



May 3, 2024
Week 3, Term 2

Key Dates

Monday 6 May

Labour Day
Public Holiday

Tuesday 7 May

Beef Week Excursion

Wednesday 8 May

Year 7 & 10
Immunisation

Thursday 9 May

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 14 May

Year 9 – 12
Careers Expo

Tuesday 14 May

Information Evening
4.30pm

Wednesday 22 May

Long jump/triple jump

Friday 31 May

Athletics Carnival

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Principal's Piece

Last week, we held our school ANZAC Day service, and it was great for our students to hear about the significance of this day and recognise the commitment of those who have sacrificed and served their country. I thank all of our students for their recognition and reflection during this very special assembly. It was also wonderful to take part in this significant local service with our students for the first time—a very special moment for me as Principal indeed. I was extremely proud of the way in which our students participated. The string ensemble, under the direction of Miss Grace Rackeman was outstanding, playing with expertise and thought. Our leaders who presented a wreath and those from our school community who were a part of the cadet units were wonderful ambassadors for our school. The students and staff who took the time to march and then attend the service. Another highlight was one of our captains – Georgina C who read the Covenant with sincerity.

Comments from Mrs Robyn Marshall, the President of the RSL support these accolades. She said, "We have worked very hard to develop relationships with the schools, scouts and army Cadets in order to get the younger generation involved, and we are thankful for their support. Please pass on again our sincere gratitude to Grace and her strings students, they were exceptional. Also, I would like to say how polite and courteous Georgina's interactions with me were. She is a credit to your school as a School Captain. I thought her reading of the Covenant was appropriately sincere in its delivery. Please let her know that the veterans appreciated it."

Construction Continues

Construction of the Agricultural Shed in the rear of the school has been ongoing this term. We are looking forward to being able to use this facility to enhance the learning of our students.

Gym Update

The first shipment of gym equipment arrived and has been set up in the Gym room in the Hall. Instrumental Music has relocated to Homebase, where the rooms have excellent soundproofing, not that we don't enjoy the strains of music that emanate from classes and rehearsals!



There are four gym sessions being run by Mr Devin Gall. Two on a Tuesday, designed to build the self-esteem and teamwork of some of our young men and two on a Wednesday – one for athletes in training and one for any students interested. I visited last Tuesday afternoon and what I saw made my heart sing. The young men were taking turns lifting weights. They were so supportive and encouraging of each other and so focussed on doing the right thing.

Roles and Responsibilities

The roles of the Deputy Principals have undergone a change beginning immediately. Ms Sandy Sharpe will now be responsible for the Senior school – Years 10, 11 and 12. This fits with her responsibilities surrounding supporting our students to gain their Queensland Certificate of Education. Mr Kurt Richardson will be responsible for Junior Secondary – Years 7, 8 and 9. He will oversee Junior curriculum and the implementation of the Australian Curriculum Version 9. Ms Janelle Haigh will now be the Deputy for Engagement and Inclusion. Working with our Guidance Officers, Ms Emma McInnes and Ms Lucy Hodgkinson along with Ms Bonnie Assman, our Head of Student Services, Janelle will be case managing our students who require any extra support, as well as being the leader of creating engaging learning for all students at our school.

We will also be welcoming two new Heads of Department this term. I cannot announce their names until the appointment process is completed. Mr Jaksen Brose, who has done an exemplary job as Head of Department Maths, Science and HPE will be leaving us to take up a new position in Emerald. He will be missed, but we wish him every success in his new role.

After his departure, we will have:

Ms Bonnie Assman – Head of Student Services

Ms Naomi Geri – Head of English and Junior Secondary

Mr Luke Houweling – Head of Arts and Technology

New Position – Head of Humanities, and HPE

New position – Head of Maths and Science

The Calliope Way

This term we are moving forward establishing our clear expectations for student behaviour and engagement. This is really vital as we need all students to be able to learn, in a respectful environment. We need all staff at the school to be able to work without experiencing defiance and lack of cooperation from students, let alone verbal abuse and threats.

So, all students will be retaught The Calliope Way. It is not new, but a restatement of the expectations explained at enrolment and agreed to by all students and families. The Calliope Way is based on the school's values – Attitude, Strength and Purpose and the four mantras. Teachers will be consistent in their expectations across all classrooms.

There will be a parent evening scheduled for Tuesday May 14th. At this meeting we will explain our behaviour expectations, The Calliope Way and the consequences that will arise for unwillingness to meet these expectations. This event will be held in Homebase and will begin at 4.30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. We really need the support of parents so that we can be confident that Calliope SHS is a school where all students can learn in a calm and respectful environment.



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Kind regards

Ms Gerowyn

Gerowyn Lacaze
Principal

Uniform Shop

CSHS Uniform Shop is now available via booking only.
Please email uniform@calliopeshs.eq.edu.au or contact Administration 4975 9777 with a preferred time.
Monday 8.00- 10.00 am
Wednesday 2.30-4.00pm.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 9 May from 3.30 – 6pm in the school hall – C Block.
Please refer to parent/guardian email for SOBS instructions, booking link below
Parent Link is <https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=70631>

Student Absences



If a student is late or absent from school, there are several ways a parent/guardian may ensure the absence is explained on the student's official record.

- Email: admin@calliopeshs.eq.edu.au
- Telephone: 4975 9777
- QParents
- Written note, signed and dated by the parent/guardian and handed in at the office.

Anzac Day



Anzac Day, 25th April, is one of Australia's most important national occasions. Not only does it mark the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War, but ANZAC day also honours every one of our service men and women who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. We thank them for their service and sacrifice. On Wednesday the 24th of April, we held a ANZAC Day commemoration assembly at school. Our school captains did an amazing job leading the assembly; we are so proud of their maturity and respect in leading this seldom occasion.

On ANZAC Day, Mrs G was privileged and honoured to march and attend the Calliope RSL service along with our school captains, staff, parents, and students. It was a beautiful service and a great reminder of the sacrifices many made and how lucky we are to have the freedom we all have today. Here are a few snapshots of our ANZAC Day celebrations.

Ms Sandy



RSL Calliope Anzac Day Service

Calliope Instrumental Music students represented our school at the Calliope ANZAC Day Service this year. This was a very special opportunity for the students, who performed Abide with Me, with vocalist Mrs Laura Kale. Performing with a vocalist added an extra layer of challenge to the performance, as students had to carefully follow Mrs Kale's tempo and breath. It was wonderful to see our Instrumental Music students engaging with the wider community, and their efforts were well-rewarded. Thank you to Laura Kale, Robyn Marshall, Mr Chris and Miss Grace for putting together this opportunity.

Ms Grace



Senior Investiture

This term we held our inaugural Senior Leaders Investiture Ceremony to recognise the Year 12 students as the leaders of our school. After a rousing Principal's address, our school captains spoke about our values of responsibility, resilience and respect as the basis of good leadership. Each Year 12 student was then presented with their senior badge and then all gathered to read the Senior Oath. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise our Year 12 students as they work through their final year of study before graduation.

Ms Sandy

2024 Senior Oath

As senior students, we stand at the threshold of adulthood, entrusted with the privilege of leadership and the weight of responsibility. We pledge to uphold the values of responsibility, resilience, and respect in all facets of our academic journey and beyond.

We acknowledge our duty to lead by example, to take ownership of our actions, and to strive for excellence in all endeavours. We accept the challenge of adversity with unwavering resilience, understanding that setbacks are but stepping stones on the path to success.

We commit ourselves to fostering an environment of inclusivity and understanding, where every voice is heard and every individual is valued. We pledge to treat others with dignity and kindness, embracing the richness of diversity in our community.

With this oath, we affirm our dedication to serving as stewards of integrity and pillars of strength. May we honour this pledge each day, inspiring those around us and leaving a legacy of positive impact for generations to come.

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RYDA

This week Calliope State High School Year 10 students were given the opportunity to attend the award-winning RYDA Road Safety Education workshop. Young road users remain over-represented in road trauma statistics. Young drivers are also over-represented in licence disqualifications and suspensions, with a flow-on effect to access to educational, employment and social opportunities. In addressing these challenges, RYDA has been developed since 2001 to provide students with the motivation and tools to take action and form the lifelong habits of making better decisions on our roads, as both drivers and passengers. As Australia's largest and most respected road safety education program, RYDA follows best-practice guidelines and receives strong support from governments at state and local levels to make it as affordable and accessible as possible for all students.

Ms Sandy



HPV – Human Powered Vehicles

We set off for Emerald on Friday in high spirits with Miss Fiona driving the bus and Mr Drew driving his car towing the HPVs on the trailer. Several hours later we arrived at the Emerald Kart Track to a padlocked gate and a deserted track. After a quick call the gates were opened and we were able to grab the choice spot to set up our pit and camping tents.

Due to our early arrival, we were able to take possession of the track and do some much needed practice for two of our riders who at that point had spent virtually no time in the cars. We ended our practice session a little early as we were worried about having enough tyres for the race. We had a few punctures during training and our tyre reserve was running low.

Race day was a relatively cool 24 degrees and a great day for racing. We had 2 teams competing, Senior Boys (Daniel, Michael, Austin, Travis and Luca) and a Junior Mixed team (Skylah, Chelsea, Oliver, Lucas and Max). Both teams did really well on the day. Some standout moments were Austin blitzing the field for fastest lap of the day, Lucas recovering well from a crash and Michael showing a cool head when the steering connection rod fell out mid race.

The senior boys managed a third-place finish against some strong competition. Our Junior Mixed team finished first in their class and brought home a trophy. Austin also brought home the fastest lap time trophy for the 2nd time having taken that trophy at Benaraby last year.

To be more competitive at the competitions we will need to upgrade our front sprocket to a higher tooth count. This gives the vehicles greater speed particularly on long straight sections of track. The fact that Austin beat several cars running the larger sprocket for his fastest lap time is testament to his fitness and determination.

We are seeking a drivetrain sponsor for our tyres and new sprockets. If you know anyone that could help out in this regard, please have them contact the school as soon as possible. Any sponsorship will help us to improve our competitiveness and cement Calliope State High School Human Powered Vehicles Club identity as a force to be reckoned with.

Mr Drew & Ms Fiona



SHEP

Calliope SHS has been represented at the State Honours Ensemble Program last term! After students were nominated by their Instrumental Music teacher, these students were selected from applicants all across Queensland to participate in a series of workshops, rehearsals, and performances with world-class musicians, teachers and performers. Students skills were elevated in leaps and bounds. Congratulations to these students for their dedication to the Instrumental Music Program at Calliope State High School in order to achieve such a high standard.

Ms Grace & Mr Chris



SHEP Middle School (Longreach) – 15-17 March

Dominic H	Double Bass
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SHEP Middle School (Rockhampton) - 22-24 March

Annabelle B	Clarinet
Skylah C	Cello
Jenna G	Violin
Lachlan G	Cello
Dominic H	Double Bass
Ryker J	Trombone
Pheobe M	Clarinet
James S	Tenor Saxophone

SHEP Capricornia – 17-19 May

Austin G	Percussion
Kaleb R	Percussion
Andrew W	Flute

QMEA - Well to Wharf Excursion

This year, 10 year 7 students were invited to the first QMEA Well to Wharf Activity Day at the CQU Campus. The students joined other QMEA schools in the Gladstone region.

Students listened to presentations about safety, well and pipeline management as part of gas extraction process. The students worked in groups to complete a robotics challenge, calculations and logo designs. At the end of the day the students presented their recollections from the day.

"Amazing – I liked making all the posters"

"I loved it – learning about gas and ships and making the poster as a team"

"Robots – I liked the robots"

"They taught us about how they work, the pipeline systems and safety"

Ms Kim

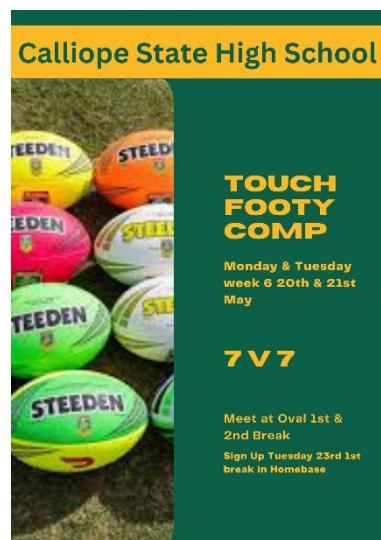
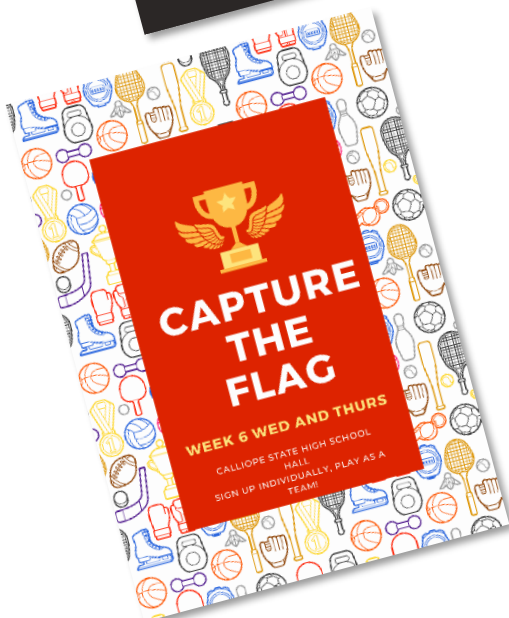
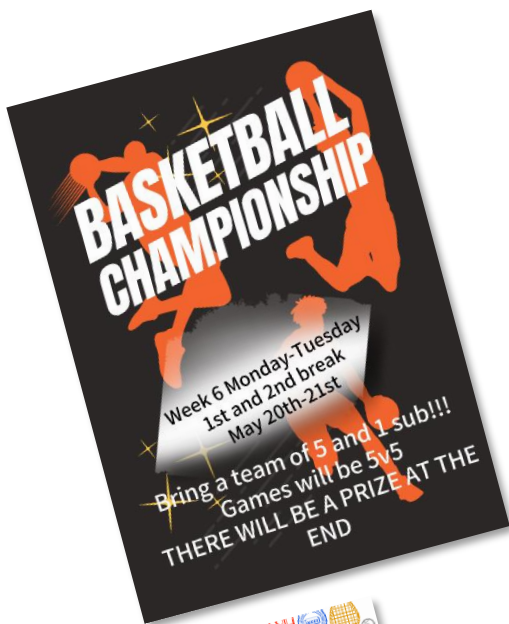


Year 12 Sport & Recreation

The Year 12 Sport and Recreation class have been busy planning an exciting few weeks at CSHS! Starting in Week 4, there will be a large number of lunch time sport competitions where students are battling it out for house points! The year 12's will be running everything involved with their competition, including creating teams, making the draw, officiating and gathering sign ups. Make sure you check out the dates of the competition, and if you haven't signed up go and watch! Games will run over 2 days, both lunch breaks. Draws will be communicated close to the competition days!

Sport	Dates:	Location
Basketball- 3v3	Week 4 Wednesday & Thursday	Hall
Badminton	Week 5 Monday & Tuesday	Hall
Soccer (indoor)	Week 5 Wednesday & Thursday	Hall
Basketball- 5v5	Week 6 Monday & Tuesday	Hall
Capture the Flag	Week 6 Wednesday & Thursday	Hall
Touch Football	Week 7 Monday & Tuesday	Oval
Volleyball	Week 8 Tuesday & Wednesday	Hall

Ms Amelia



Cross Country

Congratulations 2024 cross country age champions! And well done to the Kroombit house for winning this event overall!

Ms Bianca



Volleyball

Last week we had a group of students compete in the Port Curtis Interschool Volleyball Competition. They won 2 out of 3 games and tied for second place overall!

A massive congratulations to this team who put in plenty of commitment and effort in trainings leading up to the competition. We look forward to watching this team continue to strengthen.

Ms Bianca



Save the Date

INFORMATION EVENING

4.30pm | Tuesday 14 May | C Block Hall

On Tuesday 14th May we invite all parents, guardians and community members to attend an Information Evening at the hall from 4:30pm. We plan to discuss student engagement at Calliope SHS, changes to case management structures, updates on the Student Code of Conduct and plans to celebrate student successes. This is a great opportunity to hear about all the great work that has been happening at the high school under our new principal, Mrs Gerowyn Lacaze.



Forever 23

In 2008, Linda and Glenn Watson got a knock on the door; police officers gave them news that no parent should have to receive. Their daughter, Joelean, had lost her life to Domestic and Family Violence, and they'd almost lost their granddaughter.

Joelean was just 23 years old.

At 6pm on Thursday the 23rd of May, light a candle in memory of Joelean's 23 years of life... and to show your support for all of those who have been lost to violence.

Post your photos on the CCRDFV Facebook page

www.facebook.com/gladstoneccrdfv

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AGAINST
DOMESTIC
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VIOLENCE



HELP US EMPOWER YOUTH TO SAY NO TO VAPING

We are seeking parents and their child (12-15 years) to help us test if a text message program sent to parents and youth is an effective approach to preventing youth vaping

Research shows that vaping can result in lung injury, poisoning, burns and toxicity

Nicotine (found in a high % of vapes) poses a risk to youth brain development, learning and mood regulation