



Calliope State School

17 March, 2015



Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

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The Year 6 students have had quite a hectic first term with a number of academic, leadership, cultural and sporting events having taken place. In English the students have been investigating the elements of some short stories including classics such as 'The Loaded Dog', by Henry Lawson and others by Morris Gleitzman and Jackie French. We will be writing our own short stories over the next couple of weeks and this will be a great opportunity for the students to demonstrate what they've learnt in the Seven Steps writing program during the term.

A lot of our class time has also been spent on Maths as the students continued to develop their skills in manipulating fractions, making calculations using both written and mental strategies, estimating and rounding, interpreting and comparing a variety of data displays. The students have enjoyed the Technology task for this term which involved the design, construction and reflection on their model of a birdfeeder. It was great to see a diverse range of feeders together with a high level of collaboration between students during these activities. In History we learnt about the Australian Constitution, Federation, The Racial Discrimination Act and the purposes of a referendum and a census, which has helped students to understand the levels of government we have today. The first School Camp note was sent home last week and as expected this has created a buzz around the classrooms with students looking forward to this major event early in Term 4.



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Dates to Remember

19 Mar	School disco
20 Mar	Free Dress Day
20 Mar	6 a side soccer
27 Mar	Earth Hour
23-27 Mar	Parent Interviews
2 Apr	Principals' Parade

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.

Principal's Piece

Every day is a learning day!

On Friday, 20 March 2015, Calliope State School joins with other schools across Australia to mark the fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This annual day provides a focus for schools and communities to say Bullying, No Way! And to strengthen the everyday messages that bullying and violence at school or in the community are not okay at any time.

It's important to define what exactly we mean by the term 'bullying'. Check out a brilliant student website run by the Department of Education and Training 'Bullying No Way' which you can find at <http://www.takeastandtogether.gov.au/under13/being-bullied/index.html>

This site gives clear, to the point advice to kids. There are also good guidelines for parents when dealing with, understanding and helping.

It's also important to note what bullying is not. Many distressing or unpleasant acts are not examples of bullying such as fighting, arguing, social rejection or dislike and single episodes of nastiness or meanness. These may well require action from a parent or staff member but are not bullying. Bullying is systematic and on-going – it is not just a one-off-act and is not an equal power base.

One of the strategies we use with our students is Talk, Walk, and Squawk.

I had the pleasure of visiting all five of our Prep rooms on Monday to hand out our Calliope wristbands to all our new Preps! The wristbands are one way we provide a reminder to students about our three school rules – safe, respectful, responsible, as the words are written around the wristband. Our clever Preps could give me examples of all three rules and what they look like in our school.

Last Tuesday afternoon, the teaching staff from Boyne Island SS, Tannum Sands SS and Calliope SS met to discuss and plan the next English unit for each year level. The cohorts shared best practice from their classrooms and also shared ideas around Seven Steps to Writing, which all three schools are implementing.

We will all be meeting again in Term 2 to moderate the English tasks discussed at this first meeting. This is one way we are able to collaborate with other schools in our community.

Don't forget we have our parent interviews on next week. I encourage everyone to make contact with your child's class teacher during the week if you haven't already done so.

Regards
Raelene

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.

Attendance Award

Class Attendance Award for Week 7 goes to 3A with 99%!



Life Education

The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting our school from 23rd March to 2nd April. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart choices for a healthy future. Please return your permission slip along with your payment of \$4 to your child's teacher. Payments are due by 18th March. No late payments will be accepted.

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School Chaplain

Hi, hope you and your family have settled well into the school year. For those who may not know me, my name is Sonia Ruge and I am the School Chaplain at Calliope State School. I work at Calliope three days a week (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) and would like to remind you of what a School Chaplain does. My role as "Chappy Sonia" is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to the school community. My aim is to support students as they deal with issues ranging from family breakdown, loneliness, anxiety, self esteem etc. I provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend including Staff and Parents. Please come and say hello and if you have any more questions please contact me via the school office or email me at soniar@chappy.org.au.

Staff carpark

Parents are reminded that the staff carpark is NOT an entrance or exit to the school. Walking through this area puts students in danger.

School Disco

This Thursday will be our first School Disco. Food will be available from the canteen in the hall.

P-2 Disco: 5.30-6.45pm

Year 3-6 Disco: 7.00-8.30pm

P & C NEWS

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

11th March – A. Austin M. Ingham, K. Ferguson.

12th March – S. Taylor, M. Behrendt, T. McCarthy

18th March- S. Bukowski, K. Birch, D. Cottee, H. Page

25th March- L. Moore, L. O'Connor, L. Smalley, T. Booth

P & C Meeting

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Calliope P & C Treasurer & Secretary positions have become vacant. We are calling for nominations for the positions of Treasurer & Secretary for 2015. A 'Special Meeting' will need to take place to table the resignations of the two vacating Executives, and the new positions to be elected and voted in. If you would like to nominate for one of these positions please fill in a nomination form and place it into the P & C box at the office, or you can nominate yourself at the meeting. This 'Special Meeting' will take place Monday 23rd March at 3.30pm in the library. At this time if the positions are not filled we can no longer run our Tuckshop or Uniform Shop.

Community News

Freedom Festival and Family Fun Day 21st March at Gladstone Show Grounds.

Calliope Community Youth Centre

We would like to invite people living in and around Calliope to assist in setting up a Calliope Youth Centre. We will be holding a community meeting on Thursday 26th March at 6pm, at the CWA Hall in Calliope. Come along to help make this youth centre yours! You can be part of the committee and help make decisions about the centre, or just come along to find out what it's all about. We hope to see you all there!

2015 Community Musical- THE MIKADO

Presented by Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre and Gladstone Performing Arts Company
Written by Gilbert and Sullivan and re-imaged for Gladstone, it's a classic comedy story of boy-meets-girl but turns into merry mayhem – it's a musical to delight all ages.

The Mikado features a cast of exceptional local performers and musicians.

TIME/DATE:

7.30pm Friday, March 20 (Opening Night)

2.00pm Saturday, March 21

7.30pm Saturday, March 21

7.30pm Friday, March 27

7.30pm Saturday, March 28

TICKETS:

Full price \$39.00

FFOT \$33.00

Pensioner \$33.00

Senior \$33.00

Students \$33.00

Groups (10+) \$33.00

Horse Sports

On Saturday 21 March, the Silver Spurs Club will be conducting a Horse Sports afternoon at the Mt Larcom Showgrounds.

Commencing at 3pm, there is an hour of tuition, followed by competitive events and a feature event. Prizes are presented for high point winners in the age groups of Leadline, Junior Youth, Senior Youth and Adult.

Nomination is \$10 which covers all events.

BBQ Dinner \$10. Please nominate to Jenny

Grother on 0409 75 11 58.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Ashlyn	Prep B	Chloe
Prep C	Guy	Prep D	Patrick
1A	Kalliah	1B	Hollie
1C	Brock	1D	Jack
2A	Nikaiyah	2B	Chelsea
3B	Ashton	2/3D	Austin
3C	Daniel	4B	Isaac
5A	Kaden	5B	Jayde
5/6C	Billy	6A	Brooke
6B	Jacob	Music	Olivia
PE	Emme		

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Interschool Soccer

The final games of the regular competition were played last Monday. The boys' team lost 8 nil against Kin Kora and the girls drew 1 all with Kin Kora as well. Both teams showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the competition. Thank you to the parents who travelled each week to Boyne Island and Mr Little for coaching the boys.

Interschool Rugby League

Last week Calliope played Kin Kora at 5pm. A brilliant display of talent and skills were on display with Calliope being too strong, winning 36-0. This week Calliope plays St Francis at 5pm on Field 1.

Port Curtis

Congratulations to Delaney Claridge, Jai Hansen and Jordan Anderson who were selected in the Port Curtis Rugby League teams.

Calliope will also be represented in the Port Curtis Netball team by Luanne Small. Congratulations Luanne!

Free Dress Day

On Friday March 20, we will be holding our first Free Dress day for 2015. The theme is St Patrick's Day, so start looking for some green clothing! At the March P&C meeting it was decided that all money donated on this day will go towards funding new library resources for Thangool State School. The school lost over 80% of their library books during the recent cyclone and we are looking to support the school in buying new resources. If you wear 'Free Dress' on 20 March we ask for a gold coin donation. You are most welcome to donate more if you wish.