What’s happening in …

6A

SIZZLING SUPER HERO SIX’S ACE SPELLING

Year 6 has started the term off by improving our persuasive language, it seems to come naturally to most of 6A. We have just commenced our English unit on advertising and are enthusiastically sharing our favourite ad’s with each other. We are also analysing what makes these ad’s so catchy. 6A are celebrating our spelling success with everyone at or above benchmark!! Explicit instruction is still our focus and we are concentrating on placing more information in our long term memory through our Rapid Recall’s. Science will be especially interesting, creating electrical circuits and investigating natural disasters. A massive term ahead for a class of enthusiastic learners!!

Year 6 Sizzling Starts, from our Narrative Unit.

"5, 4, 3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF", yelled Max. "Um Max, what are you doing"? I asked. "I am making a super, duper alto galactic bomb, you throw it in the fan and it goes BOOM!!", Max replied. Shivers ran down my spine.

Aimy 6A

"The garden gnome is alive! ARRRGGGHH!!", I scream. I have never seen a garden gnome alive before. It is eating the flowers, my mum is not going to be happy. "Mum, the garden gnome is eating our flowers", I yell. " Go and give the gnome to Miss Goat", she yells back.

Emily 6A

We now have eftpos available at the office for your convenience. This facility is for school related purchases, not for P&C Payments. Please note there is a $5 minimum payment.
**Dates to Remember**

2 May  
- FFF – Homework Pass

5 & 6 May  
- Mothers’ Day Stall

6 May  
- P&C Meeting

9 May  
- Port Curtis Cross
- Country

13-15 May  
- NAPLAN

20 May  
- Under 8s Morning

23 May  
- FFF – Student/Teacher Ball Games
- Crazy Sock Day

3 June  
- P&C Meeting

5 June  
- Korean Cultural Day

6 June  
- Sports Day

9 June  
- Queen’s Birthday
- Holiday

13 June  
- Cleaners’ Day
- Free Dress Day – State of Origin
- FFF – Movie Day

**Principal’s Piece**

**Every day is a learning day!**

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<td>1 day a fortnight</td>
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<td>24 weeks a year</td>
<td>Over 8 years</td>
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On Thursday and Friday we commemorated ANZAC Day in school and community services. At our school ANZAC Parade, Daryl Turner, a past Calliope student and member of the Calliope Sub Branch of the RSL spoke to students about why the 25th April, the day that troops landed at Gallipoli, was chosen to commemorate ANZAC Day and is the special day to say thank you to the people who gave so much to all of us. On Friday, staff and students marched in the ANZAC Parade and joined the community at the Cenotaph for the annual ANZAC Service. Our Captains laid a wreath, supported by 68 of their peers who joined them in the march, and other students who attended in other capacities. Thank you to the parents who brought their children along. It’s wonderful to see students as young as Prep beginning to learn about the importance of ANZAC Day and how to respond to the various expectations during the service.

Have a great week!

Regards

Marni Morrison

**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@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 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.

Office hours are 8am-4pm
Maths Mental Strategies
This week we are focusing on:

**Prep – Year 3: Count back**
Fluency with counting back is the beginning of subtraction. Students need to know that for 7-3, we can start on 7 and count back three, that is 6, 5, 4 and that the answer is the last number spoken.

**Years 4-7: Open number line for subtraction**
Although traditionally subtraction was taught in only one format, the vertical algorithm, there are many ways of working out a subtraction mentally. The first strategy is an adding on or building up method going from left to right. This strategy shows the difference between 48 and 72 as 24 and is often the method preferred by most adults as it mirrors the way in which change is counted out at a till. The second strategy moves from right to left and mirrors the previous strategy by subtracting or counting back in the same jumps as were used for the adding on. The final strategy shows the number 48 can be split for ease of count back. Each of these strategies reflects typical in-the-head mental methods.

SWPBS

- **Morning procedure**
  - Before 8:10am, go straight to the undercover area with your school bag and sit
  - 8:10am bell choose to either play on the oval/playground or to the hall for morning fitness.
  - 8:30am bell, choose to either go to the oval/playground, or go to your classroom if your classroom sign is up **First Bell (after break)**
    - Stop what you are doing
    - Go to the toilet and/or get a drink
    - Make your way to either the classroom (in the morning) or the lining up area (after lunch breaks)
  - **Second Bell (after break)**
    - You should be in the lining up area by the second bell
  - **Home time**
    - Leave the school as promptly as possible
    - If you catch a bus, move to the appropriate area as soon as possible

School Banking Reward Redemption Day
Congratulations to the students who have earned 10 silver Dollarmite tokens through the School Banking program and are now ready to redeem these tokens for a fantastic reward item. Please complete your reward card coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, on the next School Banking day and the item will be ordered for you.

P & C NEWS

A huge thank you to all our new tuckshop volunteers! Your time is much appreciated. If you would like to join our tuckshop volunteer group, please call in and see Amanda at the Tuckshop and introduce yourself.

**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**
30th April - C. Campbell, R. Marsh, S. Burfield
1st April - L. Ninness, C. Murphy, T. Skyring, L. O’Connor
7th May - M. Ingham, K. Birch, S. Kington, Shayne
8th May - S.Taylor, S. Peirce, 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.
**Casual School Bus Driver**

Buslink QLD Pty Ltd is currently looking to recruit a casual school bus driver for work in the Calliope area – based at our Calliope depot. The role offers 4 hours’ work per school day (20hrs per week for 40 weeks per year).

Buslink is looking for a person who:

- has an MR licence
- preferably has experience in the passenger transport industry
- has a focus on safety and customer service
- is looking to work for a stable organisation with long-term secure contracts
- is capable of getting a Drivers Authority
- may have some spare hours in the day and looking for that extra income

Immediate start available for experienced Driver with MR licence and current Drivers Authority.

Full training is available for persons with little or no previous experience.

Please apply to:

busdriver@buslinkqld.com.au

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. A three session program for parents and carers at 4680 Child & Family Centre 74 Auckland Street on the 29th April, 6th May & 13th May at 6:30-8:30pm.

Learn the following:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Cost is $10 for the workbook. Child care is not provided. Register for this course by calling 4972 1184 or email Debbie.flaherty@gadpl.com.au or 4962 1405 or email yuko.wilton@health.qld.gov.au

**Gladstone Junior Basketball** is looking for players to join teams for our upcoming Winter Season. Games are played every Thursday night starting at 5.15pm – running until 8.15 pm. All teams are organised to be balanced with beginner and experienced players in all age groups. First Games & Team Placements on Thursday 1st May. Registration is $145 for the season (which runs until the end of August) plus $40 for a playing singlet for you to keep. Game times vary each week depending on age group. Hoopsters is $95 and play at 5.15pm every week.

*Sign up now for this Winter season on line at www.gladstone.basketball.net.au*

*Or our office will be open 5pm on Thursday 1st May for registrations prior to teams being sorted and games being played. Or for more information email gladstonejuniorbasketball@y7mail.com*

HOOPSTERS boys and girls born 2006 and later meet at 5.15 in the stadium for the first night of Hoopsters.

UNDER 12 BOYS & GIRLS (born 2004/2005) meet at 5.30pm. Game to be played at 6.15 pm.

UNDER 14 BOYS & GIRLS (born 2002/2003) meet at 6.30 pm. Game to be played at 7.15 pm

UNDER 16 & 18 BOYS & GIRLS (born 2001 – 1998) meet at 7.30 pm. Game to be played at 8.15 pm.

**Gladstone PCYC Roller Derby League** proudly presents MASQUERADE IN MAY! – an all-ages roller disco, for young and old to strap on skates, and embrace a colourful alter-ego – BYO masks, all dress-ups encouraged!

At Gladstone PCYC, Yaroon St, from 6.30pm until 9pm on Friday, May 9

Entry is $10, includes skate hire (bring socks!), or bring your own wheels – but inlines not allowed on floor, sorry! All children must be supervised, no cost for non-skating parents/guardians. The event is a fundraiser for Gladstone’s grassroots and growing roller derby league – for more information visit www.gladstonerollerderby.com

**Tannum Sands Kindergarten** will open its 2016 waitlist online at 9.30am on Saturday, May 3. The 2016 waitlist is for children born between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Waiting list applications will be available at that time online at http://fs23.formsite.com/TANNUMKINDY/2016/index.html. For any further queries please call the kindergarten on 4973 7021 during office hours (Tuesday to Thursday, 8.30am-1pm).

If you do not have personal access to the internet, the Boyne Island and Gladstone Libraries have computers with internet access available to the public. Bookings are essential. Please contact your preferred library to book a time if required.

BRING YOUR DOG ALONG TO GLADSTONE’S MILLION PAWS WALK ON SUNDAY 18TH MAY, CANOE POINT, TANNUM SANDS. WALK STARTS 9AM.