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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S PEN

NAPLAN
NAPLAN is occurring May 12-14 this year. This can be a stressful time but does not need to be. While this is only one piece of information at a point in time, it is important that each child does their very best during the testing situation. To help them, parents can ensure that the children get a good night’s sleep and lots of nutritious food to keep the brain and body alert throughout the day, as well as ensuring they are at school on time.

Tuesday May 12- Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday May 13- Reading
Thursday May 14- Numeracy

Friday May 15- Catch up day for absent students
Parents are able to withdraw their child from the testing situation for all or part of NAPLAN. Parents are asked to complete a notification form which can be obtained from the office and must be given to the Principal prior to the testing date.

Kalkie 5 C
What is cooperation?
Cooperation is when two or more people work together so that they are all better off.
For cooperation to work, everyone has to be an active member of the team and do what they agree to do.

What does cooperation look like?
People who are working as a team and cooperating with each other:
  • listen to each other without interrupting
  • encourage everyone to join in
  • are willing to hear and accept the ideas of others
  • are willing to change roles in the group, e.g. may be a leader sometimes and a follower at other times
  • recognise the skills and strengths of others
  • don’t compete with each other
  • discuss problems calmly
  • show respect for each other
  • take responsibility for their part of the task
  • are willing to work towards the success of the group rather than their own individual success.

Reading Comprehension Strategies T2
This term all year levels are concentrating on Making Connections, Inferring as well as Summarising.

Making connections is when students make links or associations between what they read and their prior knowledge. There are two things...
to be wary of when helping your child make connections. The first is that the connections made need to be genuinely meaningful to them and not just made up. For this reason it is important to reinforce the idea that sometimes we don’t make connections and that’s okay.

The second thing is that the connection helps to enhance your child’s understanding. Just because the story has a dog in it doesn’t mean to say that, if your child also has a dog, this will help them understand the story better. Asking questions such as, “Does that help you to understand the story better?”, “Why?” may be helpful. Other questions to ask could be, “Can you tell me why you think that is meaningful?”, “What can you understand from that connection?”, “How does the connection help you understand?”

Inferring is being able to read between the lines, where the author implies something but doesn’t actually state it. Inferring and Making Connections are linked in that we need to use the clues in the text but also our prior knowledge.

Skilled readers learn to infer before and during reading. They also infer after reading when they think back and reflect on what they have read. Before reading they make inferences based on titles, illustrations and prior knowledge. During reading they infer to gain, build and monitor comprehension. They draw on their knowledge of the author’s purpose and the structural features of the writing. They consider the vocabulary choices, the use of sentence structures and the development of ideas and context as they gain meaning through inference. After reading they may infer on the author’s purpose, the outcomes of what they have read and the events that may follow.

Picture books are a great way for beginning readers to learn about inferring. By looking at the picture you can ask questions about what they think is going on and what clues they used to make that decision. As a parent other types of language that you can use to help teach inferring while looking at/reading a book is “I wonder why…”, “I already know that… so I would expect…”, “I wonder if….”. Give it a go!

Kalkie’s Got Talent (KGT)
The heats have started for KGT and we had an array of performances on Monday. The performances seem to be getting better and better each year and great imaginations are being used. Well done to all those who performed on Monday, I am looking forward to upcoming acts.

Maureen Colman
PRINCIPAL

WORKER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Worker of the Week on Friday 1st May, 2015.

- PW Lachlan 3/4G Richard
- PH Darcy 4K Kayla
- 1/2SP Taj 4/5C Indy
- 1M Parker 5/6C Rachel
- 2G Scott 6K Shania
- 2/3H Jake MUSIC Kalkie Drumband
- LOTE Lilyana and Logan 5C

Yellow Slip Winners:
- Years 3-6 Bridie 6K – Special mention went to Kasey 6K
- P-2 Zennon PH

DID YOU KNOW?

Regular school attendance
Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:

- illness
- doing work experience
- competing in school sporting events.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:

- birthdays
- shopping
- visiting family and friends
- if they sleep in
- looking after other children
- minor check ups or care, such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school principal for advice and support.

POSITION VACANT

CLEANER (Kalkie State School)

Part time position
18hrs per week to be worked over 5 days
Application package available from the office
Applications close 4pm Thursday 14/05/2015
SPORTS NEWS

KALKIE EELS:
Congratulations to the Kalkie Eels boys for their first Rugby League game together. Even though the boys had a loss to St Marys/St Joeys, they need to be commended for their determination. They never gave up and always supported each other. Congratulations to Kaleb for being named as player of the match. The boys have one last game next Wednesday at 4.00pm, Salter Oval against Bargara. If you have a spare hour, please come along and support our Kalkie Rugby League team.

(more photos can be viewed through the e-newsletter)

CROSS COUNTRY:
The Bundaberg Zone Cross Country trials were held this week at St Luke’s school. Kalkie School sent 5 representatives along, to run the 2 or 3 kilometre courses. These students need to be commended for their efforts, as they have only been training for a couple of weeks. Congratulations to the following students: Matthew 6th (time 10.08.90), Sophie (dnf), Chelsea (22nd) Ben (22nd) and Luke (8th).

INTERSCHOOL SPORT:
Interschool sport will start on Friday 22nd May. Training for all sports, for all year 4-6 students will commence next Wednesday lunch hour (first break 11.20-11.50). This will continue every Wednesday until the 17th June. The only cost to play sport will be a bus fare of $4.00 each week. If playing hockey, it is recommended to have a mouthguard (but not compulsory). Kalkie will provide the shin pads and hockey stick.

In the next week or so, a behaviour contract to represent Kalkie sporting teams, will be sent home for students to read with their parents and then be signed. These contracts are to be returned to the child’s class teacher.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

ANZAC books donated by Kalkie’s P&C are now available for borrowing!!

A powerful and moving picture book about the Vietnam War based on the unforgettable song. “Townsville lined the footpath as we marched down to the quay. This clipping from the paper shows us young and strong and clean. And there’s me in my slouch hat, with my SLR and greens. God help me, I was only nineteen.” John Schumann’s unforgettable lyrics about the Vietnam War are etched in our memories and into our history books. Now they’ve been warmly brought to life by one of Australia’s best-loved illustrators.


To James, Alec Campbell was a hero. He was right. The old man, the last living ANZAC, and all of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought at Gallipoli, were heroes everyone’s heroes. Alec, who died in May 2002 at the age of 103, enlisted in 1915 when he was just 16. He had put his age up to 18 in order to be accepted by the army and agreed to fight at the front, wherever he was needed. Heroic indeed! James was very fortunate to meet Alec Campbell and find out about his experiences. He gives us a special view of this humble and remarkable man, the year before he died. Based on the true story of a small boys visit to meet Alec Campbell in the year 2001.

But the band played ‘Waltzing Matilda’ when we stopped to bury our slain. We buried ours, and the Turks buried theirs; then we started all over again. Eric Bogle's famous and familiar Australian song about the Battle of Gallipoli explores the futility of war with haunting power. Now Bruce Whatley's evocative illustrations bring a heart-rending sense of reality to the tale. A timely story for every generation to share.

This Week in the Library
Junior classes are using their XOs to understand and use the operating system more effectively. New skills include using the function keys, changing the settings and alternating between the list view and icon view to add new applications to their favourites.

Senior classes worked on developing new skills to enable them to use Outlook Office 365, the new web-based email package adopted by the Education Department for use in schools this year.

May is National Family Reading Month - Read More in May!

When you make reading a family affair and encourage everyone in your family to read for at least 10 minutes a day, you provide reading...
role models for your children. This positively impacts on your child’s literacy development and learning confidence, giving them a greater chance of success in school. This May, our school will be participating in National Family Reading Month. You are invited to celebrate with us by taking the challenge to read more as a family every day through the month of May. To get involved:

1. Get your reading logs from Ms Rose - spares always available in the library if yours is misplaced.
2. Be prepared to start on the 1st of May.
3. Record the number of minutes you spend reading on each day in May.
4. In the first week of June students and their families enter their total Reading Minutes online for a chance to WIN!

You could WIN $250 worth of book vouchers for you and your family AND books for your school! The more families that participate in National Family Reading Month the greater chance Kalkie has of winning the grand prize of $600 worth of books!

I hope the month of May 2015 will fill your household with many hours of delight, as you experience the pleasures and benefits of reading every day!

This year’s reading ambassador is Aaron Blabey, author of “Pig the Pug” and “Thelma the Unicorn”. Visit the webpage, launched on May 4 for more information and links.


Scholastic Book Club – First order for this term – Due Friday 8 May – NB – DO NOT INCLUDE ANY CASH

Scholastic Australia Book Club Issue 3 flyers are being distributed to students last week. Spares are available from the library if yours have been misplaced. Children like adults can also enjoy the experience of reading catalogues and this is one way to involve children in reading. Remember though – there is never any obligation to order.

It is easy to order. Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want and mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer. DO NOT INCLUDE ANY CASH. Payment can be made by:

1. By phone with Scholastic. Free Call 1800 557 908. Write the receipt number you are given onto the order. Return to school with completed order form.
2. Online at the Scholastic website www.scholastic.com.au/payments. Write the receipt number you are given onto the order form. Return to school with completed order form.
3. By cheque. Make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia, attach to completed order form and return to school.

Using LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment system) To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card, visit: scholastic.com.au/LOOP. No need to fill in the order form.

4. Please DO NOT return anything to school! Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school’s order.

All orders using methods 1, 2 or 3 are to be placed IN the Book Club box in the library by the due date – Friday 8 May. Loop orders need to be completed online by this date.

Library Legends
The winner of the Library Legends trophy last week was PW. The trophy will now 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.

READ ON!
Ms Rose
Librarian

KALKIE BITES NEWS

SPORTS DAY HELP NEEDED
HELP is required for Sports Day Thursday 16th July 2015.
If you can commit your time to help out on this very exciting day, please come & see me at the tuckshop.

TUCKSHOP HELP REQUIRED

Thursday & Friday’s
Volunteers urgently needed between 9am – 1.30pm.
If you are able to help… please contact me on 4150 7417 or come see me at the tuckshop.

Week Commencing Monday 4th May, 2015
Friday 8th May, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Week Commencing Monday 11th May, 2015
Thursday 14th May, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED
Friday 15th May, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Week Commencing Monday 18th May, 2015
Thursday 21st May, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED
Friday 22nd May, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Thank you
Tanya Jiggins – Tuckshop Convenor

WINTER UNIFORM

What a great response we are getting from the new winter jackets and pants on display each morning this week in the old parade area! It’s lovely to see everybody so excited to come and check them out and try them.
all on. We will also have them on show at parade this week, so make sure you get in to see what all the buzz is about. A note and order form was sent home with students last week with all the details and prices of each item. If you need a new one, please come and see us or ask at the office. We have decided to extend the due date for these orders until next Monday. Can you please have your order form and payment in a clearly marked envelope back to school by Monday 11th May at the very latest so we can finalise the order.

We thank you for your support
Kalkie P&C Committee

The P&C Committee

COMMUNITY NEWS

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3 x Kalkie State School Uniforms - T-Shirts. Size 14, worn once and near new condition. Please call Margot on 0438448003

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Overfilling bins makes collection difficult
Ever wondered how much is too much to stuff into your kerbside collection bin? Unfortunately, overfilling your kerbside collection bins can sometimes mean Bundaberg Regional Council isn’t able to service them. Our collection trucks can’t lift bins that weigh more than 75kg. If material is protruding from the bin or waste is tightly jammed in to the bin, this may also mean the bin cannot be serviced as under Council’s guidelines, the bin lid must be closed and the contents must be able to be removed without manual intervention. For more information on Council’s Waste and Recycling Services head to www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au

MUSIC NEWS

Drumband Recruitment
Students from Years 3 to 5 are invited to join the ranks of the Kalkie Drumband.

Stick practice sessions are on Friday morning at 8am in the Music Room.

Students must show commitment and discipline to uphold the traditional standards of this well-known Drumband. When joining the ranks of the performance band practice sessions are Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8am.

Our next invited public performance is ‘National Families Week’ on Friday 15th May at 10:15am at the Bundaberg Basketball Stadium - 3 Flint Street opposite South School.

Students have been given a letter to take home for parent permission.

Drumband Book Stall
Donations of second hand and pre-loved books required for Drumband Bookstall.

Please assist the Kalkie Drumband to raise funds for repairs and drum maintenance.

Book donations can be delivered to Mrs P in the Music Room.

Kalkie Choir

Students from both Choirs are rehearsing for Choral fest at the Kalkie Hall in August.

600 students from Bundaberg and District Schools will present 2 contrasting Songs on Thursday 27th August.

Junior Choir are busy practising for Choral Fest on Tuesdays at 11:20

Senior Choir are busy practising for Choral Fest on Thursdays at 11:20

Students will join to form one choir prior to the performance date in August.

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Mrs P
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13th July – First Day Term 3
16th July – Sports Day
20th July- P & C Meeting 6.30pm in the library
27th – 31st July – Life Education
31st July – Disco (TBA)
2nd Aug – Cane 2 Coral
6th Aug – Jumps Day (selected students only)
7th – 9th Aug – Moore Park Beach Festival
7th Aug – Salter Oval (selected students only)
12th Aug – Under 8’s Open Morning
17th Aug - P & C Meeting 6.30pm in the library
25th Aug – Father’s Day – Free Dress
26th Aug – Wide Bay Track & Field South Burnett
27th – 28th Aug – Choral Fest

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