DATES TO REMEMBER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S PEN

Thanks and Seasons Greetings
The end of the school year is here and it has been a fantastic one. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts, commitment and dedication. The success of a school occurs when everyone works together to achieve the best educational outcomes for all, this includes parents, staff and students. The results we had this year in various things certainly reflect this. A special thanks to all our volunteers who gave up their time to do many things at school. THANKS EVERYONE! I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year, along with a fantastic holiday. Please be safe and I look forward to everyone’s return in 2015.

Farewell to families and students who are leaving us this year. I hope your association with Kalkie has been productive and enjoyable. We wish you all the very best for the future.

Year 6/7 Graduation
I was proud of and very impressed with the all students on Wednesday night at their graduation. It is certainly an important moment in their lives when leaving a school that some of them have been to for 8 years. It is a significant moment for the students and parents as well, moving into the next phase of their education. All the staff wish them the very best and we sincerely hope they achieve their goals.

School Captains 2015
I had the absolute pleasure of interviewing 10 students from year 5 last week. Each and every student impressed me with their ability to articulate why they should be chosen as school captain and the ideas they had to improve the school. It was certainly a highlight for me. While each and every one of them could make a wonderful school captain I am only able to choose 4. I am hoping the other students will join us on the School Council. So congratulations to the following students:

Kasey Hess  Kade Steinhardt
Holly Holdsworth  Lauren Godfrey

Chaplaincy Service
Kalkie has been successful in its application to continue with a chaplaincy service for 2015. As you know however, Mrs Crane is leaving us after a 7 year association with the school and we will miss her terribly. She has been a valued member of our school community and provided support for many families and staff. She always has a happy smiling face and thinks of others, even when she has been going through rough times herself. On behalf of everyone I wish her and her family much love, happiness and positive thoughts for the future.

I am happy to say I had a meeting with our new chaplain, Mrs Coyne, on Tuesday and I am sure she will continue all the great things Mrs Crane implemented and will also come with new ideas. Mrs Coyne has worked as a chaplain at Bundaberg SHS and Bundaberg Special School, so comes with a wealth of experience. We warmly welcome her to the Kalkie community.
New Tuckshop Convenor
Kirstie Morris who has been our tuckshop convenor for many years is hanging up her cooking utensils and leaving us this week. Maddi, her daughter is moving onto high school next year so Kirstie’s attention will be elsewhere. Kirstie has given up many of her own hours volunteering not only for the tuckshop but also for all events throughout the year. Kirstie and Andy, her husband, have been an enormous help to Kalkie, they are always here being involved in the hard yards. Kirstie and Andy are very special people who we will miss tremendously. I wish them all the best. Our new tuckshop convenor is Tanya Jiggins who has been helping out in the tuckshop over the last couple of weeks getting an idea of what is involved. I am certain Tanya will also be a great asset to Kalkie and we welcome her to our community.

Classes 2015
As you may be aware the class lists are out for next year. As I have mentioned before, classes are not finalised until day 8 and the way things are going at the moment we may well have another class so please don’t be concerned about class sizes. I will keep you posted in the near future when I have more information.

Maureen Colman
PRINCIPAL

WORKER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Worker of the Week on Friday 5th December, 2014.

PW River-Lee 3/4G Angel
P1/H Joseph, Jessie, Kailee and Katherine 4C Bailey
1S Amelia 5K (on camp)
2G Tyson 5/6C (on camp)
2/3M Carly & Trent 6/7K Caleb
3H Eric 6/7S Zane
PE 6/7S, 6/7K, & Yr 6 5/6C

SCHOOL NEWS

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

With school holidays starting today, we need everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number - 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

ENROL YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ASAP FOR VACATION CARE

Dear Parents/Carers
Vacation Care is due to commence on Monday 15th December. If we do not have viable numbers, we may not be able to offer this service during the holidays which would be a great shame!
So, if you require care during the holidays, please collect a booking form from either the office or down at the hall during service hours.
Can you do this ASAP please!!!
Many thanks
Kalkie OSHC team

LOST PROPERTY

LAST CHANCE TOMORROW - Please check if you have 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 will be donated to charity after school on Friday.

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. New Enrolments and new preps 2015 will also be offered treatment. Usual hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8.15am to 4.15pm. Enquiries please phone 0412516084, Emergencies phone 41502243. The dental van will be closed from Monday 22.12.14 and reopen Monday 19.01.15. Emergency appointments are available at different facilities by calling 41502243.

2015 Book lists

Book lists for 2015 were sent home on Tuesday/Wednesday of this week. Copies can be viewed and downloaded on the schools website: www.kalkiess.eq.edu.au under forms and documents, through the electronic newsletter or by contacting administration.
Smoking ban extended to 5m around school grounds from 1 January 2015

From January 1 next year smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend over businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Please remember to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


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**SPORTS NEWS**

**TABLE TENNIS**

Mrs Smith accompanied 34 Kalkie students to the Table Tennis centre on Monday for the annual Interschool Competition. Teams of 3 or 4 students were compiled from years 4-7 and then nominated. This competition was one of the biggest held before by Mr Delpratt (local development officer) with 189 Bundaberg students attending with 49 teams being nominated. The most successful team for Kalkie was the Year 4/5 boys' team consisting of two sets of brothers…. Tommy, Eddy, Lachie and Tyson. This team won their 5 games, defeated Woongarra in the semi-final, but unfortunately lost to BCC in the final 5-1. Great job boys! Mrs Smith would like to commend this entire group of students for their sportsmanship and behaviour during the day. They were a credit to Kalkie. Well done.

Parents, please be advised that due to changes in original charges for the bus, these students will be refunded $2 each by the end of this week.

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**CHAPLAIN’S NEWS**

Where do I begin in my last message to you all? Firstly it has been a privilege and an honour to serve here at Kalkie these past seven years as your chaplain. I still can’t believe how quickly these years have flown by. I am leaving with the students who were in prep and year one when I came to Kalkie and they are all off to high school.

My own sons were both still in primary school and now they will be 1st and 2nd year university students next year.

Kalkie is a great school with wonderful teachers and staff many of whom have become very good friends to me over this time. It will be sad to say goodbye and I will miss the days I spend at Kalkie with the staff and students however there have been many changes in my life recently and I need to move on in order to face the challenges ahead of me.

I am thankful that Kalkie is among the schools that has had the government funding approved to have the chaplaincy service continue next year and beyond. At this stage I don’t know who your new chaplain will be however I do know that it will be someone who has a heart to serve others. I know that this new chaplain will be made feel very welcome here and invited in to the Kalkie family as I have been.

Thank you again to the staff and families who have made me feel so welcome, for those who have shared with me and called on me in times of need for support and friendship. We all need support at times and I have learnt just how important that support can be. Can I encourage you all to lean on your chaplain in times of need it can make such a difference.

My wish for you all these holidays is that you will all get to spend valuable time with your families, I believe this is the single most important thing that you can do. Family is so precious and the time you have now can’t be taken for granted. Take this time to build some more great memories of your time together as a family.

This special Christmas season is a time for us to give thanks for all that we have including God’s gift to all of us of Jesus coming as a baby that very first Christmas. For me and my family God gives us the hope for tomorrow and a brighter future. We don’t know what tomorrow has in store for us but we do know that without God, life would be even more difficult.

This Christmas the local churches will have times advertised for their Christmas services throughout the city and Bargara. I know that you would be made feel very welcome wherever you might decide to go.

So happy Christmas everyone and all the very best for the year and years ahead.

With love and best wishes,

Marion

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**KALKIE COMMUNITY**

THANK YOU to all parents who have helped me in some way this year…(sports day, fun run, fancy dress ball, swimming, interschool sport lifesaving, celebration day, etc). Your support, time and assistance has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to parents for funding the various activities that occur during the school year… (Interschool sport buses, swimming/lifesaving programs, camps etc.). These activities provide valuable learning experiences for all students, and your support is greatly appreciated.

MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

Photos of the years 4-7 Rewards Day at Anzac pool, Prep – Year 3 swimming and Table Tennis can be viewed through the E-Newsletter.

Regards,

Mrs Smith
Christmas in the Library
Final day for Christmas card deliveries on Wednesday as regular classes conclude in preparation for break-up day. If your child has any outstanding books from the library, please return them as soon as possible. The library is still open this week before school and at first break for students to enjoy the library resources in the air conditioning.

Bundaberg Library
While children are unable to borrow from Kalkie Library over the Christmas break, don’t forget to visit Bundaberg’s town library so your children can take advantage of the extensive resources available there. 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 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-audiobooks, ebooks, 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.

Scholastic Book Club
Orders from Issue 8 have finally arrived and will be delivered to classrooms tomorrow.

Lucky Book Borrower
The winners of last week’s double draw were Kayla (4C) and Aleisha (6/7S).

READ ON!
Ms Rose

Music News
Congratulations to the Kalkie Drumband for winning 1st Band in the Pageant of Lights. Thank-you to Mrs Leonie Stables and Mrs Melinda Allen for assisting me with Drumband.

Happy holidays!
Mrs P
Friends for Life
A program for Children 8 to 12 years

Friends for Life is a strength based program to assist children aged 8 to 12 years to deal with worrying or frightening situations such as giving a talk at school or being scared of the dark.

We all have frightening or worrying situations, no matter what our age.

This program teaches an awareness of our own responses and how to cope with them, the introduction of problem solving skills to make a difference.

This is an 8 week after school program.

This program has been developed through extensive research from the Griffith University and each child receives their own workbook and other resources as part of the course.

Parent interviews are required with the facilitator prior to commencement.

Registrations close – 5 February 2019

Starts: Tuesday, 16 February 2015

Where: UnitingCare Community Centre
3a River Terrace, Milton

Ph: (07) 4153 8400 (Bookings essential)

Time: 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Cost: $40.00 per child (incl. workbook)

If you require any further information or would like to register please call UnitingCare Community between 11.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday.
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