



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

News from 6A

The Year 6 students were very busy in first term with a number of academic, leadership, cultural and sporting events having taken place. In English the students investigated the elements of some short stories including classics such as 'The Loaded Dog', by Henry Lawson and others by Morris Gleitzman and Jackie French. They also wrote their own short stories towards the end of the term and this provided a great opportunity for the students to demonstrate what they've learnt in the Seven Steps writing program.

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 enjoyed the Technology task in Term One, 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.

This term Year 6 students are also studying Geography, which will include consideration of the wide diversity of people, places and cultures across the world. Recently the students used coordinates of latitude and longitude to locate cities around the world on maps and globes.



Principal's Piece

Welcome back to all families, returning and new. Term 2 is shaping up to be a very interesting time with lots of learning opportunities and several special occasions. I encourage parents to continue to read this newsletter as well as class notes to keep informed of the many things that are happening in our busy school.

Uniform

Recently we have been informed that our uniform supplier is unable to continue the production and delivery of our current blue and gold polo shirt. This means that we have an opportunity to investigate alternatives and possibly investigate a revamp of the uniform in its entirety. In the coming week or so, an online survey will be developed and provided to families so that you will be able to have a say in the uniform. The survey will cover a few topics and should only take around 5 minutes to complete. The school colours and logo will remain the same. Regardless of the outcome of the survey, a new shirt will be required. We will of course work with the school community on timelines for implementation and ensure that no student or family is disadvantaged in any way. Please keep an eye out for the information about the survey. The more people we can get to respond, the better we can gauge the feelings and thoughts of our community. I thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

NAPLAN 2016

The NAPLAN Assessments will take place on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May. This week (Thursday) students in years three and five will complete practice tests for Reading and Numeracy. The aim of these tests is to familiarise students with the testing processes, including the test layout and script that will be used for instructions. It will also help students to ensure that the right equipment is available.

If you have any queries regarding these Assessments, please contact the office and arrange to speak with a member of the admin team.

Parent Teacher Interviews this week

The school has Parent/Teacher interviews twice a year. Research shows that a child's success at school is closely related to parent and teacher partnerships. We strongly recommend parents do attend these interviews. Letters have been sent home to each child with preferences for interview times. Please contact your teacher, if you haven't already done so, to make a time to discuss your child's progress.

ATTENDANCE AND TIMELINESS

The research around student learning is clear. Criteria number one for success at school is turning up. We all understand and accept that children will get sick and family holidays will, from time to time, result in absences. These are not the absences we get concerned about. It is the regular, consistent absences over a period of time that limit children's literacy, numeracy and social development. Attendance at Calliope SS has generally been very good this year with a 95% overall rate in Term 1. In light of this, there are just a couple of reminders that might help. On time arrival each day at school is very important. Students are expected to be in class and ready to begin work at **9.10am**. Currently we have a number of students still wandering into class after **9.10am**. This makes it difficult to start the day with all students. Please remember to explain all absences by either ringing the absence line or sending an email to absence@calliope.eq.edu.au. All unexplained absences are recorded on our system and are followed up. Let's keep the positive trend in attendance going!

Jeremy Godden
Principal

ANZAC Parade

Friday 22nd April at 9.15am will be the school ANZAC parade. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

ANZAC Day Service

Calliope's ANZAC Day 2016 commemorations will be held on ANZAC Day, Monday 25th April 2016 commencing with a march moving off at 10.45 am from Bunting Park, Archer Street to and along Bloomfield Street and Stirrat Street, to the Cenotaph at the RSL Hall, Stirrat Street Calliope. The commemorative service will follow at 11.00 am. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend the service and also to take part in the march and/or to lay a wreath during the service if they so desire. There will be temporary closure of the following roads from 10.30 am for the duration of the march. Stirrat Street between Muirhead Street and Sutherland Street, Archer Street and Bloomfield Street between Stowe Road and Stirrat Street. Stirrat Street from Bloomfield Street to Muirhead Street will continue to be closed for the duration of the service which concludes at 12.00 pm.

Calliope students are welcome to participate in the march on ANZAC Day, 25 April. Please meet Mrs Kettle at Bunting Park at 10.30am wearing your school uniform. You will need a hat and water bottle.

Homework Club

Does your child need help to finish their homework?

Are they too busy during the week and have missed finishing their homework at home?

Come down to the hall during first break and join our support group.
Mrs Black and Mrs Hall will be there to help.



Dates to Remember

22 April	ANZAC parade
25 April	ANZAC Day
29 April	FFF
2 May	Labour Day holiday
6,13,20 May	123 Magic workshops

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

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 7:45 – 8:00am

Where: Chappy Sonia's office between 3A and 3B

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Uniform Shop

The opening time for our uniform shop is Friday 8.15-9.00am. The uniform shop has eftpos. Otherwise cash and cheque are 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 Friday. Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools – www.flexischools.com.au. The uniform shop will be opening on Wednesdays at 8.15 – 9.00am from the 27/04/2016.



Community News

Kids' Art Classes

After school 3.30-5.00 either Mon, Tues or Thurs @ Auckland St Creative (opp. Central School) 6 – 12yrs \$140 for an 8 week term Starts 18 April (can start during the term if space is available).

Email Jenny :

Kidsclasses.cgri@gmail.com or text 0419705175 for bookings & info



School Banking

In Term 2, we are running a competition from week 2 to week 9 where we are encouraging students to bank 5 times during the term and they will go into a draw to win a \$20 Coles Myer gift card. The winner will be drawn and announced on parade in week 10. So remember, school banking occurs every Wednesday. Happy banking.

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for Students and school staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices. Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. Students who don't have a school login, school email account and password should contact their school's class teacher. Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you're a Queensland state school student or school-based member.

Download process

For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school address.

If you have trouble, please refer to the instructions on how to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to your personal home computer.

- How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Windows computer
- How to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to a Mac computer

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