What’s happening …

CALLIOPE S.S. SWIMMING CARNIVAL – 2013

Friday 6th December

START at 9:30am and FINISH at 1:15pm.

Swimming notes for Parents and Students prior to the carnival.

1. Sun shirts must be worn all day except during races.
2. Hats must be worn when spectating.
3. All items taken to the pool should have the student’s name on them.
4. No valuables should be taken to the pool.
5. A tuckshop will operate at the pool but only for snack foods, drinks and lollies.
6. Sunscreen can be coloured or clear.
7. No spray coloured hair or crepe paper to be brought into the pool.
8. The small wading pool will be out of bounds to everyone.
9. Students can come to school with their togs under their school uniform. Closed in shoes must be worn to school. Uniforms will need to be put back on after the swimming carnival.
10. At the end of the carnival, Years 4 and 5 will get changed back into their uniform at the pool while Years 6 and 7 will use the school toilets.

Please find attached to this newsletter the Swimming Carnival Program.
Principal’s Piece

Every day is a learning day!

The last three weeks have seen changes in the office with both myself and Raelene Norris taking leave. Thank you to Raelene, Jaime Perkins and Kayleen Bishop for keeping the ball rolling and minimising disruption during this time.

My week of leave was spent enjoying my daughter’s Graduation celebrations and I was very proud to watch not only her, but a large group of former Calliope students as they finished their formal years of schooling and prepare to move into the big wide world. They scrubbed up very well for Prom and have great things ahead of them. The high schools do a very good job of celebrating students’ achievements once they leave school and it made me think that we should do the same. If you have older children or family members who attended Calliope State School and have gone on to do spectacular things or be successful in their chosen career please let us know at admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au so we can begin a new tradition. I’m sure we will be seeing more of Bill Cullen, a former student who graduated from Gladstone State High last week and is off to Townsville for a contract with the Cowboys. We wish him and all other past Calliope students the very, very best for the future.

As Raelene mentioned last week, we are currently planning staffing for 2014, so make sure you let us know if you are not returning in 2014, and enrol any Prep students as soon as possible. The closer we are to an accurate estimate of student numbers, the less disruption after Day 8. For our newer families, our staffing is not finalised until the 8th Day of the school year and classes may change up until that point but we try very hard to minimise changes where possible.

We do not have our final staffing for next year but I can announce that several teachers have received transfers out. At the end of this year we will be saying goodbye to Sarah Fisher, Jaime Perkins, Jennie Robinson, Garret Slade, Leah Normington, Wanda Maher and Darryl Hitchcock. Kelly Sellin, Kris Booth and Jess Smith will be taking leave in 2014 and Kayci Kirk will be working in the position of STLaN for the first six months, while Camille Cameron is on leave. Our teaching team will look very different but we will continue to make sure that every day is a learning day.

Regards
Marni Morrison
**P & C Annual Christmas Raffle**
Tickets for our annual Christmas raffle is be available to purchase from this Wednesday, purchases can be made each morning at the front gate and on Friday mornings at parade. The tickets will be 50c each and the raffle will be drawn at the last parade of the year. The P&C are asking each family to donate non-perishable items for the Christmas raffle, there will be a basket in the office for you to drop off your donation.

**Stars of the Week**
Prep A  Karlie  
Prep B  Chelsea  
Prep C  Emmy  
1B  Jordyn  
1C  Scott  
2A  Sophie  
2B  Razia  
2C  Blake  
3A  Billy  
3/4C  Bailey  
4A  Jamie  
4B  Chloe  
5A  Denzell  
5B  Aleks  
6B  Kayla  
7A  Hayley

**School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office.** Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of students bringing in their tokens at different times. This term redemption day will be the 4th December. Please have your tokens and redemption card to the office by 20th November so items can be ordered and arrive in time.

**P & C NEWS**

**New opening times for our uniform shop.** The uniform shop will be open every Monday and Friday from 8.30 - 9.30am.
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**
The P&C committee and the lovely Tuckshop Ladies would like to thank everyone for their fantastic response to the tuckshop changes that started last week, the tuckshop ladies were kept very busy with all of your orders over the two days. Please keep supporting the tuckshop during the trial period if you would like this to be a permanent change next year. We are still in need for at least 6 or more volunteer helpers in the tuckshop on both Wednesday and Thursday, our busiest time is between 9 and 11:30 am if you are able to spare some of your time to help, please see Amanda in the tuckshop on either of those days or leave your name and number with the ladies in the office.

**Tuckshop Roster**
20th Nov- M. Behrendt, S. Meyer, K. Baker  
21st Nov- K. Giffin, J. Kerr, L. Ninness

If you are paying for multi orders in one bag, could you please write on the bag (money in John Smith’s Bag 5B)
Preparatory Year

Enrolment and Information Packages are now available for children entering Prep in 2013. The following table will assist you to determine when your child/ren are eligible to commence Prep. It is a requirement of Education Queensland that a birth certificate and immunisation records be sighted, so please present these documents upon enrolment.

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Head Lice

If you do find head lice in your child’s hair, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Remember to keep checking your family member’s heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

For further information regarding treating head lice, refer to the Department of Health’s [Head Lice fact sheet](http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp). Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs.

Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce the spread of head lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact.

To reduce your child’s risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes and combs and having head to head contact with others.

Remember - Anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.