News in 4A

Last week I was lucky enough to be surrounded by a whole class of authors! During class we have read the novel ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ and last week the students had to write a new chapter for the book. I look forward to reading all 28 stories. 😊

Number facts play a very important role in our daily classroom lessons. To help the students with these, all addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, we will be practicing many strategies in class as well as playing games to help develop their instant recall. At the moment we are playing Tony’s Tire Shop (American spelling) to practice our multiplication facts. Each day we time how long it takes the class to answer a set of number facts. For the 2s facts, our personal best for answering 32 number facts is 1:34:79. Every day is a race to better this time!
**Dates to Remember**

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**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

We have been drafting our school’s Great Results Guarantee which proposes that we spend our allocation $115 000 on the following –

- Deliver intensive daily literacy intervention programs for identified ‘at risk’ learners in Years One to Three through MiniLit and MultiLit;
- Maintain schoolwide data capture cycles for reading, writing and numeracy to monitor all learners’ performance using PM Benchmark, NAPLAN Writing Marking Grid, Probe2, PAT-R, PAT-V, PAT-M with a focus on students below benchmark and increasing the number of students in the Upper Two Bands;
- Engage SPELD for professional development in the area of Dyslexia and other Specific Learning Disabilities; and
- Provide intensive coaching and development of staff in the signature pedagogy of Explicit instruction of Reading, Writing and Number.

We will be discussing the Guarantee in greater detail at the P&C Meeting next week and encourage you to come along.

Our first school disco for the year is this Thursday. Students enjoy this social event and funds raised go directly towards purchasing resources for the school. Please read the P&C’s Disco Code of Conduct which was sent home last Friday. The P&C must complete a risk management plan for all events and are covered by P&C’s Queensland’s insurance. The safety of students is paramount and the Code of Conduct makes expectations clear to all who attend. Helpers are critical to the evening’s success, so when you arrive, please pop your head into the canteen if you are able to help out.

Next Tuesday is our P&C AGM. Please consider coming along and joining the team of dedicated helpers who make a difference to your children’s school experience. You don’t need to take on a position, but many hands lighten the load.

This week, our Year 3, 5 and 7 students begin an intensive writing focus which will continue into term 2. Years 2, 4 and 6 will begin their intensive writing focus in semester 2. This week and next week, students will focus on Sizzling Starts, from 7 Steps to Writing Success and you will find a Tip Sheet for parents attached to this newsletter. We may even have some Sizzling Starts to share in future newsletters.

I hope that everyone found last week’s Parent Information Sessions informative and had your questions answered. Class newsletters have also gone home with any additional information about what to expect this term.

Regards

*Marni Morrison*
Maths Mental Strategies
This week we are focusing on:

**Prep – Year 3: Rainbow Facts**
Rainbow Facts known also as ‘build to 10’ identify all the pairs of numbers that add to 10. The visual image provides a useful anchor and reminder for students in the early stages of developing instant recall of number facts. Rainbow facts lay the foundation for understanding ‘friendly numbers’ and the later ‘bridge through 10’ strategy.

**Years 4-7: Landmark Numbers**
This is the term given to numbers such as 25, 50 and 100. Knowing that double 25 is 50 makes computing double 26 easy. Similarly relating 75 and 25 as equivalent to 100 makes subtracting 35 from 100 easier as it lessens the possibility of the common error pattern associated with subtracting the 30 from 100 and then mistakenly adding the 5 instead of subtracting it. Landmark numbers extend into the 100s and the millions and form a stepping stone to linking 25 to 25% and a quarter, or 75 to 75% and three quarters.

**Combined Schools Musical – Peter Pan**
Calliope students in Years 4-7 have the opportunity to attend the Combined Schools Musical – Peter Pan, on Tuesday 25 March. Notes will be sent home today with students. The cost is $10 per student, with the P&C subsidising the cost of the bus. We have reserved 150 seats for Calliope students, so it will be a first in, first served basis for students. Please send your money and permission form to the office.

**University of NSW - competitions**
Students in Years 4-7 have received a letter about participating in the UNSW assessment tasks called ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools). Participation is not compulsory and is open to families who would like their child to participate. The fees for each test are outlined in the letter. Calliope students have the opportunity to participate in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics. The permission forms and payment are due by **Friday 14th March**. Late entries will not be accepted.

**Tuckshop**
We have only 3-4 helpers feeding approximately 300+ people in only 1 hour, we do hope you appreciate that this means that we have had to streamline the way our tuckshop operates.

**Tuckshop Roster**
26th February – Maria Behrendt, Trinette Kelly, Ping Carolyn, Chantelle Nightingale.
27th February – Simone Peirce, Kylie Birch, Sam Taylor, Cassandra Campbell.
5th March – Shayne, Rebecca Marsh, Stacey Kington, Trinette Kelly.
6th March – Linda Ninness, Tina Skyring, Charmaine Murphy, Michelle Ingham.

**Uniform Shop**
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday 8.30 to 9.30am and Friday from 8.00 - 9.00am.

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.

**School Banking**
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the **Office**. If you are new to our school and would like to open up a Dollarmite account, please see Vanda in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.
Stars of the week

| Prep A | Chantelle 4A | Tommy |
| Prep D | Maddison 4B | Kaden |
| 1A     | Daniel 4/5C | Max   |
| 1B     | Alexander 5A | Eli   |
| 1C     | Ryan 5B | Jordan |
| 2B     | Chayce 6A | Ryan  |
| 2C     | Danny 6B | Emily |
| 3A     | Emily 7A | India |
| 3B     | Hayley 7B | Patrick |
| 3C     | Danielle |       |

Calliope’s Wide World of Sport

This term has started busy with a number of trials during the first four weeks. A big congratulations and thank you to everyone who has attended and represented Calliope State School at the tennis, swimming and cricket Port Curtis Trials.

Congratulations to Jai and Samantha who were selected for the Port Curtis swimming team. Both students swam well on the day with Jai making the Capricornia side. Well done, Jai!

Last Wednesday afternoon marked the start of the Development Cup interschool Rugby League competition. The boys played very well against Star of the Sea and came out victors, 26-0. Well done boys!

The Sportspower Cup (girls interschool soccer league), starts on the 24th of February, the girls will be playing St. Francis at 4pm. Best of luck girls!

Upcoming Events

6th of March: Port Curtis Rugby League Trials (Under 11’s & 12’s)
7th of March: Port Curtis Rugby League Trials (Under 10) – PJ Marsh Cup
7th of March: Port Curtis Girls Gala Rugby League Day
13th of March: Port Curtis AFL Trials
13th of March: Port Curtis Netball Trials
24th of March: Port Curtis Basketball Trials
27th of March: Port Curtis Hockey Trials
3rd of April: Port Curtis Touch Trials

Carmen Tuttle – HPE Teacher

Reminder for Preparatory Year 2014

Parents if you have not yet provided all the necessary documents for Prep 2014, such as birth certificate and immunisation records, could you please do so before the 28th February.

Positions Vacant – Calliope State School

We have from time to time, relief Teacher Aide, Cleaning and Groundsperson positions available. If you are interested and hold a Working with Children Blue Card, please drop in a copy of your Resume into the office to hold on file.

POSITION VACANT

A permanent Cleaning position (total 7.5 hours) to be worked (Thursday & Friday) afternoons is available at Benaraby State School. If you are interested please phone the school 49704333, to start now.

DAN DAN BUS MEETING

The AGM for the Dan Dan bus run will be held on 27th February at 3:30 at Annabelle’s Coffee House. This meeting is to elect office bearers and discuss general operation of the service. All Welcome!