



Calliope State School

20 October 2015

Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



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What's happening in ...

Every day is a learning day in 4A!

This week 4A have experienced that it is important to come to school every day, because you never know what you might learn or just who you might learn it from.

This term, 4A will be working on our reading skills by helping others, each of us has found a 'Reading Buddie' in 2B and we are learning that helping others also helps our own reading to improve. We revise our strategies when we are reading out loud with others, and they may help to remind us of some we have forgotten.

We have been revising 'minor games' in technology and are looking forward to redesigning a common basic game. We needed to borrow some year 2 students to help us try out these games and cannot wait to share our game ideas with our Buddies in 2B!

We have been very lucky to have welcomed Tim Glasby from the Melbourne Storm into our classroom this week for possibly one of the greatest 'Show and Tell' moments for year 4! Visiting his cousin, he told us what it was like to be a footballer; that he is from Central Queensland and made it to the NRL! Tim's favourite subject at school was Maths and he uses his reading and writing skills every day when he is training. Tim is also a Financial Planner, when he is not on the field.



Grandparents Day – all welcome

Friday 23TH OCTOBER 2015

Principal's Piece

I would like to communicate a huge thank you to all students, staff, parents and community members for what has been another excellent start to a school term. It has been wonderful to see students transition from holiday mode to learning so efficiently and to witness the high levels of pride in our school through the correct wearing of our school uniform. I look forward to a successful term ahead and sharing our amazing student achievements with you throughout the next eight weeks.

World Teachers Day

Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers' Day was established by UNESCO in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society. World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. This year, we will celebrate World Teachers' Day in Queensland on Friday 30 October, during [State Education Week 2015](#).

Sun Safety

The weather is certainly getting hotter and it is important that students remember to be sun smart at school as well as at home.

Below are a few things for children to remember in order to be sun safe:

- Wear your sun safe hat at all times when you are outside.
- Ensure you wear SPF 30+ sunscreen – apply it before school and at school. Sunscreen dispensers are available in classrooms.
- Seek shade - limit your time in the sun.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

For more information on how to be sun smart visit www.sunsmart.com.au.

Get Set for Prep in 2016! We are still taking enrolments for Prep in 2016 and our official transition days will be during week 4 of this term, Monday October 26 and Thursday October 29 from 9:15am – 10:00am. Staff will be available to speak with parents and answer any questions around transitioning to Prep. If you need to enrol your child in Prep (or if you know of any families coming to Calliope State School) please contact the office for an Enrolment Pack.

Class organisation for 2016

During the next few weeks consideration will be given to the appropriate placement of students in classes for 2016. Parents and carers cannot request particular teachers for their children. However, if there are factors that you would like us to consider during the placement process that you believe would benefit your child, parents must submit the reasons in writing and forward them to the office.

Enjoy the term

Jeremy Godden

Grandparent's Morning

Our annual Grandparent's Morning will be on Friday 23 October. We will start the morning with our whole school parade, followed by a morning tea. Grandparents are then welcome to visit classrooms from 10 -11am. This event is for grandparents of our students.

Prep enrolments for 2016

We are now taking names of children who wish to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child born from **July 1st 2010 to June 30th 2011** he/she is eligible for Prep enrolment in 2016 at Calliope State School. Late last year, changes were made regarding Prep. Principals have the discretion to enrol students who turn five by **July 31st**. Prior to a decision being made, a detailed enrolment interview will take place to determine his/her suitability and readiness.

Prep Enrolment Packs

Enrolment packs are now available from the school office. We will be having more interviews early in Term 4. Please contact the office for an appointment.

Prep Open Mornings

Our Prep Open Mornings will be on during week 4. Parents and children starting Prep at Calliope in 2016 are welcome to attend either morning. Rooms will be open for families to visit. There will also be a school tour available for any families new to the school. Days are:

Monday 26 October from 9.15 – 10.00am OR

Thursday 29 October from 9.15 – 10.00am

Children are to be accompanied by an adult for their visit.

Chappy Sonia's Corner

Five keys to a strong character

1. Know when to insist on independence – your child will learn to grow
2. Give children a chance to exercise free will – and make simple mistakes
3. Let children experience the world, warts and all – with parental guidance
4. Get children in the habit of courageously solving their own problems
5. Teach children not to panic over pain – distresses are expected in life

'The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel

Chaplaincy has had some exciting things happening over these last two terms. Miss Smit and myself have been running "Girls Space" for years 5&6 girls. We have done many crafts, spa retreat activities and have lots of chats and laughter. "Girls Space" runs on Monday first break in 5B classroom, if you are interested in donating items or helping out in anyway, please contact Chappy Sonia on sruge6@eq.edu.au

Dates to Remember

23 October – Grandparent's Morning

26 October – Prep Open Morning

29 October – Prep Open Morning

30 October – Teachers' Day

30 October – Free Dress Day

3 November – P&C meeting

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

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Office hours are 8am-4pm

School Payments

Please be aware that all eftpos Transactions have a minimum limit of \$10.

Attached to the newsletter is a position vacant advertisement for a Temporary Permanent Part Time Teacher Aide position at Bororen State School, closes 6th November.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The opening times for our uniform shop are Monday 8.30-9.30, Wednesday 2.30-3.30, and Friday 8-9. The uniform shop will now have eftpos available most Mondays and Wednesdays. Otherwise cash and cheque 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 next Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Tuckshop Roster

Volunteers needed. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out at the tuckshop please see Amanda in the Tuckshop or contact the office.



Swimming

Please ensure all belongings are named for swimming, including swimmers, towel, uniform, goggles etc.



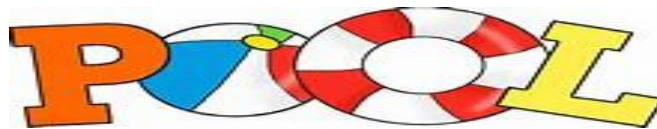
★ Stars of the Week ★

Prep A	Mathew	Prep B	Mikayla
Prep C		Prep D	Mackenzie
Prep E	Locky	1A	Declan
1B	Tahliah	1C	Jace
1D	Ashley	2A	Tillee
2B	Bradley	2C	Ava
2/3D	Skye	3A	Talen
3B	Johnathon	3C	Samara
4A	Harley	4B	Chelsea
4/5C	Chloe	5A	Kaleb
5B	Jacob	5/6D	Billy
PE	Zackery	Music	Zoe



Free Dress Day – Day for Daniel

Friday 30th of October is Free Dress Day – Day for Daniel. So please come dressed in red to help support Day for Daniel, with a gold coin donation.



Calliope Pool Opening Hours

The following are the pool opening hours:

5am – 9am – Weekdays

3.30pm – 7pm – Weekdays

9am – 5pm - Weekends

Calliope Pool Phone Number

Please phone 0497815393 to contact the pool regarding swimming lessons etc.

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Curriculum Catch-up

Seven Steps to Writing Success

This week we will look at **Step 5 – Show, Don't Tell** and some tips for both Narrative and Persuasive writing.

Seeing is believing – paint word pictures and use LOTS of detail to give your reader pictures they can see in their minds.

Narrative:

- We are visual creatures
- Show ONE person – and that makes the reader identify
- Walk a mile in someone's shoes
- Telling is quick, but empathy persuades

Persuasive:

- Facts don't persuade, engaging the emotions does

Topic to try: Mum is on a diet



Your goal: Identify the evidence that shows Mum is on a diet.

1. Brainstorm evidence on what you would see if Mum was on a diet.
2. Then SOLO – 3 minutes speed writing using the evidence.

THRASS Training

On Sunday and Monday, our staff undertook THRASS training to enhance our teaching of reading and spelling. Thank you to the parents who took the opportunity to do some training on Sunday afternoon as well.

Many of you will be familiar with the THRASS chart used in the school. Some vocabulary you will need to know in association with this is:

Phoneme – speech sounds

Grapheme – spelling choices

There are 44 phonemes in the English language. Both lower case and capitals form graphemes, letters used individually or in combination to represent the 44 phonemes of spoken English. In English we do not only use single letters (graphs) to represent a phoneme. We may use two letters (a digraph), three letters (a trigraph) or even four letters (a quadgraph).



Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Raelene Norris

Remembrance Day

Calliope RSL Sub Branch will conduct a Remembrance Day service at the Calliope Cenotaph beside the RSL Hall, Stirrat Street, Calliope on Wednesday 11th November 2015. Service will commence at 10.45am and conclude at 11.15am. Veteran, Returned and serving service members, community representatives and members of the public are cordially invited to attend the service and may lay a wreath if they wish.

Complimentary cold drinks will be available for service attendees and following the service, the annual Remembrance Day raffle will also be drawn.

For further information please contact President Paul Hawkins on 4975 6473 or Secretary Darryl Saw on 4978 5621.

Instrument For Sale:

Yamaha B Flat YCL 250 Clarinet with case. Hardly used, in very good condition - \$400 ono. Contact Suzie 0429091197

