This week we were lucky enough to get a visit from a couple of grade 7’s. They were able to help us with our Maths rotations.

We showed them how clever we were by drawing number fact rainbows. We also showed them how to play the ice cream addition game and the ring game.

Finally we taught them how to play ‘Bang!’ Miss Normington calls out a doubles number fact and the person who shouts “bang” first gets to answer. If they answer correctly they stay up the front and get another turn. A couple of the prep kids gave the grade 7’s a run for their money. We may be small but we are very quick!
**Dates to Remember**

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**Principal’s Piece**

Every day is a learning day!

Our school community has always pulled together to support families in need but the support for the Vesel family has been absolutely amazing. The Shave for Steven has raised $4889.50 to date with more money coming in, which has been a tremendous show of support. I particularly like this photo because it shows a light-hearted side to a serious subject and I’m so proud of these amazing kids!

This Saturday the local Just Rock Club is holding a fundraising event at the Diggers Arms hotel to support the Vesel family. Come along to the Rock and Roll Night and dance the night away. See the flyer attached to this newsletter for details.

This week’s focus reading strategy is…

**SCANNING**

Scanning involves glancing through material to locate specific details such as names, dates, places or some particular content. Prompt your child to quickly look through text to find a specific detail such as a name, date, place etc.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison

**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 on absences@calliope.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.

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

**Newsletter Distribution**

The newsletter is published every Monday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing vnoco1@eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.
**SWPBS Lesson**

This week’s lesson ‘Being a Good Friend’:

- Share
- Take turns
- Say thank you
- Say nice things

And if someone says something unkind to you -

- Take a deep breath
- Smile, and
- Agree
  then move away respectfully

**P & C NEWS**

New opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday and Friday 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**

A letter went home last week with important information regarding changes to the tuckshop.

Please note the changes to the tuckshop days, the commencement date and ordering. For the Tuckshop to operate for 2 days we are in urgent need of Volunteers. If you are able to donate your time please leave your details at the office.

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**2012 School Annual Report**

**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)** results – our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are available via the My School website at [http://www.myschool.edu.au/](http://www.myschool.edu.au/).

To access our NAPLAN results, click on the **My School** link above. You will then be taken to the **My School** website with the following ‘Find a school’ text box.

Where it says ‘Search by school name’, type in the name of the school whose NAPLAN results you wish to view, and select <GO>.

Read and follow the instructions on the next screen; you will be asked to accept the **Terms of Use** and Privacy Policy before being able to access NAPLAN data.

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of our school’s NAPLAN results.

**Achievement – Closing the Gap**

In 2012 the school actively participated in the implementation of the Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives in Schools (EATSIPS) plan, including:

- Teachers have the opportunity to reflect on their own attitudes and perceptions of Indigenous people and histories;
- All staff have access to Professional Development to in Cross Cultural Awareness;
- Providing Teacher Aide time for Indigenous students from P-3, considered to be at risk of not achieving; and
- Student profiling.

In 2012, the Indigenous student attendance rate was 90.6%, compared to the non-Indigenous attendance rate of 93.4%. The Indigenous attendance rate dropped from 93.4% in 2011.

In 2012, the gap between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Mean Scale Scores was 58, as compared with 8.9 in 2011, for Year 3 Reading and 45 as compared with 47.3 in 2011 for Year 3 Numeracy.

This Concludes our serialised School Annual Report for 2012. A full copy of the report is available at the school website.
Grandparent’s Morning
Our annual Grandparent’s morning will be held on Friday 25th October at Calliope School from 9 – 11am. Grandparents can start the morning at our weekly parade, followed by morning tea and a short concert in the hall. They will then be welcome to visit classrooms to see our fabulous children in action.

World Teachers’ Day
This Friday Queensland schools celebrate World Teachers’ Day. Thank you to all the teaching staff at Calliope school for the wonderful work you do.

Dance Fever
All permission slips should have been returned to the school if you are wishing to participate in the program. All monies are due Friday the 1st November.

Stars of the Week
Prep A  Ryan
Prep B  Daniel
1A  James
1B  Alesha
1C  Janae
2A  Dakota
2B  Seth
2C  Byron
3A  Alicia
3B  Alina
3/4C  Alex
4A  Robbie
4B  Jace
5A  Haedyn
5B  Zac
6A  India
6B  Abbie

Missing
Child’s Prescription Glasses. Dark blue frame, Ray Ban brand in a black case. If found please see Mrs Kettle in 4A or hand them into the office.

P & C NEWS
Drakes IGA have a great incentive for the community to help out our school.

Every time you shop at IGA you get the cashier to swipe the key tag and IGA will donate $1 to the school from every purchase. We will be giving each family 2 key tags along with a letter.

If you would like more tags for other family members please contact the school.

Year 7 Raffle
The Year 7 Raffle winners are:
1st Prize- Kris Booth
2nd Prize- Terri Shields
3rd Prize- Lisa O’Connor

Congratulations and thank you for your support.

School Banking
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times.
Calliope Local Ambulance Committee

Members of the public are invited to the Annual and Biennial General Meeting of the Calliope Local Ambulance Committee. It will be held at 4 Menzies Street (SES building) at 7:00pm on Wednesday 30th October 2013. Enquires: Phone David on 49756730.

Futsal season information

When; Thursdays from 4.00pm, Where; Gladstone Basketball Centre Side St
Costs; $70 annual registration per player $45 each week per team.

We are going to have friendlies for the next 2 weeks commencing on Thursday 24th and 31st October 2013 from 4pm these are free sessions for everybody, to get players involved. so if you know of any other players please invite them along as well.

under 6 - will be from 4- 4.30pm
under 7 - 8 will be from 4.30 - 5pm
under 9- 10 will be from 5 - 5.30pm
under 11 - 13 will be from 5.30 - 6.00pm
under 14 - 15 will be from 6.00 - 6.30pm

Weekly game times will be on Thursdays:
under 7/8 - 4.00pm - 5.00
under 9/10 - 5.00 - 6.00
under 11/13 - 6.00 - 7.00
under 14- 15 - 7.00 - 8.00pm
Under 6's will be on Saturday mornings from 9.00am - 10am.

Instrumental Music News

Why Instrumental Music?
Music Education facilitates students’ academic achievement:
  - Improves recall and retention of verbal information.
  - Advances Maths skills.
  - Boosts reading and English language skills.

There is a high relationship between interest in Instrumental Music and high self-perception, high cognitive competence scores and general self-esteem.

RECRUITMENT for year 3 and 4

It is that time of year again when we are looking for students for our 2014 Band program.

November 8 Letters of offer for positions will be handed out to students
November 15 Permission letters for 2014 participation due back
November 28 Parent information night for all 2014 beginner students

Continuing Students DATE CLAIMERS

- Band Tour to Yeppoon: 21 and 22 November.
  Letters are being finalised and will be sent home soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to combine with other schools musically and socially.
  All beginners and Continuing students are expected to attend all band rehearsals in preparation for Band tour.
- Calliope Community Christmas Concert: Friday night 29th November.

BAND SHIRTS

All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop. All students will need a full band uniform for tour.

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.
Jodi’s Learn to Swim at
Calliope Community Pool. For
further information please call
07 4975 6606 or 0497 815
393.

Caring for Kids in Our
Community
There is an ongoing need for
foster carers in Gladstone.
Keeping children in our local
community assists to reduce
the trauma they experience
when separated from their
families, and also helps
increase the chances of the
family being reunited. The
more foster carers Anglicare's
Foster, Kinship and Intensive
Care Program is able to recruit
the better outcomes for
children and young people who
require out-of-home-care.

Anglicare requires a diverse
range of foster carers to meet
the diverse range of needs of
children in care, in order to
match the needs of the
children to carers'. Foster
carers need a strong
commitment to children. They
need the ability to be flexible,
patient and understanding. A
good sense of humour is
certainly beneficial. A
supportive network of family
and friends is also important.

We encourage you to call and
speak with a member of our
foster care team on 4972 8220.

Preparatory Year
Prep Open Mornings will be held on Monday,
28th October, Thursday, 31st October 9am-10am.
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.

The following table will assist you to determine
when your child/ren are eligible to commence Prep.
It is a requirement of Education Queensland that a
birth certificate and immunisation records be
sighted, so please present these documents upon
enrolment.

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Enrolments for 2014
We are now taking enrolments for 2014 for all Year levels.
To enquire about enrolling your child or to arrange
an enrolment interview at Calliope State School,
please contact us on (07) 4975 8333.

Enrolment packages can be collected from our
administration office between the hours of 8am to 4pm.