**From Mrs Lever’s Desk……………**

I’m sure the children grow more over the summer break than at any other time of the year! It was lovely to return to students who were excited and glad to be back at school. Though we all struggle at times to work when we’d rather play, the Kulpi students have brought back with them a terrific attitude to learning and a willingness to get straight back into the program.

We continue our focus this year on reading, using the Café program to guide our learning about how we read and how we improve our reading. Comprehension is critical, because if we don’t understand what we are reading then the reading is without purpose. It is exciting to see our new Preps holding their readers and learning how to point to each word and remember what the words say. James very bravely read a book in front of the other children and glowed as they all clapped his efforts.

We also add numeracy as a priority this year. In particular we will focus on mental computation – working mathematically in our heads – and as part of that area, learning the times tables during our daily program. I’m sure parents and grandparents will see that ‘everything old is new again’ as they remember doing these type of activities when they went to school. We have a responsibility to make sure each child is learning these life-long skills which help us become confident mathematically as adults.

2015 also sees us celebrate our birthday here at Kulpi State School. On the 8th August we look forward to recognising 100 years of proud educational history. The Centenary Committee have been working very hard to plan a day with a variety of activities to entertain the hundreds of visitors we expect to return for the event. Please mark the date in your diary and put aside some ‘pennies’ to buy our Centenary Book and mementoes of a school which serves its community very proudly.

Warm regards,
Rosita Lever
New Smoking Laws
NO SMOKING WITHIN 5 METRES OF OUR SCHOOL
From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.
The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all school structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. Please consider other adults and children by not smoking in the car park area. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land.
The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes. We thank all people who wish to smoke for following these new smoking laws.

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Toowoomba Regional Council News

Australia Day
Great to see the support by the community, including the business community, for the Australia Day Awards and Celebrations. Congratulations to Award recipients, race winners, and the organising committee for pulling it off. It would be good to begin thinking about nominations for next year, which close on October 31st.

Councillor Visit
Cr Nancy Sommerfield will be visiting Oakey on Friday 6 February. If there are any issue you would like to discuss with a Councillor, please contact me to make an appointment.
A Councillor will visit Oakey on the first Friday of the month this year, and a full Councillor Community Engagement Forum will happen in Oakey in August. Some of the issues raised in a similar forum in August 2013 are starting to get attention, so it worthwhile having your say.

Oakey Creek Linear Corridor Masterplan Project
Council has begun talking to the community about the Parks in Oakey. The purpose of this Masterplan project is to provide high level planning to guide future community parkland needs along the creek corridor. Council would like to understand how the community currently use the creek corridor and any ideas about future use, access and connections. Once community input has been considered a draft Masterplan will be publicly exhibited by Toowoomba Regional Council for further community comment.

Council Community Engagement Activities will be undertaken during the project with the following key dates:

Mon 26th January: Kick off project and community engagement as part of the Australia Day activities in Arthur Shooter Park
Mon 26th Jan- Fri 13th Feb: Community surveys available, at the Oakey Library and Service Centre or go to http://www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au/about-council/have-your-say
Wed 4 February, 5:30 pm: Key Stakeholder contact and Community Focus Group meetings in Oakey Service Centre Boardroom
Fri 13th Feb: Deadline for return of community surveys
Mid-March – early April: Public Exhibition of Draft Masterplan for community comment
End of May 2015: Project completion and presentation to Council for endorsement.

Community Grants now open
Councils Community Grants program is now, open, closing on March 1st. Go to the TRC website for guidelines and application forms or contact me for some can be printed out.
http://trcgov.info/community-services/grants-and-funding

Roadwork
Widening of 4AK Road is about to start, please follow the road signs and directions while this improvement takes place.
Construction works on the new Kingsthorpe-Haden Road bridge has begun. The works include construction of a higher, more flood resilient concrete bridge on a new road alignment approximately 30 metres to the east of the existing bridge with completion expected by mid-June, weather permitting. The existing bridge will remain open while the new one is constructed.

Upcoming events
Sunday 1 February Summer Tunes – featuring ‘Salt’ – Oakey Cultural Centre Lawn, 12 noon
Tuesday 3 February Seniors Concert – featuring ‘Chris Cooks Band’ – Oakey Cultural Centre, 10:30am
Saturday 7 February Oakey Rodeo & Ute Muster
Sat/Sun 21-22 February Fly-in Exhibition – Australian Army Aviation Museum
Saturday 7 March Oakey Show Ball
Saturday 7 March Oakey Lions Markets
Saturday 14 March Oakey Show
Monday 16 March Rampage BMX Freestyle Workshops
Kulpi Cake Stall
Several volunteers recently held a successful cake stall during the election day voting at Kulpi State School. The P&C Association would like to sincerely thank the many parents and friends of the school who (with very little notice) cooked an amazing variety of beautiful cakes and goodies to sell for our school. On the day Melissa Dorries, Leonie Jull, Bec Grams and Jen James manned the stall and brought in a profit of around $200 for the P&C. Sincere thanks to everyone for their time and assistance to make our cake stall a success.

Playgroup has changed days for 2015
we now welcome new and existing members on
FRIDAYS 9.30 to 11.00am

Monday Afternoon Program Term One

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What fun it is to harvest!
Thanks to Miss Stacey installing an irrigation system, our vegetables continued to grow over the holidays. We enjoyed harvesting them together last Monday. There were a variety of items to dig out and the children squealed with delight to see the new potatoes pop out at the end of withered green plants. There were also spring onions, salad onions, leeks, green, red and yellow capsicum, and cucumbers. The last few corn cobs were too dry for us but the chickens loved them. The corn was harvested over the holidays and shucked ready for us to use in dishes throughout this term.

In weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9 (see program above) we will make use of our garden produce and cook a variety of salads. The children see how the produce makes its journey from the garden to the plate, enjoying all parts of the process from planting, growing, harvesting, cooking and eating.

Matthew Condon at the Toowoomba City Library
Join Matthew Condon at the Toowoomba City Library on Tuesday February 24, 6:30pm when he launches the explosive ending to the best-selling Three Crooked Kings trilogy All Fall Down. Drinks and nibbles will be served, and copies of Matthew’s 2 previous books Three Crooked Kings and Jacks and Jokers will be available for purchase and signing.

Bookings are required and spaces are limited. See staff at the Toowoomba City Library help desk or phone (07) 4688 6670. All attendees to this event will be entered in the Adult Summer Reading Club with a chance to win Coles Myer vouchers—three to give away.