2C

We have been having a fun-filled, exciting time in 2C!! In English we have been looking at the structure of narratives and have recently added an event to the book *Spirit of Hope* by Bob Graham. We have some creative writers in 2C!

In Maths we have been practising our number and place value skills. We have been using MAB blocks and number expanders to help us with our understanding of 3 digit numbers. We are becoming experts at solving addition and subtraction word problems.

We are now scientific investigators in 2C and have been discussing Earth’s resources, in particular, water, air, soil and vegetation. We have also brainstormed ideas on how we can save these resources. 2C is now ready to go out into the world and save planet Earth!!

All the grade 2’s have been extremely busy practising our song for the Christmas concert. We hope you can all come and watch us perform on Thursday 12th December in the hall. See you there!

2C, Miss Smith

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2014 Booklist is attached to this newsletter, and a paper copy has been given to each student.
**Dates to Remember**

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| 27 Nov | Camp Quality Puppet Show  
Leadership Day  
Year 5 & 6 Parent Information Session – 6pm in the Library  
P-3 Rewards Room |
| 28 Nov | Leadership Speeches – 9:15am in the Hall  
New IM students parent information session (Clinton SS)  
Volunteer afternoon tea – by invitation |
| 29 Nov | 4-7 Rewards Room  
Calliope Christmas Carols |
| 2 Dec  | Dance Fever Challenge – 5pm in the Hall |
| 3 Dec  | P&C Meeting |
| 3&4 Dec| GSHS Orientation Days |
| 6 Dec  | Reports go home  
Swimming Carnival  
P&C Christmas Party |
| 9 Dec  | Yr 7 Graduation |
| 12 Dec | Christmas Concert |

**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

Well things are about to get crazy; we have three VERY big weeks ahead.

**This week**

Wednesday – P-3 Rewards Room, Leadership Day, Camp Quality Puppet Show visit, Parent Information Session for students who are currently in years 5 and 6  
Thursday – Student Leadership Speeches, Volunteer Afternoon Tea, Parent Information Session for new Instrumental Music students (Clinton SS)  
Friday – 4-7 Rewards Room, Calliope Christmas Carols

**Next Week**

Monday – Dance Fever Challenge  
Tuesday – GSHS Transition Days, P&C Meeting  
Wednesday - GSHS Transition Days  
Friday – Reports go home, Swimming Carnival, P&C Christmas Dinner, Final Parade – school leaders for 2014 announced

**Week 10**

Class allocation for 2014 posted home this week  
Monday – Graduation  
Wednesday – Year 5 Mother/Daughter evening  
Thursday – Christmas Concert and Principals’ Parade

The Christmas Carols this Friday night are a big event for the Calliope community and our students are the centrepiece of the entertainment. Our students will be singing carols both as class groups and in the choir and the WBP Band will be playing so it is important that as many students as possible attend the event. Our P&C will be holding a stall, selling gift items, much the same as they usually would for Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day. I’m sure they could use some helpers either setting up or manning the stall on the night. If you are available, please email Cheree at pandc@calliopess.eq.edu.au.

On Wednesday evening, Mrs Jo Dahl (from GSHS) will be joining me in the Library for a parent information session for parents of students currently in years 5 and 6, who will both be transitioning to high school for 2015. I will be sharing our plan for 2014 and Mrs Dahl will be talking about what to expect for the transition to high school.

**Unexplained Absences**

PROVIDE 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 on 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.  
We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation.

**Newsletter Distribution**

The newsletter is published every Monday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing vnoco1@eq.edu.au.  
If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

Regards  
Marni Morrison
**Christmas Cards**  
We are fast approaching the end of term and students are starting to think about sharing Christmas cards with their friends. We ask that Christmas cards are not brought to school until the last two weeks of the term. They can be brought from Monday 2 December and placed in the box outside the Year 7 classrooms. The year 7 students will sort the cards and distribute to classes during the day. All cards must be in an envelope with the students name and class clearly written on it so that it can be delivered to the right person. We ask that candy canes and lollies are not given out with cards.

**Parent Volunteer Morning Tea**  
This Thursday Calliope School is hosting a Parent Volunteer afternoon tea as a small way to say ‘thank you’ to our wonderful parents who help out regularly within the school. We appreciate your time and assistance and look forward to seeing you at 2.30pm 28 November in the hall foyer. Please RSVP to the office if you are able to attend to assist with catering.

**P & C Annual Christmas Raffle**  
Tickets for our annual Christmas raffle are now available to purchase from this Wednesday, purchases can be made each morning at the front gate and on Friday mornings at parade. The tickets are 50c each and the raffle will be drawn at the last parade of the year. The P&C are asking each family to donate non-perishable items for the Christmas raffle, there will be a basket in the office for you to drop off your donation.

**School Banking**  
**School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office.** Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of students bringing in their tokens at different times. This term redemption day will be the 4th December.

If you are paying for multi orders in one bag, could you please write on the bag (money in John Smith’s Bag 5B)
Combined Conveyance Committee
Bus Meeting for all routes

Translink (Dept. Transport) Office in Rockhampton has requested that a meeting be held to discuss any concerns, inquiries or suggestions for possible bus route changes. For all parents/guardians of children who are presently on the buses, or who will be using the buses in the near future, there will be a meeting held on Tuesday 26th November at Annabelle’s Coffee House at 9.30am. If you are unable to attend and would still like to have input, please send all information and apologies to Lynda Ninness 0427 853 709.

Welcome to Gladstone Morning Tea

On behalf of Gladstone Regional Council, I would like to extend a warm invitation for all Gladstone residents to attend the next Welcome to Gladstone Morning tea to be held at the Gladstone City Library on Thursday 5th December 2013 between 10.00 AM and 12.00 PM. This initiative aims to provide all Gladstone residents with an opportunity to get to know new people coming into the Region as well as to be more familiarised with existing services providers based around the Region. No Bookings are required; however for further information please contact either Community Advisory Service Welcoming Team (Andrea, Vernetta or Luis) on 07 4976 6300

The Glen Cricket Club

will be holding a Milo In2Cricket program in February 2014. This program is available to boys and girls aged 5-10. There will be lots of fun activities and give aways for everyone.
Registration day: Wednesday 4th December
Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Where: Sunvalley Sports Park
Mercury Street, Sunvalley.

For further information please phone
Melissa 0407 501599

Calliope Community Christmas Carols

"This Friday evening Calliope State School students have been invited to attend the Calliope Community Christmas Carols. The event is to be held in the field behind the RSL hall next to the school and will commence with market stalls from 4pm with Santa’s arrival and photo opportunities from 4:30. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks stall to allow for a convenient dinner. All students have been invited to perform at the Carols, commencing with our Band (Brass Woodwind Percussion) performing from 5pm, with year level carols performances supported by our choir to follow. Students attending are welcome to wear festive clothing. If you wish to practice these carols at home, the songs are:

Prep have been working on a medley of Christmas songs including 'Here is the Star', 'Away in a Manger', 'Feliz Navidad', Prep and year 1 - 'Go Santa Go' (your child may even be able to show you the actions) Year 2 - 'Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer', Year 3 - 'Jingle Bells', Year 4 - 'Away in a Manger', Year 5, 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas', Year 6 and 7 - 'The Christmas Tree Feud'. Students from the Boyne Valley schools will also be joining us singing, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' and 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' before we all rejoin to sing the finale of 'Silent Night'. Any students will be welcome to join us singing any of these carols. This will be a flame free event and glowsticks will be available on the night. Students wishing to participate in the event will need to have parent/caregiver supervision throughout the evening. Bring along a chair, or picnic rug, and wear something 'Christmassy' to get into the spirit. The school involvement of the evening is expected to be finished by approximately 6:30 pm with live performances to continue after."

Thank You
Katie

Stars of the Week

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Gladstone State High School Orientation

As Year 7 fast draws to a close we look forward to our Year 7 Orientation Days. Our Year 10 students will be working with the Year 7 students and will follow them through to next year as their Peer Mentors. We have two days to enable the students to experience High School, have their questions answered and begin to make connections.

Where: Meet at the Hall at Gladstone State High. Staff will be on duty to greet the students.

When: Tue 3rd and Wed 4th December 8.45 through to 3.05.

What to wear: School uniform (sports if at a school with a formal uniform)

What to bring: Hat, water bottle, writing materials, positive attitude.

Enrolment forms: Please hand in enrolment forms prior to Orientation (if you have not already done so) as we will be placing the students in their proposed House Groups for these days. It can make it unsettling if we need to make too many changes after this day for students. Thanks to those who have already met this requirement.

Booklists and other organisational details for next year will be provided at the orientation.

There will be a sausage sizzle provided for the students on the Tuesday and the tuckshop will be open to the students on the Wednesday if they wish. Students can bring their lunch if they wish.

At this stage Trials for the Volleyball School of Excellence will take place on the Wednesday morning (3rd Dec) starting at approximately 7.00am. This time will be confirmed on the Tuesday Afternoon.

Performing Arts - Information regarding the Performing Arts Class will be provided on the Orientation day.

Parents will have to check with Bus companies regarding travelling to and from if you wish to use their service.

For the parents. There will be a Question & Answer session on the Tuesday afternoon, 3rd December of December, from 3.30pm for anyone who may have any queries about next year in the F Block lecture theatre.

Please direct any queries to Jo Dahl. jdahl14@eq.edu.au or 49766155

Thanks

Jo Dahl