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.......... 

In a little over eight weeks time we will welcome hundreds of visitors to our small school, to recognise the proud history of education here at Kulpi. As we approach this final stretch, there are many people working incredibly hard to make the day a success. The program is being finalised, the roadside signs are ready to display, the Facebook page has the last photos of unknown pupils ready to be identified, and the phone rings daily with queries about the day. The Centenary Book is ready to be published, and it is a brilliant compilation of stories, pictures and memories of the past and the present. You will be able to order and pay for it online, and collect it on the day, or come along and buy it at the Centenary Day (while stocks last). Our grounds are looking great and the children are practising items for their part on the day.

We are inviting everyone to come along on Saturday the 8th of August to be a part of our celebration. There will be something for everyone to do, from the youngest to the oldest visitor, and members of the community who perhaps have never been inside the school grounds are very welcome. Why not plan to have lunch here and watch the old fashioned games being played?

As we approach the end of Term Two and the end of Semester One it is also a busy time in the classrooms. The children are finishing their English, Maths, Science and History units and their results across the all units completed to date are summarized in their report cards. I would encourage parents to make a time after school to come and see me before or after report cards are issued (Week 10) to discuss their child’s progress.

Finally I’d like to mention one of our students who is a great example of determination to learn. On Tuesday I listened to Jack read a new book, and it was wonderful to hear him use expression and work out the words he didn’t know, using the strategies we have been learning in class. He gets lots of support from home to complete his reading homework, and in class he listens and persists even when the tasks are challenging. Jack I am so proud of your efforts.

At Kulpi we are determined to help every student achieve their best. What a pleasure it is to do so.

Rosita Lever
Learning the ukulele......

What a pleasure it has been for the children to learn the ukulele form Mrs Marita Raynor, these last two weeks. Mrs Raynor, a grandmother of one of our students, has volunteered to teach the children how to play this amazing instrument. Pictured here at the older children learning how to hold their instrument, during the first lesson.

Thank you Mrs Raynor, we are so lucky to have you volunteer your time for us!

Simultaneous Reading

On Wednesday the 3rd of June, Mrs Jull kindly volunteered her time. She enabled us to join in with children all across the country, simultaneously reading the story ‘The Brothers Quibble’. Thanks Mrs Jull, we loved the story time!
Fun Food Friday

12th June - The theme for the day is ‘Nuts and Bolts’ and the children are asked to wear a costume that has some nuts and bolts as part of it—such as robot. Try painting ice cream containers and using silver pipe cleaners, and rolling cardboard that has been covered with alfoil. Foods will include a range of nuts to try and compare, and a hot dish with nuts included.

No Playgroup

Friday 24th July

Please note that because of our whole school attendance at the Quinalow Athletics carnival, there will be no playgroup on this day.

Thank you for your understanding,
Rosita

Attendance

97.1%

Well done everyone! Despite some children fighting illness over the past two weeks, we have maintained excellent attendance for those children who were able to come to school. Every day counts at Kulpi, and we appreciate parent support in getting children to school each day.

Mad Hatters in Moola

Join us for Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Sunday 28 June 10am.
Adults $10.00
Children over 5 years $5.00
Morning Tea Provided
Fun Games
Children's Activities
Mad Hatter Competition (lots of categories)
217 Moola School Road, Moola
(home of Colin and Anne Ehrich)

Quinalow Athletics Carnival

Friday 24th July

The children have been practising their ball games, running relays and various other athletic events in preparation for the upcoming Athletics Day at Quinalow. We have the opportunity to compete against other schools and cheer each other on. Last year we enjoyed making streamers to shake and learning war cries to demonstrate our school spirit. All parents and families are welcome to attend. As the school does not provide transport to Quinalow, parents are asked to arrange transport whether themselves or with another family. If you are unable to stay for the day staff will supervise your child/ren. Last year there was a tuckshop available, or you may take your own packed lunch. I suggest bringing folding chairs for comfort, and a hat as there may not be enough shade for everyone. The day starts around 9am and finishes when your child’s events are over, or at the end of the day when the results are announced.

If you have any other questions please don’t hesitate to contact me,
Thanks in anticipation of your support,
Rosita
Do you sometimes feel you have to be a mind reader to understand what your child wants? Effective children know how to get the cooperation of others, so it’s important that kids know how to ask for what they want. That means they don’t throw tantrums, whinge or sulk and hope parents guess what is on their minds.

When children are young, parents can help children find the words to express themselves. We become experts after a while interpreting what toddlers say, repeating back to them what they are saying. We carry this onto childhood and adolescence, interpreting the silences of young people, sometimes second-guessing grunts and shrugs. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want.

Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and to expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis for civil behaviour, as well as the basic human skill for asking for what you want. Here’s two ways you can put this into practice:

1. **Help children find the words they need to ask for what they want from you and others.** Use prompts such as “Take a minute and think through what it is you want me to do.” “What would you like me to do?”

2. **Encourage children to ask for what they want in the following way:** Make eye contact
   - Speak clearly and to a person
   - Use a moderate, firm voice as opposed to a wingy or loud voice
   - Accept that the answer they receive may not be the one they want

The basic task for parents is a teaching task. And teaching kids how to ask for what they want is a simple, but powerful lesson we can pass on.

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**Help Please!**

As we approach our Centenary Day there are many small tasks that need doing. To lighten the load it would be terrific if volunteers come forward to tackle these jobs, so that our school is spic and span for everyone to be proud of on Centenary Day.

- **Are you able to help with any of these tasks?**
  - Gurney off the pathway at the front of the school? (we have a gurney)
  - Freshen up the chook pen- new hay and a clean out of their water
  - Plant out new vegetables in the vegie patch (with some willing students to assist)
  - Help move the junior classroom down to the library (End of term) This also involves shifting all of the library books up to the existing Junior room, and cleaning shelves as we empty them.
  - Spruce up our playgroup dress up and toy room, putting excess toys in boxes so we can rotate them around.
  - Weeding some of the gardens and applying new mulch.
  - Tidying out the small silver shed and disposing of old furniture to the dump
  - Putting our new desks together—expected delivery date is the 4th of June.

Please see Rosita if you would like to help with any of the above, thank you.

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8 AUGUST 2015