



Calliope State School

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What's happening in ...

News from 4B

4B are extremely excited about the term ahead and have had a busy first week. The class have started reading the quest novel, 'Rowan of Rin' by Emily Rodda and are finding the story and its characters to be an interesting read. There is lots of fantastic reflection and discussion occurring in our room in response to this book. We are investigating materials in Science and fractions in Mathematics. Reading groups is involving investigating and learning the skill, 'Understanding Words' to assist us in having better comprehension and reading skills.



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Principal's Piece

Welcome to week 2.

Over the holidays I had the opportunity to spend some amazing, quality time with my family and friends we've known for a very long time. During that time, and through conversations with those closest to us, I reflected upon how those people have supported me and my family when things were a bit rough and have celebrated our achievements over time. Though it may have only been a phone call here and there, the offer of help, a kind and/or unbiased, honest word, these people have been an invaluable support mechanism for me and my family during those times of hardship or joy. I mention this as we've settled back in to the school routine and have reflected on our achievement from semester one. Some students may be a little disappointed with their results and others will be elated with the outcomes of the labour. Regardless, it is vital that we are cheerleaders for our students, that we celebrate their successes and achievements and provide encouragement in the places it's needed. Identifying with students where they need to improve and helping them to form a plan to realise that a goal is an important part of providing a supportive environment. We, as a school, are in your corner! We are ready and willing to provide you and your children with that supportive environment and work with students on being the best they can be.

"It's not about being the best. It's about being better than you were yesterday."

School Opinion Survey

Our annual School Opinion Survey is currently underway and your feedback is needed. All families (via the eldest child), all staff and a random sample of students are invited to participate. I encourage you to engage with this survey, either online or in hard copy format (available from the office), to have your say about what our school does well, and how we, as a school community, can improve. Any questions about the survey or requests for paper copies or translations can be made through the school office. For families without access to the internet at home, the school will provide access to our computer lab on Tuesday 26 July from 8:00am – 9:00am and again from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Please contact the school office if you like to utilise the school facilities to complete your survey.

Enrolments and Transitions

Over the coming semester, we will be working closely with our partners to ensure the best possible transitions and orientations both into and out of Calliope State School. Our 2017 prep enrolments have opened and we look forward to working with and getting to know our new and continuing families. If you, or a friend, would like to enrol or would like to find out more about our school, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

This is an exciting time for our senior students as they ready themselves for the next big step in their lives, the leap into high school! We are also working with our local State High Schools regarding transitioning our students into Junior Secondary at high school. If your child is in this situation please make sure you keep up to date with information evening dates, orientation session and other transition sessions that pertain to your child. Please also be reminded that all of our local high schools are enrolment managed and have strict guidelines that are set in legislation regarding enrolment eligibility.

The Calliope SS newsletter will feature updates about transitions each week. Please do not hesitate to contact us, or the high school, if you have any queries.

Jeremy Godden
Principal

Free playgroup membership for Queensland families

All Queensland families who register with Playgroup Queensland before their child's first birthday can now receive a free 12-month family membership as part of the Queensland Government's Play Stars initiative. With more than 60,000 babies born in Queensland each year, Play Stars will benefit many new families by creating more opportunities for children to learn through play, while supporting parents and carers in their role as first teachers.

The *Play Stars* initiative is an action from the [Advancing education: An action plan for education in Queensland](#) and will be delivered in partnership with Playgroup Queensland over the next five years. [Register online](#) or visit the [Playgroup Queensland website](#) for more information.

White Ribbon Night

Friday 29 July is [White Ribbon Night](#), an event which aims to raise awareness about violence against women. Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and their children. A house should be a home, and a safe one at that. Instead, at least one woman is killed every week by a current or former partner, while one in four children are exposed to domestic violence. No one should accept this.

How can you get involved? This White Ribbon Night, hold a [movie marathon](#), cook up a [feast](#) or watch the [footy](#) — all in the comfort of your own home. By registering an event, spreading the word on social media ([#WhiteRibbonNight](#)) and making a donation, you can help raise awareness and funds to support White Ribbon's work.

We need to stand up and say domestic violence is never acceptable, Not Now, Not Ever. The department is committed to eliminating domestic and family violence in all its forms. Together let's build a future free from violence.

Dates to Remember

25 July	Literacy Carnivale
02 July	ICAS English
10 August	Show Holiday
15 August	Prep Information
24 August	Open Night 5pm
22-25 Aug	Book Fair

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

123Magic

We will again be hosting a 123Magic Workshop on Friday 29th July, 5th August and 12th August, commencing straight after assembly. Each session goes for approximately 2hrs. There are 10 places available, and the cost is \$20 for Calliope parents and \$50 for non Calliope parents.

If you would like more information about 123Magic, go to <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/programs/1-2-3-magic-and-emotion-coaching-program>

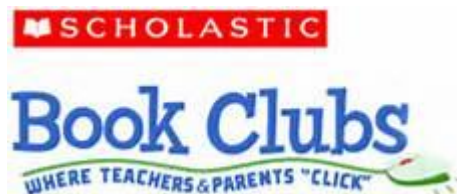
Register and pay at the office!

Word of the Week

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Book Club

Welcome back to another Term of Book Club. Remember you can order by cash (correct money would be appreciated), cheque or online. All orders are due back on Friday 29th July 2016. NO late orders will be accepted. Any queries or questions, please contact the office to leave a message



Literacy Carnivale

Calliope School will be fortunate again to host two authors at the school in Term 3 as part of Literacy Carnivale. They will be visiting 25 July 2016. Information letters have been sent home. Payment is due by Friday 22 July.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Please see attached letter from Glen Butcher MP regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Charlie	Prep B	Thai
Prep C	Dre	Prep D	Benjamin
Prep/1E	Heith	1A	Ethan
1B	Mathew	1C	Chloe
1D	Tahliah	2A	Bailey
2B	Kayla	2C	Bailey
2D		3A	Maycee
3B	Thomas	3C	Chelsea
3D	Owen	4A	Makayla
4B	Ryder	4C	Brianna
5A	Joel	5B	Savannah
5C	Quinn	6A	Travis
6B	Lachlan	6C	William
PE	Chloe	MUSIC	Samantha

Chappy's Corner

Make sure your children have a chance to get bored

Parents have a paradoxical mission. You have to work hard not to provide your children with interesting things to do. Children need a chance to build up their boredom tolerance muscle. Treat daydreaming, being messy, noisy, and silly as essential to the development of your child's mind and should anything else he/she does. An advantage to adopting this attitude is that you won't have to work so hard.

"The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel'

KidsMatter

KidsMatter Primary is an Australian initiative that aims to improve children's mental health and wellbeing. It recognises the important role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children and encourages effective working relationships between school staff, parents and carers, and the broader community. Please see attached flyer regarding KidsMatter. Parents are encouraged to please complete the online survey at: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey



Uniform Shop

The opening time for our uniform shop is **Wednesday 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 on Wednesday. Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools - www.flexischools.com.au.

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 7:45 – 8:00am

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

Calliope Pool

Austswim Courses @ Calliope Pool – Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety – 27th/28th August

-Teacher of Infant & Preschool Aquatics – 2nd October

Enrolments can be made through Austswim Website. Course co-ordinated by Bernie – email dolphin-69@bigpond.com


Casual Position Vacant – Calliope Swimming Pool for 2016/17 Season Pool Lifeguard (courses available through – royal Life QLD)

Aqua Aerobics Instructor Learn to Swim Instructor Please forward Resume and Qualifications to jodi.robertson@hotmail.com

Community News

Gladstone State High School Transition Evening

Gladstone State High School will be hosting a transition evening on Tuesday, 19th July starting at 4.30 – 6pm. Prospective Year 7 parents are invited to attend the transition evening which will provide an information session to learn about the educational opportunities available in 2017 at Gladstone State High School. Please see flyer below.



GLADSTONE State High School
www.gladstonshs.eq.edu.au

Year 7 Parent Information

Parents and carers of students in Year 7 in 2017 are invited to the Gladstone SHS Open Day

Tuesday, July 19, 2016
4.30-6.00pm

4.30pm Year 7 Information Session (E Block)
5.00pm Guided walk through the school (from E Block)
5.15pm School Showcase, including: curriculum information and displays of our extra-curricular offerings and support services (Hall)

Enrolment packs* and application packages for our signature programs and scholarships will be available on the night

For more information contact:
Chantelle Carmady (Primary Transition Officer) 4976 6196 or ccar0@eq.edu.au
or Melissa Daniels (Head of School - Junior) 4976 6102 or mdani61@eq.edu.au

* Proof of residence in enrolment catchment applies

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Please see attached Map for the Year 7 Parent Information Evening tonight.

Calliope Catwalk – 13th Aug

Save the Date: 13th August

Calliope Catwalk Ladies Day will be an afternoon of fun, fashion and friends and will include the Recycled Fashions and Wearable Art Fashion Awards. Parents can collect a book of 10 tickets from the office.



Calliope Catwalk Community Raffle - \$5 a ticket

PAC-034 All Proceeds go to Calliope School P & C

1st Prize – Casino Nights
With compliments of Crown Melbourne, a luxury weekend escape for two including buffet breakfast, pre-dinner drinks, canapés and more, plus \$300 Qantas travel voucher from Departure Point

2nd Prize – Shopping Spree Funds
\$500 pre-paid Visa card
Donated by Visa

3rd Prize – Bush Retreat Weekend
2 nights for 2 adults in an Ensuite Cabin
Donated by Cania Gorge Caravan & Tourist Park

4th Prize – Morning Wake Me Up
Electrolux Lavazza Coffee Pod Machine
Donated by Betta Electrical Gladstone

5th Prize – Pandora's Box
Pandora Bangle Bundle
Donated by Pandora Rockhampton

Drawn Saturday 13th August at the Calliope Catwalk Ladies Day



Picture Plates Fundraiser

As part of our plan to improve facilities and resources for Calliope State School, we are running a fantastic Picture Plates Fundraiser. The ORIGINAL PICTURE PLATE is a dishwasher safe, BPA free food grade melamine plate designed by your child and is a perfect personalised gift or keepsake.

Picture Plates are \$28 each, multiple plates can be ordered. Forms will be set home this week and need to be returned to the office by Tuesday August 16th 2016.



 Picture Products