Our Aim at Kulpi State School is:

*Working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.*

**From Mrs Lever’s Desk……………**

For our Prep children the last few weeks have been a huge challenge as they settle into a host of new routines. It is rarely easy for very young children to become accustomed to school life without some anxiety, or the question ‘Do I have to go every day?’ We are very proud to see our Preps coming to school each day with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn the new names, new topics and new ways of behaving in a school environment. The prep curriculum is full of challenges and gives the students a balance of choice and structured activities. Some days are very tiring though – especially the first few days of school!

Recently I met with other principals of local schools and sports teachers to plan how Kulpi can be a part of sporting events throughout the year. It’s one of the ways that children in a small school like ours can mix with a larger group of children and be challenged to play games such as softball, soccer and cricket. The students are often nervous and excited before the event but always come back having thoroughly enjoyed themselves and naming a few new friends they have met. Invariably they see these friends at events throughout the year and then later when they move into high school.

Finally I just wanted to mention that our preparation for our Centenary is in full swing. It has been great to hear from past students with offers of information, photographs and memorabilia – please keep them coming. The Centenary subcommittee has worked hard for the past twelve months and will continue to work right up until the 8th August to provide the Kulpi community with a wonderful day of shared memories and reflection of our proud history.

Please keep the 8th August 2015 as a day to be at school!

Warm regards,

Rosita
Special Visitors

Last week Kulpi students enjoyed two special visitors who came to give us a rare insight into the world of documentary making and living with wild animals. Mrs Jen Bartlett, who created the film and book ‘Flight of the Snow Geese’ along with her husband Des, was able to share with the children the wonder of photographing wild animals the world over to share with others. Her daughter Julie accompanied Jen, and the Kulpi students were amazed at photographs of Julie doing her schoolwork out in the South African scrub, with elephants, zebras and chimpanzees as her backdrop. Julie introduced the children to animals they had never seen before and kept the children enthralled with a picture into another way of life, far from theirs.

We are very grateful for the time that Mrs Bartlett and her daughter were able to give us, and to Mrs Merilyn Plant for arranging the visit.

Farewell Miss Stacey

This week we have farewelled our Schools Officer (grounds person) ‘Miss Stacey’ who has been a staff member for almost three years. Stacey had a combined role of both cleaner and schools officer for some of that time, before securing a horticultural traineeship with the Toowoomba Regional Council (Oakey based) last year.

Stacey has always been very supportive of the school, helping out with many special projects as well as the day to day tasks that keep the school looking neat and tidy. She has obtained some wonderful donations for the school and even helped out selling school raffle tickets in her own time. We are extremely grateful to Stacey for her contribution to Kulpi and wish her every success in her new career path.

Sensory Movie Day ~ Toowoomba Grand

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs.

- Lighting is on Dim, Sound lowered.
- Fire exit doors are monitored by Volunteers
- ‘Penguins of Madagascar’

Birch Carroll & Coyle Toowoomba Grand
11am Sunday 15th March 2015
Tickets cost $8 each
Children 2 years and under are free
Companion I.D. cards accepted
Fordsdale Horseback Adventures

One on One Horse Riding

For families with special needs
The Fordsdale Horseback Adventures are offering families with special needs, the opportunity to have a one on one 30 minute experience with a horse

Getting to know the horse, grooming, leading the horse and riding the horse (only if comfortable) no experience necessary

Time: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm Tuesday 7th & 14th April 2015
Location: 171 Wagners Rd, Fordsdale QLD
Clothing: Please wear leggings/jeans, enclosed shoes/sneakers (weather permitting)
Ages: school aged special needs children (5yrs plus) siblings welcome
Cost: $25ea prepayment required

To book contact: Chanelle on 0422 416 509 email sensorymovieday@hotmail.com
Bank details “Sensory Movie Day” BSB 084745 ACC 840883360 Please use your name and “FHA” as reference
Cancellations, please give us plenty of notice to find a replacement if we are unable to find replacement then refund will not be given.

Student attendance rate for the last fortnight

98.86%
This means we are on target
Keep up the great work everyone!
Playgroup has changed days for 2015

we now welcome new and existing members on
FRIDAYS 9.30 to 11.00am

Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March 2015
Saturday 8.00am – 5.00pm – Sunday 8.00am – 2.00pm

BELL SHOW SOCIETY PRESENTS:

PRE-PURCHASE ARMBANDS $35
Armband provides patrons with 4 hours of unlimited access to all Carnival Land rides within a designated timeslot
Time Slots available 10am – 2pm and 4pm – 8pm

Rides include:
Giant Chair Swing
Giant Slide
Lost Temple Castle
Clown Castle
Laughing Clowns

ARM BANDS MUST BE USED FEB 28TH (Saturday) Only
Armbands on sale at show for $40
Rides can be purchased at $6 each Show Day
To purchase - email us with your name, number of bands required and allocated time slot to:
bellshowsociety@hotmail.com.au
or find us on Facebook:
Bell Show Society Inc

Peranga School Centenary
Saturday 7 March 2015
9am start
Inviting all past pupils, teachers and residents to celebrate the old school days of Peranga State School
A full day of activities is planned
Dance the night away with Gary Bird and his fabulous music
Rediscover historical town sites
Machinery/Vintage Car displays
Slow tractor race
Souvenirs
Street markets
Cutting cake
Roll Call
Jumping Castle
Food and bar all day

World Day of Prayer
Friday 6 March 2015
10.30am
Maclagan Lutheran Church
Everyone welcome