What’s happening in …

2A

What a busy start to the year! 2A have settled into the new year and our new classroom and are excited about the year ahead. We have been busy working on all the subject areas, retells in English, number and place value in Maths, all kinds of fun experiments in Science, changing technologies in History and all about being healthy in Health.

2A have especially enjoyed learning their weekly spelling words with hands on activities. We love getting our hands dirty with chalk, paint and play dough when we are spelling out our words each week.
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**

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**Office hours are 8am–4pm**

**School Payments**

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

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**Principal’s Piece**

**Every day is a learning day!**

Well, we have certainly had a very interesting last week! I am thankful that our school and community are all relatively okay after the recent weather event. Thank you to our dedicated staff who have worked over the weekend checking on the school and clearing away some debris and the torn shade sails. New shade sails will be ordered this week to replace the ones blown down. Our thoughts are with the other school communities who did not fare so well through the cyclone. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We had many new ‘likes’ to our Calliope Facebook page recently. This is one way we can get messages out to the wider community quickly. Another way to get information is through the free QSchools app which can be downloaded onto many devices.

Today we have had a visit from our Regional Assistant Director, Mrs Kay Kirkman. Coralie and I discussed our focus learning areas of writing and numeracy and all the ways we are tracking student achievement in these areas. Our Year 3 and Year 5 teachers have been studying the data we collect across all key learning areas for their classes and identifying areas of specific need. Mrs Kirkman also had the chance to visit some of our Year 3 classrooms and look at student writing and ask them some questions about their writing.

This Thursday and Friday I will be attending the biennial Principal’s Conference in Brisbane. For two days, all the Principals across Queensland will attending the conference to work with and discuss new initiatives with colleagues and DET personnel. I am sure I will gain many new ideas to discuss back at school with staff and the P&C.

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. The next Schools Clean Up Day is on **Friday 27 February 2015**. Calliope students will be participating in this event on Friday. Each year level will be allocated a specific area within the school to check and clean up as necessary.

Regards

*Raelene*
Donations required
If you have any old footy socks at home and are happy to donate them to the school, please drop them into the office. Thanks for your support.

Win a classroom makeover for your child’s school
If you have tokens to enter the competition from the newspaper, please hand them into the office.

P&C meeting and AGM
The annual general meeting for the P&C will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 3 March in the school library – all welcome.

Attendance Award
Class Attendance Award for Week 4 goes to Prep C with 97%!

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Class Information Sessions
Due to the weather conditions last week, our Thursday Information Sessions were postponed. The new times are:
Wednesday – 3.30pm 1D
Thursday – 3.30 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B
    4.00pm  2A, 2B, 2C
    5.00pm  2/3D

School Photos
Calliope students will be getting their school photos for 2015 next week. Students are asked to wear their full school uniform on their photo day. This means that they wear their blue school shirt rather than their sports shirt for this special occasion.

Nut Allergy
As many families may be aware we have a couple of students with nut allergies. For all the new families, could you please use the guide below of foods to avoid in school lunch boxes. Below is a guide for these students. Please avoid PEANUTS.

Also please avoid:
*peanut M&Ms
*picnic chocolate bars
*biscuits with peanuts or peanut paste in them
*peanut paste sandwiches
*pine nuts
*food cooked in peanut oil
*packets of nuts
*satay chips, leftovers etc
*most chocolate contains nut traces
*muesli bars containing nuts

Safe foods:
*multigrain bread
*boiled egg
*roasted chickpeas
*Nutella
*tiny teddies and other prepacked snacks which state they ‘may contain traces of nuts’

If students do have items containing nuts we ask that they wash their hands with soap and water to remove residue before they use play areas.
A note from your school photographer
The school has engaged MSP Photography. Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow instructions carefully, to ensure a smooth ordering process. Money is to be handed to the photographer on photo day, no money will be accepted by the school. Additional envelopes are available from the school office for separated families, blended families, siblings and grandparents. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings within the school. As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355. Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photo day.

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Calliope’s Wide World of Sport
Interschool Soccer
9/2 – Calliope SS played Star of the Sea. The girls drew 3 all and the boys drew 2 all.
16/2 – Calliope SS played Kin Kora SS. The girls lost 2-1 and the boys drew 2 all.
This week, Calliope SS take on St Francis at 4pm. Good luck to both teams!

Interschool Rugby League
Last week the Development Cup game was cancelled due to the rain.
This week we will be playing against the combined team of Central SS and South SS at 5pm on field 1.
Best of luck to our team for their first game!

Capricornia Swimming Trials
Congratulations to Jai Hansen who has was selected in the Capricornia Swimming team. Jai will be competing in Brisbane at the end of March in multiple backstroke events as well as breaststroke and butterfly. Best of luck, Jai!