1B

In 1B we have had a very busy start to the term. In English, we have enjoyed reading the ‘Willy’ series by Anthony Browne and discussing the human characteristics of the animal characters. The books are very funny but also deliver an important message about friendship and self-confidence. In Maths, we have been learning about half, defined as two equal shares. Using different materials we have modelled what half of an object, collection or amount looks like.

Last Friday, the Year 1s were visited by the Calliope Fire Brigade for a lesson on fire safety. The children were able to wear the fireman’s safety clothing; including the helmet, gloves and jacket. They were taught the four important fire safety rules, including:

- Don’t hide! Scream and shout!
- Get down low and go go go!
- Stop, drop and roll!
- Get out and stay out!

The children practiced these rules and had a great time learning how to be safe in case of a fire. We are looking forward to next week to see the return of the Calliope Fire Brigade with their fire truck. The Year 1s will have another opportunity to learn important Fire Safety rules and how the Fire Brigade protects us.
### Dates to Remember

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### Principal’s Piece

#### Every day is a learning day!

The new website went live last Friday and Calliope State School is now available on the QSchools App. We’d love some feedback and ideas of things you’d like to have available on the site.

It currently includes information about the school, how to contact us, a map, enrolment information and documents, a calendar, news articles and newsletters, the School Annual Report, and resources such as copies of bookwork and homework expectations and our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. There are some photos from events and we can add more once we have Consent Forms properly in place.

The site design is based on a research-based formula and includes what Education Queensland considers to be the minimum standard. Now that we are live we can add more information about our school and curriculum. The website address is –

[www.calliope.eq.edu.au](http://www.calliope.eq.edu.au)

### 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
2012 School Annual Report

Future outlook

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.

Reading and Spelling continue to be a priority in 2013 with the following key strategies being put in place:

- Research and adopt an approach to teaching reading,
- Review and update the current school-wide spelling plan,
- Early Literacy Program to build links with local early childhood providers and engage with parents of pre-school aged children,
- Implement rigorous student targets and quarterly individual goal setting for Reading,
- Implement rigorous student targets and quarterly individual goal setting for Spelling,
- Develop teacher skills in regular use of reading data to inform teaching,
- Ensure consistent school-wide teaching practices through monitoring, observation and feedback for Spelling, and
- Ensure consistent school-wide teaching practices through monitoring, observation and feedback for Reading.

Explicit Instruction has been added as a new priority for 2013 with the following key strategies being put in place:

- Regular feedback to students to improve learning outcomes;
- Develop a Pedagogical Framework which articulates the school’s approach to teaching (with Explicit Instruction being the ‘signature’ pedagogy of Calliope State School);
- Classroom coaching and feedback for teachers.

School Banking

School Banking is held every Wednesday 8-9am at the Office. Due to the overwhelming success of School Banking, we are having one Token Redemption Day per term instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times.
Year 7 Camp Raffles
Our Year 7 students are raising money to assist with the cost of their school camp, they will be running a raffle each month with the prize being a Gift Card. Our P & C has started them off with their first Gift Card, it is then up to them to choose what card they will raffle next, bought with the profits from the previous raffle!! Tickets are $1 each and will be drawn on parade the last Friday of each month.

Botanic to Bridge 2013
Enter this year’s Botanic to Bridge. Each student and parent who enters helps raise money for the school as we get a donation for every entry. You can enter at www.botanictobridge.com for both the 3km and 8km event.
A school challenge has also been set! Any student who can beat Miss Norris’s time in the 3 km event will receive a homework pass for the following week. You will need to bring your race number to school for verification. Start training now!

Tuckshop
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday. Orders must be placed each Tuesday by placing the orders in the tuckshop bin located in each classroom. Tuckshop menus are available from the office. A new menu was sent home last term. Please be aware of the changes and price increase.

Tuckshop Roster
31st July- M. Ingham, M. Behrendt, W. Banks
7th August - S. Ward, L. Ninness, S. Meyer
14th August- Shayne, K. Warhurst, R. Marsh
Benaraby Country Fair

Sunday 11th August, 2013
Benaraby State School

Don’t miss the wonderful country atmosphere of Benaraby State School’s 26th Annual Country Fair. It’s set to be our biggest yet, with both school ovals filled with market stalls, a Cent Sale, Old McDonald’s Farm, white elephant stall, licensed bar and more amusement rides than ever before! Get the earlybird discount and pre-purchase your ‘All Day Rides’ pass for just $28 at www.facebook.com/BenarabyFair. Enjoy the bush poet while having Devonshire tea and scones and later, pull up a hay bale or bring a blanket/chair to enjoy some fantastic live music. The crowds are set to swell at the live music stage with country singer-songwriter Terry Clark bringing his band from Brisbane! We also have some other great local artists performing – some featuring in the recent Boomtown production! Don’t leave without visiting our wonderful homemade Cake and Candy stall. Hope to see you there!

Calliope Social Netball Group is looking for some fresh faces to have fun and keep fit by enjoying a social game of netball. If you are interested, come down to the School Hall Wednesday nights or phone Bec on 0414351128.

Gladstone State High School Information afternoon Tues 6th August.

Gladstone State High School invites parents to an open afternoon on Tues the 6th of August. Staff and students will be on hand to welcome you to our school community.
- A formal information session will take place at 3.30 and repeated at 5.30.
- Facilities will be open for viewing between 3.30 and 5.00pm. Students will be on hand to help direct you.
- Subject displays and active presentations will take place in the hall between 4.00 and 5.00pm.
- Staff will be available to discuss programs on offer at the school.
- Our students will be cooking up a sausage sizzle storm.

Tannum Sands State High School
Welcomes all Year 5, 6 & 7 Students to our OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 6th August 2013
4.00 – 6.30 pm
TSSHS Performance Centre

Information Session and School Tours from 4.00 pm
_ Have all your beginning high school questions answered
_ Meet Deputy Principals & Heads of Department
_ See where your child will spend the next five years
_ Special guest speaker: Principal Ray Johnston
_ Refreshments from 5.30 pm in the Amphitheatre

For more information contact Anna Osborn at TSSHS on 4979 9777.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013
We now have over 120 students who have completed the Challenge. Congratulations to those students! The Challenge finishes on 6 September so we have 7 weeks for everyone to finish. Congratulations to Nikaiyah in Prep B who won the prize draw.
The Calliope State School P & C is hosting the Calliope Catwalk Fashion Design Awards. The aim of the Calliope Catwalk Awards is to provide amateur designers the opportunity to explore their creativity and provide a stepping stone into the fashion industry, giving local designers the opportunity to compete and show case the fashions trends of today and tomorrow. The Award Winners Presentation Gala being held on Saturday 3rd August 2013, 2pm at the Calliope School Hall.

Sections are as follows:

Primary Students entry
Secondary Students entry
Cutting edge
Race Wear
Recycled Fashions
Wearable Art
Bridal and Evening Wear
Leisure Wear (swim wear and gym wear)
Children’s wear
Accessories

For further info go to www.calliopecatwalk.com or email entry@calliopecatwalk.com or visit Calliope Catwalk on Facebook.

Instrumental Music News Band

AVAILABLE INSTRUMENTS
Mrs Anderson is looking for new players to start on the following school hired instruments immediately:
- French horn
- Trombone
- Bass Clarinet
- Tuba

Please email Mrs Anderson if your family is interested or send a letter of interest to Mrs Anderson at School. Students will then go through a suitability test to see if they are suitable for the instrument and behaviour in the classrooms.

DATE CLAIMERS
- Tuesday August 13, 6pm to 7:30pm Clinton State School: FREE Queensland Symphony Orchestra. Mrs Anderson STRONGLY encourages all musicians to see this concert. It is a rare opportunity for the children to see any amazing professional musicians!!
- Thursday August 29: NO LESSONS as Mrs Anderson will be with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra ….. Mrs Anderson is very excited.
- Friday 30 August, 7pm Marina Stage: Classic Cinema. Free Concert from Queensland Symphony Orchestra containing songs from Harry Potter, Pirates of the Caribbean and Lord of the Rings. Mrs Anderson STRONGLY encourages all musicians to see this concert. It is a rare opportunity for the children to see any amazing professional musicians!!

Beginner Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Students:
Thank you to all families who had their students on time for band this week. It was so lovely to see all the beginners join our continuing students!

Band for all students is on Thursday Morning. Arrive 7:50am for a 8am start.

Bring a folder to put music in.

BAND SHIRTS
All Beginners are now invited to get a Band shirt available from the uniform shop.

How can parents help with practise?
1. Ask your child what a specific note is?
2. Ask your child which “coin” or “sticker exercise” are they doing this week?
3. Listen for new material being attempted. (The same old song should not be practised every day) Continuing students should start with a scale from page 42 of the books. (8 notes up 8 notes down)
4. If students practise 5-10 minutes 4 times a week they will progress very quickly through the book.
5. Have the music stand with the book on it, a chair and a safe place for the instrument very handy so it is not an effort to get set up each time to practise.
6. Private lessons outside of school will excel the student well beyond the group lesson.
**Literacy / Numeracy Week: 29 July – 2 August**

Calliope School will again be celebrating Literacy / Numeracy Week in 2013. Several staff have volunteered to run lunchtime activities during the week for students. Most activities will be run during first break.

Monday: Years 4-7 (Miss Norris and Mrs Bishop)  
Technology in the hall – students are able to bring their iPads, DS etc to the hall to play games. NO laptops or large items. They will only be allowed to play their own games. **All devices must be handed in to the office before school.**

Tuesday: P-3 (Miss Norris) Storytelling in the library  
Years 4-7 (Mrs Sellin) Literacy activity

Wednesday: P-2 (Ms Pengelly) Literacy/ Numeracy games  
Years 4-7(Ms Fisher) Online Boggle Challenge

Thursday: P-3 (Ms Fisher) Puppet making and storytelling  
Years 4-7 (Mrs Kettle) Spaghetti towers

Friday: P-3 (Mrs Kirk) Literacy games – 2nd break  
Years 4-7 (Miss Ward) Book swap

**Preparatory Year**

Enrolment and Information Packages are now available for children entering Prep in 2013. The following table will assist you to determine when your child/ren are eligible to commence Prep. It is a requirement of Education Queensland that a birth certificate and immunisation records be sighted, so please present these documents upon enrolment.

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**Gladstone Multicultural Festival 2013**  
Come and enjoy a stroll around the world at the Gladstone Marina Sunday 4th August 2013 9.00am – 4.00pm.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC/GYMC MEETING TIMES:**  
Meeting dates for 2013, at this stage, are:  
14 August, 7.00 pm  
7.00 pm 4 September,  
7.00 pm 6 November,  
Meetings held at Gladstone State High School Language Centre.

The Australian Electoral Commission is currently preparing for the upcoming Federal Election. We are seeking registrations of interest for

- polling officials – 7am on polling day until finish of counting  
- part-time polling officials to assist with the dismantling of voting screens, unfolding of ballot papers, packaging of material and tidying the polling place - 5.30pm on polling day until finished  
- temporary office assistants (before and after polling day)

If you are interested in working for us, please go online to [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au), click on the “Employment” link and complete a Registration of Interest or contact Ann Tebble on 13 23 26 or 07 4976 9011.

Also, if you have changed address and not yet updated your details on the electoral roll or need to check your details please go to our website: [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au) or call 13 23 26.