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…………

I’m asked from time to time how we manage to teach so many different year levels within our school. Currently we have six different levels, spread between an enrolment of eleven students. So what does a normal day at Kulpi look like?

Firstly, we begin each day together to make sure children are aware of the focus behaviour for the week, and how it is to be demonstrated in the classroom or outside. This term we are focusing on how to be a learner; last week we learnt how to be organised at school. In addition, children have a turn to ‘show and tell’ and the audience provides comments or ask questions. We talk through our calendar of events and make sure everyone knows what the day will hold.

Students are then placed in small groups for key learning areas such as English and Maths. On Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays we have three adults—a teacher and two aides—working with the students. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays we have two adults, and one group works independently on set tasks introduced in class, learning games, or with a program such as Reading Eggs. We work well as a team and have set up routines with the children that are clear and easy to follow. Students never have more than five in a group for English or Maths, so the amount of time we can offer them individually is wonderful. All staff members know each student’s strengths and areas of need, so we can maximise success for each child.

On Tuesday afternoons the children have Health and Physical Education lessons with Mrs Marley-Quinn, who works at Quinalow and surrounding schools, and next term (and Term 4) we welcome back Mrs Crosato for music lessons. On Thursday (my admin release day) we are joined by Mrs Patterson, Mrs Gordon, a former Art teacher, as well as Mrs Jull, who joins us on Thursdays and Fridays. The children have lessons in History and Science, as well as Technology. Our students at Kulpi have access to every subject as required in our Queensland Curriculum. Fortnightly we also offer cooking and gardening lessons as part of our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

All staff value the chance to continually work with children individually and in small groups. We celebrate each achievement and we work persistently to overcome learning difficulties. It is such a pleasure to help children achieve their best.

On the 1st April we welcome parents and families to our school, to join their children in celebrating the achievements of Term One. If there are any parents in the community who would like to come along and visit our school on this occasion, please feel welcome.

Sincerely yours,
Rosita Lever

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK 6
WILL GRAMS
WEEK 7
FLETCHER POWELL

DATE CLAIMERS:

- Playgroup-every Friday 9.30-11.00
- Toowoomba Show Holiday—Thursday 19 March
- P&C Meeting 20 April at 2.30pm
- Centenary Meeting 27 April 1 pm
- Term 1 ends 2 April
- Good Friday 3 April
- School resumes Term 2 Monday 20 April
- Mobile Library suspended until 21 April due to maintenance
- Anzac Day at Acland Saturday 25 April

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KULPI STATE SCHOOL CENTENARY SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2015

KULPI STATE SCHOOL CENTENARY COMMITTEE NEXT MEETING MONDAY 27 APRIL 2015 AT 1.00PM
Anzac Day

On 25 April there will be many Anzac Day ceremonies held around Australia. The students of Kulpi have been invited to attend the ceremony at Acland, as they did last year. It was an honour to stand together as a school last year and say a simple poem about the people who gave their lives for their country. The children were able to lay a wreath on behalf of the school, as well as lay individual flowers.

This year I am planning for each child to present a few sentences about how they appreciate a particular aspect of sacrifice that was made – leaving family behind, leaving the comforts of home, giving up careers to name a few. In doing this I hope to help the children relate their lives to the lives of strangers. When we say ‘Lest we forget’ it will help the children remember a particular aspect of sacrifice that means something to them too. We are also planning a group activity.

It was lovely last year to see the ceremony include the children, and to see so many people after the formalities approach Kulpi parents and staff and commend the children for their participation. I believe that the future of Anzac Day lies in teaching the children that we can remember and celebrate something that happened a long time ago, if we understand the sacrifices that were made. Respect is one of our school values, and Anzac day offers us the opportunity to show respect to our Defence Force personnel both past and present.

All families are invited to the Acland ceremony, though I understand not all families will be able to come. Whichever way Anzac Day is celebrated in your family, I know we all value this great country in which we live, and give thanks to the many people who have helped protect it.

DATE CLAIMER

Please set aside the last Wednesday of Term One, 1 April, for our celebration activity. We invite all families to join us from 1.30–2.30 pm for classroom displays and a presentation by the children.

Thursday 2 April is our last day of the school term. We encourage every child to attend for a wonderful end to the term.

It will be a free dress day with special games and activities around an Easter theme.

CHANGE OF DATE

Kulpi Hall Committee
Due to a clash with another function
The Annual
3 Course Hot Dinner
At Kulpi will now be
Friday 8 May
6.30pm
Celebrating Mothers

The mobile library service will be suspended from April 7 and recommence Tuesday 21 due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for the inconvenience and remind customers that they are welcome to use any other library within the Toowoomba region. You may also manage your library account via www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au and follow the links to the library. An easy guide is available at the library for your convenience.

Student attendance rate for the last fortnight 97.92%
This means we are on target. Keep up the great work everyone!
Mexican Fun Food Friday

The students all thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in Mexican clothes, eating Mexican food, and breaking open a Piñata on our first Fun Food Friday.
Easter Family Weekend
Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th April, 2015

Powering Sites
and Camping Available
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

The Giant Easter Egg Muster!
Enjoy a great family fun day including a pancake breakfast, guided tours, sheep shearing, horse and cart rides, miniature trains, blacksmith demonstrations, animal nursery and colouring-in competitions. Have a go at an egg and spoon race, sack race or the three legged race!

Good Friday
Fish and Chips dinner from 5:30pm and twilight tour

Easter Saturday
Full day program of family activities will be available including Old Time games, children’s art and craft and an Easter Bonnet Parade

ENTRY
Entry: Adult - $13.00
Child - $8.00
Family - $38.00

Onsite Catering
Fully Licensed Venue
EFTPOS available

Easter Sunday
Big Breakfast available in the Woolshed Cafe Restaurant

*For Grandparents attending with a family, an entry charge of a gold coin donation applies and includes a FREE pancake breakfast

Animal Nursery

Easter Saturday Bonus!
Entry price includes FREE pancake breakfast and activities including the Giant Easter Egg Muster!

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