are asked to wear their full school uniform on their photo day. This means students wear their blue school shirt, black shorts/skirts and black school shoes.

Photo Day Schedule Tuesday 23rd February 2016			
Individual Portrait		Group Photo	
Time	Class	Time	Class
9:15am	PREP C	9:15am	PREP A
9:35am	PREP A	9:35am	PREP C
9:55am	PREP B	9:55am	PREP D
10:15am	PREP D	10:15am	PREP B
10:30am	PREP/1E	10:30am	3C
10:45am	3C	10:45am	PREP/1E
Lunch- Siblings			
11:45am	3B	11:45am	1D
12:00pm	1D	12:00pm	3B
12:15pm	5A	12:15pm	4B
12:30pm	4B	12:30pm	5A
12:45pm	4A	12:45pm	5B
1:00pm	5B	1:00pm	4A
Lunch -Siblings			
1:45pm	3D	1:45pm	5C
2:00pm	5C	2:00pm	3D
2:15pm	6C	2:15pm	2A
2:30pm	2A	2:30pm	6C
2:45pm	6A	2:45pm	6B
3:00pm	6B	3:00pm	6A
Photo Day Schedule Wednesday 24th February 2016			
Individual Portrait		Group Photo	
Time	Class	Time	Class
8:15am	Staff photos	8:15am	Staff
8:45am	School leaders	8:45am	School leaders
9:15am	1A	9:15am	1B
9:35am	1B	9:35am	1A
9:55am	1C	9:55am	2B
10:15am	2B	10:15am	1C
10:30am	2C	10:30am	3A
10:45am	3A	10:45am	2C
Lunch-Siblings and Leaders			
11:45am	2D	11:45am	4C
12:00pm	4C	12:00pm	2D

SWPBS

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Smiley Classroom Visits

Yesterday our SWPBS mascot 'Smiley' and our Deputy Principal Miss Norris visited Prep B and C. Smiley was spreading the word about our three school rules 'Safe, Respectful and Responsible'. Smiley was very impressed by how the Prep students could remember our three rules and showed Smiley how to follow them. More visits for Preps at the end of the week.



123 Magic

We will be hosting a 123Magic Parenting Workshop on 3 consecutive Friday's from 26 February, commencing straight after assembly. Each session goes for approximately two hours. There are 15 places available, and the cost is only \$15. If you miss out, or are unable to attend this round, we will be offering it again throughout the year. If you would like more information about 123Magic, go to <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/programs/1-2-3-magic-and-emotion-coaching-program> Register and pay at the office.

Chappy Sonia's Corner

Conquering your ambivalence

The parent who avoids assigning household jobs because she/he feels guilty for working or takes pity on her children is doing them no favour. It has been said, "Humans are the only creatures that devote energy to making their offspring 'happy". The rest of the animal kingdom is devoted to fostering competence to survive the world." Children deserve more than our love, they deserve to be taught how to contribute to society. Jobs are not extracurricular activities, they are the basics. When you get serious, so will your children.
-'The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel

School Banking

Welcome to another thrilling year of the School Banking Program. The School Banking Program rewards students who demonstrate good savings behaviour through our Rewards Program. Reward items can be redeemed once your child has made 10 School Banking deposits. To participate in the School Banking program, all your child needs is a Youthsaver account. Parent packs can be collected from the office and our school banking day is **Wednesday**.

Messages for Students

Please make sure your child knows before they leave home in the morning to how they are getting home. If you require a message to be delivered to your child during the school day, it is necessary to let the office know before 2nd break which is 1.15pm. We understand that some messages after this time is unavoidable but also we would like you to be aware that these messages may not be conveyed to your child due to class changes etc. We will endeavour to deliver late messages but cannot guarantee the message can be given to your child. It is best that you contact the office ASAP if there is a change in your child's normal routine.



Calliope Crushers Netball Club Inc.

Seeking Coaches for Junior Teams & Umpires for the upcoming Season

For Further information please Contact
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