DATES TO REMEMBER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S PEN

Welcome to the 2016 School Year
A very warm welcome back to everyone. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces on Wednesday morning. I am sure it will be a great year for everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and Christmas.

Welcome to our new families, you are now part of the Kalkie community and I hope your stay with us is rewarding and productive for you and your children. Please see myself or Miss Hale if we can help in anyway. We both have an open door policy and welcome hearing from parents and carers.

Mr Cause as you may be aware is on sick leave at present as he had a couple of tumours removed from his stomach, one of which was found to be cancerous. He is recovering well from his operation and commences chemotherapy next week. He thanks everyone for their positive thoughts and wishes everyone an enjoyable year. Miss Hale is replacing Mr Cause as acting Deputy and I am sure she will be a terrific asset in this role.

Welcome to Mr Bryant who is taking the year 3/4 class. Next week we will have a good idea what our enrolment numbers are and will keep you informed if there are likely to be any changes.

Big thanks to our cleaners and Mr Tilley who have worked tirelessly over the last weeks getting the school ready for our return. At the beginning of last week it was vastly different to the clean, well looked after place we know. We do have a bit of a mess near the upper eating area caused by the removing of the Fig tree and it isn’t quite finished yet.

Student Safety and Parking
Your child’s safety is very important to us and we take every care to ensure we follow Work Place Health and Safety practices. You can help us to keep your children safe along with others by parking in the council approved parking areas outside the school gates. The parking inside the school grounds is for staff only. It is best for your child not to walk through these areas as well. There are 2 entry gates, one on Bargara Road and the other on Zeilke Avenue. These are to be used for entering and exiting the school grounds. As there is congestion particularly in the afternoon you may wish to come and pick up a little later, around the 3pm time. Thanks for your cooperation.

Doing our BEST and setting a High Standard
A discussion has occurred with all students about doing their very BEST. While it is okay to do well, the expectation is that all students will do their very best. This expectation of high performance applies to student’s school work, homework, their performance at sport and music, and when they represent the school in various activities outside of school. It also applies to their use of Kalkie 5C’s.

As a school we are doing the following to support students to achieve this:
- We are implementing an Explicit Improvement Agenda which clearly outlines the improvement targets and specific strategies used throughout the school. These include reading comprehension, writing and number facts. We are introducing Rocket Writing this year where all students in every year level write for 5-10 min each day. The purpose is to get the fun back
and also get those creative juices going. Teachers will use a variety of stimuli to encourage students to expand their imagination.

- Teachers ensure their class understand what level of performance is expected of them in terms of their learning. Towards the end of term each child will have individual learning goals in English, Maths and Science which will be communicated to parents so you can assist them in reaching their goals.
- Expectations about following the 5 C’s are reinforced at parades, in the classroom and in general discussions around the school. Parents also assist by reinforcing these standards and working with the school.
- Teachers are continually working to further develop their knowledge and skills through various professional development activities.
- Students are reminded of expectations when they depart on school activities. Kalkie is highly regarded in the community and we aim to improve the standards shown as much as we can.
- The school recognises and celebrates the achievements of students as they achieve their goals. The award system and goal setting will enable us to easily recognise those individuals who continually try their hardest.

Let’s all work together to create the very BEST situation for all!

DATE CLAIMER-Information Session and BBQ Evening
We will be holding an information session followed by a BBQ evening on February 16th starting at 5.30pm. From 5.30-6pm parents can attend a session with their child’s teacher to gain an understanding of the teacher’s expectations, the routines of the classroom and what is being covered. I understand some of you have more than one child at the school and won’t be able to attend other class information sessions. All teachers will have a handout for you and will be available to talk to you at the BBQ. Children are welcome to come along and will be supervised by our specialist teachers during the information session. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know the teachers and for us to get to know you in a more informal way, so please come along and join us.

Every Day Counts
Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. We, and I am sure you do as well, want all our students to achieve to their full potential and being at school regularly and on time helps us achieve that.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. Your assistance with that is greatly appreciated.


Maureen Colman
PRINCIPAL

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**NEWSLETTERS**

As of next week, if you have a registered email address recorded with Kalkie State School, your newsletter will be emailed to you each week. Changing technology now allows us to email parents newsletters and invoices and text any important upcoming events. This ensures that parents always have access to up-to-date information from Kalkie State School.

Please ensure that any changes to your contact details, especially email addresses and contact phone numbers are kept up to date regularly to avoid delays in communication. This can be done online through the schools website: [www.kalkiess.eq.edu.au](http://www.kalkiess.eq.edu.au) and click on the “Update family details” button, emailing: [info@kalkiess.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@kalkiess.eq.edu.au) or telephoning the office during school hours.

**STUDENT INVOICING**

All student invoices will be emailed directly to the main parent caregiver. Parents are advised to keep their email addresses up-to-date. By doing this, we are making it easier for parents to make payments for their child’s camps and other fees etc. by using Bpoint. Receipts are then issued automatically after a payment has been made to the invoice and money does not have to be sent to school for major activities such as camps. (Please see details below on BPOINT)

If your email address bounces, or you do not have a registered email address, paper copies of invoices will not be issued.

**PREFERRED PAYMENT OPTION - BPOINT**

Kalkie State School now offers school electronic payment options via Bpoint. Unlike Bpay, Bpoint allows the payee to indicate which invoice they wish to pay.


Kalkie State School’s CRN is 0277000012165 and is to be used for all Bpoint payments to Kalkie.

Statements issued will include the Bpoint payment option.
PROCEDURE FOR SENDING IN CASH / CHEQUE 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. *(If receipts are to go to a different family member, please indicate also on the envelope, otherwise they are automatically issued to the first care-giver)*

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**Never miss an important event, newsletter or other information from Kalkie State School.** If you haven’t already, please consider downloading the QSchools App to your mobile devices. This is a great tool for getting information about upcoming events and “Staying in Touch with Kalkie”.

**The QSchools app is available to download for FREE from**

- Apple Itunes,
- Google Play
- Windows stores to your smart phone or device.

**Once the app is downloaded**

- Ensure push notifications are enabled
- Open the QSchools app
- Select School search > Name search
- Type in the school name
- Select the school
- Tap the grey star to favourite the school

**Tip:** a school is favourited when the star symbol turns green and has a small tick next to it.
A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health

Kalkie State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated at the beginning of each new school year, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 07 41507444

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE:
07 41507460

If you have a student absent for ANY reason, please telephone the student absence line and record your child’s name, class, reason for the absence, date and duration of absence. You can also record their absence through the schools website: www.kalkiess.eq.edu.au and click on the “Student Absences” button.

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.

KALKIE KIDS PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will recommence on Wednesday 3 February (the second week of school). We look forward to seeing you all again then, and also to welcoming along many more new families.

SPORTS NEWS

Welcome back to all students and families for a fantastic year of sport and activities in 2016. A few things to keep in mind:

1. **Swimming** for years 4-6 will commence Tuesday 16 Feb (week 4) for 6 weeks. This is a compulsory part of PE and takes over from regular lessons. The approx. cost should be about $45.00. A more detailed letter will come home soon outlining details and definite costings.

2. **Bundaberg sport trials** will begin soon for various sports. These sports are open for students with a desire to make a Bundaberg Zone team. Specific criteria apply such as:... High skill level, good knowledge of rules and the game, good sportsmanship and attitude. Keep watching the newsletter for the specific sport trial and I also announce the sport on a Friday parade.

3. **Table Tennis** development officer will be here next Friday 5 Feb during first break up in the hall. It is a come and try day.

OH….. and one more thing…… **THE BRONCOS ARE VISITING KALKIE NEXT FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY. WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**
Debut single from young cancer survivor Chelsea Stutchbury
(Past Student – Kalkie State School)

Upcoming artist Chelsea Stutchbury conquers all to release debut single ‘Vincristine’ with thanks to the support of Sony Foundation Australia and Make a Wish.

Chelsea, 18, named the song after a chemotherapy chemical she required for her battle with life-threatening lymphoma. Vincristine came with a side effect that temporarily damaged the sound of her voice. ‘Vincristine’ reflects the fear of whether her strong singing voice would return.

Shattered by Lymphoma diagnosis the then Bundaberg yr12 student hopes her story will inspire others going through tough times. Chelsea took it all in her stride and chose to turn around what life had thrown at her. Taking a positive ‘just do it’ attitude to what needed to be done medically, she continued to pursue her dream to sing by auditioning for the Queensland Conservatorium of Music whilst chemotherapy was intravenously attached. “You don’t know how truly strong you can be until faced with something of great challenge,” said Chelsea. “Dreaming gives escape from reality and creates positivity.”

Following treatment, Chelsea solo vocalist opened the “Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation” Gala Fundraising Dinner in Sydney, 2015. Encouraged by World Champion Surfer Layne, to continue to pursue her dream to sing, Chelsea is an ‘Aim for the Stars’ scholarship recipient and ambassador.

Kirk Pengilly, INXS, also encouraged Chelsea’s musical endeavours with recording and stage confidence wisdom. Meeting Katy Perry, Delta Goodrem and Taylor Swift also continued her inspiration to sing and create music.

The song was co-written by ‘The Voice Australia’ Musical Director Scott Aplin, also Pianist for ‘Vincristine’. Co-Producers and Engineers were Kevin Browne and Adrian Breakspear.

‘Vincristine’ will be released on 31 January 2016 and will be available through iTunes and Spotify.

Bingera Football Club

Junior and Senior information session is being held at the grounds on the first junior training afternoon - Thursday 4th February from 4 - 6 pm.

For further information regarding this season (contact after office hours):

Bingera Junior Register - 0437 637 661 email jrregister@bingerafootballclub.org.au

Bingera Senior Register and Director of Coaching - 0427 969 797 email - srregister@bingerafootballclub.org.au
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16th Sept – Last Day Term 2