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February the Month of Care

We are almost at the end of February and the Kalkie 5 C we have concentrated on is CARE. There have been many examples over the month of children demonstrating care to others, both to children and adults. One of the major things we do to encourage care for others is the Prep Buddy system. There are many photos on display in the foyer of the year 6's with their buddies. Please come and have a look. We have some year 6’s though, that are going above and beyond and have taken on looking after not only preps but also some of our other students. These boys and girls are to be congratulated for their dedication and commitment for caring for others. It shows a wonderful human spirit and needs to be commended. Well done all of you!

Great Results Guaranteed Funding

Last year schools were provided with additional funding to support students in years Prep-2 in literacy and numeracy. This funding has been extended to include students in years 3-6 who may be at risk of not achieving the National Minimum Standard in literacy and numeracy. We achieved some excellent results last year with the programs we implemented and will continue to do similar this year. The funding will go towards:
- A teacher 2 day per week to coordinate and implement programs
- Additional Teacher Aide time to conduct programs with students
- Online reading program “Reading Eggs” for use both at home and school

Reading Comprehension Strategies

As you know reading comprehension continues to be a focus for Kalkie. We made great gains over the last 2 years by explicitly teaching comprehension strategies across the school and our school data and results from NAPLAN reflect this. This year we have refined the comprehension strategies to cater for different year levels and the
different reading demands for each. This term teachers are concentrating on the following and I am sure they will be happy to explain them to you:

- Prep - Year 2: Activating Prior Knowledge and Predicting
- Year 3: Monitoring and Clarifying, Activating Prior Knowledge and Predicting
- Years 4-6: Inferring and Compare and Contrast

Maureen Colman
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Due to the extreme weather event last Friday, no parade was held. Students of the week for Friday 20th February will be announced in next week’s newsletter.

SCHOOL NEWS

KALKIE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

WANTS YOUR KIDS!!!

Did you know you can use Before or After School Care Casually?

Depending on your personal circumstances and government rebate it can cost as little as $1.00/morning or $4.00/afternoon care.

Do you ever need to work an extra shift or grab coffee with friends?

Time out/ Run those errands? See Family?

Would you like your child to access a wider group of friends?

Developing social skills, participating in arts and crafts, sports, cooking, computer games and other exciting programs?

Contact or visit our Service in ‘O’ block during opening hours:

Phone 4112 7851 or 0477 796 888

6.30am – 8.30am Mornings

3.00pm – 6.00pm Afternoons

Amy Pankhurst Nominated Supervisor
Hi everyone! I would like to introduce myself. I am Kelli Ussher the new school chaplain at Kalkie. “I have been a school chaplain for 7 years and worked around different schools here in Bundaberg. I will be here at Kalkie on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, Avondale and Oakwood State Schools on other school days. Thank you so much for making me feel so welcome here at Kalkie School already.

Both of my children attended Kalkie and have now gone on to high school so I’m really enjoying being back. Brekky Club will continue this year on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Thanks to our lovely volunteers, school community and Fiveways Foodworks for giving of your time and donations to keep brekky club going. We appreciate you! Over the coming weeks I will continue to put items in the newsletter about my role as school chaplain. You can contact me through the school office or call in to see me at school on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Have a beautiful week
Chappy Kelli

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING:
Swimming began on Tuesday this week. The cost is $45.00. Those families that have paid their accounts in full, thank-you and for those not paid in full, please finalise as soon as possible.

KALKIE EELS FOOTBALL:
Training continues every Wed 3–4pm on the oval. Please ensure the boys have a water bottle. Please see Mrs Smith or Mr Cause if you can’t make it. A note will be sent home very soon, regarding when mouthguards are needed by.

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- BOYS AND GIRLS TOUCH, SWIMMING AND BASKETBALL.

HOCKEY:
The Bundaberg Hockey Association is having their all club sign on this Saturday 28th Feb, from 12.00pm. Mrs Smith is involved with Arrows Athletics, and is a passionate hockey enthusiast. Troy elder (previous gold medallist) will be attending and helping with some coaching sessions. If you are interested in these sessions, please see the last page of the newsletter as a registration form is needed to attend these specialised sessions. There is a small cost also.

If you would like to see what hockey is all about, a free exhibition match of good quality hockey is on this Saturday 28 Feb at 4.30pm between the Brisbane Bullimba Bulls and the Bundy Men’s Rep team. Canteen facilities will be open.

RESOURCES CENTRE NEWS

Schools’ Clean-Up Day – Friday 27 February
Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. Mrs Caldwell has registered Kalkie and students will “clean-up” Kalkie in their class groups on Friday. In the library this week, students watched a video clip about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a collection of marine debris in the North Pacific Ocean. As a Reef Guardian School this emphasises the need to dispose of litter with care and the consequences of thoughtless waste disposal.

Library Legends
Which class will win the weekly trophy? The inaugural winner will be announced on Friday and the trophy will reside in their classroom for the week with their class name engraved on one of the shields. To win, the class must have the highest number of borrowers for their borrowing week.

Link to recycling games

“Recycle City” - http://www3.epa.gov/recyclecity/
F.R.E.D. – Families Read Every Day – begins next week
This is a 4-week programme designed to support the habit of reading every day to your children.

What's it all about?
- Reading together is one of the best ways you can help your child – and have fun.
- If you read together often, your child is likely to become a better reader and do better in school.

What will I find out?
- How important it is to read daily with your child.
- How important you are as your child’s first teacher.
- How to have fun reading together.

Guest Author
Who's coming? Mark Greenwood – author of ‘Jandamarra’ (nominated for the 2014 Book of the Year awards) and many other Australian stories based on historical events and people. More details next week.

SCHOOL BANKING
The Dollarmites Cub website has a variety of games, downloads and activities and wallpapers

The Beanstalk is a webpage where parents can find information to teach their kids about money.

Safer Internet Day 2015
The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, and eSmart Schools support Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 10 February, a day that occurs in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world.

Telstra's top tips to help balance children’s screen time.

1. Agree limits
   Talk to your children about the amount of digital time they’re living and then, based on what you agree is a healthy balance, set ‘switched off’ times of day. Help your children create a media use roster allocating blocks of time for homework, chores and their screen time.

2. Be an offline supporter
   Support and encourage your kids in activities that don’t involve a digital device. A ball game or reading a book are all great ways to show kids how they can enjoy themselves without a mobile, tablet or computer.

3. Set family rules
   Make sure you’re seen as a positive example. Do you want the dinner table to be a device-free zone? If so, then have everyone (including Mum and Dad) turn off their mobile phones and devices during dinner, or when taking part in family activities. Children are happier following rules if everyone in the family plays by them.

4. Turn off devices before bedtime
   Lack of sleep can affect alertness, concentration and memory. For a better night’s sleep try encouraging children to switch off at least one hour before bedtime. Create a charging station and charge all household devices in the one spot overnight.

5. Make the most of parental controls
   Many parental controls tools allow you to set time-of-day restrictions on children’s device usage. Telstra naturally recommends its ‘Telstra Smart Controls’ for mobile devices and ‘Telstra Online Security’ for your home network.

6. Consider the difference between types of screen time
   Not all screen time is created equal. Think about the differences between using a device for homework or creative expression versus using it for passive entertainment.

READ ON!
Ms Rose

MUSIC NEWS

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.

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

Week Commencing Monday 2nd March, 2015
Thursday 5th March, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED
Friday 6th March, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Week Commencing Monday 9th March, 2015
Thursday 11th March, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED
Friday 12th March, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Kind regards,
Tanya Jiggins
Do you enjoy soccer, want to be more active, meet new people or simply give a fun and safe sport a go? Then the family friendly Diggers Football Club extends an invitation to all interested. We have age groups from Under 6 through to senior men and women (including an over 35s team).

Please visit Diggers facebook page https://www.facebook.com/diggersfootballclub?ref=profile or send an email to diggersfc@hotmail.com or call 0408889710.

Prep Classes: Boys and girls turning 5 this calendar year are invited to join our growing numbers of Under 6 Miniroos. If you are Interested please call 0412 445 629 (my son is in Mrs Wards class and I have volunteered to assist coaching Miniroos). Their training is only on Tuesdays.

Strong not Tough
Adult Resiliency Program

Strong not Tough is an adult resilience program to help adults navigate through challenges and opportunities and effectively manage emotions.

When: Monday March 2, 2015
Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 6400 (Bookings essential)
Where: 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg
Cost: Gold Coin

Create Dream and Connect
Workshop for Women

This workshop is designed for women to encourage you to imagine a vision for your future, set some goals and create an action plan to guide you.

When: 11th (1 day workshop)
Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 6400 (Bookings essential)
Where: 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg
Cost: $15

Kindsight
Wellbeing Workshop

This experiential workshop will explore how to extend kindness, compassion and understanding to oneself. This workshop is for anyone who judges themselves harshly, has a strong inner critic or just anyone wanting to learn a skill that becomes an invaluable internal resource.

When: Thursday April 30, 2015
Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 6400 (Bookings essential)
Where: 3a River Terrace Bundaberg
Cost: $5 p/p (for materials)

Circle of Security (morning)
Parenting 3-5yrs

The Circle of Security program enables parents/caregivers to further explore their children’s need for comfort, safety and secure attachment.

When: Tuesday March 3, 2015
Time: 10am to 11.30am
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 6400 (Bookings essential)
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25th Apr – Anzac Day – Drumband Performs
28th Apr – Mother’s Day Free Dress
6th May – Mother’s Day Stall
4th May – Kalkie’s Got Talent Heats
11th May - Kalkie’s Got Talent Finals
14th May - Kalkie’s Got Talent Finals
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