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.

DATE CLAIMERS:

- Play group meets Friday 9:30am
- Library bus 16 August
- P & C meeting 29 August 2.45pm
- Paddock to Potager 9 August

Attendance 90.44%

Many children have been ill over the course of July. Let’s get back on track with improved attendance now the children are well again.

From Mrs Lever’s Desk…

 Almost one year ago we were approaching the Centenary event for our school. Over the past year I have come across quite a number of people who attended on that day, and they all have great memories of a wonderful day filled with friends, reminiscences and fun. May I take this opportunity to again thank each and every person for the contributions that made the day successful. The Centenary, like any event, depends on a team effort and every person contributing according to their talents. This team work principle applied to the students as they battled with other schools during the athletics carnival a few weeks ago. Ball games are always a challenge as it’s about working as a team, and encouraging every member to perform at their best. Kulpi students entered the youngest team in the senior ball games and can be very proud of their efforts. Every year we improve, and most importantly learn to enjoy the competition.

This week I am completing paperwork around predicted enrolments for 2017. Our school is the fastest growing school in this region, as parents all join with myself and staff to help students achieve their very best. We are always willing to learn and support one another so that if a child is struggling, we can target their area of need, and if they need extension, then we provide the challenge they need.

Would you like your child to be a part of our great school? Now is a great time to make enquiries for next year, Warm regards,

Rosita Lever.
Prep 2017
Are you looking for a school where your child will be........
• supported to achieve their best?
• excited about learning?
• valued as an individual?
Kulpi State School is currently inviting prospective families to visit us and consider enrolment for their child in our 2017 Prep program.

Please call the Principal, Rosita Lever, on 4692 8239 to arrange your visit.

Absent from school?
The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and for the Queensland Government. The Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

This means that if parents/carers do not ring the school before 8.45am to notify us of their child’s absence, we are required to contact families and advise them that their child has not arrived safely at school.

Each school will consider and choose the method of notification that best meets the needs of the community (e.g. text messaging, emails, phone calls, etc). At Kulpi, we will call parents whose children are absent after roll marking in the morning. This is completed by 8.45am.

You will be contacted by either a teacher aide (Monday/Wednesday/Thursday), or our administration assistant, Mrs Ehrich (Tuesday/Friday).

As you can imagine, we appreciate parents calling us at any time (you can leave a message if the phone is unattended) to let us know your child will be absent, and why.

The contact number for our school for absences is 46928239.

Please let the school know when your contact details (home phone, mobile and email) change.

If you have any questions around this process, please don’t hesitate to talk further with me,

Thank you
Rosita Lever (Principal)

Sports day
22 July 2016
Festivities start 9:00 a.m.  Official Opening 11:00 a.m  
Enjoy a “Bismarck Sausage” crafted especially for the day by our local butcher  
Eat a tasty pie from our “Bake House” & have a cuppa at the Sunshine Café  
Buy some Malling Red Cheese and Planet Cheese  
Photographic & historical displays & Displays from local towns and organisations  

For more info, ring Sherryl Hansen 07 4692 1265  
Like us on Facebook: Celebrating 100 Year Anniversary Bismarck to Maclagan

Free playgroup membership for Queensland families  
All Queensland families who register with Playgroup Queensland before their child’s first birthday can now receive a free 12-month family membership as part of the Queensland Government’s Play Stars initiative. With more than 60,000 babies born in Queensland each year, Play Stars will benefit many new families by creating more opportunities for children to learn through play, while supporting parents and carers in their role as first teachers.  
The Play Stars initiative is an action from the Advancing education: An action plan for education in Queensland and will be delivered in partnership with Playgroup Queensland over the next five years. Register online or visit the Playgroup Queensland website for more information.  
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Saturday 3rd September 2016  
Maclagan Hall  
Doors open 6pm  Trivia Starts 7pm

Entry $10  
Includes Nibbles for each table  
And supper to follow  
Tables of 6-10 people  
Licensed Bar  
Cash only event  
Father’s Day Raffle  

To book your table and for more information, please contact  
Claire 0402 754 292  
Kait 4692 1274  
brendahalifax@hotmail.com  

Don’t worry if you don’t have enough for a table please call to be put on the Throw together Table

Wanted to Buy!  
Our chickens at school are getting along and we would like to introduce some new chickens of the same pure breed—silkie.  
We have a young sprightly mixed breed rooster (white) to give away, and would like a silkie rooster and a few new hens. If anyone knows a breeder who can help us, we would appreciate your call to the school to pass on the contact number. Thank you!
Has your child gone Pokemon Wild?

Pokemon Go! What a craze!

Beats just about any fad I’ve seen including yo yo’s, swap cards and the original Pokemon Gameboy way back in the old days – remember the 90’s.

While Pokemon Go is geared toward adults and teenagers it’s taken off among primary aged children – even some pre school kids – as well. Both genders are playing the game, but a rough count among colleagues and friends indicates that it’s boys more than girls that are hooked on the game.

Pokemon Go has plenty of psychological hooks to make boys love it. The roam and search nature of the game appeals to the hunter-gatherer that exists in most boys. There are plenty of things to collect which appeals to a boy’s fundamental need to put order and control in his world.

And the competitive element embedded in the game makes it almost irresistible to many boys who love nothing better than to better someone else.

How can we approach this craze?

Many parents have asked me how they should approach the Pokemon Go craze, particularly when their children are besotted by it.

Start by accepting that Pokemon Go, like all fads, has captured your child’s interest. It’s hard to fight against or even stop your child from being involved in games that ‘everyone is playing’.

That leads to two parenting requirements. First, find out all you can about the game so you know what you are up against. Ask your child to explain what it’s all about. Figure out which parts of the game are age-appropriate and which parts are going to present you with headaches. Once kids are old enough to have their own phones and transportation, they’re certainly old enough to play the game without help. Pokémon Go gives users plenty of chances to spend real money, so you probably will want to limit in-game purchases.

Lures, an aspect of the game, can present tricky situations for parents. A player can set out a lure to attract pokémon, but because these lures can be seen by any nearby player, you’re not sure who they are attracting. Revisit those Stranger Danger lessons with your kids.

Second, you need to meld your existing family technology rules with the expectations and opportunities that Pokemon Go presents. These include, how much time children are allowed to spend on technology; consider what activities Pokemon Go takes kids away from (including homework); and be aware that’s is not healthy for your child to be hooked on one activity at the expense of everything else.

Keep your Pokemon Go player safe

Pokemon Go gets kids outside roaming and exploring their neighbourhoods, which on the surface, is a good thing. However as one mum told me her son’s Pokemon Go experience was leading them to a local quarry, which had some obvious risks attached. So if your kids are old enough to wander unsupervised some quick reminders of safety rules maybe in order, such as crossing a street with a phone in their pocket and only playing the game with kids their own age.

If you join in the craze then be prepared to drive your players around as many Pokemon stops are in interesting places such as parks, historical markers and other gathering spots. Different places have different Pokemon things to collect…..yes, it can get complicated, which is the intrinsic value of the craze.

So my advice for parents is to approach Pokemon Go positively and intelligently. Discover about it as much as your time, your current circumstances and your kids will allow. Join them if possible. Remember, it’s a lot of fun; it does get kids exercising more than their thumbs and there are some great learnings (maths, nature and even history) built in to the game. On the other hand, ensure that kids keep a balance in their activities so that a fun craze doesn’t become an absolute, all or nothing obsession- which can so easily happen with boys.