Calliope Kids are:

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News from Prep B

In Prep B you will find that our classroom is always a hive of activity. We begin our day with Investigations which is based on the Walker Learning Approach. Walker Learning is a holistic approach to teaching to the whole of a child and committed to developing children who can think for themselves and for others, can create and imagine, who are strong in their literacy and numeracy, and who can navigate the challenges of the world with intrinsic motivation and a strength of character made of a strong sense of self and resilience. This includes opportunities for the children to investigate in our garden, research in the library, role play, work at the tinkering table and create. This week we planted rosemary to commemorate ANZAC day and also learnt to propagate some more rosemary. In our Camping Area we are learning to read maps and use compasses. Feel free to come and explore our garden and any green thumb tips are welcome.
ANZAC Day – A Proud Principal Moment

I was so proud of our school and our community on Monday as we gather to commemorate our 100th ANZAC day. There were a large number of students who turned out in full uniform to pay their respects to our servicemen and women past and present. I was fortunate enough to have lunch with a number of these returned servicemen who made numerous comments about their joy at seeing the involvement of the young people of Calliope. Thank you to all who attended and special thanks to the staff and students who contributed to the organisation on the day. Lest we forget.

NAPLAN

On Tuesday May 10, Wednesday May 11 and Thursday May 12 this year (week 5, term 2) all year 3 and 5 students will be required to participate in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The tests will assess students on writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy. For further information, including exemption, withdrawal and absentee processes, parents should contact the school office and request to speak with a member of the admin team.

The school will, once again, provide a small breakfast for the students involved and, this year, this will be augmented by a sausage sizzle on the Tuesday and Wednesday provided by the lovely people who bring us our Friday Brekky Club.
Uniform Survey

Could all parents please complete the brief survey regarding uniform changes? As mentioned previously, we will definitely need to change the appearance of the uniform shirt. That, however, will be the subject for another survey and consultative process. To complete the survey, please follow the link provided below. If you do not have access to the internet, please request a copy of the survey from the front office.

The survey can be accessed at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KKWWPMT](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KKWWPMT)

Outside School Hours and Vacation Care proposal and survey

‘Calliope State School is currently considering establishing an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service for the convenience of families. This service would operate within the school grounds before and after school, as well as on pupil free days and during school holiday periods. As part of the service, children attending would be provided with breakfast, morning and afternoon tea.

In order to gain a clear picture of the needs of our families, we seek as much feedback as possible. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take just a few minutes to complete this survey and assist us in our decision making process.

A hard copy version of the survey can be collected from the Office if you would prefer to provide your feedback in written form. Please complete the online survey or return the written survey to the Office by 13th May 2016. We will share the outcome of our findings once collated.

As our school and community grows, it is important for the school to engage in discussions around the provision of additional services to support families. Outside School Hours Care and Vacation care is one such way that we, as a school, can help families who are juggling work and children before and after school. The opportunities for students to engage in meaningful activities of both a social and academic nature before and after school are numerous. Additionally, vacation care services will certainly alleviate some of the stresses associated with sourcing supervision and activities for children during school holiday times. The survey below has been developed by the potential service provider.

I wholeheartedly encourage all parents to participate in the survey to provide the best possible information on which decisions can be made.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSS-OSHC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSS-OSHC)

Jeremy Godden
Principal
Under 8’s morning
Our annual Under 8’s morning will be on Wednesday 18 May from 9.15 – 10.45am. Our Prep – Year 2 students will be participating in the fun morning of activities. Our Year 6 students will be assisting the class teachers with activities as well. We have invited the local Kindy groups as well as a few special visitors. Information notes will be going home this week with further details.

Anzac Day march
Thank you to all our Calliope families who participated in the Anzac Day service. It was lovely to see so many younger students joining in this year. Congratulations to our school leaders on their wonderful representation as part of the service.

123 Magic
We will again be hosting a 123Magic Workshop on Friday 6th, 13th and 20th May, commencing straight after assembly. Each session goes for approximately 2hrs. At this stage, it is open only to parents/carers/grandparents of Calliope State School.

There are 10 places available, and the cost is $15. If you miss out, or are unable to attend this round, we will be offering it again throughout the year. It would like more information about 123Magic, go to https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/programs/1-2-3-magic-and-emotion-coaching-program Register and pay at the office!

Chappy Sonia News
Recognising your child’s worst behaviour as his/her greatest strength
Your own character traits will boomerang back at you when you become a parent, reflected in your children’s behaviour. It’s essential that you learn to see those intense, often irksome traits as the seeds of your child’s greatness. Try thinking of your argumentative child as forthright, your shy child as cautious and modest, your bossy child as commanding and authoritative, your reckless, accident-prone, or rule-breaking child as daring and adventurous. ‘The Blessing of a Skinned Knee’ by Wendy Mogel

Date to Remember
29 April        FFF
2 May          Labour Day holiday
6,13,20 May   123 Magic workshops
18 May         Under 8’s morning
25 May           P-2 Sports morning
27 May        Yr 3-7 Sports Day

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

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@calliopess.eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

Office hours are 8am-4pm
Prayer Time with Chappy
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 7:45 – 8:00am
Where: Chappy Sonia’s office between 3A and 3B
**Student of the Week**

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**Homework Club**

**Does your child need help to finish their homework?**

**Are they too busy during the week and have missed finishing their homework at home?**

Come down to the hall during first break and join our support group.

Mrs Black and Mrs Hall will be there to help.

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**Community News**

**Kids’ Art Classes**
After school 3.30-5.00 either Mon, tues or Thurs @ Auckland St Creative (opp. Central School) 6 – 12yrs $140 for an 8 week term Starts 18 April (can start during the term if space is available.

Email Jenny : Kidsclasses.cgri@gmail.com or text 0419705175 for bookings & info

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**LABOUR DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY**