What’s happening in …

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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.
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.

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.

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.

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 49154333

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

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

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**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@calliope.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. We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

**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@calliope.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.

Stars of the Week

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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

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.
**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

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Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Raelene Norris

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**Community News**

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**
Plus $30 compulsory playing singlet (available for purchase at stadium office only)

For more information email gladstonejuniorbasketball@y7mail.com
Or head to our webpage www.gladstone.basketball.net.au to find out

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**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.toolooshs.eq.edu.au.
Enquiries should be directed to the school Business Services Manager on 49714310.