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 96.11%
Keep up the great attendance.

DATE CLAIMERS:
* Next P&C Meeting 20 February 2017 at 2.45pm
* PLAYGROUP every Tuesday 9.30 to 11.00
* SCHOOL PHOTOS Tuesday 7 March
* Toowoomba Show Holiday Thursday 30 March
* Last day of TERM 1 Friday 31 March
* EASTER - Friday 14 April to Monday 17 April
* TERM 2 begins Tuesday 18 April
* ANZAC DAY Tuesday 25 April
* Peranga Police Charity Bowls Day 30 April

From Mrs Lever’s Desk...

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Each week, one child is awarded ‘Student of the Week’ at Kulpi. It’s an award that children seek eagerly, and value. When someone is ‘Student of the Week’, they have privileges for the following week, and responsibilities, such as always being the person at the front of any line. In fact, that’s how families waiting at the gate to collect their children at 2.30pm know who is the new student of the week – they lead their classmates out on Friday afternoons. Children are always proud to do this, especially for the first time.

To become a Student of the Week, there are several things that are expected. The first and most important criteria is that a child demonstrates behaviour that exemplifies the school values – we value Learning, Respect, Responsibility and Safety.

Sometimes, a student has shown a change in their behaviour which indicates they have worked really hard at being the best they can be. It’s obvious to students and staff alike that they deserve to be a Student of the Week. Other times, it may be that a child simply does ‘the right thing’ all day, every day, and we like to celebrate their efforts and show them they are appreciated.

When children wrote their goals for this week, it was pleasing to see many identify a behaviour goal which they wanted to achieve. In homework books there is a list of behaviours which achieve an A-E each week, so parents can easily see a snapshot of their child’s behaviour at school, over the week. This forms the basis for their behaviour grade on their Semester report card.

The systems we have in place for students to learn and demonstrate best behaviour are about maximising learning time, keeping children safe, letting them learn the rules that society expects of them, and setting children up to be the best they can be.

Until next time
Rosita Lever

For advertising please email your items to principal@kulpss.eq.edu.au by the MONDAY before Publication.
Please note we are not able to advertise events for individual profit.
Newsletters are published fortnightly on Tuesdays.
Vale Eric Laack
The staff and past students of Kulpi State School offer our condolences to the family of former Principal Eric Laack who passed away on 5th of January, aged 86 years, in Ipswich. Mr Laack was a Kulpi Principal from 1/01/70 to 4/07/71.
We recognise the contribution of our past leaders, including Mr Laack, in meeting the needs of children and families in our community.

Eric’s daughter, Janelle Podlich said “As a family we have lovely memories of Kulpi - both my brother Greg and myself went to school there and we lived in the town.

After our transfer from Ramsay where there was only a horse paddock, Kulpi seemed very grand - with even a general store, garage and hotel!

Mum and Dad made lovely friends during their time there.”

Mrs Lever would like to thank Mrs Podlich for sharing these memories and the photo of her father (above) taken a few years after his time at Kulpi State School. Although Mr Laack was too unwell to attend the Kulpi Centenary in 2015, he had visited the area and viewed the school in 2012 as part of a tour with his family.

P and C Meeting
The first P and C Meeting for the year is on Monday the 20th of February, at 2.45pm, in our senior classroom.

We look forward to a positive and productive year working together.

Around the World Menu
As per the notices in students’ homework folders, for the next few years we are travelling around the world in our cooking lessons, and cooking dishes that originate from different parts of the globe.

This term the students are investigating Greece, and cooking delicious dishes such as these pictured below. The smells coming from our kitchen are mouth watering....

Beef Keftedes (lamb meatballs with parsley and mint)

Fried Haloumi with mint and lemon

Radish tzatziki with pita triangles

Baklava with honey syrup

School Photo’s
This year Milne Photography have been booked to take our 2017 school photo’s.

School Photos will be held on Tuesday 7 March.
SCHOOL NEWS...

Who’s Who at Kulpi State School?

My name is Kelly Fenton.
At Kulpi I work four days a week as a teacher aide, and I get the pleasure to work with all of the students from prep to year six.

The best thing about my work here is the country feel to the school and the amazing kids. The staff here are wonderful and we all share a common goal to strive for the best of our abilities.

I think small schools are special because they allow staff to spend quality time with students and offer more personalised teaching time. This is always a win–win situation.

In my spare time this year I am going to attempt to learn the ukulele, however the Kulpi kids may show me up for a long while.

One thing that might surprise you about me is that I am getting married this year.

Thanks Mrs Schull!

When we purchased new curtains for our veranda shelving this year, Mrs Schull came to the rescue and hemmed them beautifully for us.
Thanks Mrs Schull for taking the time out of your weekend to help!

PHOTO GALLERY...

Another fabulous part of our curriculum at Kulpi State School is our Kitchen Garden cooking sessions.
Students enjoy not only preparing food but eating it as well!!!!!!!
**Four parenting priorities for 2017**

**By Michael Grose**

The following four priorities are both current and significant, deserving be top of mind for parents as the 2017 school year begins.

**Time to tackle technology**

It takes a lot of parental backbone to swim against the current all-encompassing technology tide. You can’t hold it back, but you can slow it down. You can suggest it sits on the metaphorical shelf for a while or at least while you eat dinner together. You can insist that social media isn’t the only way to stay in touch with friends and show them that Dr. Google may be clever but he/she only knows so much and that accurate and current information can be found offline. When it comes to kids and technology, don’t be an onlooker. Make this a year for getting in the game with kids, tech boots on and all.

**Promote physical and mental health**

Remember the old ‘healthy body, healthy mind’ maxim that past generations so fondly spruiked? Well, it's true. Physical and mental health are inextricably linked.

So this year while we encourage our kids to practise mindfulness; get a good night's sleep and ensure they relax and unwind, let's also make sure kids get plenty of physical activity, preferably outdoors.

**Put the spoon back in the drawer**

As reported in Fairfax Media recently, “In 1970’s only one in five under-30’s in Australia lived with their parents but now it’s one in two.” This high dependency of children and teenagers on adults is the exact opposite of what adults have done in the past, which is develop their children’s independence and achieve the most important parenting outcome of all – their own redundancy.

In 2017 remove the spoon, put it back in the drawer and make independence building a high priority in your family.

**Put integrity top of the pedestal of character traits**

Every parent wants their child to have the strength and fortitude to do the right thing and not follow the crowd. This is easier for young children because the pull of the group and the allure of the media doesn’t have such a strong hold as it so often does in adolescence. Strong-willed children and those who like to have their own way can also find doing the right thing less of struggle. But the development of integrity and related traits such as respect, honesty and fairness is an important part of a child’s moral compass that will help him/her make smart decisions when you’re not around. Generally, integrity is developed in childhood and put to the test in adolescence.

**Special note:** I’m thrilled to announce that my latest book Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independence children is out. It’s available at parentingideas.com.au

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**WANTED:**

**Ice Cream Lids**

One of our parents is making a costume for her child using ice cream lids. If you have any spare Peters ‘Streets’ square or oval lids in a small size please send them along to Kulpi!

Thank you.