



Calliope State School

17 November 2015

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

2A

Swimming has been a welcome relief each week with the weather heating up. Christmas is also something we are heading towards rapidly with less than a month until the holidays, it is always an exciting time of the year. 2A have had a great year and as it comes to an end we are all excited to be heading off to learn more amazing things in 2016.

What a busy time of the year! 2A are working harder than ever in Term 4 to fit as much learning as they can before they head off to Year 3. This term we are especially interested in Geography. We are travelling all around the world and learning about different countries, their cultures and what life is like in different parts of the world. Each week we board the plane and have our passports stamped before we travel to a new destination. With each new country brings new information, different cultures, exciting art works and even some yummy foods!



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Principal's Piece

This will be my final newsletter for the year as I commence leave next week to support my wife as we welcome our newest family member. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Calliope SS community for a fantastic semester and for the ongoing support you have shown for this great (not so) little school. During my absence, Ms Raelene Norris will assume the role of Acting Principal. Mr John Fry has been appointed as Acting Deputy Principal.

Student-Free Day

The Queensland Government has made a decision to modify the 2016 school calendar. As a result, students will now start school on Wednesday 27th of January, the day after the Australia Day public holiday. An open classroom experience will also be provided prior to the first day to allow students and parents to meet their teacher as well as drop off book packs and other materials. Specific details outlining dates and times for this process will be communicated later this year.

Construction Project(s)

This week we have commenced the construction of our new modular building which is to be in place for the beginning of 2016. The site works commenced on Monday and will continue this week with the building being delivered and installed next week. The remainder of the week will see tree-loppers, excavators and cranes busily readying the site for next week. The new building will be used to accommodate 2 classes in 2016 and, upon completion of the larger admin and classroom building in 2017, will become the school designated Special Education Precinct. While we all feel the discomfort and disruption during the construction phase, I'm sure we can all agree that the long term benefits for the school and community will make it all worthwhile.

2016 Classes

Thank you to all parents for advising of your intention to return to Calliope State School in 2016. Over the next few weeks, the Leadership Team will be planning class structures for 2016. At this stage, there will be some changes in staffing in 2016 and I am still working with the DET Human Resources Department to finalise our workforce plan. Could I please give a gentle reminder not to request a specific teacher for your child? The teacher you seek may be on another year level – or not at the school – creating a sense of disappointment and/or frustration for you or your child

I would also like to remind parents that careful planning and consideration of individual student needs goes in to our class placements. Teachers have begun this process and the Leadership Team will be reviewing classes to ensure an optimum learning environment. For some students, we will begin the transition process this year in consultation with case managers, parents and teachers. Parents are also reminded that friendships are an important part of everyone's life – particularly at school. Children realise after a while that a good play-friend may not be a good learning-friend.

The most important consideration as we come to the end of the 2015 school year is that our children are still engaged and enjoying coming to school to learn. While the end of year becomes very busy, it is vital that we maintain routines and a focus on learning.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

Prep enrolments for 2016

Please ensure you have completed enrolment information for your 2016 Prep student. We are arranging staffing for 2016 and we need enrolment information completed to put your child into a class for 2016. Don't miss out on getting your child into a class for next year.

Toolooa SHS 2016 Year 7 Orientation Days

This year we will be holding a two day orientation program for students from Year 6 moving into Year 7 in 2016. On Monday the 30th of November and Tuesday the 1st of December, Year 6 students who will be attending Toolooa SHS in 2016 will visit their new school.

Both days will begin with a bell at 8:45am and students will move to the shelter. They will be organised into groups and will attend four lessons during the day. TSHS Junior Secondary student leaders have been selected to take groups to each lesson and work in the class with them as well as taking them to and from their lunch area.

Towards the end of lesson 4 on each day, all students will return to the shelter for a question and answer session with our Acting Principal, Mr Bryan Townsend. It is important that students are aware that they must organise their own transport to and from Toolooa and that they:

- wear full primary school uniform, particularly appropriate footwear
- bring an exercise book and pen, pencil and ruler, water bottle and a hat
- bring lunch or money to purchase lunch at our canteen

Any required medications should be clearly labelled and taken to our office.

Please note that students will be given all relevant information and handouts to ensure they are ready to commence Year 7 in 2016 on Wednesday, January 27th.

Students will be released from the shelter at 3pm each day to go home. Staff will be available on bus duty to assist students who are to travel on buses.

Any questions can be directed to the Year 7 Coordinator Craig O'Connor, on 49714341 or via e-mail at cocon20@eq.edu.au

Dates to Remember

- 27 November – Exodus Graduation**
- 4 December – Swimming Carnival**
- 7 December - Yr 6 Graduation**
- 10 December – 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.

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.



Swimming

Please ensure all belongings are named for swimming, including swimmers, towel, uniform, goggles etc.



★ Stars of the Week ★

Prep A	Tahliah	Prep B	
Prep C	Bradley	Prep D	
Prep E	Hunter	1A	Coby
1B	Ty	1C	Travis
1D	Mitchell	2A	
2B	Nevaeh	2C	
2/3D	Thomas	3A	
3B		3C	Caleb
4A	Jason	4B	Isaac
4/5C	William	5A	Ryder
5B	Lachlan	5/6D	Dylan
6A	Brooke	6B	Jacob
PE	Darcy		

Calliope Pool Opening Hours

The following are the pool opening hours:

- 5am – 9am – Weekdays
- 3.30pm – 7pm – Weekdays
- 9am – 5pm - Weekends

Calliope Pool Phone Number

Please phone 0497815393 or 4975 6455 to contact the pool regarding swimming lessons etc.

2016 Booklist

The 2016 Booklist is now available. A paper copy is available at the office.

Book packages are available at the Calliope Newsagency and Office National in Gladstone are also offering book packages for the Calliope booklist.

School Transport

Is your child starting high school next year? Will they be catching the bus? They may be eligible for free travel or discounted fares. To apply, go to www.buslink.com.au and download a Bus Travel Assistance application.

LODGE YOUR CHILD'S APPLICATION IN 2015

TO AVOID THE START OF YEAR RUSH

2016 Bus Pass Cards can be collected from

Buslink, 9 Lyons St, Gladstone

From Monday 11th January 2016

For enquiries please phone 4972 1670 or email info.gladstone@buslink.com.au

Curriculum Catch-up

Seven Steps to Writing Success

This week we will look at our final step, **Step 7 – Exciting Endings** and some tips for both Narrative and Persuasive writing.

Would you tell a joke without knowing the punch line? If you want to build to a big climax in the writing you have to know where you are heading.

Narrative:

- Know your ending before you start
- Ban the quick fix endings (And then I woke up)
- Two endings
 - Action climax (winning grand final)
 - Character resolution (gives richness)

Persuasive:

- Don't summarize (boringly repeat)
- Write strongly and engage emotions

The last line of a story is often the theme. Frequently authors know exactly what their last line will be – and write the whole novel from that. Try it!

Last lines:

- I dream most nights about dragon flight.
- I closed the door. The secret was safe at last.
- She reached out, caught the bubble and laughed.

Now we have covered all seven steps to writing success! Make sure you check in with your child/ren about how their writing is progressing and what steps they are having the most success with in their own writing. You could even have a parent child writing challenge at home!



Moderation

This week as part of our staff meeting, all class teachers will be participating in a moderation process to ensure consistency across the year level with student levels of achievement.

Once assessments are completed and marked, a range from each class will be discussed and moderated across the other year level teachers to maintain a consistent standard for all students. Therefore, as an example, a B level of achievement in Science for year 4 would be consistent in all year 4 classes.

Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Raelene Norris

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day

Our school leaders attended the Remembrance Day service on 11 November. They recited poems and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.



Community News

Calliope Cricket will be running FREE cricket matches at Bunting Park for all primary school boys and girls after school on Thursday afternoons at 4.30pm. All welcome.

Play Group in the Park

The Teddy Bears are having a picnic! This playgroup event is for children aged 0-5 years and their families and is free.

Where: Bunting Park

When: Thursday 26 November

Time: 9.00 – 11.00am

Bring your favourite teddy, a hat and water bottle, and a snack to keep you going. For further information please contact Katy on 0438 410 589 or

katy.winter@benevolent.org.au

Christmas Variety Concert

Sunday 29th November, 1pm held at 161 Sun Valley Road Gladstone. Gold coin entry. Tea & coffee/softdrinks available. Raffles and lots of give a ways.