What’s happening in …

2B

We are having a wonderful term in 2B, there is so much going on! We have been busily researching the history of Calliope. We have been on a walking excursion to look at the cenotaph with Mrs Marshall and while we were there we were lucky enough to have a look inside the church too. Did you know the church has been there since 1908? Over 100 years old! We are looking closely at our school too. The office building was built even before the church, it was built in 1872! We are finding all this very interesting in 2B.

In our SOSE and Tech unit this term we are learning all about working in groups. We are learning so much about our classmates and ourselves and how we work well together. At the end of this term we will be making a tent, working as a team to achieve the best results we can. To practice for this event we’ve been doing many team building activities. One of those activities was to make a bridge out of paddle pop sticks, blue tak and sticky tape. Boy was that hard!

In English, we’ve just completed our first assessment which we all loved doing. We had to write a procedure on how to make something for a horrible mean Grandma in a book we were reading called “George’s Marvellous Medicine”. We then turned these recipes into power point presentations. We impressed Mrs Fisher with how clever and creative we were at making these power points.
**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

This week’s focus reading strategy is…

**USING ANALOGY**

Readers use analogy when they refer to words they are familiar with to identify unknown words. They transfer what they know about familiar words to help them use unfamiliar words.

If your child is unsure of the meaning of a word ask, ‘Do you know another word like this?’

Last week we celebrated Science with some wonderful Science activities and probably the best Rewards Room ever; Mad Scientists running around everywhere. Thank you to our wonderful teaching team for bringing Science alive with a wide range of activities.

This week we celebrate Book Week with displays all week and a dress up parade at Parade on Friday. I know the teachers have some great costumes planned and I hope our students will get into the spirit and dress up as their favourite book character as well.

While on the topic of Parade this week, we have a very special presentation occurring, so come along and celebrate a special member of our school community.

Tomorrow we continue with our Explicit Instruction classroom observations. While our time with our Pedagogical Coach has come to an end, Explicit Instruction is still very much a focus for all of us at Calliope State School.

Have you downloaded the QSchools app yet? If you haven’t, make sure you do it today. You can access the school calendar, news stories, newsletters and more directly from our school website through this free app. Keep revisiting our website as well. Photo galleries are coming soon with Science Week activities and Calliope Catwalk galleries in progress.

Have a great Book Week!

Warm regards

Marni Morrison
Gladstone State High School has successfully operated a laptop program since 2000. It is the intention of the school to run two classes in Year 8 in 2014. The philosophy behind the class is to integrate the use of Information and Communication Technologies, through the student laptops, into all areas of learning. Online applications will open for the 2014 Year 8 Laptop program on Mon 2nd of September at 8.15am and will close on Fri September 6th of September at 3.15pm through the school website - www.gladstonshs.eq.edu.au. If you are wishing to find out more about the program prior to this date you can find information on the website though - Our Facilities-Junior Secondary-Laptop Program 2014. On the 2nd of September there will be a direct link from the “In Brief” section of the webpage listed above. It is simply a register of interest with contact details. It is important that the details are accurate. Those successful in getting into the program will be invited to attend a further information evening, where formal paperwork will be filled out. It is important to ensure that all the other enrolment information is completed as well. **Please note.** The link will not be present until the applications open. If you would like further information, please contact Danie Player dplay1@eq.edu.au or 49766123 or Jo Dahl jdahl14@eq.edu.au or 49766155.

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**School Annual Report**

**Curriculum offerings**

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

- Instrumental music, including Strings and Woodwind, Brass and Percussion
- THRASS Program
- Learn to Swim
- Project 600 - Reading
- Chaplaincy Program

**Extra curricula activities**

- ICAS Maths, English, Science, Spelling and Computer tests
- Interschool Sport including netball, rugby league, boys and girls soccer, AFL and volleyball
- Excursions including Year 7 Camp to Brisbane, Year 6 Leadership Camp and class excursions
- School Choir
- School Musical
- Community Services such as ANZAC Day march and school-based services
- Gladstone Cluster Schools Extended Learning Program
- Literacy Carnivale

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning:

Calliope State School is very well resourced in terms of ICT hardware with all classrooms equipped with an electronic whiteboard, several desktop computers and a digital camera. Teachers also have access to iPod Touches, iPads, Bee Bots, a robot named Eddy, which can be used for problem solving and programming. The Resource Centre contains a computer lab with 22 computers, a bank of mobile laptops and a multi-media room with Chroma screen technology. Desktop computers are being phased out and replaced with classroom laptops as they provide more flexible learning options and take up less classroom space.

Teaching staff have a high level of expertise in the area of digital learning. The C2C curriculum materials used in classrooms are embedded with digital learning experiences.

At Calliope State School our intention is that the choice to use digital technologies is as natural as choosing to pick up a pencil to write. Students use the Internet and eBooks as research tools, they record their learning using a wide range of programs and devices such as iPod Touches, and they communicate with classmates, teachers and the wider community using a variety of tools. Many teachers operate virtual classrooms for learning in the classroom and at home.

In 2012, students participated in on-line learning programs such as Project 600 and UniFY (through Brisbane SDE). Students connected with a teacher and classmates through iConnect and The Learning Place to participate in these extension programs.
Science Week

Congratulations to our competition winners for Science Week. For Prep – Year 2 they were:
First Place – Tiarna 1A
Second Place – Clayton Prep C
Third Place – Tarliah – 1A
Our winners in Years 3-7 are:
First Place – Kiarna 3/4C
Second Place – Jessica 3/4C
Third Place – Bryson 5B

During the week we had lots of Science activities happening in classrooms – below are just some of them.

Volcanoes in Prep Making ice-cream

Creating the Hills Hoist

Book Week

This week we are celebrating Book Week at Calliope School. Check out the displays in the library. This Friday students are invited to dress up as their favourite ‘Book Character’ for parade. (You will need to bring your school uniform for later in the day). All students wearing costumes will be able to show them off during the parade.

Stars of the Week

Prep A Ella
Prep C Harper
1A Mia
1B Makayla
2A Tayla
3A Tehya
3/4c Jessica
4A Braydn
4B Emily
5B Jenna
6A Caleb
6B Shayden
7A Hayley
Uniform Shop Opening Hours.
The uniform shop will be open every Friday from 3-4pm as well as every Monday 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
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday. Orders must be placed each Tuesday by placing the orders in the tuckshop bin located in each classroom. Tuckshop menus are available from the office. A new menu was sent home last term. Please be aware of the changes and price increase.

Tuckshop Roster
21st August- Shayne, K. Warhurst, R. Marsh
28th August- W.Banks, C.Campbell, S.Ward
4th September- K. Warhurst, R. Marsh, S. Meyer

Instrumental Music News

Why Instrumental Music?
The skills gained through sequential instrumental music instruction including discipline and the ability to analyse, solve problems, communicate and work cooperatively are vital for success in the 21st century workplace. According to a 2008 report, employers identify creativity as one of the top five skills important for success in the workforce. (Lichtenberg, Wock & Wright, 2008)

RECRUITMENT
It is that time of year again when we are looking for students for our 2014 Band and Strings program. Students in year 3 will offered a form to try out for the Instrumental Music Program. Students in year 4 and 5 can certainly get a note from the office if they are interested in joining the program.

Instruments offered:
Flute
Clarinet
Bass Clarinet (can rented for $150 a year from the school)
Alto Saxophone
Tenor Saxophone
Trumpet
French Horn (can rented for $150 a year from the school)
Trombone (can rented for $150 a year from the school)
Euphonium (can rented for $150 a year from the school)
Tuba (can rented for $150 a year from the school)
Percussion: Glockenspiel and Snare drum only in first year
Violin
Viola
Cello(can rented for $150 a year from the school)
Double Bass(can rented for $150 a year from the school)

RECRUITMENT TIMELINE
Sept 9 – 13 Instrumental Music Week. Band to perform for year 3, 4, 5 students to demonstrate band instruments and permission notes for 2014 are given out.
Sept 16 – 18 Combined Band/Strings Tour to Gladstone Schools to promote instrumental music.
Sept 20 All permission notes must be returned to school.
October 14–17 All students who returned permission notes will be assessed for suitability for all instruments.
November 8 Letters of offer for positions will be handed out to students.
November 28 Parent information night for all 2014 beginner students.

Continuing Students DATE CLAIMERS

- **Friday August 30th** QSO education Orchestra Education Concert: Band excursion. Students will take a free bus to Marina from school. Keep an eye out for permission notes!! Concert is free.
Friday 30 August, 7pm Marina Stage: Classic Cinema.
Free Concert from Queensland Symphony Orchestra containing songs from Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean and Lord of the Rings. Mrs Anderson STRONGLY encourages all musicians to see this concert. It is a rare opportunity for the children to see any amazing professional musicians!!

Tuesday September 12: Band Parade performance for year 3 and 4 recruitment 9:20am. Parents Welcome.

Week Of September 16th: Combined Band Tour Concert for whole school.
Band Tour to Yeppoon: 21 and 22 November

COMBINED BAND
Combined Band is well underway for 2014. Our Students Meeghan, Alana, Madeline, Samantha and Jarod are representing our school well and we look forward to the band visiting our school in the coming weeks.

BAND SHIRTS
All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop.

App for iphones/ipads/ipods to help with practise and Standard of Excellence Books.
STEP ONE: Please upload all cd’s from the Standard of Excellence books onto itunes.
STEP TWO: Download app called: Tempo Slow
This app allows the student to slow down the piece of music to make it easier for the students to play along with the music.

Open Night
Our annual Open Night will be held on Wednesday 28 August from 5.00 – 6.00pm at the School. Parents and family are welcome to come and visit the classrooms and see the fabulous work their children have been achieving.

Preparatory Year
Prep Information Sessions for Prep 2014 will be held Tuesday, 3rd September 9.15am & 5pm.
All parents of children who were born between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009, are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the Prep program at Calliope State School. Parents may attend either session time on the day.
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The Open Morning will be focused on children’s active participation. Children can attend either session. If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, you can contact the school office on 4975 8333 or call in and collect an enrolment / information pack.

Buslink
Buslink QLD Pty Ltd is currently looking to recruit a casual school bus driver for work in the Calliope area – based at our Calliope depot. The role offers 4 hours’ work per school day (20hrs per week for 40 weeks per year).
Buslink is looking for a person who:
• has an MR licence
• preferably has experience in the passenger transport industry
• has a focus on safety and customer service
• is looking to work for a stable organisation with long-term secure contracts
• is capable of getting a Drivers Authority
• may have some spare hours in the day and looking for that extra income
Immediate start available for experienced Driver with MR licence and current Drivers Authority
Full training is available for persons with little or no previous experience.
Please apply to: busdriver@buslinkqld.com.au

Cricket Sign On.
Sign on this year for the BITS Cricket Club is Thursday 19th September at BITS Cricket Ground (Also known as BITS Saints AFL oval) off Jacaranda drive at 4:30pm. We cater for age groups from preps- year4 (milo cricket), under9’s to 16’s and right through to senior cricketers. At sign on day, we will have a number of past Australian and Queensland Cricketing greats such as Jimmy Maher or International Player Graeme Hick as they will be attending our fantastic free for the community ‘Industry of Gladstone’ Cricket Carnival that occurs the following weekend. For further details please contact Nev Judd on 0459091196 or email bitscc@yahoo.com.au. For milo inquires check out our web page on mycricket-search for a milo centre and then follow the links.

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