What's happening in ...

Prep A

What a wonderful busy week Prep A has had. Our fun week began on Tuesday morning with Under 8’s Day. Face painting, playing with Goop and visiting the police and fire vehicles were amongst the favourite activities enjoyed by the students. On Thursday, Prep A joined with Prep C on an excursion to Bunting Park. The Preps are currently learning about maps and their observable features. The students walked along Dawson Highway, making their way past the police station. Students tracked their walk with maps and photos of features to locate. Parent helpers joined in the walk and enjoyed a small play break at the park with the students.

Stars of the Week

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**Dates to Remember**

3 June  
P&C Meeting

5 June  
Korean Cultural Day

6 June  
Sports Day

9 June  
Queen’s Birthday

13 June  
Cleaners’ Day

17 June  
ICAS Spelling

19 & 20 June  
School Photos

20 June  
Reports go home

20 June  
Country Coast Athletics

**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 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.

**Principal’s Piece**

*Every day is a learning day!*

We have been looking at student achievement data in recent weeks so that we can analyse how best to support students who are at risk of not meeting benchmarks. It has been alarming to see how many of these students attend school less than 85% of the time, or even less than 95% of the time. There is an absolute correlation between school attendance and achievement. Below is a slide from a DETE presentation which illustrates the impact of low attendance rates.

I will be scrutinising each student’s attendance data in the coming weeks, beginning with those students whose attendance rate is less than 85%. We will also be focussing on our school process and how we follow up absences. Our current attendance rate across the school is 93.1%; however, that is with 12.2% of students (approximately 66) having an average of three days off every fortnight.

At Calliope State School we have high expectations and that also extends to how we wear our school uniform. A uniform brochure is attached to this newsletter and is available on the website. We expect that students attend school in their correct school uniform and staff are monitoring this closely. A note should be provided to explain why any student is not in uniform.

Have a great week!

Regards

*Marni Morrison*
Maths Mental Strategies
This week we are focusing on:

**Prep – Year 3: Skip-counting**
When there are more things to count than can be conceptually subitised, it makes sense to spot or make equal-sized groups and to skip-count. Students will soon begin to skip-count fluently and bear in mind that skip-counting lays the foundation for understanding multiplication.

**Years 4-7: Compensating**
Rounding, estimating and number splitting are the foundations for the strategy of compensating when adding or subtracting. For instance rounding 51 down to the friendly number 50 makes it easy to add 17 which will result in a close estimate. For an exact answer though, compensation in the form of adjusting is required. The 1 was taken off the 50 prior to the addition and must now be added back on for an exact answer. Compensation in the form of rounding and adjusting is one of the most frequently used strategies for addition and subtraction.

**Triple P Seminars**
Education Queensland is providing Triple P seminars for parents and care providers. **Triple P – Positive Parenting Program aims to promote positive, caring relationships between parents and their children, and to help parents develop effective management strategies for promoting children’s health, development and wellbeing, and for dealing with a variety of childhood behavioural and emotional problems and common developmental issues.**

The three seminars cover:
1. The Power of Positive Parenting
2. Raising Confident Competent Children
3. Raising Resilient Children

Triple P seminars are being held at Gladstone West State School on the following dates:
- Seminar 1 – Thursday 29 May;
- Seminar 2 – Thursday 5 June;
- Seminar 3 – Thursday 12 June.
All sessions are 6 – 7.30pm.

Location – Special Education Unit (entry via Quoin Street)
Parents/ caregivers are welcome to attend individual sessions if they wish. These sessions are adult only sessions and alternate arrangements will need to be made for child supervision. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**P & C NEWS**

**Uniform Shop**
The opening times for our uniform shop. The uniform shop will be open every Monday 8.30 to 9.30am and Friday from 8.00 -9.00am.
Please remember that Uniform Shop sales are by cash or cheque only. If you are unable to be at the uniform shop on Monday mornings you can fill out an order form and leave it at the office and the P & C will fill the order and deliver it to your child’s classroom the following Monday. If you require an order form you can collect one from the office.

**Tuckshop Roster**
28th May - J. Burfield, R. Marsh, Shayne, C. Nightingale
29th May - C.Campbell, L. Ninness, C. Murphy
4th June - K. Baker, C. Campbell, J. Burfield
5th June- S. Taylor, M. Ingham, L. O'Connor

**School Banking**
School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the **Office**. If you are new to our school and would like to open up a Dollarmite account, please see Vanda in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.
A vacancy exists for a permanent part-time Cleaner at Calliope State School. Application packages can be collected from the school office, by phoning (07) 4975 8333 or emailing tschm27@eq.edu.au

Applications close on Wednesday 6th June 2014.

Applications marked “Private & Confidential” and returned to:-
The Principal
Calliope State School
PO BOX 232
CALLIOPE QLD 4680
Fax: 4975 6347
Email tschm27@eq.edu.au

Applicants are required to submit with a brief resume which includes contact details for 2 referees and a written response outlining their experiences/knowledge against each point under ‘How you will be assessed’ in the position description.

The successful applicant must hold or make an application for and be able to obtain, a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

All applications will remain current for a period of 12 months.

Should you have any queries please contact Toni Schmidt, Business Services Manager on 4975 8333.

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**Calliope State School Athletics Carnival**

**Day 1 – 4th of June, 2014**

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Under 8’s morning
Thank you to everyone for their participation in Under 8’s morning this year. It was a busy and enjoyable morning. Thank you to Policeman Andrew and Policeman Peter for visiting (and making some arrests!) and to the Calliope Rural Fire brigade for visiting again this year. We love having special visitors on the day.

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge
Calliope School will again be participating in this statewide event. The Challenge commences on 20 May and concludes on 5 September. Prep – Year 2 students must read or engage with 20 books, Years 3 and 4 students must read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 students must read 15 books. Reading Log forms have been sent home with all students from Prep – Year 7. Once students have completed the Challenge they will return forms to their class teacher.

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month
Each year Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is held in the month of May. The aim of the month is to:
- Raise community awareness on the effects of domestic and family violence;
- Promote a clear message of NO tolerance to domestic and family violence in our community;
- Promote what support is available in our community for those affected by domestic and family violence; and
- Encourage those who used abuse or violence to take responsibility and seek support to change.

Do you know someone affected by domestic and family violence?
This year’s campaign is (Queensland Government – Deptartment of Communities). The campaign encourages the friends, family, colleagues and neighbours of people experiencing abuse in a domestic or family relationship to call the statewide DVConnect Womensline or Mensline to seek confidential advice about safety strategies and available support. The aim of the campaign is to enable people in the community to recognise signs of domestic and family violence and especially non-physical form of violence – such as stalking, threats, verbal abuse or controlling behaviour.