It is really important to me that the students enjoy coming to our school. It’s only logical that their level of excitement about their school day affects learning significantly. Even though not everything we have to learn is ‘fun’, there is great pleasure to be had in so many parts of the curriculum. Let me share a few examples I’ve seen in the days since we returned to school.

- The senior children were learning when to use a full stop and when to use an exclamation mark. We had such fun as we experimented with using one or the other form of punctuation and saying sentences out aloud.
- One of our Prep students laughed with delight when given a new reader – he was thrilled to find that he could read the words independently. “I can read this by myself!”.
- Squeals of delight were heard from the Prep’s and Year Ones when they went into their cooking class – there was some delicious slice made for morning tea on our upcoming Currimundi excursion.
- A senior student wrote a wonderful poem – in her own time – and shared it excitedly with me. There was such a clever use of language and beautiful vocabulary. We have been reading the poem ‘My Country’ by Dorothy McKellar and it has provoked lots of discussion about what we love about our country.
- The peas seem endless in the garden and I see children combing through the plants looking for snacks each break time. I’m sure I’ve seen a few mulberry stained mouths and fingers this week too.
- The students have come up with some creative ideas for our reading club, including reading to the playgroup children, and having a writing corner so they can make books as well. Our Library Stars program is evolving into a club which takes reading outside under the trees, and includes other types of things to read including comic books, toy catalogues, and junk mail.
- Grammar lessons provide a window into ways to play with our language, and Group 2 students were keen to identify the article, adjective and noun which combined to make noun groups in the text ‘Stella Luna’.
- Hearing the students call out their answers to the times table questions during rotations shows me that their confidence is building. Practise each day makes a huge difference but Ms Fenton makes sure there are games such as ‘Kaboom’ to add interest.

School is a great place to be, and being a part of the children’s learning is always a pleasure.

Rosita Lever
Running Late?

We understand that some mornings just don’t go to plan, and the efforts of parents in getting their children to school on time are very appreciated. If you are running late, please sign your child in using the register on the front desk. Similarly, if you need to collect your child early before school finishes, then we ask that you also sign them out.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter!

New Silkies

On Monday we were delighted to welcome three new chicks to our school to join the flock of silkies we already have. Our younger students learnt how to hold them safely and they were amazed at these tiny creatures.

Sink Fishies

KULPI STATE SCHOOL
ANNUAL SCHOOL CAMP
CURRIMUNDI RECREATION CENTRE
26/27/28 OCTOBER 2016

Reminder

As discussed and agreed upon at P and C Meetings, this is the last year that students may wear older versions of the school uniform. We look forward to everyone wearing the current school uniform in 2017, with pride.

What is special about Tuesdays?

Tuesdays provide some activities which don’t happen any other day of the school week – Civics and Citizenship (Year 3/4), Physical Instruction and Health with Mrs Marley-Quinn. If students are absent on a Tuesday they may also miss some or all of these lessons:

- typing
- reading/comprehension
- number facts
- phonics
- grammar
- English (our C2C unit of work tasks)
- the mobile library bus

We make every day count – Tuesdays are a very important day to be at school!

Next Newsletter:
“What’s important about Wednesdays!”

With the warmer weather the children have enjoyed eating their lunches on the cool tiles of our Centenary mosaic feature. This is a great place to sit and enjoy each others company.
Term Four Behaviour/Values Lesson Overview

### Responsibility

| Week 1 | Ask permission before leaving group / class  
Straight there straight back |
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| Week 3 | Return property to where it belongs  
Keep workspace tidy  
Keep space clean |
| Week 4 | Put rubbish in bin  
Turn off taps |
| Week 5 | Have equipment ready  
Look after equipment and own belongings |
| Week 6 | Follow timetable / daily schedule |
| Week 7 | Use ICTs as directed |
| Week 8 | Take responsibility for my behaviour choices |
| Week 9 | Care for others |
| Week 10 | Review |

SCHOOL NEWS...

Thanks to everyone who supported the Maclagan Windermere Kindergarten Trivia Night. We appreciate all the support we received – attendance, sponsorship, donations and general help.

**OLD TIME DANCES**  
- 8pm start—$10 entry fee—supper provided  
15 October Flagstone Creek Hall (Jondaryan Woolshed)  
or Gowrie Little Plain  
22 October St Ruth Hall  
29 October Gowrie Little Plain  
5 November Bowenville
What kids learn from fathers

By Michael Grose

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A Galaxy Research study found that three quarters of Australian dads nominated their father as the person from whom they learned their most important life skills.

Shaving, riding bikes, driving and changing tyres are the skills that men attributed to their dads.

High work ethic, honesty, supportiveness and loyalty were all values that men directly attributed to their dads.

The language of fatherhood is about activity – dads teach many of their important lessons through activity. Learning to be a good sport, to share and to work toward a goal are lessons that dads teach their kids in very hands-on ways.

What do dads teach girls?

Dads teach girls fundamental lessons about interacting with males. As my girls were growing up I wanted them to expect to be treated well and respectfully by males (both present and future) as well as having the confidence to be assertive.

That meant that I needed to treat my daughters kindly, while allowing them to speak up to me (in the nicest possible way) when needed.

Numerous studies have linked fathers with the healthy development of girls, including self-esteem and confidence.

The GOOD NEWS is that the Galaxy Survey showed that most men still want to be ‘like their dad.’ That boyhood dream doesn’t diminish in adulthood. That’s lucky as most men become like their fathers, hopefully better versions!

A better version of a father appears to be one who is involved with his kids but also one who can balance and support the parenting style of his partner.

A better version is one who plays with his kids but also one who disciplines too. He balances softness with firmness.

A better version is not being a quasi-mother or a gender-neutral parent but confident enough to learn from his partner while retaining the maleness of fathering.

PUBLIC NOTICES...

500 Cards Nights
KULPI HALL
7.30 p.m.
commencing Thursday 6th October until 10th November 2016
6 WEEKS – Best 5 nights for winners
$5.00 to play ….includes light supper

Proceeds go to LifeFlight
Enquiries contact: Peter Cooper 4692 7730
Max Kuhl 4691 5755
David Fitch 4692 8262

COYAR TRAIL BIKE RIDE
15th & 16th October 2016
FREE CAMPING
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AT COYAR SHOWGROUNDS
COYAR-RANGEMORE RD

SUNDAY
Saturday Briefing – 10:00am
Loops Open – 11:00am
Loops Close – 5:00pm

SUNDAY
Biking – 10:15am
Loops Open – 11:15am
Loops Close – 5:00pm

ENTRY FEES:
MQ Weekend Licence $10
Open $65
Novice $20
Pee Wee $10

Free meal voucher
Hot showers
Canteen operating Saturdays and Sundays
BYO water and lights
No glass or dogs

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