1B

It has been a very busy term in 1B! In English, we have been learning all about the structure of narrative texts and have enjoyed reading a variety of picture books. In Maths, we have studied a multiple of strands but really enjoyed collecting data as we represented the student’s teeth lost to date.

For ICT, I am very proud to say all the students are able to independently log on to the computers and have started creating their Easter posters using Word document. In Art we are learning about hot and cold colours and have been very fortunate to have Mrs Smith-Ashton come in and help us with some exciting art activities, including tying material, tracing feet and using colours to show emotions.

Road Safety

Please take care at drop off and pick up times around the school carparks. Please watch your children carefully and remind them not to run out onto the road or play near the cars.
**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

Calliope State School, like all schools across Australia are well into our preparations for NAPLAN 2015 for all Year Threes and Fives. This preparation includes our weekly targeted intervention and extension groups, whole school Seven Steps to Writing, differentiated classroom programs and small group literacy and numeracy workshops.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted from **Tuesday May 12th 2015** to **Thursday May 14th 2015**. Prior to the Tests, all Principals must have finalised student participation in the NAPLAN tests. All students in **Years Three and Five** are required to sit for the tests unless they are withdrawn by parents or carers.

Where parents/carers do not want students to participate in the test, they must advise the Principal of their request prior to the testing taking place. Students who are withdrawn from the tests will have no result recorded and no report will be provided. Adjustments may be permitted for students with a disability to support their access to the tests and facilitate maximum participation.

Teachers and parents will identify students who qualify for adjustment. Parents of students who have been identified as requiring adjustments will receive a letter prior to the Easter Vacation period. If you have any questions regarding this year’s NAPLAN Tests, please contact Coralie Baldwin, Kayleen Bishop or myself.

Last Thursday, Calliope School had a visit from our Acting Regional Director, Mr Bevan Brennan. During his visit he visited some classrooms as well as looking in on an Instrumental Music lesson and our Special Education room. He was very impressed with the work being undertaken by our students.

**Dates to Remember**

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**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.

**Regards**

Raelene
**Attendance Award**
Class Attendance Award for Week 8 goes to Prep E with 99%!

**Life Education**
The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting our school from 23rd March to 2nd April. Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart choices for a healthy future.

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**School Sores (Impetigo)**
At present we have had numerous cases of school sores in the school. If your child has sores that are weeping and look peculiar please seek medical advice as they could be school sores which are highly contagious. If your child is diagnosed with school sores they must be excluded until they have received appropriate antibiotics. Sores are not contagious if covered, and after treatment has commenced for 24 hours. Weeping and crusted sores on exposed areas should always be covered with a watertight dressing until antibiotics have commenced and for as long as practical.

**Diarrhoea and/or vomiting**
Students who have had diarrhoea or vomiting should be excluded until there has been not been a loose bowel motion or vomiting for at least 24 hours.

**Earth Hour Schools Day – Friday March 27**
**Earth Hour – Saturday March 28**
On Friday March 27 we will be participating in Earth Hour Schools Day by holding a ‘Lights Out’ event. This event is in support of Earth Hour which will be occurring in many households across the country on Saturday March 28. All staff and students at Calliope will be encouraged to turn off all non-essential lighting for an hour from 11am to 12pm. We will also have guest speaker, Jodi Jones from Conservation Volunteers Australia at parade on Friday morning, to talk to the children about Earth Hour.
Calliope Community Youth Centre
We would like to invite people living in and around Calliope to assist in setting up a Calliope Youth Centre. We will be holding a community meeting on Thursday 26th March at 6pm, at the CWA Hall in Calliope. Come along to help make this youth centre yours! You can be part of the committee and help make decisions about the centre, or just come along to find out what it’s all about. We hope to see you all there!

2015 Community Musical - THE MIKADO
Presented by Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre and Gladstone Performing Arts Company
Written by Gilbert and Sullivan and re-imaged for Gladstone, it’s a classic comedy story of boy-meets-girl but turns into merry mayhem – it’s a musical to delight all ages.
The Mikado features a cast of exceptional local performers and musicians.
TIME/DATE:
7.30pm Friday, March 20 (Opening Night)
2.00pm Saturday, March 21
7.30pm Saturday, March 21
7.30pm Friday, March 27
7.30pm Saturday, March 28
TICKETS:
Full price $39.00
FFOT $33.00
Pensioner $33.00
Senior $33.00
Students $33.00
Groups (10+) $33.00

Canoe Club
Interdenominational Creation Event
Saturday 28th March 3pm at the Canoe & sailing Club site, western side of Lake Awoonga Monot Road. Followed by a “Nature Study Walk” or “Nature Canoes Paddle”. Speaker King Tshume. For more information please contact Betty or Dennis Martin on 4974 1267 or 0429 741 267.