



Calliope State School

23 June, 2015



Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

Prep A

Term 2 in Prep A has been a busy term. In Science, we have been learning about materials and their properties and used this knowledge to create wind ornaments. The students then used their plan to make their ornaments and then used their senses of sight, touch and hearing to make observations of how well the ornaments lasted and sounded in the wind. The students had a lot of fun looking at how other students' wind ornaments had turned out and enjoyed showing their creations to their peers in class. The wind ornaments are currently on display in our classroom for anyone who wants to come in and have a look!

In Maths, Prep A have created their own lizards as well as a Prep A class lizard. The class lizard went on a travelling holiday. First, the students discussed the characteristics of a lizard and then their ideas of what a travelling holiday includes. We thought of the many different places that Lizard can go on a travelling holiday and used positional language to describe where Lizard visited.

Geography this term has been exciting for the students. Prep A went for a walk to Bunting Park with Prep B. We had a look at the different landmarks that we observed, took photos and had fruit break down at the park. The students then had a play on the playground and walked back to the classroom where they mapped out their walk using a pictorial map.

English has been exciting for Prep A as the students looked at the picture book, "The Lamington Man: catch me if you can" by Kel Richards and Glen Singleton. The students performed an oral retell of the story in front of the class, recounting the characters and the sequence of events, as well as making connections to the story of real life events that the students have experienced. The students then used mathematical concepts and real life skills to measure out ingredients to create their own giant lamington man for them to devour. First the students created a list of ingredients that were required to make the lamington man and then the class was split into two groups to bake and decorate two giant lamington men. While the class were waiting for the lamington men to be baked, they recorded the steps taken by drawing pictures for the method of baking. After the decorating came the best bit... eating the lamington men!

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Dates to Remember

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| 26 June | Principal's Parade |
| 26 June | Term 2 finishes |
| 13 July | Term 3 commences |
| 15 July | Excursion – Andy Griffiths |
| 15-17 Jul | Music workshops |
| 16/17 Jul | Regional Shield |

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

School Payments

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

Principal's Piece

Every day is a learning day!

Well another term is nearly over for 2015. The year is almost half way through! It has been a very busy and rewarding term for all and a well-deserved rest break is upon us at the end of the week.

Our Term 2 Principal's Parade is on this Friday morning, starting at 9.15am in the hall. This is a culmination of the term for students, teachers and parents. We will be celebrating more of our safe, respectful and responsible students with the Principal's Awards as well as class items from their learning throughout the term.



Next term will see some changes to the Admin team as well as for some classrooms. Jeremy Godden will start as Principal of Calliope State School and I will happily return to my role as Deputy Principal. Coralie Baldwin will continue with the team as our School Improvement Officer – Literacy/Numeracy for the remainder of the year.

At the end of this week we say goodbye to a few of our fabulous teaching team. Ms Bek Hasler is off to teach overseas and Ms Carmel Robinson will replace her in Prep B. Ms Valerie Little is relocating to Clinton State School and Mrs Koti Hayes is returning from overseas to Calliope as the teacher in 3B. Mrs Kayleigh Donald commences her maternity leave this week and Ms Julie Blake will be teaching part-time with Mrs Kris Booth for Semester Two. Mrs Kim Dunk is continuing her leave and Mrs Alison Dunn has accepted a teaching position closer to her family on the Sunshine Coast. We are currently sourcing a teacher for our year 3 class.

Thank you also to Ms Clarke and Miss Smith who have been our wonderful Strings teachers this term as part of the Instrumental Music Program. Ms Mandy Ruge will be starting after the break as our Strings teacher for both beginner and continuing students.

It has been a pleasure to lead the school through the first six months of the year, as I am very proud of our school (staff, students, parents and community) and its achievements. I wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you again in Term 3.

Regards
Raelene

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.

Voluntary Building Fund

P & C Voluntary Building Fund Levy is due prior to the 30th June if you need to claim it on this year's tax return. This Building Levy allows those families that aren't able to assist with fundraising activities to still be able to assist the school.

Dental Van

Forms from the Dental Van have been sent home. If you would like for your child to see the dentist please return this form to the school office by the 26th June 2015.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property bins under B Block as there are lots of items in the boxes. Items left in there by Friday will be donated to charity.

Chappy Corner

How well are you teaching your children about honouring you?

Do you allow your children to interrupt you when you are in a conversation with another adult? Do they contradict your words in the name of lobbying their point of view? Do your children demonstrate thoughtfulness toward you? Do they respect your privacy? Do you give your children enough opportunities to help out or to take care of you? Teach your children respect for you.



Tour de Chaplain is on the 18th July, the bike ride is 100km from Many Peaks to Yarwun raising money for the Gladstone region School Chaplains. If you would like to register or find out more information head to the website:

<http://gladstoneschoolschaplaincy.org.au/tour-de-chaplain/>

Playgrounds

We would like to inform parents/caregivers that the playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school for students and family members. This is Education Queensland policy and a Workplace Health and Safety issue. Please ensure children are supervised and in an orderly manner, to limit disruption to classes as students are still working until 3.15pm. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this matter.

Gladstone State High School

Enrolment packages for Gladstone State High School are available for collection at our school office.

Changing school

If you are moving and will not be at Calliope School next term, please contact the office by Friday 26 June.

Card Making
Every Monday
First Break
4A Classroom
with Chappy Sonia

Major Prizes Calliope Catwalk Community Raffle - \$5 a ticket

Collect your book of 10 tickets from the office. All Proceeds go to Calliope School P & C

1st Prize - Gold Coast Theme Park Family Adventure - Valued at \$1200. 4 x Adult Day Passes to Dreamworld, plus 4 x Adult Day Passes to Warner Bros Theme Park, Plus 3 nights accommodation on the Gold Coast. **Kindly Donated by Dreamworld, Warner Bros Theme Parks and Departure Point Gladstone**

2nd Prize - 1770 Escape - Valued at \$550. Family Day pass on the Larc 1770 Tours, plus accommodation at Lagoons 1770 in a Pool View room and Breakfast. **Kindly Donated by 1770 Larc Tours and Lagoons 1770 Resort & Spa**

3rd Prize - Beautiful Gems for the Gem in your Life - Valued at \$350. German made Sterling silver 18ct gold plated earrings, pendant and chain. **Kindly Donated by The Gem Shack**

4th Prize - Feel Like a Fashion Model - Valued at \$350. Beauty Mini Makeover. **Kindly Donated by Silver Salon**

5th Prize Mum and Dad's Date Night - Valued at \$300. Dinner at Dicey Riley's, Gold Room Tickets for 2 and a night at Metro Hotel. **Kindly donated by Dicey Riley's, Gladstone Cinemas and Gladstone Metro Hotel**

6th Prize - Capture Special Moments - Valued at \$250. Photography mini session including session and 10 digital images. **Kindly Donated by Jabbi Photography**

Drawn Saturday 1st August at the Calliope Catwalk Fashion Awards Gala

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Country Coast Athletics

Congratulations to the 40 students who participated in the Country Coast Athletics Carnival on Friday at Benaraby. All students did extremely well and proudly represented the school. If a student finished 1st-3rd (and maybe 4th) in the 10-11 year old age group they will receive an invitation to attend the Port Curtis trials in Gladstone on the 24th of July. If a 12 year old finished top 2 they will also receive an invitation. Good luck to those students!

"Congratulations to Ryder and Brooke who were Age Champions for their respective age divisions."

Early Departures and Late Arrivals

It is our school policy that all late arrivals and early departures must go through the office. If your child is late to school you must sign your child in at the office. If you wish to collect your child early you must sign them out at the office and then collect them from the classroom. Students will be pulled out of class to wait at the office for collection. Thank you for your cooperation in regards to this manner.

Prep enrolments

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. Enrolment packages and information sessions will be available in term 3. 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.

Toolooa State High School Information Session

Junior Secondary Information Session

Tuesday 23 June – 6PM Start Toolooa SHS Library

Why Attend this Session?

- *You have a child entering year 7 in 2016*
- *You would like more information about our school and years 7, 8 and 9*
- *You have heard about our school's amazing transformation in recent years and want to know how we have achieved this*
- *Gain an insight into our high performing academic culture*
- *Hear about how we are building on our recent successes*

For further information please contact the school on 4971 4333, visit our website at www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au or like us on FACEBOOK.

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.