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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S PEN

Kalkie Carols by Glow Stick
What a great night last Friday was for our first Kalkie Carols night. Everyone had a wonderful time and the children performed extremely well. Many families attended with their blankets and picnics and the children had a visit from Santa, no less.

2015 Classes
Class lists will be posted early next week. The teachers are currently working on these lists and trying very hard to achieve the best for each and every student. The lists are a little later this year due to coming and goings of children.

Bursary Winners
Last week two of our students received their bursary on parade. These students have been very committed to doing their very best and achieved these awards for not only academic achievements but also cultural and sporting. Well done to Riley gaining a bursary for Bundaberg SHS and Indruh for his award at Kepnock.

1SP Achievements
I had a wonderful visit from some very excited and happy students from 1SP on Monday. They worked hard all term and did lots of practice with their numbers facts to achieve 100% for adding 2, taking 2, doubles and rainbow facts, what a great job. Congratulations! These students in 1SP achieved 96 - 99 % in tables this semester!
Last Week of Term
As next week is the last week of school there will be some changes. Parade will be on Thursday and this is the time when the Year 7 students sing their farewell song. It is a very moving time for them and their parents and it would be wonderful to have many parents attend.

Celebration days are also next week and students will be given their invitations to attend. Well done all for having such a great term. The prep- and the 4-7’s celebration are both on Tuesday.

Break up day is on Thursday as well and this is a time for celebration. There will be games and lots of fun and we expect everyone to have a good time and follow the Kalkie 5 C’s. Friday is clean-up day.

Maureen Colman
PRINCIPAL

WORKER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Worker of the Week on Friday 28th November, 2014.

PW Kaden 3/4G Henry & Dawson
P1/H Mikaylah & Slater 4C Jaxon
1S Peter 5K Shania
2G Richard 5/6C Lauren & Sophie
2/3M Grace 6/7K Aaron
3H Thomas 6/7S jade & Rhiannon
MUSIC PW, P1/H & 1S

SCHOOL NEWS

Kepnock SHS - Enrolling for 2015

Enrolments are open for all grades at Kepnock State High School for 2015.

Families planning on sending their child to Kepnock SHS in 2015 are asked to call into the school office to collect an Enrolment Pack and complete an enrolment interview. No appointment is needed for these interviews and they can be completed once the enrolment forms are complete.

Students going into Year 7 or 8 in 2015 must be enrolled by Tuesday, December 9th 2014 if they wish to attend the Orientation Day on Wednesday, December 10th. At the enrolment interview they will be given further information outlining all the materials they will need for Orientation Day and 2015.

“SCHOOL BANKING”

AST day - tomorrow for 2014 school year.

ENROL YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

AS THE world becomes more and more advanced and electronics are a way of the future, Kalkie State School Year 5 students have spent the year learning how to create and program robots.

Deputy Principal Patrick Cause said the robotics program was beneficial for the students as they learn to work in a team and have fun while learning new skills.

"The children don't see it as work," Mr Cause said. "Some of the children who aren't academic pick it up faster than those who are. It's a big self-esteem builder for these kids when they realize their help is needed."

Mr Cause said this year's program was created only through the generosity of parent volunteers Craig and Tracey Clarke who assist the children with the programming side.
"We saw there were robots sitting in the cupboard gathering dust," Mr Clarke said. "We didn't want them to go to waste so we jumped in to help the school out."

University student Tina Carruthers has spent the past year working with the Year 5 children and said the difference the program has made is wonderful.

"The children have made everything including props for the robots to move around," Ms Carruthers said. Year 5 students Michael and Damian were excited to be involved in the program.

Next year the school hopes to have a fulltime robotics club. Mr Cause said he hopes the skills learned will open a pathway to subject like engineering at high school.

BUILDING ROBOTS: Kalkie State School students Damian and Michael are assessed on robots they’ve built and programmed this term. Photo: Max Fleet / NewsMail

**Coping skills for children**

*From KidsMatter*

**Managing strong emotions**

When faced with a difficult or challenging situation your child may feel angry, worried or perhaps distressed. It can be hard for them to think clearly at these times, and it makes communication and cooperation difficult if your child is experiencing a strong emotion, it’s important to acknowledge it and be nearby to support your child.

You may also consider teaching your child strategies to calm themselves. There will be different strategies that help each child to feel calmer, and some children need more time and structure than others. Follow your child’s lead to find out what helps them to feel relaxed.

Some suggestions include: counting to ten, taking five deep breaths, jumping on the trampoline, going to a quiet place, playing with toys.

**Promote helpful ways of thinking**

Another way you can help your child to cope is by helping them to begin to understand that how we think affects the way we feel and how we behave.

This means that how we think also affects how we cope with a challenging situation. You can begin to teach your child that sometimes we have ‘helpful’ thoughts that make us feel and act in positive ways. Some examples of helpful thoughts include: "I drew a really good picture at school today."

"This is hard to do, but it will get easier the more times I try it." "I can try my best." "I can always ask my teacher if I need help."

You can also begin to teach your child that at other times we have ‘unhelpful’ thoughts that can lead us to feeling negative or bad about ourselves or a situation and can stop us from doing what we want to do. Some examples of unhelpful thoughts include: "I can’t do this." "No one will like me." "I won’t be able to do it without Mum." "I’m stupid." "It’s too hard; I will never be able to do it."

Your child might be facing a challenge or worry that seems too overwhelming for them to tackle all at once, (example starting high school next year). Breaking down the worry or challenge into small steps will help your child to slowly face their fear. You can devise a plan with your child where you work out small steps to help them reach their goal.

I believe it’s important for our children to understand that they need to learn to cope with situations as there is no way that they can avoid all the things that they find challenging. As parents we need to be there to reassure and encourage them. If we can offer good advice and strategies that can help it can make it a little easier for our children to cope. We all have to cope no matter how hard or challenging life becomes adults and children alike.

**A message from the school dental service.**

The School Dental Van is at Kalkie School. All Grades have now been given medical history consent forms. If you would like your child to have a dental examination and have not received a form, please collect one at the dental van or office. Please return all forms promptly as they may miss out if the van moves on.

Usual hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8.15am to 4.15pm. Enquires please phone 0412516084, Emergencies phone 41502243.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Please ensure before end of school term that any missing items you or your child may have, are checked in the missing property area under the Administration building. Personal items such as watches, ear-rings, purses/wallets, glasses (prescription and non), head bands etc. are held in the office. Please give a description of your lost personal item for the ladies to check for you. Any unclaimed items at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Yr 4-7 Table Tennis Competition**

Kalkie students participating in the Table Tennis competition are to meet at the Shelter Shed at 8.50am on Monday 8th December. We will be leaving Kalkie at 9.10am and returning to school by 2.45pm. Students are to ensure they have water bottles and packed lunches. A canteen will be operating throughout the day.
Christmas in the Library

No borrowing for students this week. This is the final week for students to return all their books as the annual stocktake of library resources has begun.

Students have begun posting their school Christmas cards in the library Christmas boxes. The year 6/7s are delivering these cards each afternoon with their prep buddies to classrooms and staff members. Please remind your children to write the names and grades on the outside of each envelope to assist our Christmas elves to successfully deliver all the mail.

Thanks to the students of Year 5, 6 & 7 who assembled and decorated the library Christmas tree. It’s looking great. Hopefully by tomorrow we’ll have a beautiful Christmas angel to put on the top! New Christmas books in the library thanks to the book fair are: Deck the Shed with Bits of Wattle, There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Star, Santa’s Busy Reindeer, Blossom Possum and My Christmas Crackers.

Bundaberg Library

While children are unable to borrow from Kalkie Library for the next two weeks and over the Christmas break, don’t forget to visit Bundaberg’s wonderful town library so your children can take advantage of the fabulous resources available here. To be eligible for membership adults need to be ratepayers or permanent residents of the Bundaberg Regional Council area, or adjoining Council areas. This makes joining the library FREE. Children or students under 18 need to be signed in by a parent or guardian who are either current members of the Library, or eligible to become a members of the Library. Once children have their membership cards they are able to borrow up to 15 resources for a period of 3 weeks including books, magazines, audio books, compact discs, junior audio books, playaways, e-audio books, e-books, DVDs, fastbacks and e-magazines. The town library is a very attractive, comfortable and air-conditioned space and now also boasts a coffee-shop. So get on in there and start borrowing and reading with your children.

School Banking Rewards

Congratulations to the following students who have earned 10 Dollarmite tokens through the School Banking program. To win, all children have to do is regularly participate in School Banking. One Dollarmite token is issued for every School Banking deposit made (maximum of one per week). Ten Dollarmite tokens redeem a prize. Our latest prizes are: Cohen (PW) – Sea Streamers; Zach (PW) – Sea Streamers; Taj (PW) – Projector Cup; Riley (P/1H) – Swimming Bag; Kayla (1S) – Swimming Bag; Chloe (1S) – Swimming Bag; Emma (1S) – Money Box; Ruby (2G) – Shark Pencil Case; Indy (2/3M) – Sea Streamers; Dana (2/3M) – Projector Cup; Enjay (3H) – Projector Cup. These prizes will be distributed on Friday parade.

Lucky Book Borrower

The winner of last week’s draw was Indy (3H).

READ ON!

Ms Rose

KALKIE BITES NEWS

This week is our last week of Tuckshop.

Notes were sent home last week for break up day next week, Thursday 11th December. Fruit, sausage in bread and a drink will be provided. Cost is $4.50 and payment is due Friday 5th December. Please put in an envelope with your child’s name and put in the frog box.

There will be no Tuckshop next Friday (clean-up day).

Most of you would know by now that I am leaving Kalkie this year. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last 5 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as convenor and will miss this wonderful little school. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Kirstie Morris

MUSIC NEWS

Kalkie Drumband students are looking forward to lighting up Bourbong Street on Thursday night. The parade commences at 7pm. Students have received a letter outlining details: meeting place at 6:15 etc. This parade is a highlight of our calendar year and students thoroughly enjoy entertaining the people of Bundaberg. Drumband will celebrate the end of the year with a break-up on Sunday. Thank you for another wonderful year with Music at Kalkie. The Music Concert night and the Carols by Glow stick Concert was a huge success. Have a great holiday Season.

Mrs P.

COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOMESTAY FAMILY?

Would you like to host an International Student for Bundaberg State High School? We can offer you an experience you’ll remember and get paid $312.00 per week for the privilege.

(Students stay anywhere from 3 months to 1 or more years depending on what type of program they nominate to study)

Can you offer:
• A caring English-speaking family!
• An individually furnished bedroom!
• All meals!
• Local/Internet!
• Daily access to Bundaberg State high school!
• A minimum 6 month placement!
• Eligibility for Blue Suitability Card from Commission for Children and Young People!

For further information, please contact Leanne Rogers, Homestay Coordinator, Bundaberg State High School. Email: leannero@eq.edu.au Phone: 4124 5187.
ACTIVE KIDS FITNESS

**Kids Boot Camp!**
Wednesday, 17 December from 3pm to 3.45pm
Run by YMCA Fun Fit Coaches! Fun athletic games and activities, a fun boot camp just for kids!
Run at Alexandra Park for one session only during the school holidays. No bookings needed just turn up and join in.

**Kids Martial Arts!**
Friday, 9 January 2015 from 9am to 9.45am
Run by Rhee Taekwon-Do Bundaberg! Fun and inspiring self-defence class, just for kids!
Run at Alexandra Park for one session only during the school holidays. No bookings needed just turn up and join in.

**Hip Hop Dancing!**
Learn the basics of hip-hop dancing and have fun with Tami from Unique Dance Studios. Suitable for 6 – 12 year olds.
Run at the Family Day Care Office, 14 Fitzgerald Street. Limited spaces so booking are essential. Phone 41529233 to secure your spot.

All activities are free and open to everyone in the community. Full program is available online at [www.familydaycarebundaberg.com.au](http://www.familydaycarebundaberg.com.au).

**School Holiday Clinic** - Bundaberg Tennis
Academy coaches Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner will be conducting a School Holiday “Get Active” Clinic in conjunction with Bundaberg Junior Tennis Assoc. Inc and the Dept. of Sport & Recreation at Rotary Park Tennis Complex, 69b George St, South Bundaberg, from Mon.19th-Wed 21st of January 2015. Players from age 5-12. Beginners and Intermediate Beginners, 8-9am and 8-10am. Ages 13 and up, 3-5pm
Check out our Facebook page "Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association. Bookings are Essential. Contact Kevin 4152 0753 / 0409 520 753 or Murray 0407 639 824.

**Learn & Play Tennis** - Bundaberg Junior Tennis Assoc. Inc is now taking registrations for new members for Term 1 2015.
The ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Learning Programs will commence Sat. 31st January 2015 at 8am and Wed. 4th February 2015 at 4pm. The Association is looking for players interested in joining the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Games Program due to commence Sat. 7th February - Red Ball 9-10:15am, Orange Ball 10:15-11:30am, Green Ball 10:15-12pm, Yellow Ball 1-4pm. Check out our Facebook page "Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association. Bookings are Essential.
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