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.

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Let’s keep focused on making every day count right to the last day!

DATE CLAIMERS:

• Next P&C Meeting 21 February 2017 at 2.45pm
• End of Year Concert Wed 7 Dec 6 pm BBQ
• Last day of school 2016 Fri 9 Dec
• Oakey Together Comm Day 10 Dec
• Peranga Christmas Tree 15 Dec
• Kulpi Christmas Tree 19 Dec
• Thornville Carols 23 Dec
• First day of school 2017 Mon 23 Jan
• Australia Day Public Holiday 26 Jan 2017

From Mrs Lever’s Desk...

There are many important people who make our school the great place it is – but who is the most important of all?

We have volunteers like Jim Stewart, who cleans up after storms, sweeping the paths so our school looks great, and also spending hours in our gardens to make them look their best. Mrs Rayner brings great pleasure as she teaches the children ukulele. More recently Mrs Eyles has given her time freely to help prepare materials for our end of year concert. We appreciate the time and expertise of all these people.

Mrs Schull, our cleaner, is a very important person in our school – she makes the school environment spotless and such a pleasure for children and staff to work in each day. We know that our desks are clean and that the spills we have made are going to disappear, so we can concentrate on learning the next day. Mr Kruger, our Grounds Officer, keeps our grounds looking spic and span with neatly trimmed lawns and shrubs. He also fixes and builds, paints and washes, and makes our school buildings function.

All very important people, but we have more to consider. Our teacher aides – Ms Fenton, Mrs Wohlsen, Mrs Jull and Mrs Eyles – all contribute their special talents and enthusiasm in classes each day. Without these ladies, the quality of our program would not be so high. These staff spend the time to meet children’s daily needs so that they are happy at school, and learning to the best of their ability. Likewise Mrs Ehrich, our administration officer, is integral to our team. Anne provides the administrative support that makes the school run smoothly, supporting all staff, parents and children in finance and human resource issues. Anne is to be commended on her diligence and professionalism, which has seen our school achieve the highest rating possible in an Education Queensland Audit recently.

We have visiting staff who are critical to providing their expertise in the classroom – Mrs Patterson is a wonderful asset to our school and the children love her lessons. Let’s not forget Frau Samuel and her enthusiasm for teaching German, and also Mrs Marley Quinn who brings PE lessons to us all year around – a favourite time of the children. Mrs Lange and Mrs Haryicki work with children to help them achieve their best. I know that as curriculum leader of the school I have an important role to play in ensuring every child is succeeding, every day. I take the responsibility of each child’s education very seriously and also take great pleasure in watching them grow as people.

Have you worked out the most important person yet?

The most important person in the school is... your child.

Your child is the reason that we have a school – each adult only works here because your child needs us. He or she needs the contribution that each of us makes. We are only important because the children make this school possible. We all thank you, their parents, for the trust you place in us as we provide your child or children with the very best education possible.

As the school holidays approach, we hope that you enjoy the time with your children, even as we look forward to spending time with our children and families. We look forward to seeing you all next year, refreshed and excited to take on 2017.

Best wishes, Rosita Lever

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK 9
Hannah Freshwater

WEEK 10

Thank you to all the students who have put in their best effort throughout the school year.
Curious about Naplan Online?

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The NAPLAN Online public demonstration site is now available for students, teachers, parents and the broader community to see how NAPLAN Online will work and what it will look like. Why not access the link above through the newsletter on our website, and see what’s happening with Naplan Online?

When Santa Visits

By Kate Ward Year 2

Ding-a-ling-ling it’s that time of year
Father Christmas will soon be here
Over roof tops they’ll skim, over mountains they’ll fly
They’ll fly and fly and fly oh so high
No sooner than landing dear Santa hops off
He’s tired of snow so he begins with a cough
Then he remembers all about his job
And is back to work quicker than Bob
Most people know how the next part goes - He delivers his toys to all the girls and boys
Then he’s up the chimney without a noise
So he directs his reindeer back up to the pole
Where he finds an elf fishing in a hole
His duty is done, the party is over
I find dear Santa much sweeter than clover

By Anika Jull Year 3

When Christmas Day

at 12 am in the morning,
To 6 am yawning,
it’s Christmas day;
Forever it’s a yay.

So let’s have some fun,
Fun for everyone,
Yes it’s a yay,
it’s Christmas day!

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Welcome!
The staff and students of Kulpi SS and the Playgroup families warmly congratulate Kristen Ehrlich and her husband upon the birth of their new baby boy Oliver Edan Ehrlich. We look forward to welcoming you to playgroup in 2017 Oliver!

Please join us at our
End of Year Concert
Kulpi Hall
Wednesday 7th December, 6pm – BBQ /meal, 7pm Concert, 8pm conclusion
Families, friends of the school and community members are all welcome
Program: 6pm – BBQ meal for purchase, 7pm – a variety of items presented by the students of Kulpi State School, P&C present gifts to students and playgroup members
Please bring a small plate of dessert to share.
Costs: BBQ meal
1. Steakette on bread with your choice of salad and onions $3.00
2. Sausage on bread with your choice of salad and onions $1.50
Drinks (natural juice cordial, water, tea and coffee will be provided free of charge)
RSVP: to assist us with catering please phone the school with number of guests
It’s (a Christmas) wrap!

By Michael Grose

It’s that time of year again! The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner. “Where did the last twelve months go?” That’s the adult viewpoint. Kids think, “What took so long?” Different ages, different perspectives. Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That’s only natural. But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you’ll round out the year, and bring it to a close.

If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives. The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next. Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year: Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year’s end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. Celebrate improvement and success: Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It’s important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. Show appreciation: Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. Look forward: It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. Now relax: It’s time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it’s a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year!

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**KULPI HALL CHRISTMAS TREE AND COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER**

**MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2016 6.30 PM**

- **Barbecue**
- **Santa**
- **Cent Sale**
- **Raffle**

Cent Sale prizes much appreciated (No used items)
Parents please supply a small gift for your child/children—Primary School and under

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**Thornville Uniting Church**

(10K South of Cooyar on New England Highway)

**Carols night**

7pm

Friday, 23rd Dec.

BYO Torch * Supper After

Everyone Welcome

More information: 4692 6103