



Calliope State School

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are:

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What's happening in ...

3B

Dr Seuss' book *The Lorax* was the focus of our English unit and we wrote our own retells of the story from the perspective of different characters which was fun but challenging. We are now looking forward to our new English unit in which we will have an opportunity to write and illustrate our own narrative and publish it.

Term 3 had an interesting start for 3B. We welcomed Mrs Hayes but unfortunately she had to leave. So in week 4 we welcomed Mrs Goodman-Jones and Mrs Smith-Ashton to our class. Since then we have been busy learning lots of new and exciting stuff.

In science we have been studying heat energy and using thermometers to measure heat transference. We have performed several experiments and have discovered that very few of us enjoy sticking our hands in ice cold water.



Principals Piece

We've made it into the second half of the term already. How time flies!

It has been an exciting 5 weeks in which I've been able to meet with so many students and their families to discuss the school and the direction we are going. I have been meeting regularly with the school captains and have received some great insight into the school. They have been able to provide some great ideas about improving the school day and the school environment.

Parent Feedback

The recent school opinion survey, that was completed by parents, students and staff, will provide the school with valuable information about general aspects of the school and allow the team to build some great improvement strategies as we move forward. I believe that it is important to dig deeper into the community to obtain feedback in a more detailed and specific context. With this in mind I would like to invite you to meet with me personally to discuss a range of topics in relation to the school and how we can make Calliope State School a better place in every way. I will be hosting the first of our feedback days on Wednesday of week 8 this term. Further details about the time and venue will be provided next week. These sessions will be capped at 20 participants, so it will be important to book your place via the school office.

2016 Staff and Resourcing plan

To support the planning of staffing, facilities and resource allocations for the 2016 school year, we request that all families with Prep aged children for next year enrol their child at the school office as soon as possible. It would also benefit the school if parents could advise other community members who have Prep aged students for 2016 to complete the enrolment process by contacting school office staff.

School Uniform

Calliope State School is a uniform school with a dress code developed in consultation with the Parents and Citizens' Association. The Winter Uniform is a unisex royal blue tracksuit with a royal blue jumper.

The Dress Code and Uniform Policy reflects community standards and the Enrolment Agreement clearly articulates the expectation that enrolling families will follow the Dress Code and Uniform Policy.

Now that we are in the cooler months it is expected that parents will ensure that their child wears the appropriate royal blue jumper to school. Currently there are a large number of students not wearing the required royal blue jumper or top. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated. The Uniform Shop has the winter jumper in stock and the lovely volunteers will be happy to assist you. Alternatively you can purchase a plain royal blue jumper from an alternative supplier.

It is expected that all students will be respectful of the uniform expectations and be responsible for wearing the correct uniform. Please invest time in assisting your child to make correct uniform choices before they leave home each morning. The first indication of intention to meet school expectations happens before the students even leave the house.

NAPLAN

All parents of students in Year 3 and 5 who sat for the NAPLAN Assessments this year should have received their child's formal report. If you have not received your child's report, please contact the school office. Overall performance indicated that we are on par with the nation in terms of ensuring our students are above the National Minimum Standard for Reading, Numeracy, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Writing. This shows that we are effectively supporting kids who require support in literacy and numeracy. The school has been working hard in many areas and we are already working with the school data to highlight priorities for the next 12 months and strategise in implementing systemic improvements throughout the school.

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child's learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P & C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P & Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people who are involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

P and Cs QLD

Prep enrolments

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. Enrolment packages and information sessions will be available in term 3. 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 Transition meetings

The first of the information sessions for Prep parents in 2016 will be taking place this afternoon at 5:00pm and repeated tomorrow morning at 9.15am. Enrolment packs will be available at these meetings. Bookings for enrolment interviews will start after these meetings.



Book Week – Dress Up parade

This Friday, 21 August we will be celebrating Book Week with a Dress Up parade. Students are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character that morning. After parade they will need to change back into their school uniform.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be on during Week 7: Monday 24 August – Friday 28 August. Students accompanied by parents may purchase before school from 8.30am- 9.00am (Monday – Friday) and 3.15 – 3.45pm (Monday - Wednesday). Students may also purchase books during first break, 11.15 – 11.40am.

Gladstone State High School

All families wishing to enrol their students into Year 7 in 2016 are invited to book an enrolment interview. Interviews will be held at Calliope State School on Friday 21st August 2015. To secure your spot please call GSHS as soon as possible on 4976 6111.

Dates to Remember

18 August	Prep Parent Info Session 5pm
19 August	Prep Parent Info Session 9:15am
19 August	Open Night
21 August	Book Week Dress Up

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

19th August- B. Sherrington, D. Cottee, R. Thurgood

20th August- L. O'Connor, L. Smalley, L. Moore

26th August- K. Ferguson, R. Thurgood, D. Cottee

27th August- R. Marsh, L. Smalley, L. O'Connor

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.



New QSchool

You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.



Stars of the Week

Prep C	Ryder	Prep D	Charlotte
Prep E	Chelsea	1B	Ella
1C	Hunter	1D	Cooper
2A	Kolby	2B	Jasmine
2C	Ella	2/3	Caitlin
3B	Daniel	3C	Chloe
4A	Zarah	4B	Alanah
4/5C	Justin	5A	Kaden
5B	Kiana	6A	Corey
6B	Brady	PE	Leo
Music	Braden		

Open Night

On Wednesday 19 August, we will be holding our Annual Open Night. Parents and families are welcome to visit classrooms between 5-6pm on this night.

Connect 2 Kindy

Each Friday after parade our Connect 2 Kindy group meet near the hall. Please call in on a Friday morning and see Katy if you would like more information.



Earn and Learn

Calliope School is collecting the Earn and Learn stickers again this year. There is a collection box in the school office. We use the points to purchase items such as mobilo for classrooms and the portable soccer nets on the oval.

Botanic to Bridge

Thank you to all our participants this year. Remember that students will receive a Homework Pass to use this week if they participated and had a better time than Miss Norris.

Community News

School Improvement Bulletin

Improving Attendance

Calliope SS Attendance Target – 94%	Calliope SS Actual Attendance – 92.5%
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Literacy Boost Groups

The Literacy Boost groups are in full swing now.

Groups 1 – Years 1 and 2 on Monday

Group 2 – Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday

Group 3 – Years 5 and 6 on Thursday

I have had a lot of positive feedback from parents and children involved in these groups. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

DOING MATHS AT HOME

PLAYING games

- Play I Spy or other games to identify shapes, numbers and patterns.
- Dice are a great addition to any toy collection. Roll the dice and say, make or write the numbers identified. Roll the dice and add the numbers together to find the total.
- Play number games online with your child.
- Try this website: <http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/>

MAKING patterns:

- Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry.
- Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, crockery, cards and furniture.
- Use coloured pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery to begin a pattern for your child to continue. For example, red, blue, white, red, blue, white.
- Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders or greeting cards or on material.

MEASURING things:

- Use a wall measuring chart to measure the height of people in your family.
- Cut a piece of string for your child, any length will do. Use the string to measure the objects in your house to find out what is longer or shorter than your 'string measuring tape'. Ask your child to identify anything that is the same length.
- Explore other ways of measuring using a cup, jug, teaspoon, icy pole sticks, foot prints or hand lengths.
- Build a tower of blocks that is taller than a favourite toy. Ask your child to count the total blocks to measure the height of the tower.

Deputy Principal – School Improvement
Coralie Baldwin

Variety Concert for any members of the community to attend free of charge.

There will be lots of singing, live music, laughs and fun....along with heaps of prizes, games and a raffle at the door.

The concert starts at 1pm on Sunday 23rd August 2015 with afternoon tea following.

The venue is at the New Apostolic Church, 161 Sun Valley Road Gladstone.

For further information please contact Craig on 4975 6828.

Sign on Days for Tannum Sands Surf Lifesaving Club, 2015/16 Season.

When: Saturday, 22 August 2015 and Saturday, 5 September 2015

Where: Wests Swimming Pool, Glenlyon Road, Gladstone, opposite Gladstone Duck Ponds

Pool swim proficiencies are conducted on the day.

Times: 8:00am to 11:30am

Cost: Family \$300

Single \$100.00 per person

Cash or cheque only- NO EFTPOS

New Registrations from 6-18 years must present a birth certificate at sign on. A parent/guardian must also join when joining a Junior between ages 6-14 years. Joining Adults (18+) must apply for a free Blue Card, so bring 2 forms of Identification (eg drivers licence/birth certificate/passport)

Existing Members - renew and pay online at <http://sls.com.au/join>

Registration enquiries to Club

Registrar at

email registrartannumsurf@hotmail.com