What’s happening in …

5A

Term 2 is of course a busy term for all year 5’s. We have just completed the NAPLAN for this year. Our students knew how to sit quietly for the 50 minute blocks of testing and concentrate. I congratulate them all for their persistence.

Throughout this term we will be studying maps and practising cartography skills. We shall continue practising the art of persuasive speech and writing and of course, spelling each week. In math we are always practising all of the times tables as well as multiplication to the double digit and division to the single digit. For Art we are considering Textures. In this unit of work we have collected and practised using all sorts of different textures that we have found in the yard as well as collected from home. Each student has prepared three cameo texture pictures, one of a beach scene, desert scene and a country side scene. These small pictures have been practise pieces to see which textured articles are best suited to represent what. Our final product will be a large completed textured picture which we have prepared on paper first.
**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

This Friday is Walk to School Safely Day, and to celebrate, Policeman Andrew and I will be walking to school with Calliope students. Those coming from the western side of the school can either meet Policeman Andrew at Bunting Park at 8am or join him along the way as he walks students to school. I will be departing from the eastern side of the school, at the top of the hill and across the road from the IGA at 8am also. Policeman Andrew and I have stickers to give out to children who ‘Walk to School Safely’ with us. Walk to School Safely Day coincides with Breaky Club Friday this week, so Policeman Andrew is going to stay for a sausage and a juice, and speak to students about being safe when walking to school. Find out more about the event at walk.com.au. There is an App you can download as well as Samsung Galaxy tablets to be won.

Tomorrow is Under 8’s Day, a highly anticipated event on the school calendar. The day will go ahead regardless of weather; if it rains we will just remain under the buildings rather than on the oval.

This week we welcome Mrs Alexander to our SEP team as Miss Costello will be working at Mt Larcom for the rest of the term.

Our staff are committed to providing the very best education for your children and professional development activities help us to improve our practice. Currently, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Bishop, Miss Norris and I are undertaking a 5 week course on Functional Behaviour Assessment with other GOs and Administrators from the Gladstone area. Tomorrow our teaching staff will attend Part 1 of a workshop about improving vocabulary, facilitated by the Speech Language Pathologist, and we also have a visiting Pedagogical Coach here this week to work on Explicit Instruction with some of our teachers. Next week I will be attending the Central Queensland Regional Principals’ Conference at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre for three days. This is a biennial event attended by Principals as far north as Mackay, as far west as Longreach and as far south as Gayndah.

Have you downloaded the QSchools app yet? You can view school newsletters, the calendar and news articles, all from your smartphone, iPad or tablet. Go to our school website for a link to the App.

Have a great week!

Regards

*Marni Morrison*
We now have eftpos available at the office for your convenience. This facility is for school related purchases, not for P&C Payments. Please note there is a $5 minimum payment.

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**Maths Mental Strategies**

This week we are focusing on:

**Prep – Year 3: Change the order**

Addition is communicative; it does not matter which order the numbers are added in. This is useful when adding strings of numbers because it means that numbers can be added in an order that makes applying strategies more logical. For example when working out 8+3+2+4, it makes sense to match the rainbow pair 8 and 2 to make 10, a friendly number, and then add the near double 3 and 4. It is very easy then to finish with 10+7.

**Years 4-7: Estimating**

When students can confidently round numbers to the nearest 10, they can begin to apply rounding to string of numbers or money amounts. Review with the students why some numbers were rounded up and some rounded down, and also focus on the fact that there was a fair balance in the numbers rounded up to those rounded down. In the real world an overestimate is often better than an underestimate. This concept is also covered next week in the ‘Compensating’ strategy.

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**Stars of the Week**

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**Staying safe around Bats**

Students need to be aware that bats and flying foxes pose minimal risk to humans but may spread harmful viruses if they scratch or bite someone. Refer to the [Living with Bats website](#).

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**Crazy Sock Day**

This Friday is Crazy Sock Day. You can wear mismatched sock bright bold and colourful socks. Gold coin donation would be appreciated. Money raised goes towards the help to cure Cancer.

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**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.

**Winners of the P&C Mother’s Day raffle are:**

Max 4/5C
Zayne 6A
Kyle 7A
Molly 6B
Jordis 1B

**Tuckshop Roster**

21st May - K. Baker, C. Campbell, T. Gerardini
22nd May - M. Ingham, L. O’Connor, S. Taylor, R. Thurgood
28th May - J. Burfield, R. Marsh, Shayne, C. Nightingale
29th May - C.Campbell, L. Ninness, C. Murphy
4th June - K. Baker, C. Campbell, J. Burfield
5th June - S. Taylor, M. Ingham, L. O’Connor

**School Banking**

School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. If you are new to our school and would like to open up a Dollarmite account, please see Vanda in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.
A vacancy exists for a permanent part-time Cleaner at Calliope State School. Application packages can be collected from the school office, by phoning (07) 4975 8333 or emailing tschm27@eq.edu.au. Applications close on Wednesday 6th June 2014. Applications marked “Private & Confidential” and returned to:-
The Principal
Calliope State School
PO BOX 232
CALLIOPE QLD 4680
Fax: 4975 6347
Email tschm27@eq.edu.au

Applicants are required to submit with a brief resume which includes contact details for 2 referees and a written response outlining their experiences/knowledge against each point under ‘How you will be assessed’ in the position description.

The successful applicant must hold or make an application for and be able to obtain, a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. All applications will remain current for a period of 12 months.

Should you have any queries please contact Toni Schmidt, Business Services Manager on 4975 8333.

**Triple P Seminars**

Education Queensland is providing Triple P seminars for parents and care providers.

**Triple P – Positive Parenting Program aims to promote positive, caring relationships between parents and their children, and to help parents develop effective management strategies for promoting children’s health, development and wellbeing, and for dealing with a variety of childhood behavioural and emotional problems and common developmental issues.**

The three seminars cover:

1. The Power of Positive Parenting
2. Raising Confident Competent Children
3. Raising Resilient Children

Triple P seminars are being held at Gladstone West State School on the following dates:

Seminar 1 – Thursday 29 May;
Seminar 2 – Thursday 5 June;
Seminar 3 – Thursday 12 June.

All sessions are 6 – 7.30pm.

Location – Special Education Unit (entry via Quoin Street)

Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend individual sessions if they wish. These sessions are adult only sessions and alternate arrangements will need to be made for child supervision. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**National Simultaneous Storytime**

On Wednesday May 21 at 11am our Prep students will participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. This year’s book is Too Many Elephants in the House by Ursula Dubosarsky. In libraries, bookstores, classrooms and homes across Australia people will be sharing this story to promote literacy to young children and expose them to the magic and excitement of reading.

**Calliope Wide World of Sport**

As in last week’s school newsletter, a congratulations also needs to go to Lleyton Baguley as he too attended the trials in Mackay. My apologies for omitting his name.

AFL Auskick started last Friday afternoon with an excellent attendance rate. Ben was very impressed with the level of skill and talent on display. AFL Auskick is on every Friday afternoon starting at 3.30pm held by Ben from AFL Queensland.
Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month
Each year Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is held in the month of May. The aim of the month is to:

- Raise community awareness on the effects of domestic and family violence;
- Promote a clear message of NO tolerance to domestic and family violence in our community;
- Promote what support is available in our community for those affected by domestic and family violence; and
- Encourage those who used abuse or violence to take responsibility and seek support to change.

Do you know someone affected by domestic and family violence? This year’s campaign is (Queensland Government − Department of Communities). The campaign encourages the friends, family, colleagues and neighbours of people experiencing abuse in a domestic or family relationship to call the statewide DVConnect Womensline or Mensline to seek confidential advice about safety strategies and available support. The aim of the campaign is to enable people in the community to recognise signs of domestic and family violence and especially non-physical form of violence – such as stalking, threats, verbal abuse or controlling behaviour.

Under 8’s morning
Our annual Under 8’s morning will be celebrated this Tuesday 20 May at Calliope School. Students in Prep – Year 3 will be able to participate in a wide range of activities on the oval from 9.15 – 10.45am. Our year 6 and 7 students will be involved by assisting the teachers to run the activities. Parents and younger siblings are most welcome to attend.

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge
Calliope School will again be participating in this state-wide event. The Challenge commences this week on 20 May and concludes on 5 September. Prep – Year 2 students must read or engage with 20 books, Years 3 and 4 students must read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 students must read 15 books. Reading Log forms will be sent home with all students from Prep – Year 7 this week. Once students have completed the Challenge they will return forms to their class teacher.

Year 2 - Food Revolution Day
On Friday the Year 2 classes took part in the Jamie Oliver ‘Food Revolution’ Day. They made Rainbow Salad wraps – grating fruit and vegetables and making their own dressing. Thanks to Woolworths Kin Kora for donating all the food items for this project.

All three Year 2 classes wearing their chef hats!

Australia’s biggest Morning Tea
Calliope Country Club will be hosting a morning tea on Thursday 22nd May at the Golf Club Clubhouse, starting at 11am. Homebaked lunch, fashion parade by Limestone Clothing & multi raffles draw. Cost is $15 all proceeds are to help fight Cancer.