What’s happening in …

**News in 3A**

The students in 3A have learnt so much in the first nine weeks of Year Three.

In English we have learnt how to persuade someone to convince them of our point of view.

"Do you want a super good Iguana? You need to buy a playful, beautiful Iguana". Jossie

At the moment we are writing narratives using the skills we have learnt including sizzling starts and tightening tension. Lillian wrote an exciting start about making a mistake following a dare to jump off the roof.


In Maths we are doing a super job at using the jump strategy and split strategy to help us add and subtract numbers.

In Science we have investigated what the difference is between living and non-living things. We know that a living thing can move, can grow, has young and responds to stimuli.

“This investigation proved that a person is living because it eats, it moves, it has young and grows bigger and bigger” Travis.

In History, every student has used sources to write about why ANZAC Day is commemorated or Australia Day is celebrated.

In Technology we have used a system of care to grow bean plants. Most of our plants grew successfully and have now gone home to be planted in the garden.

Next term we are looking forward to studying Earth and Space in Science. In Geography we will explore how places are different and what it would be like to live in a neighbouring country.
DATES TO REMEMBER

2 April School Cross Country
3 April FFF - Free Dress Day
4 April Principals’ Parade
5-21 April Easter break
22 April Term 2 begins
25 April ANZAC March
2 May FFF - Homework Pass
13-15 May NAPLAN
23 May FFF - Student/Teacher Ball Games
13 June FFF - Movie Theatre
19-20 June School Photos

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.

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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

PRINCIPAL’S PIECE

EVERY DAY IS A LEARNING DAY!

Last Friday I attended the Commissioning of Chappy Sonia at Gladstone Central State School (where she works when she isn’t with us). The Chaplain’s Commissioning is the formal induction process for a Chaplain and the event was attended by Scripture Union representatives and Sonia’s fellow Chaplains. Congratulations Chappy Son!

Mr Mrs Nietfeld begins her maternity leave after the holidays and we wish her all the best for her new adventure. Miss Ashlee Rudd-Ross will be teaching Year 5B from the beginning of term 2 and we hope you will join us in making her feel welcome.

We apologise for last week’s postponement of Fantastic Fun Friday, which is a Free Dress Day for those students with an invitation. There is no gold coin donation required and there will also be a free ice block for participants. Eligible students should have received their invitations last Friday and the free dress day is now THIS THURSDAY.

Our School Cross Country is this Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting, from 1:15pm and on Friday we have our first Principals’ Parade for the year. Make sure you have these dates on your calendar so you don’t miss out.

Have a safe and happy Easter break and we’ll see you back at school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Regards

Marni Morrison
Chaplaincy Junior Bike Challenge 2014
The Gladstone Schools Chaplaincy Committee will be holding a Junior Bike Challenge as a fundraising event for School Chaplaincy on Saturday 10th May between 2.00 and 4.30pm. This event allows riders from years 4 to 7 to choose the distance they think they can ride in 2 ½ hours and then challenge themselves to achieve their goal. The venue for the ride will be the Gladstone Showgrounds. Riders fundraise by gaining sponsorship for their personal effort and can win a great prize if they become the rider who raises the most money. Riders will need both permission and support from their parents/caregiver to participate. For more information and registration please email Chappy Sonia soniar@chappy.org.au or see her on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the school.

Maths Mental Strategies
This week we are focusing on:

Prep – Year 3: Secret Code
Whenever students carry out addition computations, they should be encouraged to signal which strategy they used to work out an unknown fact. The reason for this is that all too often if students use a traditional pencil and paper method for recording, they never make the connections between the different strategies they are using.

Years 4-7: Chunking for subtraction (1)
As with chunking for addition, numbers can be split and chunked for subtraction. The 10s are chunked and subtracted first. The 1s are subtracted next and the two resulting numbers are then added to complete the subtraction.

Combined Schools Musical – Peter Pan
Congratulations to all the teachers and students involved in the outstanding production. We were very proud of our past Calliope students who were part of the show. All the students and teachers from Calliope who saw the show last Tuesday thought it was amazing!
Gladstone Performing Arts Company Youth Theatre

GPAC Youth Theatre meets each Tuesday afternoon. Prep-Year 3 from 3:30 to 4:00, Years 4-12 from 4:15 to 5:15 at the Salvation Army Hall in Goondoon St. Annual Membership is $30 and there is a weekly fee to help pay for expenses of $5 a week. Activities include singing, dancing, acting and theatre sports. The group has also started to rehearse for GPAC’s Musical Revue performance in June. Please note, that when numbers for the group increases, there will be a Years 7-12 group commence, 5:30 to 6:30 on the Tuesday. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah: 0408 728594.

A School Holiday Junior Tennis Coaching Clinic

Will be held at the Gladstone District Tennis Courts during the upcoming School Holidays. The clinic will be held over two days, Monday 7th April and Tuesday 8th April, commencing at 9.00 am and concluding at 4.00 pm. Total cost is $40.00 per child for both days and includes two days tennis and lunch on the Tuesday. The clinic will be conducted by Gladstone District Tennis Association Junior Tennis Coach – Rob McBean. For bookings and further details contact Rob on 49722772 or 0412723608 or email robert.mcbean@bigpond.com.

Stars of the Week

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Year 6&7 Camp

Reminder to all families wishing for your child to attend school camp, payment of $50 deposit is required to be paid by this Wednesday 2nd April.

Community News

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 cares 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

Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 23rd May 2014