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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S PEN

School Strategic Infrastructure Plan
As a school community we are able to develop a plan of strategic works we would like to have happen at the school. This plan is then submitted to the department and determination of agreed actions is undertaken. I would like your input into what you would like to see happen so a plan can be developed. I have put together some ideas for consideration so far and these are in no particular order. If you would like to contribute you are able to do so at the next P&C meeting (March 21) or otherwise contact me with your thoughts.

- Extend walkway cover to protect E block from rain
- Extend walkway cover to protect the rest of H block, between H and G and to the end of G block from rain
- Outdoor learning areas between de-mountables
- Replace sand in sand pits with softfall
- Increase shade areas on ovals
- New playground equipment and shade cover for Prep
- Playground equipment for senior area of school
- Bubblers on the oval
- Move junior and senior play equipment from front to side of school (oval behind H & G blocks) and landscape front
- A drop and go area on Zeilke Ave
- New administration building

Kalkie 5 C
The focus is continuing on CARE this month. As they grow, children start to develop social awareness and learn to care more about other people and their feelings, reactions and perspectives. As young children build relationships, they learn how their words and actions affect others. They come to understand that what they say and do can make people feel good or make people feel sad. If children see thoughtfulness and caring modeled, they learn to collaborate, practice kindness, and do things for others. We can reinforce and build on caring relationships through a few simple things:

Validate caring behaviors when they occur. "It was very kind of you to help Stewart when he fell out of the wagon." Or, "Thank you for helping me put the groceries away."

Explain situations and expectations beforehand. "Aunt Trudy is coming to visit. It would make her feel so happy if each of us say ‘hi’, smile at her and give her a hug when she arrives. What else do you think we can do to help her feel happy?"

Prep’s First Parade
March 4 (next Friday) will be the Prep’s very first parade. This is another very special and important occasion where the prep’s are formally welcomed to the Kalkie school community. The prep’s will be supported during parade by their senior buddies, as for some, the event can be a bit daunting, while for others it will be very exciting. I am sure this is a very proud moment for parents and families so please come and join us on March 4 in the hall at 8.45am.
School Leaders

It was an honour to introduce our school leaders for 2016 at parade last Friday. Kalkie has some very talented and committed young people who, I am positive they will be excellent leaders throughout the year. Congratulations and well done everyone!

MAUREEN COLMAN
PRINCIPAL

WORKER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Worker of the Week on Friday 19th February, 2016.

PH
1M
1SP
2G
2HK
3G
LOTE

3/4B
4K
5C
5/6C
6K
MUSIC
5C

Sai
Sarah
Emily
Tara
Jeremy
2H & 2G

Yellow Slip Winners:
Years 3-6
P-2

Lilyana 5/6C
Indy 1M

Class Points Winners:

6K

SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE:
07 41507460

BPOINT PAYMENTS:

Please note - only one invoice number can be receipted at a time through the Bpoint payment system. Entering more than one invoice number does not allow the system to automatically match up the payments. Once one payment for one invoice has been made, the system will give you the option to make another payment using the same biller code. Please click on that option to continue processing more than one invoice.

KALKIE KIDS
PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has lots of fun stuff going on at the moment........

Last week we totally enjoyed playing with heaps of new toys and doing some new activities when the Playgroup Queensland Play Van came to Playgroup loaded with lots of exciting stuff. Thank you Agnes for bringing the van along and also on your awesome parking, and being able to fit the van under the covered area.

This week, being the end of Summer, we did some summertime colouring in and made some super cool (or should I say hot) suns. Mrs Rose read some books to us on seasons during our library time. We had lots of fun with bubbles in our outside time and saw some really big ones and some tiny small ones. We had a great time chasing and trying to catch them all.

Next week we are having a Wet Day in our outside time. There will be inflatables, water squirts, water troughs, sprinklers, slip n slide, water toys, so remember to bring togs, rashie, hat, towel, sunscreen and some spare dry clothes for your kids.

On 9 March, Kalkie Kids will be having our own crazy hair day. The big school is doing this on Friday 11 March, in support of one of our Grade 6 students, Hayley, who is cutting off her very long hair as part of Shave for a Cure and donating her beautiful hair to the Alopecia Foundation. We would like to support this great cause too.....and also join in the fun of crazy hair. More information on that next week.

Kalkie Kids meets every Wednesday morning during the school term from 9-11am. You can find us in the Prep Room (closest to the road). If you are in the care of a child from birth to 5 years old, come along and join in the fun. Everyone is welcome, so please invite your neighbours and friends as well. It's only $2 per family.
SCHOOL CAPTAIN TO CHOP FOR A CURE

Kalkie State School Captain Hayley Bignell is cutting a ruler’s length of hair from her long golden locks to help raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation fundraiser, ‘The World’s Greatest Shave for a Cure’ held officially 10-13 March 2016. Hayley is also donating her hair to the Princess Charlotte Alopecia Foundation that makes wigs for young ladies with Alopecia.

On 11 March Hayley will be allowing her mother Janine, to cut her hair in front of the entire school at weekly assembly. Students will be coming dressed with crazy hair to support the cause and raise funds for the Leukaemia foundation. “In year 2 I cut enough hair off to sell to a wig shop. I donated the money they gave me to someone with cancer raising money for cancer research. I got a letter from the wig shop owner telling me that my hair was used to make a wig worn by a lady with Alopecia on her wedding day”, said Hayley. “I really liked the way it made me feel, to help others. I decided back then that I wanted to do it again but help a lot more people this time,” she said.

Former Kalkie School Captain, Chelsea Stutchbury was struck down with Lymphoma which falls under the Leukaemia Foundation’s blood cancer banner. Chelsea and Hayley spoke at the Kalkie School parade Friday 19 February at 9am to promote awareness and inspire students to think of others and the importance of helping others.

Chelsea will perform at parade her Australian iTunes chart listing song ‘Vincristine’. She wrote the song named after a drug whilst having chemotherapy in 2014. All sales from the song go to QMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute. Chelsea’s Specialist Doctor, Haematologist Oncologist, Dr James Morton AM, is founder of the ‘The World’s Greatest Shave for a Cure’.

Judi Keightley
Teacher

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.

SPORTS NEWS

SPORT TRIALS:
The first sporting trials are being called for: BOYS AND GIRLS, TENNIS AND SWIMMING, BASKETBALL AND GOLF. All trials are open for exceptional 10, 11 & 12 yrs. old.
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. Please see Mrs Smith for further information.

**BUNDABERG ZONE SPORT:**

Congratulations to our first school sport representatives for 2016. Super efforts by Chelsea, Emily, Daniel and Ben who have been selected in the Bundaberg Primary School Softball teams. They will attend the Regional carnival in Hervey Bay later next month. All students will be vying for Wide Bay selection. Good luck students!

**TEN PIN BOWLING:**

All students throughout the school have been learning the sport of ten pin bowling. Students have enjoyed scoring strikes and spares during their PE lessons. Some junior classes played ‘bingo’ bowling, whilst the older students tried some games involving scoring.

**YR 4-6 SWIMMING:**

Swimming began last week. Thank you to parents who have returned the medical form and payment already. Payments were due on MONDAY 15 FEB, if you have not yet finalised your accounts, please do so as soon as possible.

**Cookie Dough Drive**

Order forms for our first fundraiser for 2016 have been sent home. It is for a cookie dough drive from Take the Plunge Café, a locally owned community focussed business that makes cookie dough with premium local ingredients based on traditional CWA recipes. There are nine gourmet flavours to choose from and all are preservative and additive free. Keep an eye out for more info coming home and start collecting orders as soon as you can.

**Disco**

Our first Disco for the year is coming up fast! Friday the 18th of March we will be having a Surf's Up themed disco in the school hall. Starting at 5:30pm till 7:30pm. We will have a sausage sizzle, and other fun treats and drinks available for purchase from the canteen. There will be games and lots of dancing fun to keep the kids entertained. Make sure you come along.

P&C Meetings

Our next committee meeting is Monday the 21st of March. It will be our AGM followed by our regular monthly meeting. If you would like to be involved with P&C next year we encourage you to come along. The meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the School Library.

**KALKIE BITES NEWS**

Please ensure that you use the 2016 Tuckshop Menu as there are item changes.

**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.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Instrumental Music - Ms Palmer

Before school band rehearsals will start next week. Our weekly rehearsals will be on Tuesday’s, at 8.10am. Students involved are: Lani, Janae, Matthew, Henry, Rylee, Liam, Gabe, Matthew, Alex, Jaxon, Brodie, Hamish, Flynn, Jordyn, Lachlan

Wanted: 2nd Hand Flute – please leave contact details and price at the school office. 07 41507444

**RESOURCE NEWS**

F.R.E.D. - Families Read Every Day – begins next week

This is a 3-week programme designed to support the habit of reading aloud to your children every day.

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.

[Write4fun](http://www.write4fun.net/)

Write4fun encourages young student writers with fantastic competitions, by publishing top quality books.

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2016 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems OR short stories to battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. Entries must not exceed 16 lines in length or 64 characters in width for poems and must not exceed 500 words for short stories.

There is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12. Entry is FREE and all entries must
be in my Thursday 31st March 2016. Get creative today for your chance to win some awesome prizes! Get writing and or typing today!

“We are very excited to be sponsoring this competition,” stated Julia Woods, Managing Editor for Write4Fun. “Reading and writing seem to be taking a back seat these days to computer games and evolving technology! Our hope is that competitions such as these inspire the students to be creative with words once more and have fun doing it!”

SCHOOL BANKING
Continues this Friday. To participate for the first time, collect the information envelope from the office or the library.

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


“Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.” Benjamin Franklin.

Read On!
Tracey Rose
Librarian

COMMUNITY NEWS

WANTED: Small bar fridge, working order, willing to donate to school. Please call: 0741507444

TALENT QUEST
Do you have a fantastic talent that you would like to showcase? Would you like to be in the running for some amazing prize money? If the answer is yes, then you need to be at the Gin Gin Theatrical Society Inc. Talent Quest Auditions being held on Saturday 19th March at 2pm, Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th March at 6.00pm at our hall (old SES building) on the corner of Dear and May Streets. Entry via showground side gate. Entry forms available at reception at your school or on our Facebook website page.

The Talent Quest will be held on Saturday 2nd April at the Gin Gin RSL Hall 6pm and there will be some amazing talent, so don’t hold back … sign up now to audition your talent. We can’t wait to see you on stage! For more information call Wendi on 0404 360 174.
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Term 2 – Mon 11th Apr to Fri 24th June 2016
11th Apr – First Day Term 2
11th Apr – Pie Drive
14th – Cookie Dough delivery – Collect from Hall between 1.30 - 3pm
18th Apr – P & C Meeting 6.30pm in the Library
25th Apr – Anzac Day – Drumband Performs
29th Apr – Mother’s Day Free Dress – Gold Coin
2nd May – Labour Day Public Holiday
4th May – Mother’s Day Stall
13th May – 6.30-8.30am Mayoral Chaplaincy Support Fundraising Breakfast
13th May – National Families Day
16th May – P & C Meeting 6.30pm in the Library
20th May – Disco – TBA
20th May – Inter-school Sport Yrs. 4-6
25th May – Bundaberg Show Public Holiday
27th May – Inter-school Sport Yrs. 4-6
24th June – Last Day Term 2