What’s happening in …

4A
So far this term Mrs Boland’s 4A Monkeys have been going bananas about Geology!

We have been studying a variety of rocks and soils and learning how they have been formed. We have been conducting scientific experiments to feed our enquiring minds, investigating the properties of different soil types found in our area, and investigating the visible effects of erosion.

With the help of superheroes ‘Breaker and Woosh’ we have been comparing the effects of weathering and erosion. Recent rainfall and heavy trucks in the school grounds has given us a few real life examples to explore how human interaction can cause erosion.

Geology Rocks!

In History we are learning about explorers of the past and the significance of their journeys. We are studying the lives of convicts leading up to and on board the First Fleet, as well as what their lives held in store in Sydney Cove ready for the students to compile an historical narrative on the life of a real convict in Australia’s history.
**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:** 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. 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.

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**Every day is a learning day!**

Most classroom teachers will be conducting **Information Sessions** for parents and carers to share their classroom expectations, routines and curriculum focus for the year this week. This is an important annual event at the beginning of the year for parents to gain valuable understanding around classroom structures and routines. Please consider taking the time to attend your child/ren’s session.

Parents of 1D, your information session will be held next week as our newest class teacher, Sarah Cahill, will join the Calliope staff on Wednesday 18 February.

On parade last Friday we introduced our lastest award – for the best class attendance each week. Congratulations to 4B on winning the very first one for 2015 with 97.4%.

Our Year 6 leaders, Mr Little and myself spent the day on Monday at the Student Leadership Conference at Boyne Island. Our leaders represented our school beautifully and participated in all the games and activities as well as the focus sessions on being a leader. They will have many opportunities throughout the year to demonstrate their new skills, such as leading parades, ANZAC day service, sports days and Under 8’s day to name a few.

**Regards**

Raelene
**Nut Allergy**

As many families may be aware we have a couple of students with nut allergies. For all the new families, could you please use the guide below of foods to avoid in school lunch boxes. Below is a guide for these students. **Please avoid PEANUTS.**

**Also please avoid:**
- peanut M&Ms
- picnic chocolate bars
- biscuits with peanuts or peanut paste in them
- peanut paste sandwiches
- pine nuts
- food cooked in peanut oil
- packets of nuts
- satay chips, leftovers etc
- most chocolate contains nut traces
- muesli bars containing nuts

**Safe foods:**
- multigrain bread
- boiled egg
- roasted chickpeas
- Nutella
- tiny teddies and other prepacked snacks which state they ‘may contain traces of nuts’

If students do have items containing nuts we ask that they wash their hands with soap and water to remove residue before they use play areas.

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**Stars of the Week**

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**Parent/teacher meetings**

During week 4 of this term, all classes will be holding a parent/teacher meeting to discuss class routines and expectations. All parents are welcome to attend.

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1D will have their information session during week 5.

**Donations required**

If you have any old footy socks at home and are happy to donate them to the school, please drop them into the office. Thanks for your support.

**Win a classroom makeover for your child’s school**

If you have tokens to enter the competition from the newspaper, please hand them into the office.

**P&C meeting and AGM**

The annual general meeting for the P&C will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 3 March in the school library – all welcome.
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
- **18th Feb** - A. Austin, S. Bukowski, K. Birch.

Community News
**Calliope Scouts’ Open Day**
Sunday 22nd February, Calliope Scout Den at Bunting Park. 10:00am – 1:00pm. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and drinks to purchase - $2 each. Come along and experience some of the things Scouts has to offer. Campfire cooking, leadership activities, orienteering, crafts, etc. All sections are able to take more members – Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. See the Calliope Scout Group page on Facebook for more details on the event and our group.

**Calliope Kindergarten is holding its 2015 Annual General Meeting**
At Calliope Kindergarten, 14 Menzies Street Calliope. Tuesday, 17th February 7:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a new Committee to lead the Kindergarten in 2015. Look forward to seeing you there.

Parking
Parents are advised that they are not to park on the median strip along the front of the school entrance or in the staff carpark. This endangers children’s safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

A note from your school photographer
The school has engaged MSP Photography. Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow instructions carefully, to ensure a smooth ordering process. Additional envelopes are available from the school office for separated families, blended families, siblings and grandparents. **Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings within the school.** As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355. Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.