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**From the Principal’s Pen**

**Kalkie Drum Band**
What a marvellous performance by our drum band on Sunday at the opening of the Community Cabinet. The students received lots of applause and praise at the playout. Congratulations everyone and a very big thanks to Mrs Peterson and Mrs Stables along with all the parents who came to watch. A special mention must go to our past students Kealey, Josh, Xanthe and Holly for participating in the band and making up the required numbers. Well done!

**Halloween Disco**
The P&C are holding a disco on Friday October 30 with the theme, Halloween. Get out those crazy costumes and come along. The evening starts at 5pm with a Sausage Sizzle and dancing from 5.30 – 7.30pm. All students must be accompanied by a parent. See you there.

**Kalkie 5 C**
Cooperation continues to be the Kalkie 5 C we are focusing on this month. Mrs Harding class has completed an excellent display for our foyer letting everyone know how we should cooperate. Come along and have a look.

**QSchools App**
I am very pleased with the number of people in our school community who have signed up with QSchools. When doing so, can you please remember to also subscribe to receive Push Notifications as this is an extremely easy and effective way to get up to date information about what is happening at school.

**Laptop Bags**
We have a number of laptop bags that are not being used and are as new. If you would like one or more of these please see Mrs Rose as she would love to give them away.

**New Government Initiatives**
Over the last couple of weeks Kate Jones has announced some new initiatives which will be of benefit to many schools. The Advancing Education Plan released last week identifies additional resources such as teacher numbers, fast tracking digital technologies including Coding and Robotics, access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths expertise, cultural and language studies for children from Prep - Year 12.

What was known as the Great Results Guarantee is now called Investing for Success. An allocation of funding was received by schools depending on student numbers in Prep-Year 2 and achievement standards of students in years 3-6. Last year Kalkie received approximately $74000 which we used to employ additional staff to provide programs. Next year, again dependant on numbers, we are likely to receive around $115000. Again the money is to improve student outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy. If you have ideas on how this money can be spent please let me know.

In addition, over the next 2 years, our broadband services will be upgraded from 1.5 Mbps to 10 Mbps. We are also on the list to have our school Wireless Network upgraded as part of a program where the department pays half and we pay the other half to a cost of approximately $24000.
Classes 2016
To be able to effectively plan for 2016 parents are asked to do a couple of things. Firstly, if you are aware that your child will be leaving the school at the end of this year please let us know as soon as possible if you haven’t already done so. If you are aware that there are children intending to enrol for 2016 can you also let us know. Secondly, parents have an opportunity to request class placement based on sound educational reasons. Requests are to be put in writing to the principal. At this stage, teachers will be in roughly the same area, that is, Junior (Prep-Year 3) and Senior (Year 4-6).
The closing date for requests is November 20. Any requests after this date will not be considered. Please remember this is a request and may or may not be able to be considered for numerous reasons. The teachers will be working with other year level teachers to develop classes to ensure the best educational outcome for all.

Maureen Colman
PRINCIPAL

WORKER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Worker of the Week on Friday 16th October, 2015

PW  Kai  3/4G  Richard
PH  4K  Aiden
1/2SP  Frankie  4/5C  Brock
1M  Jett  5/6C  Ben
2G  Jack  6K  Hayley
2/3H  Joshua  PE  1/2SP & Leilani
MUSIC  Kalkie Drumband, kalkie Recorder Band, Kalkie Choir and Kalkie Dance DUO

Yellow Slip Winners:
Years 3-6  Keenan 2/3H
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STUDENT INVOICES

Since we have commenced electronic invoicing there have been occasions where letters have gone home prior to invoices being issued. If you have already paid for the activity, please disregard the invoice.

Ringing of the Bells - Turtle Season

It is time for all Turtle Schools and Junior Turtle Rangers to ring the bells for the arrival of a turtle at Mon Repos.

Exciting news....the first turtle has arrived!!

Mon Repos had a flatback come ashore under the cover of darkness very late on Saturday night at Mon Repos beach.

This means that it is time to ring the Church and old school bells and the ringing of the Church Bells in Bundaberg, Bargara and Burnett Heads for Wednesday 21st of October at 10:30am.

The bells will start ringing at 10:30 am and Kalkie will join in. Last year 20 schools and learning centres joined in which was a wonderful response for the Turtle Season.

Mrs P and Mrs Caldwell
Reef Guardian Coordinators
Kalkie

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SCHOOL NEWS

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 19th October, 2015
Friday 23rd Oct, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Week Commencing Monday 26th October, 2015
Thursday 29th Oct, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED
Friday 30th Oct, 2015 HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Thank you
Tanya Jiggins
Tuckshop Convenor

KALKIE BITES NEWS

Yellow Slip Winners:
Years 3-6  Keenan 2/3H
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**MUSIC NEWS**

**MUSIC - Nationwide Performance**

On Thursday 29th October at 11am EST Kalkie students will join over half a million students Nationwide to perform the Nationwide Song ‘Gold’. This is a Music Count Us In yearly event and the 7th year Kalkie has participated. Kalkie will link up with thousands of people at Parliament House in Canberra with John Foreman and Marcia Hines.

During music lessons students have learnt about song writing, focused on aspects of visual arts and literacy and explored various contexts of ‘Gold’ through rhythm, structure, tone colour and pitch.

Our School wide performance has been arranged using body percussion and movement, percussion patterns and voice. Students will apply knowledge and skills learnt to create the ‘Gold’ Performance.

Parents and Grandparents and visitors are welcome to attend this nationwide event.

Mrs P

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**LAWN BOWLS AND LIFESAVING:**
Payment for this program ($28) was due last week. Could parents please pay this amount if it is outstanding as the program commenced yesterday, Wednesday 21st October. If you are experiencing any financial issues, please contact the school so that we can make some arrangements for you. Thank you to parents that have already paid. Please also ensure your child has handed in their Medical Permission Form as well, without it, they will not be able to participate.

**Prep – 3 Swimming**
Letters were sent home last Friday. Cost is $45 for 6 lessons over 3 weeks (significantly reduced compared with normal pool lessons). Swimming commences Tuesday 17th November and we would appreciate payment and permission forms by Friday 13th November. Again, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the office as soon as possible.
DRUMBAND - PREMIERS PLAYOUT

On Sunday the Kalkie Drumband performed for the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland and the Queensland Cabinet Ministers at the Bundaberg Community Cabinet Official Government Reception at the Bundaberg Civic Centre.

What an honour to be the only school invited to perform at this prestigious event.

Our Drumband students’ well-prepared uniforms, grooming, musical ability, commitment and behaviour throughout the playout was outstanding and a credit to all involved.

Thank you to the parents who always donate their leisure time to transport their children to yearly events.

A huge thank you to Kealey, Joshua, Holly and Xanthe for returning to the ranks of the Kalkie Drumband for this playout. These students filled in for our Senior Players who were unable to attend this event.

It is true that the beat of the drums forever remains in our past students hearts. One of the Premiers staff was a past Kalkie Drumband student and recognised the beat from the distance and began tapping.

Keep on Drumming

Mrs P

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – ENROL NOW FOR 2016

The school band instrumental music program is inviting students currently in grades 3, 4 and 5 to apply for enrolment for 2016 (Lessons are available on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar, drums. Some school instruments are available for loan).

Learning an instrument promotes creativity, confidence, and improves class learning.

Please ask at the office for an Invitation to Apply letter from Ms Palmer if you haven’t received one. Applications close Friday 6 Nov.

P & C NEWS

Halloween Disco

We are hosting a Halloween Disco next Friday the 30th October from 5:30pm-7:30pm in Kalkie’s ‘Haunted Hall’. Come along, dress up, have a sausage on bread and other yummy treats. $2 entry (free glow stick) and some great raffle prizes. Sure to be a spooky, fun time.

Uniform Shop

The new Kalkie Hats are here! There are a few students already wearing theirs, it’s great to see. They are $15 each in two sizes (S/M and L/XL). Available now at the Uniform shop. Pop in and see Valda on Wednesday 8:30am-9am and Friday 2:30pm-3pm. It is located in the old Family Room under the Admin building. We also have lots of great second hand uniforms available.

P&C Meeting

We had a meeting last Monday and started planning and organising the Family Fun Afternoon which will be held on the 27th of November from 4pm-6pm before the Christmas Carol Concert. We are calling for some volunteers to help run this event. If you would like to lend a hand please contact any of the P&C Committee and we can go from there. We have lots of things planned and will need extra hands to help on the day so please join in and let’s make this a successful end of year event.

The Kalkie P&C Committee

Kalkie Book Fair 9 to 13 November

Dear Parents,
Reading takes children further by engaging their imaginations. Our Book Fair will be a great way for you to:

- View a great selection of affordable books.
- Encourage your child to explore new books.

The more children know about reading, writing, listening and speaking, the better prepared they are to become successful readers.

During Book Fair Week, we will also be hosting our Book Character Dress Up Day, so start planning your costumes.

National Bird Week – 19 to 25 October

The celebration of National Bird Week has its origins back in the early 1900s by the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union. Today, BirdLife Australia organises and promotes Bird Week with the goal of inspiring Australians to take action and get involved in bird conservation efforts.

To get involved all you need is 20 minutes (you can count as many times as you like during the week), your favourite outdoor space, and some keen eyesight or binoculars. It doesn’t matter if you’re a novice or an expert—we’ll be there to help you out along the way.

There are two ways to submit your counts:

2. You can download the FREE Aussie Bird Count app You’ll instantly see live statistics and information on how many people are taking part near you and the number of birds and species counted across your neighbourhood and the whole of Australia!

We’ll be doing a couple of bird counts at Kalkie. Why don’t you do some bird counts at your place?
Scholastic Book Club - Due TOMORROW- Friday 23 October – NB – DO NOT INCLUDE ANY CASH

Scholastic Australia Book Club Issue 7 flyers were 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. **By cheque.** Make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia, attach to completed order form and return to school.

3. **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. 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 23 October.

Loop orders need to be completed online by this date.

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**Lucky Book Borrower**

The winner of last week’s double draw was Lucy in 6K.

The class winner of the Library Legends trophy was Prep H.

**READ ON!** - Ms Rose
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6th Nov – Volunteers Day
10th Nov – Kalkie concert Night – 6pm
11th Nov - Yr. 6 – Lifesaving / Lawn Bowls
11th Nov – Remembrance Day
16th Nov - P & C Meeting 6.30pm in the Library
16th – 20th Nov – Yr. 6 Camp
18th Nov - Yr. 6 – Lifesaving / Lawn Bowls
17th Nov – P-3 Swimming Commences
20th Nov – P-3 Swimming
24th Nov – P-3 Swimming
25th Nov – Yr. 6 – Lifesaving / Lawn Bowls
27th Nov – P-3 Swimming
27th Nov – Family Fun Afternoon 4-6pm followed by the Christmas Carol Concert
1st Dec - P-3 Swimming
3rd – 4th Dec – Yr. 5 Camp
3rd Dec – Pageant of Lights – Drumband 5.30pm

Term 1 – Mon 25th Jan Thurs 24th Mar 2016
25th Jan – First Day Term 1
26th Jan – Australia Day Public Holiday
24th Mar – Last Day Term 1
25th Mar – Good Friday
11th Apr – First Day Term 2