



# Calliope State School

27 October 2015

Calliope Kids  
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



## What's happening in ...

### 1B

1B has had a very busy start to Term 4. We were lucky enough to get our own passports and have been jet-setting around the world. Our first stop was Japan where we did calligraphy and folded an origami boat and koala. We then took off to Italy where we discovered pizza originated from and saw the Leaning Tower of Pisa. 1B then wrote and followed their own procedure to make a pizza. It was delicious! On Friday we had some of our grandparents visit us for Grandparent's Day. They participated in a technology challenge with us. We used dry spaghetti sticks and marshmallows to build our own towers, which also had quite a lean on them.



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# Principal's Piece

## **2016 Workforce Planning**

Thank you to families for returning forms to your class teacher regarding your child's schooling in 2016. Every parent is required to return a form for each child to the school by Friday 30 October. This will assist us in allocating teachers and support staff in preparation for 2016 as well as actioning any required facilities (classroom) upgrades needed for the 2016 school year.

As we continue to grow in numbers, it is vital that we have a clear view of our projected student numbers and keeping the school informed is the best way that you can help with this process.

## **Advancing Education**

The Education Department has released an action plan "Advancing Education" and a discussion paper on Coding in Schools to ensure every child is ready for the opportunities their future holds. I urge all parents to have a browse through the Action Plan and the Coding Counts discussion paper. Digital technologies are already being introduced to students through the curriculum and will continue to be developed as a part of our Curriculum Framework as we move forward. <http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>  
<http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au/codingcounts/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Day for Daniel**

This Friday 30 October is Day for Daniel and we would love to see all children wearing red to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. A gold coin donation is required from students wearing red with all proceeds going directly to the Morcombe Foundation. Further information is on their website <http://www.dayfordaniel.com.au/>

## **World Teachers' Day**

This Friday 30 October is also World Teacher's Day, when we acknowledge and thank our teachers for the fantastic job they do educating our children. Our wonderful P&C provide a scrumptious lunch for the staff in the staffroom. Thank you in advance for acknowledging our Calliope SS Staff.

## **Every Day Counts**

I would like to remind parents of the importance of attending school every day. For students to gain the most from their schooling they should be attending school every day. If your child misses one day per fortnight it equals 20 days per year. This equals 4 weeks of school and over 13 years of schooling your child misses nearly 1½ years of school. While it seems like a small issue at the time, the numbers add up very quickly. If you are having issues getting your child to school, please contact us to discuss support strategies that we can help with.

## Prep enrolments for 2016

Please ensure you have completed enrolment information for your 2016 Prep student. We are arranging staffing for 2016 and we need enrolment information completed to put your child into a class for 2016. Don't miss out on getting your child into a class for next year.

## Prep Open Mornings

Parents and children starting Prep at Calliope in 2016 are welcome to attend. Rooms will be open for families to visit. There will also be a school tour available for any families new to the school. Thursday 29 October from 9.15 – 10.00am Children are to be accompanied by an adult for their visit.

## Chappy Sonia's Corner

### Raising your child to leave you

If your child doesn't have the chance to be bad, they can't choose to be good. Parents need to prepare their children for rough conditions of life by teaching them to tolerate some stresses and extremes. Keep in mind that every child is different, but using your best judgement, never assume that any child is too fragile to fly!

### 'THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE' by WENDY MOGEL

VITAL Unlimited has started this term on Wednesday first break to 12:30pm with 10 Year 5 boys. UnLimited is an action-based learning program that gives students the opportunity to develop leadership ability, resilience, self management and teamwork skills based on our school's values. The program has been run successfully in Queensland secondary schools for about 20 years and has been adapted for middle school children. We are in week 3 of running the program, the boys, the leader volunteers and myself are having loads of fun working as a team and learning about our potential in life.

## Dates to Remember

**29 October – Prep Open Morning**  
**30 October – Teachers' Day**  
**30 October – Free Dress Day**  
**3 November – P&C meeting**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Attached to the newsletter is a position vacant advertisement for a Temporary Permanent Part Time Teacher Aide position at Bororen State School, closes 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

## 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

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.



### Swimming

Please ensure all belongings are named for swimming, including swimmers, towel, uniform, goggles etc.



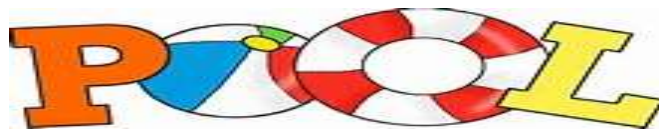
## ★ Stars of the Week ★

Prep A		Prep B	Henry
Prep C		Prep D	Keeley
Prep E	Cooper	1A	
1B	Ella	1C	Jenna
1D	Krystal	2A	
2B	Alexander	2C	Emmy
2/3D		3A	Samantha
3B	Billy	3C	Charlee
4A	Alexi	4B	Cameron
4/5C	Ashton	5A	Hayley
5B	Xavier	5/6D	Isis
6A	Jayde	6B	Isaak
PE	Danny		



### Free Dress Day – Day for Daniel

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of October is Free Dress Day – Day for Daniel. So please come dressed in red to help support Day for Daniel, with a gold coin donation.



### Calliope Pool Opening Hours

The following are the pool opening hours:

**5am – 9am – Weekdays**

**3.30pm – 7pm – Weekdays**

**9am – 5pm - Weekends**

### Calliope Pool Phone Number

Please phone 0497815393 to contact the pool regarding swimming lessons etc.



Lest We Forget

## School Improvement Bulletin

### Our Weekly Attendance Statistics

Calliope SS Attendance Target – 94%	Calliope SS Actual Attendance – 92.1%
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### Attendance Awards Term 4

Each week the class with the highest attendance is awarded a certificate for their effort and they take possession of the Attendance trophy for a week.

**Week 1** – 2/3D, 3A, 3B, 4/5C all with 100% attendance for the week

**Week 2** – 3B with 99% attendance for the week

**Week 3** – 3A with 99% attendance for the week

### Every Day Counts

#### **Recording and following up on student absences**

At Calliope State School we are dedicated to achieving the following goals in improving attendance;

- **No** unexplained absences for the school year,
- 100% follow up by the class teacher within **three days** to ensure all parents/carers have given a reasonable explanation of their child's absence (unexplained absence letter, email or phone call), and
- the Administration team will call parents/carers of all students following **five** consecutive days of unexplained absence.

When a student is absent without explanation for **3 consecutive days or a pattern** of absences has been identified, Calliope State School will take the following actions:

- The classroom teacher will contact the parents/carers via telephone or email requesting a reason for absence. The classroom teacher will record the contact in OneSchool and refer the Record of Contact to the Administration team.
- Where there is a suitable reason for absence, the Administration team will record this on OneSchool in reference to the absences (Director General Guidelines SS176 and 239 of the Education – General Provisions – Act 2006).
- If there is a continuation of unexplained absences, the Administration team will request a meeting with the parents to address issues contributing to these absences and collaboratively create an attendance action plan (Education - General Provisions – Act 2006-SMS-PR-043).
- The Administration team will report persistent and/or unexplained absences to Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Child Safety through OneSchool.

### Student Absence Line

Parents and Carers are encouraged to use the school's Student Absence line to report their child/ren's absences on 07 4975 8366 or email [absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au](mailto:absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au)

**Deputy Principal – School Improvement**  
**Coralie Baldwin**



## Remembrance Day

Calliope RSL Sub Branch will conduct a Remembrance Day service at the Calliope Cenotaph beside the RSL Hall, Stirrat Street, Calliope on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Service will commence at 10.45am and conclude at 11.15am. Veteran, Returned and serving service members, community representatives and members of the public are cordially invited to attend the service and may lay a wreath if they wish.

Complimentary cold drinks will be available for service attendees and following the service, the annual Remembrance Day raffle will also be drawn.

For further information please contact President Paul Hawkins on 4975 6473 or Secretary Darryl Saw on 4978 5621.