KULPI STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Our Aim at Kulpi State School is to be:
Working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.

Attendance 93.92%
Let’s keep focused on making every day count!

From Mrs Lever’s Desk...

Last Friday we set off from our school for a full day at the Darling Down’s Zoo. Our trip was exciting from the moment we began, with the children enjoying the novelty of being together on the bus. Even choosing their seat was fun, with students sharing the chance to sit at the very back of the bus. On our journey there was plenty to keep us busy – playing ‘spotto’, and a funny game we learnt on our last excursion called ‘Rhubarb’. The aim of the game is to make your partner smile, simply by asking them any question – though they can only answer ‘rhubarb’. There were giggles and some very imaginative questions being asked. The children also delighted in the chance to point out landmarks that were special to them, and we saw many other schools along the way.

Upon arrival at the zoo we had our morning tea with the sounds of roaring lions and chattering monkeys as an exciting background. We had the chance to see and touch a little crocodile before we began our tour, and the children were interested to learn that the crocodile has all of its teeth on the outside of its mouth. Then it was off to see the great collection of animals that the zoo houses, including Australian animals (the emus, galahs, cockatoos, kangaroo’s, koala’s and wombats to name a few) and the exotic animals – the tapir’s, zebras, many types of monkeys, ostriches, snakes, tortoises, tiger, lions and meerkats. As we walked around the children were treated to several presentations where the zoo keepers educated us about the habitats, needs and characteristics of the animals. One of the most exciting things about this zoo is the chance for the children to see the animals so closely – they were able to touch the zebras and the tapirs, as well as patting the huge anaconda snake.

After we enjoyed our lunch together, I gave the children the opportunity to walk around the zoo in small groups and explore favourite exhibits at their leisure. This gave them a sense of freedom and responsibility, and I’m very proud of the way the students interacted confidently and courteously with members of the public also visiting the zoo. An excursion provides students with the opportunity to showcase their behaviour and show pride in our school.

On the way home music plays an important part of our day as we sing a variety of songs – classic tunes such as ‘Puff the Magic Dragon’ and ‘Here Comes Brumby Jack’ - through to modern songs that everyone knows. Mrs Jull also plays the ukulele for us and we can sing along to tunes learnt during lessons at school. There is something very special about singing together at the end of a busy day out that leaves us with a feeling of satisfaction and a wonderful end to the day.

Thank you to Mr Hartley for safely getting us to and from the zoo, and joining us in the tour too. Thanks also to our great teacher aides, Miss Fenton and Mrs Jull, who make sure the children get the most out of their day by helping at every opportunity. As with our normal school program, the contribution from everyone is what makes the team so strong and the outcome so successful.

As we complete our last week of Term Three, we look forward to Term Four with excitement and a determination to make each day count as a learning opportunity. Enjoy a well-earned holiday everyone,

Rosita Lever

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DATE CLAIMERS:
* NO PLAYGROUP THIS FRIDAY
* Playgroup meets every Friday 9:30am
* Library Bus 4 October
* End of Term Celebration Wed 14 Sept at 2.00 pm
* Term 3 ends Friday 16 September
* Public Holiday Monday 3 October
* Term 4 begins Tuesday 4 October
* Student Free Day Monday 17 October
* Currimundi School Camp 26/27/28 October

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK 9
Abbey Oliver

WEEK 10
Jackalyn Dorries
What is special about Mondays?
Mondays are a very important day in our school week, and often a very challenging day for children as they transition from their exciting weekends back into our school routines. It's hard for school to compete with a trip to SeaWorld, a sleepover at Grandma's, cooking cupcakes or a shopping trip – so we don't! Instead, we provide a stable routine and program of activities which children and staff value.

These activities mean we all work to the best of our ability. If students are absent on a Monday they miss some or all of these lessons:

- typing
- Reading/comprehension
- number facts
- phonics
- grammar
- English (our C2C unit of work tasks)
- cooking

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

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

Our Jolly Joker
Kulpi State School uses the Jolly Phonics program to teach children in Prep and Year One their alphabet letters, sounds and tricky word patterns. Each day the children have the chance to win the ‘Jolly Joker’ hat for putting in their best effort, or showing that they understand the work being taught.

Here is Zara enjoying her turn of being the ‘Jolly Joker’. Well done Zara!

Transition Days: Prep 2017

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Transition days offer children the opportunity to sit with older students and complete a range of activities in a supportive environment. Sometimes it is the simpler things that cause children anxiety when they begin school – where to put their school bag, how to open a tidy tray, or playing with other students. Staff are fully prepared to assist in any way possible so that the children build their self-confidence in the school environment. We look forward to learning about your child and helping them achieve their best at Kulpi.

Did you know?
School resumes for Term Four on Tuesday 4th October
(Monday 3rd of October is a public holiday)

Kulpi State School
Annual School Camp
Currimundi Recreation Centre
26/27/28 October 2016
Our amazing day at the Darling Downs Zoo
The art of sparenting

By Michael Grose

Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent ... the parent who does it all! Well move over uber-parent and make room for sparents. They have a role to play too.

Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent... the parent who does it all, on their own.

In practice, parenting has never been done well in isolation.

In previous generations, aunts, uncles, grandparents, god parents and family friends – spare parents, or sparents – have all played a part in raising kids.

Lately it’s been back to the future as an increase in adults without kids (AWOKs) within our community means there are plenty of potential sparents around. These AWOKs are aunties, uncles, mates and friends. They are everywhere, and many are ready, willing and able to take on a sparenting role.

Sparents are good for:

Filling a gender gap: If you are raising a son in an all-female household then the regular presence of an uncle, grandfather or male family friend can be the role model that’s needed. Similarly, girls in all-male households can benefit from sparenting by a female friend or relative.

Filling a talent or interest gap: Kids usually appreciate having an adult to share their interests, but it’s hard for parents to be across all their children’s hobbies and activities. Relatives or family friends can be well-placed to fill the interest void that occurs in some families.

Babysitting and child-minding: There is always a need for reliable carers for kids from tots to early teens.

Mentoring kids who don’t want to listen to their parents: Teenage boys and girls benefit from having a number of trusted relatives or adult friends in their lives to talk with. Sparents make great confidantes and coaches for young people at a time when they are seeking independence from their parents.

Bringing a fresh voice and perspective to kids’ lives: Ever noticed how kids of all ages will listen to other adults more than they listen to their parents, even though the message is the same? It’s frustrating, but that has always been the reality of raising children and young people.

So move over uber-parent and make room for some sparents, because they too have a lot to offer your kids.