What’s happening in …

7B

To start off the term, 7B have been reading and analysing an interesting novel about the famous bushranger named Ned Kelly. This has helped us understand the way authors portray characters and to appreciate what life was like for some of the people living in Australia during this period. We look forward to writing our own imaginative recount of an event which occurred in the book.

In the Computer Room, 7B have been learning about some of the many features of Microsoft Excel including calculations in spreadsheets, plotting line graphs, bar graphs, pie charts and display tables. We are currently using these new skills, in conjunction with what we have learnt about unit costing in maths, to complete an assessment based on catering food and drink for 27 people at a barbeque.

7B has been physically active in recent weeks and enjoyed a number of activities including crab-soccer, French cricket, red rover, soccer and fruit salad. We have also had fun warming up with the rest of the school doing before-school activities including dance, yoga, fitness, aerobics and core-strengthening which were instructed by Mrs Smith-Ashton and Miss Heron.
**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.

**Office hours are 8am–4pm**

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**Principal’s Piece**

**Every day is a learning day!**

At Calliope State School we use a wide variety of strategies to improve student learning. You may be familiar with the Getting Started program, ELF, PAL, MiniLit and Pause Prompt Praise Reading. These programs and strategies help students who struggle to read at year level benchmarks. Project 600 and UniFY are strategies which enhance the learning of students who are meeting or exceeding benchmarks and we are now working within the classroom with what we are calling Boost Groups. Students are identified through class data, collected by teachers and challenged with strategies designed to move students who are at benchmark, above the benchmark. Students already working above benchmarks will be challenged to achieve even further above benchmarks. So no matter the starting point, every student is learning and achieving, every day, in every classroom.

Don’t forget that every day is a learning day and that doesn’t just mean that it’s important to come to school every day. It’s also important to be here for the full school day, from 9am until 3:15pm. Students who have a high number of absences, or who regularly turn up after the bell or leave early are missing out on vital learning and this shows in their results and report cards. Currently, 12.2% of our students have less than an 85% attendance rate. That’s 68 students from Calliope State School that are absent for more than 3 weeks each semester, and that doesn’t include late arrivals and early departures. A lot of lost learning…

School Enrolment Management Plans are implemented in schools that are nearing their enrolment capacity in order to manage out of catchment enrolments. Our school has been identified as having a utilisation rate of greater than 80%, and as such, we are required to develop and implement an Enrolment Management Plan (EMP) for the school. This means that the number of students enrolling from outside the catchment will be restricted once the EMP has been gazetted. The EMP does not affect students who are already enrolled. For more information please come along to the next P&C Meeting on 5 August.

Don’t forget to complete your School Opinion Survey. Letters were sent home with the eldest in the family last week. The next instalment of the School Annual Report has been included in this week’s newsletter. The focus is on School improvement priorities and strategies for 2014.

Regards

*Marni Morrison*
A Quadrennial School Review was conducted at the end of 2012, with the Bridge to Success being developed to illustrate the strategic direction of the school from 2013 to 2017.

Future outlook

School improvement priorities and strategies for 2014

Improving Reading outcomes for every student
- Implement rigorous student targets and quarterly individual goal setting
- Develop teacher skills in regular use of reading data to inform teaching
- Early Literacy Program to build links with local early childhood providers and engage with parents of pre-school aged children
- Ensure consistent school-wide teaching practices through monitoring, observation and feedback for reading

Improving Spelling outcomes for every student
- Implement rigorous student targets and quarterly individual goal setting
- Ensure consistent school-wide teaching practices through monitoring, observation and feedback for spelling

Improving Writing outcomes for every student
- Develop writing exemplars at A and C standards for each year level
- Implement rigorous student targets and individual goal setting once a semester for writing
- Ensure consistent school-wide teaching practices through monitoring, observation and feedback for spelling
- Develop and document the school’s approach to the explicit teaching of writing including spelling, punctuation and grammar

Improving Numeracy outcomes for every student
- Arrange PD in the teaching of Numeracy
- Ensure consistent school-wide teaching practices through monitoring, observation and feedback for numeracy
- Develop and document the school’s approach to the explicit teaching of numeracy

High Quality Teaching Practices
- Extend and embed the Continuum of Teacher Capability and Practice
- Review and improve moderation processes
- Classroom coaching and feedback for teachers
- Regular feedback to students to improve learning outcomes
- Develop a Pedagogical Framework which articulates the school’s approach to teaching
- Classroom dashboard used to analyse student behaviour, attendance and achievement data

School Discipline
- Maintain and promote positive school culture through SWPBS
- Conduct twice yearly school profiling sweeps
- Develop moderation strategies for behaviour and effort ratings on report cards
- Provide opportunities to train all staff in Classroom Profiling

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
30th July – J. Burfield, R. Marsh, P. Carlyon, M. Behrendt
31st July – L. O’Connor, K. Birch, C. Murphy
6th August- Show holiday
7th August- S. Taylor, Shayne, H. Page, L. O’Connor

Calliope Catwalk Fashion Design Awards
Our major fundraiser is coming up and we need as many helpers as we can get, setup on the Friday, raffle tickets sellers, dressing room helpers, bar helpers etc. If you are able to donate any time either on the day or in the lead up to Saturday 16th August, please contact Lynda on 0427 853 709. All proceeds go back to improving your child’s education.

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 or Cathy in the school office. This program teaches kids about smart savings and good money management, while having lots of fun on the way.
This week the students are learning about being prepared and ready to learn. To ensure students are responsible learners, it is essential that have all of their equipment ready. It is that time of the semester when students are running low on pencils and rubbers. Please check with your child to ensure they have all their equipment that is required.

Before and after school pack school bag with:

- Lunchbox
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Homework or Library bag

Before school starts, set up desk:

- Sharpened pencils / red pen
- Ruler
- Eraser

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**2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Please keep reading those books and return your form once you have completed the Challenge. The Challenge finishes on 5 September. Please make sure your name is on the sheet when you return it to the office.

**Stars of the Week**

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**School Disco – 31st July**

Reminder that the school disco is being held on Thursday, 31st of July and the theme is Pyjamas and Onesies!!

**Photo Order for School Leaders**

Please collect an envelope from the office to order photos for school leaders. Orders need to be returned to MSP Photography by the 1st of August.

**School Payments**

Please beware any monies due to the school for payment of excursions or activities have a due date. To avoid disappointment please make sure payments are made by the due date as no late payments will be accepted. All money is to be provided in an envelope with your child’s name and activity clearly marked, then given to the classroom teacher. Please do not take money to the office unless it is stated to do so.
Calliope’s Wide World of Sport

Port Curtis Athletics Trials
On Friday, Calliope SS took 13 students to Benaraby to compete in the Port Curtis Athletics Trials. All of the students put in a fantastic effort with many students getting new PB’s. Congratulations to Olivia, Delaney, Brooke and Aiden who made the Port Curtis team and will compete in Emerald at the Capricornia trials.

National Swimming Competition
Last week, Jai H attended the National Swimming Competition in Melbourne. Jai was selected to represent Queensland in backstroke after an outstanding performance at the State titles. In the semi-finals, Jai swam a PB to gain a position in the final. In the final, he didn’t get the start that he wanted although he still swam a fantastic race finishing 9th. Jai got the opportunity to swim for the Northern Territory team in the multi-age relay and finished up second, taking home a silver medal. Well done Jai on an exceptional effort!
Yours in sport,
Carmen Tuttle

Literary Carnivale
Today Calliope School was fortunate to have two guest authors visit the school to talk to the students as part of Curtis Coast Literary Carnivale. Thank you to Anna Fienberg and Peter Carnavas for your visit – we loved having you here!