Hi Parents,

A great week of learning has taken place across the school in all areas and in both classrooms. The P-2 students have started their science unit with some imaginative instruments being created, and the 3-6 class have written some fantastic poems as part of their poetry unit.

We ate well today! Thank you to our Treat Kitchen cooks for a wonderful lunch. I hope the option of direct credit into the P&C account made things a little easier for you.

Our Student Free Day was extremely inspirational and it was wonderful to share this with 92 other staff members across the Callide Valley schools. Greg Mitchell travelled from Western Australia to speak with us about persistence and resilience. Some strategies and resources to spark curiosity were used that we have already begun trialling in the classrooms.

Swimming

Just a reminder that swimming is on Monday. We look forward to seeing all our parent helpers on Monday afternoon. We had 100% success rate for students remembering swimmers in Week 1. Let’s see if we can equal this record!

As you may be aware, students miss their second break due to the travel and change time required for our swimming lesson. Students have fruit break at the beginning of the day, and then are asked to eat as much as they can at first break (Chappy also has her shared fruit platter). Students then have a snack after swimming. The younger children get changed at school and there is an opportunity for them to have a quick snack before they hop on the bus if they are quick getting changed. You may like to remind any younger children to eat a little more during first lunch on Monday if they are likely to get hungry.

P&C BBQ

As you would be aware, the P&C BBQ is on Friday 2 December starting at 5pm. Students will sing what they are learning in music, as well as present some of the work they are doing in class. Presentations will follow before Santa arrives. A reminder that we require books for every child attending. Book Club was due in today but we could allow late orders to come in on Monday.

Other P&C news

We are on the hunt for someone to help organise a quote and then purchase on the P&C’s behalf, a shed. If anyone is able to help or would like some extra information on what is required, please contact the school.

The P&C will be purchasing a second fridge for student lunchboxes. This will be very handy as it is difficult to fit all lunchboxes in the single fridge. Thank you P&C.
What a short but packed week! P-2 have begun making their musical instruments. Thank you for the quick supply of materials. The instruments are looking fantastic!

The year 2 students have been looking at family connections in geography. The students will need to ask family members about their connections in different towns. They will need to complete 'table 1' on page 3 and interview two family members asking 4 questions (page 4). Can this please be completed and returned ASAP? The students will then analyse the information gathered!

Next Wednesday, I will be away however the students will finish decorating their musical instruments ready for the P&C BBQ!

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**School Camp 2017**

Our school camp has been booked and we are all off to The Caves for 3 nights (that’s right, a whole school camp!). We will depart on Tuesday 29 August and return on Friday 1 September. We are hoping to visit the Mount Morgan mine on the way up and have a tour booked at the Heritage Village. More information will come next year.

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**Age Appropriate Pedagogies**

Rebecca and I are currently working on our final report and presentation that we present to the research team and Department of Education and Training. Our biggest learning as we reflect on our journey is the range and balance of approaches. There is a time and place for all teaching approaches whether it be explicit, play based, inquiry or a project. The key is to spark curiosity and engagement.

All of our work is tying into this common theme of motivation, curiosity and engagement – this is when learners are active in their thinking and make progress in their learning.

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**Head Lice**

We have been notified of a case of head lice in our school. To prevent the spread, could you please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. This can be a real problem if all parents don’t take action. If you notice lice in your child’s hair, sheets, hats, pillow cases etc. will all need to be treated as well. Students have been asked to not swap hats at lunch time so if your child can’t find their hat at school, they will be required to play under the building or in the library.

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning is progressing well, with our focus expectation of eating safe being the focus of the week. Eating a balanced lunchbox, eating your own food and not feeding the birds were highlighted and reinforced.

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“There is no elevator to success, you have to take the stairs”
You may have heard students talking about our ‘lolly lesson’ this week. This was a lesson designed by our Chaplain to demonstrate fair play. At the end of the lesson, students were able to identify the feeling of ‘unfair’ and how this relates to playground games. Thanks Chappy Selma for a wonderful Bounce Back lesson!

Students completed an online maths assessment this week which tracks their progress throughout the school year. It is great to see the progress made since the last test was completed in June. The results of the test will be used to highlight areas that need further work before the end of the year.

Throughout lessons, we have been working hard on sparking curiosity, motivation and engagement. As the basis for a poetry lesson this week we watched an insane rope swing. Student came up with some wonderful limericks in only ten minutes (they were so engaged that most forgot to put their names on their work!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdJc1_IBKjA

| The jump was really high       | There once was a man that jumped                           |
| He actually thought he would die| He got to the end and thumped                              |
| He lied to the wife            | He got really sick                                         |
| He jumped for his life         | His name was Nick                                          |
| He got up and thought that was a great try | And yes, he was super pumped. |

| There once was an old lady     | Being a cliff jumper is tricky                             |
| Her name was Old Miss Crazy    | My real name is not Vicky                                  |
| She jumped off a cliff         | I am called ‘King of the Cliff’                            |
| It is not a myth               | I have a puppy called Biff                                 |
| And her son was very lazy      | But as fact, I am real picky                               |

*By Elli and Ivy*

| Being picky is very rude       | And isn’t that rather rude                                 |
| For a cliff jumper, so very crude | Being a cliff jumper is tricky                             |
| I like frozen peas             | My real name is not Vicky                                  |
| From the seven seas            | I am called ‘King of the Cliff’                            |
| And isn’t that rather rude     | I have a puppy called Biff                                 |

*By Oscar and Ezekiel*

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### Day for Daniel

The Day for Daniel occurs on the 30th October every year. This year, it is on Sunday. We will be celebrating Day for Daniel on **Friday 28 October**. Students are able to wear red on this day and will receive an ice cup at second break. Activities will be planned for the afternoon session.

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### Year 6 Graduation

Work is underway for our presentation at the Year 6 Graduation on Tuesday 22 November. We have been informed that due to numbers, we are unable to accommodate siblings.
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Vice President—Cherie Gooding
Treasurer—Adam Northey
Secretary—Tegan Pratt
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Treat Kitchen Co-ordinator—Emma Corfield

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mobile Library—Tuesday 1st November
P&C Meeting—Tuesday 8th November
RSL Raffles—Friday 11th November
Mobile Library—Tuesday 15th November
School Leadership Speeches—Monday 21st November
Graduation Dinner—Tuesday 22nd November
Mobile Library—Tuesday 29th November
P&C BBQ—Friday 2nd December
Last day of Term 4—Friday 9th December

“Happy moments. Happy thoughts.
 happy dreams. Happy feelings. happy
birthdays”

**Attendance 2016—Target 96%**

**School Attendance Term 4**

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**Students of the Week**

**Grace**—Great job recognising and using verbs!

**Paige**—Actively contributing to classroom discussions with a focus on improvement.