



Calliope State School

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Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



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What's happening in ...

1C

In Term 3 we welcomed Miss Blake who has introduced lots of interesting new learning ideas to our classroom.

We have been learning about creating our own characters for stories and then we took on the role of our character when we were interviewed by Miss Blake or Mrs Booth and the class. We are currently learning how to retell cultural stories from around the world.

In Science we have looked at 'Day and Night' and talked about the different features that can be seen in different places. In September, we will be visiting Bunting Park to look at and discuss these natural, managed and constructed features a little more.

We have also welcomed Mrs Kettle into our room every Tuesday morning to teach us the 7 Steps to Writing. We have been doing a great job with using Sizzling Starts to make our story introductions more interesting.



Free Dress Day

Friday 28th August is Free Dress Day. The theme is favourite footy colours. Cost is a gold coin donation. Please wear sun safe clothing and closed in shoes.

Principals Piece

While I have only been at the school for seven weeks, each week there have been so many examples of how our Calliope students are shining stars in our community. Ranging from their manners with different teachers and community members (at both the school and district sports' day), to their conduct in public at the different community events and school activities. I am proud to be the principal of the school that educates these amazing, caring and courteous young children. Our Calliope students are continually doing their school, their parents and themselves proud as we continue to strive to be the best we can be. Well done, to every person who has contributed to the development of our Calliope students.

HISTORY—CELEBRATE OUR FLAG'S 114th BIRTHDAY—3 September 2015

On 3 September 1901, the Australian National Flag was flown for the first time over the Royal Exhibition Buildings in Melbourne, where Federal Parliament met at the time. This year is the flag's 114th birthday and Australian National Flag Day celebrates its history and highlights its role as a national symbol.

All Australians are encouraged to make a special effort to fly or display our flag for this special anniversary. Many cities and towns around Australia hold a special flag raising ceremony to mark 'Flag Day', but even if you cannot attend your local event then you can still celebrate: Fly the flag and/or wear a flag badge or sticker; or perhaps you can just take the chance to learn more about our flag's history.

Keeping Our Children Safe

Across the Gladstone district, Queensland Police are regularly contacted by schools and concerned parents in relation to inappropriate driving and behaviours around school zones. Speed limits, drop-off and pickup areas and parking rules exist to keep your children, parents and carers safe. They also help to minimise speed and traffic jams around schools. Whilst we appreciate that the drop off and pick up is a particularly busy time of day it does not excuse dangerous behaviour that could come with fatal consequences.

Queensland Police are constantly patrolling our school zones. Some of the offences that have been witnessed are, parents stopping in the middle of the road (double parking) and allowing children to get out of the vehicle, speeding, unrestrained children, and road rage (use of offensive language whilst children were in the vehicle). For the safety of our students and the school community, please remember the road rules and don't break them just to save a few extra minutes. School zone times have been standardised in Queensland to help motorists remember when to slow down. The standard operating times for your school zones is 7–9am and 2–4pm.

<13km over the speed limit \$151 and 1 point
13-20km over the speed limit \$227 and 3 points
21-30km over the speed limit \$379 and 4 points
31-40km over the speed limit \$531 and 6 points
41km and over the speed limit \$1062 and 8 points

Principal's Forum

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, I would like to invite the community to meet with and provide some feedback about our school. Due to an exciting professional development opportunity that is now occurring on Wednesday the session will be held on Thursday morning. See the invitation for details and RSVP process.

PRINCIPAL'S FORUM 03 SEPT 2015

Do you want to have your say about Calliope State School with the Principal? What do you love about the school or what would you like to see changed or improved upon? Our new Principal, Mr Jeremy Godden, is inviting parents/carers to have their say on a range of topics – in fact on anything to do with the school. Now's your chance to be heard.

These bookings will be capped at 20 people per session.

Further opportunities to have your say will be provided in term 4.

Contact School Office: 07 49758333

Date: 03/09/15
Time: 08:30am—9:00am
In the school library

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child's learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P & C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P & Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people who are involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

P and Cs QLD

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. 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.

2016 Prep Transition

Enrolment packs are now available from the school office. Interview bookings are open for Monday 31 August, Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September. Please contact the office for an interview time.

Book Week – Dress Up parade

Congratulations to all the students who had a fabulous array of costumes last Friday. Calliope's Very Hungry Caterpillar was also a popular story during the parade.



Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be on during Week 7: Monday 24 August – Friday 28 August. Students accompanied by parents may purchase before school from 8.30am- 9.00am (Monday – Friday) and 3.15 – 3.45pm (Monday - Wednesday). Students may also purchase books during first break, 11.15 – 11.40am.

Chappy Sonia's Corner

Short-circuiting the Argument

Children should not contradict their parents in front of other people. Parents are in charge and children do not need to always understand or agree with the rules. Be fair but firm. As you are the most important person in your child's life, give him/her the chance to honour you by co-operating. You can tell your children reasons for your decisions when they have calmed down.

'THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE' by WENDY MOGEL

Dates to Remember

28 August Footy Colours
24-28 August Book 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

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.

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.

Tuckshop Roster

26th August- K. Ferguson, R. Thurgood, A. Mills

27th August- R. Marsh, L. Smalley, L. O'Connor

2nd September- B. Sherrington, A. Mills, D. Cottee

3rd September- L. Moore, S. Taylor, L. Smalley

Volunteers needed. If you are able to volunteer your time to help out at the tuckshop please see Amanda in the Tuckshop or contact the office.



Earn and Learn

Calliope School is collecting the Earn and Learn stickers again this year. There is a collection box in the school office. We use the points to purchase items such as mobile for classroom and the portable soccer nets on the oval.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Indiana	Prep C	Maddie
Prep D	Maali	Prep E	Jasmine
1A	Dylan	1B	Chantelle
1C	Shaya	1D	Texas
2A	Malakai	2B	Nate
2C	Robbie	2/3D	Cooper
3A	Alec	3B	Lillian
3C	Samara	4A	Daniel
4B	Georgia	5A	Connor
5B	Kyran	6A	Laila
6B	Max	PE	Logan
Music	Billy		

Open Night

On Wednesday 19 August, we had a fantastic response to our annual Open Night. It was a lovely way for our students to show off all their hard work!



Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Interschool AFL

The Calliope AFL team played their first game on Wednesday afternoon against St Johns. The boys and girls played extremely well for their first game and came home with a win, 22-21. The team plays Kin Kora this week at 5pm.

Netball

The annual twilight netball competition will be held in Boyne Island on the 10th of September. Calliope have registered 2 teams who have been training hard with coaches Mrs Betts and Ms Badham.

The year 6 netball team will also be competing in the Biloela Netball Competition on the 16th of September. We are still waiting on confirmation of a venue then notes will be distributed accordingly.

Upcoming Events

9th Sept - T20 Cricket Cup @ Clinton Park

10th Sept - Twilight Netball Competition @ Boyne Island Netball Courts

16th Sept - Spikezone Volleyball Competition @ Gladstone SHS

16th Sept - Biloela Netball Competition @ Biloela

Curriculum Catch-up

Seven Steps to Writing Success

This week we will look at **Step 2 – Sizzling Starts** and some tips for both Narrative and Persuasive writing.

You only have seven seconds to grab the reader's interest. Start fast with action and impact!

Narrative:

- Start where the action is, start fast
- Use action
- Backfill as action unfolds

Don't start at the beginning of the day where nothing is happening. Begin when the volcano starts oozing lava or as you walk in the door to the big disco competition.

Persuasive:

- engage the reader
- Reveal your position / side (but be subtle)
- Use emotion, dialogue, word pictures, even narrative

Fast starts:

Try writing a sizzling start in one minute for these topics.

Narrative - The birthday party where everything goes wrong.
Appearing on a reality show in a costume

Persuasive - Country living is better than city living
Cats are a better pet than dogs

Writing ideas for Prep:

- Use magnetic letters to make words
- Write a message / letter to a family member
- Write a shopping list with your child
- Find an interesting picture in a magazine and write a label or story about it
- Write special events on your calendar
- Write in a journal / diary



*Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Raelene Norris*

Looking for a Summer Sport that doesn't take up your weekends ???



*We are looking for new players to join our competition, Boys & Girls ages 5 -17 years
Gladstone Junior Basketball
SUMMER SEASON 2015/16*



*Season commences Thursday 8th October 2015
and finishes Mid March 2016*

Hoopsters Training Program - Registration \$95

Every Thursday 3.30-4.15pm
ages 8 and under (born 2007 onwards) / Basic skills program using smaller hoops

Junior Competition Boys & Girls (8 years +) \$145

Pus \$30 compulsory playing singlet (available for purchase at stadium office only)

For more information email

gladstonejuniorbasketball@v7mail.com

Or head to our webpage

www.gladstone.basketball.net.au to find out

Position Vacant

Toolooa State High School is recruiting for a Permanent Part-time Scientific Operations Officer. This position is 18 hours per week worked over 4 days and will commence the first week of term 4.

Additional information has been uploaded to the school webpage
www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au.

Enquiries should be directed to the school Business Services Manager on 49714310.