



Calliope State School

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Calliope Kids
are:

Safe

Respectful

Responsible



What's happening in ...

4/5 C

What a busy start to Term 3 the enthusiastic students of 4/5C have had! In class for Science, they're enjoying learning about *Our Place in Space* where they're investigating the sun, planets, stars, meteors and comets that make up the Solar System. The students especially had fun creating a colourful classroom display to represent their learning. We certainly have some keen geologists in the class, with many sharing their rock collections and digging experiences as part of our study of the Earth's surface. Rock hunting is also being discussed in our History lessons on the *Gold Rush* and Indigenous peoples' connection to their land.

Outside the classroom, the 4/5C students have put their dance shoes on for *Dance Fever* and attended their first excursion to see the famous children's author Andy Griffiths discuss how he writes stories. They loved hearing about his funny and nonsense stories, and have used this as inspiration for their Seven Steps to Writing lessons.

4/5C is certainly a multi-talented group of students with many involved with extra-curricular and sporting activities. This term, several students attended the 3-day Instrumental Music Program and played in a concert at schools in Gladstone. We've had students proudly represent the school at the Port Curtis Athletics Trials and the C.Q. Regional Shield football competition, along with a student enter her handmade clothing as part of the upcoming Calliope Catwalk.

So many great minds to share their skills, knowledge and ideas in class!



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Principal's Piece

"Everyone at Calliope State School is working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving."

Welcome to week 3. This week I would like to touch on the "working together" element of the mission statement.

It goes without saying that the staff, teaching and non-teaching, work collaboratively and collegially to provide the learning platforms and opportunities for all students. It is important for us to also be mindful of the role that parents and carers play in the establishment and maintenance of a positive school culture and supportive learning environment. Parents, as an integral piece of the learning puzzle can work with the school in a myriad of ways. Your involvement and engagement in learning programs in the classrooms is welcomed and encouraged. Activism in the school community can be a highly positive experience for all stakeholders and is made simple through the P and C. Your support of school events and fundraising ventures is one way of showcasing to your children your value for the school, the staff and the educational and developmental opportunities provided by Calliope State School.

Another great way that parents can show their support for the school is even simpler. It happens before the school

day even starts. Parents can help their children to make correct choices about uniform each and every morning. This is a great and simple way for students and families to show their commitment to meeting the agreed expectations of the school community.

The spirit of "working together" also implies the need for interactions between staff and parents to be respectful and conducted with the best interests of the students in the forefront of our thinking.

The School Opinion Survey is another way that parents can work with the school. I encourage all parents to take the time to provide their valuable feedback on the school. I remind you also that we will be opening the school's computer lab for parents to access to complete the survey if required. The lab will be open to parents on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:30pm. Bookings are essential and can be made through the school office.

I would like to again thank you for your support of this great school. I know that by working together we will achieve great things for our students, your children.

Why join the P & C?

Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child's learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do. By joining the P&C you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community.

A lot can and has been achieved through the P & C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P & Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people who are involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

P and Cs QLD

Chappy Corner

Don't constantly criticise, but watch out for their disrespectful language

Don't become a drill sergeant or you will lose your children's goodwill. Let some behaviours pass by. If your children start to answer you back with "Whatever," or "Duh", just ask them to reword their response in a more respectful way. Be consistent or otherwise your children will not take you seriously. Do not humiliate your children in the process either **'THE BLESSING OF A SKINNED KNEE'** by **WENDY MOGEL**

Prep enrolments

We are now taking names of children who wish to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child born from **July 1st 2010 to June 30th 2011** he/she is eligible for Prep enrolment in 2016 at Calliope State School. Enrolment packages and information sessions will be available in term 3. Late last year, changes were made regarding Prep. Principals have the discretion to enrol students who turn five by **July 31st**. Prior to a decision being made, a detailed enrolment interview will take place to determine his/her suitability and readiness.

Transition Day for Year 6

Mt Larcom State School will be holding a transition day for Year 6 students transitioning into Secondary - Year 7 in 2016, on Monday 3 August. We welcome all students who are interested in transitioning at Mt Larcom. Students will experience Year 7 core subjects of Science English, Geography/History etc and elective subjects such as ICT, Rural Studies, Home Economics and Manual Arts and to find out what is expected of them as Secondary students. Please bring your lunch, water bottle and hat for the day. School starts at Mt Larcom at 9:10am. Parents if you wish your child to attend this day please contact the Mt Larcom School on 4970 2333 before Monday 3 August.

Year 6 Camp

Payments can now be made for year 6 camp. Part payments welcome. Camp notice three will be sent home by the end of this week with more camp information, please complete the forms and return to the school as soon as possible.

Dates to Remember

30 July	School Disco
04 August	P & C Meeting
05 August	Show Holiday
18 August	Prep Parent Info Session 5pm
19 August	Prep Parent Info Session 9:15am
19 August	Open Night

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**

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 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

School Payments

Please be aware that all eftpos Transactions have a minimum limit of \$10.

Botanic to Bridge August 16

We currently have less than 10 participants registered for this year's event. The school receives a donation from every registration from our school community. Last year we had 67 participants and we are looking to improve on that number.



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

29th July- K. Ferguson, D. Cottee, B. Sherrington
30th July- S. Bukowski, L. O'Connor, L. Smalley
5th August- SHOW HOLIDAY
6th August- A. Mills, L. O'Connor, L. Smalley

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.

Calliope's Wide World of Sport

Port Curtis Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Port Curtis Athletics carnival on Friday. Students who finished 1st-4th will be representing Port Curtis in Rockhampton on Tuesday the 18th of August. Best of luck to Brooke, Ellara, Ryder and Olivia.

Interschool Sport

Spikezone Volleyball - In term 3, Calliope SS will be competing in the Spikezone Volleyball competition. This competition is held September 16th at Gladstone State High School. Trials for the team will be held this week on Friday at 2nd lunch.

Twilight Netball Competition - Trials for the Year 5 netball team will be held this week on Wednesday at 2nd lunch. The girls will be competing on the 3rd of September.

Interschool Softball - Trials for the interschool softball competition will be held this Tuesday and Thursday during 1st lunch. Although this competition doesn't start until term 4, Mrs Kettle is very eager to start training.

Stars of the Week

Prep A	Nickson	Prep C	Bradley
Prep D	Gus	Prep E	Ruby
1A	Liana	1C	Hailey
1D	Elise	2A	Bradley
2C	Alexis	2/3D	Damian
3A	Mackenzie	3B	Daniel
3C	Regan	4A	Nickea
4B	Braydon	4/5C	Carissa
5A	Zander	5B	Billie
5/6D	Ebony	6A	Tori
6B	Jordan	Music	Braith
PE	Daniel		

Calliope Rural Fire Brigade

Have you got a few spare hours a month to become a volunteer? Training provided to help protect your local community and learn new skills. Males and females welcome over 16 years of age. All enquiries contact Keith on 0429 579 319.

Curriculum Catch Up

In 2015, our focus curriculum areas are Writing and Numeracy. This week we will look at one aspect of the Numeracy work we are focussing on at Calliope.

Reveal the Reason - RTR

All classes at Calliope are undertaking several RTR lessons each week. Their purpose is to focus on developing reasoning and problem solving skills which are two of the proficiency skill areas of the Australian Curriculum.

The Australian Curriculum: Mathematics aims to instil in students an appreciation of the elegance and power of mathematical reasoning. Mathematical ideas have evolved across all cultures over thousands of years, and are constantly developing. Digital technologies are facilitating this expansion of ideas and providing access to new tools for continuing mathematical exploration and invention. The curriculum focuses on developing increasingly sophisticated and refined mathematical understanding, fluency, logical reasoning, analytical thought and problem-solving skills. These capabilities enable students to respond to familiar and unfamiliar situations by employing mathematical strategies to make informed decisions and solve problems efficiently.




As an adult, we are in daily situations where reasoning and problem solving are necessary to make informed decisions. Is this deal worth taking? What mathematics do you need to know? How would you solve this problem?

In our classrooms, students are working on several RTR lessons each week to develop their reasoning and problem solving capabilities. All students undertake a diagnostic maths task at the beginning of each term to determine focus areas for the RTR lessons. They then re-do the diagnostic tasks at the end of each term to monitor individual progress as well as class needs. During RTR lessons, students work in pairs, groups or individually to solve the problem. The focus is then to come back together to share their ideas and working and 'reveal their reasoning' for their answers.

Below are some examples of RTR questions.

Year 2

$$26 - 4 = \square + 12$$


Year 4

Jill and her 4 friends each ate $\frac{2}{3}$ of a block of chocolate. How many blocks of chocolate did they eat?

Deputy Principal – Curriculum
Raelene Norris

Major Prizes Calliope Catwalk Community Raffle - \$5 a ticket

Collect your book of 10 tickets from the office. All Proceeds go to Calliope School P & C

1st Prize - Gold Coast Theme Park Family Adventure - Valued at \$1200. 4 x Adult Day Passes to Dreamworld, plus 4 x Adult Day Passes to Warner Bros Theme Park, Plus 3 nights accommodation on the Gold Coast. **Kindly Donated by Dreamworld, Warner Bros Theme Parks and Departure Point Gladstone**

2nd Prize - 1770 Escape - Valued at \$550. Family Day pass on the Larc 1770 Tours, plus accommodation at Lagoons 1770 in a Pool View room and Breakfast.

Kindly Donated by 1770 Larc Tours and Lagoons 1770 Resort & Spa

3rd Prize - Beautiful Gems for the Gem in your Life - Valued at \$350. German made Sterling silver 18ct gold plated earrings, pendant and chain.

Kindly Donated by The Gem Shack

4th Prize - Feel Like a Fashion Model - Valued at \$350. Beauty Mini Makeover. **Kindly Donated by Silver Salon**

5th Prize Mum and Dad's Date Night - Valued at \$300.

Dinner at Dicey Riley's, Gold Room Tickets for 2 and a night at Metro Hotel.

Kindly donated by Dicey Riley's, Gladstone Cinemas and Gladstone Metro Hotel

6th Prize - Capture Special Moments - Valued at \$250.

Photography mini session including session and 10 digital images.

Kindly Donated by Jabbi Photography

Drawn Saturday 1st August at the Calliope Catwalk Fashion Awards Gala