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 ............

Last week, I spent two amazing days in Brisbane at the 2015 State Principals Conference. Speakers included the new Minister for Education, the Director General for Education, and various international presenters. We also heard from a panel of Senior High students who talked about what makes a school great and the characteristics of a great teacher.

Flowing through every presenters message though, was the understanding that every student deserves a teacher who cares for them. They deserve a teacher who listens and understands their needs and hopes. For myself, I believe the pleasure in teaching should be matched by the pleasure students feel in being a part of my class, and this school. At Kulpi we strive to match the learning activities of the curriculum with the needs of individual children. Not everything is fun, but we can choose our positive attitude so that we develop the ability to meet challenges.

We want every child at Kulpi to love learning. To do that, we want to know each child's strengths and areas that need more attention. To achieve 'only our best' we need parents to work alongside us, understanding the way our school supports students. Patrea Walton, our Deputy Director General, was clear about the role of our schools. She said "Our State Schools are at the heart of communities across Queensland and we (myself and our staff at Kulpi) are responsible for the health of that heart". We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Warm regards,
Rosita
REGIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2015
FAMILY MEMBERS
TOOWOOMBA | SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2015

This is a must-attend conference for family members (including family members who are also educators or therapists) interested in learning the latest information about educating a child or young adult with Down syndrome.

Topics Covered:
- What is Down syndrome?
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Managing Challenging Behaviours
- Visual Supports
- Gross and Fine Motor Development
- Transitions
- Toiletting
- Privacy, Sexuality and Relationships

Who Should Attend?
Family members of a student with Down syndrome (including family members who are also educators or therapists) who are dedicated to increasing the academic potential of their student will benefit from the 2015 Education Conference. Attendees will network together in an enthusiastic atmosphere to share this enjoyable and informative event.

The content of this course is identical to the education course for educators. Certificates of Attendance with CPD hours will be provided.

Join us for exciting and motivating presentations from Queensland’s most experienced and informative speakers in the area of working with students with special needs. Together they will share their insights and ideas to help you expand your understanding and provide you with tools, ideas and resources that you can incorporate into your own educational context.

This conference is highly recommended. It has reignited my passion for my son’s education.

Very worthwhile! The presenters were fantastic and the information was relevant and practical. I have come out re-energised and enthusiastic.

A must do! So informative and very inspirational as a parent first and a kindergarten teacher second. Can’t wait to go again.

Please note that minimum numbers are required for this event to go ahead.

Step into Stories
A celebration of children’s literature
1-3 September, 2015
Bookings are now being taken for our yearly celebration of children’s literature.

Bookings are being taken a little differently this year.
Please complete a booking form for each booking request.
Please email Liz.Deroux@toowoomba.qld.gov.au for a booking form.
Bookings close 5 pm February 20, 2015.
Your booking will be confirmed as soon as possible and invoices will be sent.
Payment will be due July 31st.
Phone bookings will not be accepted.
If payment is not made by this date your booking will be offered to schools on the waiting list. Reminders will not be given.

Kerry Argent
Cost $250 plus GST
Suitable for Yr Prep – 6

Leigh Hobbs
Cost $250 plus GST
Suitable for Yr Prep – 6

Brian Falkner
Cost $250 plus GST
Suitable for Yr 3 – 6

Reading Eggs
Recently every child brought home a card with their User Name and Password for the Reading Eggs program we use at school. They can use these details to log in to Reading Eggs on computers and iPads with internet access. There is no cost to parents for this program, and you can see how many books your child has read online, as well as a host of other literacy related activities they are using at school. We encourage your child to use these at home too. Please see Mrs Lever if you want more information.

P&C Association AGM
Contrary to common opinion you can come to an AGM and not get a job!

We warmly welcome all parents and community members to our AGM this Monday 9 March at 2.30pm, where afternoon tea and good company is provided free of charge.

At this meeting you can join the P&C or renew membership, or if you can’t be present you may still hand your membership forms in to the school beforehand.

Please come and have your say about the way our school operates.

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.

Get in quick places are filling up fast
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

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.

Endangered Aussie Wildlife Presentations
The Amaroo Environmental Education Centre and the Condamine Alliance invites you to these Endangered Aussie Wildlife Presentations. All sessions are FREE but numbers are limited so registrations are essential.
RSVP: by Friday 13 March to Cam Mackenzie, Amaroo Environmental Education Centre Principal
Telephone: (07) 4696 7140; Email: admin@amarooec.qs.edu.au

DATE CLAIMER
Kulpi Hall Committee
Annual
3 Course Hot Dinner
Saturday 9 May 6.30pm
Celebrating Mothers

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.scce.com.au, email us at scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.