Dates to Remember

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From the Principal’s Pen

Pleasing News
I recently received a phone call from Mrs Whiting whose children have moved to Ipswich Girls Grammar for high school. The mother was wondering how the children would cope coming from a smaller town. She was worried that the girls might be behind the other girls in their classes as most of the other students came through the private system.

Mrs Whiting proudly told me her girls have been well prepared by Kalkie School as her children are well ahead in their curriculum in comparison to their class mates. One of her girls is top of her class in German and the robotics program run at Kalkie has enabled one of her daughters to enter an advanced robotics program through the University. It’s nice to see Kalkie students doing well. If you have similar stories please feel free to share them with us. We love celebrating our students’ successes.

Gotcha Awards
As part of a revised reward system the school is using our yellow slips to rewards students who follow the Kalkie 5CS of care, consideration, cooperation, commitment and courtesy.

When students are observed following the 5C’s, they are issued with a yellow slip to be placed in the box outside the principal’s office.

Every parade we draw one student from the Junior school and one from the senior school to receive a prize. All children who receive a yellow slip have their name recorded on our One School site to report back to parents at reporting time and as a record of their good behaviour.

Last week we had all the year six students nominated for their wonderful efforts in being buddies to the Preps. On Friday afternoon while doing duty after school at the shelter shed I watched a young year 1 student proceed to collect all the litter around the tennis court without request from a parent or myself. He then walked over to the bin and deposited the paper where it belonged. Well done to Kaiden in 1S!

I called the student over to complement his pride in his school and congratulated his mother who was also in a state of disbelief. The next day he brought his mother up to collect a yellow slip and have his name put in the draw.

It makes me very proud to see many such examples throughout the week. Keep up the great work Kalkie students.

Air-Conditioned Learning Environment
Thanks to the wonderful efforts of our hardworking P&C the last two classrooms will be air-conditioned by the end of this week. Mrs Santo’s Year 1/2 and Mrs Morrison’s Year 1 will mean all eleven classes now have a more comfortable learning environment.

$5000 News-Mail Classroom Makeover Competition
Kalkie School has registered to be part of the $5000 classroom makeover. students are asked to collect tokens from the News-Mail starting this Saturday. The school with the best average wins.

Mrs Caldwell’s class brainstormed what things they would like if they won. Some of the things they identified was curtains or blinds on the windows to making the whiteboard easier to see. Ipads were also high on the list with more robotics kits to allow more students access. Chapter books and more art resources were also some of their suggestions. If you would like to help your class please send your news-mail tokens to the office to give Kalkie the chance to make these ideas a reality.

The school has also made application through the gaming fund to purchase iPads and install more wireless connections across the school.
Eleven Classes Formed
Many thanks to all our families who helped out with the movement of students across the school last week. Classes are up and running and programs and support are operating across all eleven classes. We also welcome all our new families who have joined us and trust you have a rewarding experience.

P&C Friday 13th Valentines Disco Cancelled
Parents are advised that the disco planned for this Friday has been cancelled.

Parent / Teacher Information Evening Tuesday 17 February
5.30-6.30pm
Parents are kindly invited to attend a parent/teacher evening followed by a Sausage sizzle and drinks in the hall. School aged children to be dropped at hall by approx. 5.25pm for a sausage, drink and film (rated G). Parents are asked to take their toddlers with them.
5.30-6.00 Parent / Teacher information session in classroom
6.00pm Helen to ring Bell for staff to finish and secure building.
Parents to move to Hall
6.10pm approx. Welcoming of parents and introduction of staff.
6.20pm approx. Choir to perform
6.30pm Sausage on bread and drink/mingle
6.45pm finish
Should be wonderful to meet your child’s teacher and find out what your children will be learning.

Patrick Cause
Deputy / Acting Principal

WORKER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Worker of the Week on Friday 6th February, 2015.

PW 3/4G Kate
P1/H Jayden 4K Dana
1SP Jayce 4/5C Ivan
2G Sai 5/6C Matty
2/3H Sem 6K Lakaya
LOTE Josh 4/5C & Jorja 5/6CMUSIC 5/6C & 6K
PE 5/6C

SCHOOL NEWS

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Parents who do not wish their children to take part in Religious Education are asked to supply the Administration Office with a written request, dated and signed. (During the time for Religious Education instruction, students not participating are to be supervised away from the lesson).

PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL’S POLICY FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION HAS CHANGED, EVEN IF YOU PLACED, OR LEFT BLANK ON YOUR ENROLMENT FORM “NO RELIGION”, YOUR CHILD WILL BE PLACED INTO RI CLASS UNLESS A LETTER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 2015.

***WANTED***
PAINT TO RE-VAMP OUTSIDE OF KALKIE TUCK SHOP. KALKIE P & C ASSOC. ARE KINDLY ASKING FOR ANY DONATIONS OF INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR PAINT (ANY COLOUR) THAT MAY BE OF USE TO HELP IN PAINTING TUCK SHOP.

LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES

ANY student (including Preps) who either arrive late to school or leave the school grounds at any time either after the commencement of the first bell and before the ringing of the last bell of school time MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE. Late arrivals or early departures must be signed in/out in accordance with Education Queensland and Kalkie School Policy and Procedures. This is also for your child’s safety in the event of an emergency.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Kalkie State School Breakfast Club is up and running again this year. Our school Chaplain, Kelli Ussher is co-ordinating this for our school and will be run from the Tuckshop each Tuesday and Wednesday morning between 8am and 8.30am. Kelli is happy to hear from anyone who can assist in any way with donations or help.

SPRINGING HOUSES

KANGAROO – RED
KOALA – GREEN
KOOKABURRA – YELLOW

New students to Kalkie State School have now been sorted into sporting houses. Lists have been provided to all class teachers. Please check with your child’s class teacher to confirm their sporting house. Existing students and families will retain their previous allocated house colours. House colours are indicated above.

Please ensure that your child has the correct coloured polo shirt for their house. A reminder that there are some second hand sports shirts available from the P & C Family Room.
P & C Meeting – postponed
Due to prior commitments by some of the P & C committee members, the P & C meeting due to be held this Monday 16th February at 3pm has now been postponed until further notice.

School levies
NOW DUE
Preparatory Year - $30 for Art and Cooking activities and Photocopying
• Year 1-6 - $20 for Art and Photocopying
• Religious Instruction Levy - $5 per student (Family R.E. levy $10.00)

PROCEDURE FOR SENDING IN PAYMENTS
All payments MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED in the following format on the front of an envelope or sealed bag and handed into your child’s class teacher:

Child’s/Childrens Name
Class
Name of Excursion / Activity
Amount Enclosed

It would be appreciated if all permission forms are attached behind the payment envelope at the time of handing them in to class teachers. Your child’s teacher will then mark your child’s payment and permission form as being returned and then forward the payment to the office that morning. Once receipts are issued, they will be placed into the teacher’s pigeon holes to be handed back to your child to take home.

Sports news
SWIMMING: The first activity for this term for PE will be Years 4-6 (including Mrs Gehrke’s Yr 3’s) attending the swimming program at Bundaberg Swim Academy for 6 weeks. This will begin Tuesday 24 February. The cost is $45.00. Notes were sent home earlier this week. Please ensure that payment is placed into an envelope correctly addressed and permission notes stapled to the outside of the envelope. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

KALKIE EELS FOOTBALL: Mrs Smith has handed notes to those boys that have shown interest in playing. Please ensure that the medical form is returned as soon as possible to Mrs Smith’s office. Any boys that are still interested, but have not yet seen Mrs Smith, please do so immediately. Training is commencing Wednesday 18th Feb 3-4pm. No permission form – no training!

SPORTS TRIALS: Students throughout Bundaberg have the opportunity to trial for a school rep team and represent the Bundaberg Zone in their chosen sport. The trials are now called “Bundaberg 12 years and under” and still allow 12 year olds who have moved onto high school, the opportunity to trial. (No 13yr olds). These trials are quite competitive and it’s sometimes ‘tough’ to be selected.

Students attending the trials, would normally play that sport on the weekend, have a good knowledge of rules and demonstrate an average to high skill level. If you think your child would be worthy of attending their chosen sport, please see Mrs Smith for further information. Students can only attend if they have a
nomination form signed by a Kalkie teacher. (Usually Mrs Smith).

As sport trials are held throughout the year, Mrs Smith will publish them in the school newsletter and announce them on parade and in her PE lessons.

The following trials are being called for over the next few weeks. So if your child is interested and shows a high skill level in the following sports and would like to be considered for trialling, please see Mrs Smith asap.

Current trials - AFL BOYS, BOYS AND GIRLS TOUCH, SOFTBALL AND SWIMMING.

RESOURCES CENTRE NEWS

A reset of classes has resulted in very welcome smaller class numbers throughout the lower school and some changes to the timetable. Borrowing times that include all our classes are as follows:

Monday - Year 4/5C (Miss Champion)
Year 5/6 (Mrs Caldwell)
Tuesday - Year 2/3H (Mrs Hutcheon)
Year 6 Mr Keightley
Wednesday - Year 2G (Mr Groundwater)
Thursday – 1/2S (Mrs Santo)
1 M (Mrs Morrison)
3/4G (Mrs Gherke)
Friday – PW (Mrs Ward)
P/1H (Mrs Harding)
5K (Mr Kreis)

Please encourage your child and support their reading development by ensuring they bring their library bag and book to school each week on their borrowing day. Students of course can borrow every day at Kalkie before school, during first break and after school. So if your child has finished their book/s inspire them to come and change.

A report released in May 2012 emphasised the important evidence on reading for pleasure.

Benefits of reading for pleasure:

- There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development (cited in Clark and Rumbold, 2006).
- Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment (Clark 2001; Clark and Douglas 2011).
- Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children’s educational success than their family’s socio-economic status (OECD, 2002).
- There is a positive link between positive attitudes towards reading and scoring well on reading assessments (Twist et al, 2007).
- Regularly reading stories or novels outside of school is associated with higher scores in reading assessments (PIRLS, 2006; PISA, 2009).
- International evidence supports these findings; US research reports that independent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement (Anderson, Wilson and Fielding, 1988).
- Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure is an activity that has emotional and social consequences (Clark and Rumbold, 2006).
- Other benefits to reading for pleasure include: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life, increased general knowledge (Clark and Rumbold, 2006).

AUSTRALIANS OF THE YEAR

Each year, the Australian of the Year Awards recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of outstanding Australians across four categories:

- Australian of the Year recognises leading Australians who are role models for us all. This year - Rosie Batty.
- Senior Australian of the Year rewards Australians aged 60 and over who continue to achieve and contribute. This year – Jackie French.
- Young Australian of the Year profiles exceptional young Australians aged 16 to 30. This year – Drisana Levitzke-Gray.
- Australia’s Local Hero acknowledges extraordinary contributions made by Australians in their local community. This year – Juliette Wright.

Recipients in each category are selected firstly at the state and territory level. As role models for us all, they inspire us through their achievements and challenge us to make our own contribution to creating a better Australia.

This week in the library each class has noted the awardees of Australian of the year, especially focusing on Jackie French, a best-selling children’s author in Australia who travels the country to promote literacy & share transformational power of reading, creativity & story-telling in lives of young Australians.

(Due to some early organisational difficulties (Scholastic has not sent enough catalogues for our school for February), Book Club at Kalkie will resume in March. When orders are placed earlier in each month, our school can avoid difficulties in filling orders to your and our satisfaction. We look forward to receiving March catalogues after resending our class numbers for each year level.)

Lucky Book Borrower for Week 2: Nikola (6K).
“Books aren't like broccoli. You don't have to eat it because it's good for you. Books drag you in because they are fascinating.”
— Jackie French

READ ON!
Ms Rose

MUSIC NEWS

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (Ms Palmer)

Lessons for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion students have now started on Tuesdays. To ensure students can begin lessons immediately, please make sure both enrolment forms and fees have been handed in at the office.

Practice Sessions
Senior Drumband - Tuesday & Thursday 8am
Junior Drumband Sticks - Friday 8am
Senior Choir - Thursday 11:15
Junior Choir - Friday 11:15
Senior Recorder Band - Tuesday 11:15
Junior Recorder Band - Tuesday 1:30
Friday Parade Practice - Thursday 1:30

KALKIE BITES NEWS

Please ensure you are using the 2015 menu as there have been some menu changes and price increases from last year.

To all mums and dads, if you have some spare time or wanting to gain some skills for your resume to re-enter the workforce...why not come and volunteer at the Tuckshop? Free coffee/tea and lunch for my volunteers!! So don't be shy, come have a chat and lets work something out. It can be as little a 1hr or as much as 3hr...on just 1 day or both...the choice is yours. No experience required. Kids love to see their parents helping at school!!

Week Commencing Monday 9th February, 2015
Friday 13th February, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

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Week Commencing Monday 23rd February, 2015
Thursday 26th February, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED
Friday 27th February, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Kind regards,
Tanya Jiggins

COMMUNITY NEWS

As part of the Bundaberg Regional Council Chinese New Year celebrations, the Bundaberg Regional Library and the Bundaberg Regional Galleries are joining together to bring you a special celebration for children aged 5 – 12. On Saturday, 21 February 2015, 10am to 11am, at Bundaberg Regional Library, there will be a wonderful Chinese/English storytelling of ‘The Runaway Wok’ by Julie Price and Enya Wu, followed by a Chinese Calligraphy workshop. Cost is free, but bookings are essential, so contact Bundaberg Regional Library on 41304140 to book your spot.

BARGARA FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration Confirmation Day: Saturday 14th Feb 10.30am -12noon at the Bargara FC Clubhouse, Fred Courtice Drive, Bargara. Register online now for 2015 season at www.myfootballclub.com.au

BUNDABERG HOCKEY CLUB
Sign on Saturday 28th February, 12pm
Coaching sessions available with Troy Elder for Minky, Junior and Senior players over the weekend. Please contact to register:bberghockeycoachingsessions@hotmail.com

AEIOU BUNDABERG
Open Day Thursday 26th February 9.30am – 11.30am
For children with autism. Meet multi-disciplinary team and learn about AEIOU’s best practice early intervention program for children with autism aged 2.5 – 6 years. University Drive, Branyan. To secure your place, please RSVP to: Andrea Trudeau, Centre Manager 07 41550399 or andrea.trudeau@aeiou.org.au. RSVP essential for staffing requirements.
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