Dates to Remember

Term 1 – Mon 25th Jan Thurs 24th Mar 2016
5th Feb – Table Tennis Come & Try - 1st Break in the Hall
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25th Mar – Good Friday
11th Apr – First Day Term 2

From the Principal’s Pen

Start of 2016
I must congratulate everyone; it has been a wonderful start to the new school year. The students have shown all the Kalkie 5 C’s and a fantastic attitude to their learning. What a fantastic start!

Classes 2016
At this stage it looks as though classes will remain the same but we will know more by the end of this week. I will certainly keep parents informed if there are any changes.

Bronco’s Visit
A small representative group of the Bronco’s are visiting the school on Friday afternoon at 1pm. All the students will be at the hall to meet them and listen to an informative session on healthy nutrition and exercise. This will be followed by an opportunity for students to get something they bring along signed by the Bronco’s. Parents are very welcome to come and join us!

Please come along and meet your child’s teacher as well as our specialist staff on Tuesday February 16 at 5.30pm. The teacher session will go to 6pm and then parents are invited to the hall to meet our other staff and join in a sausage sizzle. Information sheets will be available for parents who are not able to get to teachers of their other children.
Child minding will be available in the hall for school aged children but we would ask parents to take their toddlers with them.

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.

Maureen Colman
PRINCIPAL
Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Worker of the Week on Friday 29th January, 2016.

3/4B  Logan
1M    Tansia
1SP   Storm
2G    Tayla
2HK   Ethan
3G    Charlie

Yellow Slip Winners:
Year’s 3–6
P-2

STUDENT INVOICES
Earlier this week bulk student invoices were emailed to families for the voluntary levies for Art, Photocopying and RI (Religious Instruction).

If you have already paid the accounts, then as advised by admin staff, please ignore the invoices.

If you have a child that is not participating in Religious Instruction – please ignore the invoice for that levy and ensure that the school has been notified, in writing, as placing “No Religion” on the enrolment form is insufficient. (Please refer to the Kalkie State School Prospectus)

There are a large number of invoices that have bounced back – which indicates that parents have altered their email addresses. If you have not received an invoice – please contact the office to ensure your contact details are up to date.

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)

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

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

Welcome back everyone! Thank-you to all families that attended our first playgroup for 2016 and we would like to welcome all the new families that also joined us this week. Yesterday we had fun doing Australian and Emu craft. The Play Van will be visiting us again in approximately 2 weeks time – more information to come.

As of next week, playgroup will be meeting down in the Prep building – same time, same day, just a different room. Hope to see you all again then and to welcome any other families that would like to join in the fun with us.

CHAPLAIN’S NEWS

2016 here we come....

I would like to take this opportunity to WELCOME BACK Staff, Students and Parents/Guardians. Also a warm welcome to our new families that have joined our great Kalkie community. It is a privilege to be the School Chaplain of Kalkie. I was thrilled to come back after learning that the government approved funding for Kalkie to have a Chaplain.

I am looking forward to meeting you all, so please feel free to come in and chat if you have a concern with your student. I am here to support the social and emotional needs through pastoral care for this community. Part of my role I enjoy is facilitating programs such as ‘Unlimited’ (a resilience building program to assist and support students to see the potential they each have individually), ‘My Life Rulz’ (a program to support healthy mental, emotional and spiritual health) and ‘The Bear Program’.

Chaplains are partly funded through government and the balance is made up from donations and fundraising. This year our fundraiser is a Spin Off competition across all schools. This is where a team of 10 students ride on a spin bike for 30 minutes. The aim is to ride the furthest klm in that time competing against other schools. The winning team wins prizes, a perpetual trophy and a medallion. This event is on the 12th March 2016 at the YMCA. I am hoping a team from year 6 will be able to represent Kalkie. I will send letters home next week.

We have wonderful volunteers from the Dream Centre Church that assist with our Breakfast Club Program which is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will start breakfast club on the 9th February 2016 where we will serve cereal and toast to students.

Looking forward to a great 2016.

Lynne Coyne
Chaplain

BRONCOS VISIT:
YES THAT’S TRUE!!!! 2 OR 3 BRONCOS PLAYERS ARE VISITING KALKIE STATE SCHOOL.
When: Friday 5th Feb
Where: Kalkie SS Hall
Time: 1:00-1:45pm

The players will give a brief talk about healthy lifestyles etc., then the student leaders will ask pre-prepared questions. There will be a small amount of time allocated to autographs, for students who wish to bring along something to have signed.

Note from Broncos Publicity: There is a possibility of the Brisbane Broncos communications officer filming part thereof the presentation on Friday. If there are issues regarding media release, could you please contact Mrs Colman by Friday.

SPORT TRIALS:
The first sporting trials are being called for: Boys and Girls Softball and Swimming. All trials are open for exceptional 10yr olds, 11 & 12 yrs. Specific criteria apply for children to trial… Such as, a high skill level, good knowledge of the game/rules, and good sportsmanship/attitude/behaviour. These trials are not “come and try” sessions. The number of students sent to trials from each school needs to be ‘stringent’ as many students from all over Bundaberg attend to trial for a position, usually in a team of only 14 players. If you think your child fits these criteria for any sports, please see Mrs Smith to be considered for trialling. They will need a specific nomination form to attend.

YRS 4-6 SWIMMING:
Costings will be finalised this week and students will receive a detailed letter home by this Friday. I apologise for the short time constraints imposed for prompt payment. This is due to the short term of only 9 weeks and the first week being so short too. It would be appreciated that medical forms and payment (approximately $50 which is yet to be confirmed) could be paid by Monday 15th February. Thank you in advance.

P & C NEWS

Welcome back for another year at Kalkie! We have lots of events and activities planned for 2016 and can’t wait to get started on them. Everything that we do and organise as a committee directly supports our school. If you would like to be involved this year, please let us know. Remember, you don’t have to volunteer for every single thing that we organise, but if you can spare an hour or two to help at tuckshop, decorate for a disco, canteen duty on sports day – whatever your contribution is will be a huge help to make the event successful.

Uniform Shop

OPENING HOURS ARE CHANGING – The Uniform shop will now be open on Tuesday afternoon 2:30-3pm and Wednesday morning 8:30-9am. The uniform shop is located
under the admin building. We understand that not everyone can get in during those times and will send home order forms each term. We have had a lot of enquiries about sports shirts and those order forms will be sent home with students very soon.

School hats will also be available at the office (for a short time only), thank you to the admin ladies for allowing us to do this. The hats are $15 each and come in two sizes (S/M and L/XL with a toggle at the back to adjust size, and they also feature the school logo on the front.

**P&C Meetings**

If you would like to be involved with P&C this year we encourage you to come along. The meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the School Library. Next meeting is 15th February; we hope you can make it.

The Kalkie P&C Committee

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**KALKIE BITES NEWS**

Welcome back for another great school year at Kalkie. We have a new menu to begin the year, with a few new options to choose from. Please ensure that you read the attached Tuckshop Menu and letter.

**TUCKSHOP HELP REQUIRED**

Thursday & Friday’s - Volunteers urgently needed between 9am – 1.30pm. If you are able to help…. please contact the school on 41507444 or come see me at the tuckshop.

**Week Commencing Monday 8th February, 2016**

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**INST. MUSIC (WOODWIND/BRASS/DRUMS)**

Lessons with Ms Palmer will be on Tuesday’s, beginning 2nd Feb.

**To ensure students can begin lessons immediately**, please make sure enrolment forms and fees have been handed in at the office before this date (alternative payment methods may be arranged – please ask at the office).

**New students** - remember to bring along all of your equipment on Tuesday so you can attend your first lesson (see your equipment list from your enrolment package you received at the end of last year).

**Mrs P’s Music Groups**

Welcome back to another fabulous with Music at Kalkie.

The beat of the Drums have already begun at Kalkie for 2016. Any interested students wanting to join the ranks of the Drumband are invited to attend this Friday morning for an introduction to beginner drumming. As this music group is an extra-curricular activity for students - Drumband requirements are: **Dedication** to the ongoing success of the Kalkie Drumband. (The band is in its 46th year this year.) **Commitment, focus and good behaviour skills**.

Classroom music students are enjoying the introduction dynamics with drum circle as a warm-up during music lessons.

The following Music Group practice sessions are:

**Tuesday**

8am Kalkie Performance Drumband - Music Room
11:15 Junior Choir - Music Room
1:30 Senior Recorder Band - Music Room

**Wednesday**

Mrs P at South Kolan - Music

**Thursday**

8am Kalkie Performance Drumband - Music Room
11:15 Senior Choir - Music Room
1:30 Parade Recorder Band - Music Room

**Friday**

11:20 Junior Beginner Recorder Band - Music Room
1:20’ Razzle Dazzle with Kalkie’ - School Musical 2016

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**RESOURCE NEWS**

Welcome back for 2016, a great year to read new books and get involved in libraries. At Kalkie we have a very beautiful library, filled with great resources for your children and your teachers to borrow. Please take advantage of our great library, visit often and encourage your children to borrow regularly. While students visit the library with their teachers at least once a week for borrowing, children are allowed to borrow as many times as they like as library is open every day, before school, at first break and after for school for borrowing. If you haven’t visited our library yet, come and have a look. Especially lovely are the wonderful bookends that have been painted by Mrs Cross (an ex-parent) and Mrs Ward (a teacher, now transferred to the Sunshine Coast). As a result of the library refit at the end of last year, we now have two new stacks at the end of non-fiction and Sierra Damey (an ex-student of Kalkie) has kindly offered to create and paint two new ends for our library. Looking forward to seeing her new creations!

At Kalkie students began using the library in Week 2 this year, following a very short Week 1. Kalkie’s library is open every day for borrowing, before school, at first break. At these times students can use the library for reading, borrowing, using computers, drawing and writing, using games and creating puppet shows. The library is also
open for a short time after school to provide another opportunity for children to change their books. All students begin regular weekly borrowing this week. Please ensure your child brings their library bag on borrowing day as this protects the books on the journey to and from school. Borrowing times are as follows:

Monday - Year 1M (Mrs Morrison), Year 4K (Mr Kreis) and Year 5/6C (Mrs Caldwell)
Tuesday - Year 6K (Mr Keightley)
Wednesday - 3/4B (Mr Bryant), 2HK (Mrs Hutcheon)
Thursday – 2G (Mr Groundwater), 3G (Mrs Gehrke)
Friday – PH (Mrs Harding), 1SP (Mrs Santo) and 5C (Mrs Champion)

Book Club
Welcome to Scholastic
Book Club for 2016!
Check out the intro letter for more information on how to order.

Book Club will occur each term, while in Term 4 Kalkie will host a Book Fair. Our first catalogue for this year comes home this week. Orders are due by Wednesday 17 February. As a result of your participation in the Book Club last year, Kalkie received over $600 of books and resources for our school, while the last year’s Book Fair resulted in $950 worth of resources. Teachers and students are already using, borrowing and reading these!

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. Credit card online or over the 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 or 2 are to be placed IN the Book Club box in the library by the due date. Loop orders need to be completed online by this date.

“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.”
Maya Angelou

School Banking
Chinese New Year Celebrations
Saturday, February 13

If the kids are leaving your house looking more like a jungle than a sanctuary, bring them along to the Chinese New Year Celebrations where their monkey business can be put to good use! The celebrations, being held in the Bundaberg CBD from 3pm to 9pm on Saturday, February 13, will feature a range of free children's activities to welcome in the Year of the Monkey including face painting, jianzi Chinese featherball workshops hosted by Bundaberg Regional Galleries, monkey-themed craft activities and storytelling hosted by Bundaberg Regional Libraries and an interactive Chinese animal zodiac trail. For $5, children can also take part in lantern-making workshops and help to illuminate the night as they join in on the lantern parade at 8pm which will also feature giant lanterns. The evening's grand finale will be a fireworks display which is sure to delight onlookers. For more information head to bundaberg.qld.gov.au or call 1300 883 699.

BUNDABERG MODEL RAILWAY CLUB
Inc.

Old Show Grounds, Kensington St. Entrance,
Bundaberg

OPEN DAY

12-03-2016
9am to 3pm
**Free Admission**
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11th Apr – First Day Term 2
16th Sept – Last Day Term 2

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