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

We are on an exciting countdown now for our long awaited Centenary Day! Everywhere you turn at Kulpi School there is a hum of activity. Classrooms have been changed around so the display from the past can be completed in the small room upstairs. We hope visitors love seeing the way children from long ago worked at school.

Downstairs our Junior classroom is fantastic and the children are really enjoying the space and light. All of the children are also enjoying the new desks we have for each child (and extras for new enrolments too). The classroom upstairs will now host a range of displays of the current work, in scrapbooks, exercise books and art portfolios.

Downstairs Mrs Gordon is working away with her husband Ken to complete the mosaic which will be revealed for the first time on Centenary Day. It will have lots of colourful tiles and some surprises which you will have to come and see on the day itself. The gardens nearby have had a makeover, as have the gardens out the front of the school. The front path has been blasted clean by rob and Jen James and is ready for the hundreds of visitors to walk on as they retrace their childhood steps. We are selling pavers on Centenary Day so that the path will have permanent reminders of both our special celebration and the many people who have been a part of the school community over the years.

The Centenary Book is printed and full of great memories, new photos and special anecdotes that the committee have worked so hard to source. It is a treasure and can be purchased online at https://www.facebook.com/kulpistateschoolpandc for the excellent price of $25.00. Or you may choose to buy one on the day. There will also be souvenir’s for purchase, and a lovely coffee machine (thank you Office Works) will be raffled. You could guess the Jelly Beans, play Beanie under the school, or cheer on the participants in the sack and egg and spoon races. Younger children can have their faces painted for $2.00, play with bubbles or dress ups. We will have hundreds of chairs to sit on, and lots of tents and spaces to sit out of any cool breezes.

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There are eleven children here who are SO EXCITED at the thought of hosting such a huge event in our school grounds. They are ready to dance and sing for the visitors, and our youngest student will cut the ‘birthday’ cake to share 100 years of proud education at this wonderful school.

See you all on the 8th of August– gates open at 9am and activities start at 9.30am.

Rosita Lever
**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 had streamers to shake and we learnt 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**

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**Bus Run**

The last day of Term 2 also marked the end of an era for our bus driver Carolyn Bidgood, and her husband Lindsay. For 35 years the Bidgood’s operated one of the bus services that helped local children get to Kulpi SS, and also meet the buses that then went to the Oakey High School. 35 years long Kulpi School and feeder bus to Oakey High School.

Some of the memories over 35 years include…….

Carolyn’s mum and dad drove for a while initially because Carolyn wasn’t 21 yet.

The run was small but did add up to 120 km a day

The little Toyota bus was packed to capacity and when they went swimming to Oakey they would chant going up the Greenwood Hill “I think I can, I think I can’ to try and get up the hill. It was great to take the children to the Town Hall at the end of the year and go and see shows.

More than one generation of a family has used the bus – Kate and mum Tanya, and Jackalyn and dad Danny. When Danny was little he broke his leg and wouldn’t get on the bus so Lindsay had to carry him on.

There was a ‘naughty boys’ seat because no one wanted to sit there, but over the last decade the seat beside the bus driver was coveted and the kids would tell the bus driver all sorts of stories. Carolyn had to have a roster for what was once the seat no-one wanted!

There were a few flat batteries on cold mornings – catching the high school bus was always a challenge to be met. They had a couple of flat tyres. Carolyn said she had run over kangaroos and watched them go under the bus and then when the students looked at them from the back of the bus they saw the kangaroos get up and bound away.

All of the staff, families and students of Kulpi would like to wish Lindsay and Carolyn a wonderful retirement and hope they continue to be part of the Kulpi school community in the future. We thank them for their dedicated service and care extended to the bus children.

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**Sign, signs and more signs!**

You may have noticed the Kulpi Centenary signs popping up all over the region as we continue to advertise our Centenary. We owe a very big thank you to our kind supporter Lindsay Bidgood, who has travelled far and wide to erect signs for us. Lindsay spent a great deal of his own time doing this for us so thank you Lindsay.

From all of us at Kulpi SS.
Centenary Pavers

We are going to run an activity on our Centenary Day which will be a permanent reminder of the families and community members who have been, and are, a part of our school. Individuals, and families are invited to buy a paver (various sizes available) which will be laid alongside the existing concrete path which leads from the front gate to the school buildings. Depending upon how many we sell, some pavers may be embedded into the path or we will remove sections to make space for the pavers.

To participate, you are invited to ‘buy’ a paver at the Centenary, where a staff member will be available to take your details as they will appear on the paver. There is also the option to buy a hand drawn paver, with a special template ready for you or your child to complete available.

Prices and options are as follows:
- Single paver with up to 48 characters: $30
- Double paver (2 adjoining pavers): $60
- Triple paver (3 adjoining pavers): $90
- Hand drawn paver: $40

Attendance 95.29%

We are keeping ahead of the attendance rate that is a target! Congratulations everyone for working hard to get your children to school.

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

Help!

We are looking to finish lots of odd jobs around the school in the final preparation leading up to the Centenary Day.
- Gardens to mulch
- Some light planting
- Tidying the chook pen
- Some rubbish to dump
- Touch up painting
- Hanging calico in the library

If you can spare any time between **10am-2pm on Sunday 24th July**, then please join in and lend a hand.
- Bring along a BBQ lunch and drinks if you would like to cook a hot lunch.
- Hope to see you here :)

Green Day

Our Fun Food Friday theme this term will be the colour green, and students are invited to wear clothes and dress ups in this colour.

We are looking forward to seeing a sea of green on The 28th of August.
THE 8 TRAITS OF EMOTIONALLY STRONG FAMILIES

Members come together regularly and enjoy each other’s company.
A variety of Strong Families Studies agree on one fact – that people in strong families come together either formally to share a meal or meet on people’s birthdays and other special events; or come together informally – they just hang out together. How much time do you spend with your family?

People share their feelings, even unpleasant feelings and they learn how to manage them effectively.

People in strong families connect on a deeper emotional level. When someone is unhappy or miserable; it’s not ignored. It’s acknowledged and it informs how people behave – whether to give that person space; provide a shoulder to lean on or simply to cheer them up. Does your family connect on an emotional level?

Family members care deeply about each other – come together through difficulty.
People in strong families draw together when the chips are down and crisis happens. Hardship galvanises rather than pushes people away. Would your family pull together or disintegrate when hardship hits?

Family members communicate and show emotion.
People don’t always get their communication right but there is a willingness to forgive transgressions of others and to look for ways to move forward rather than be stuck in the past. How much affection is shown in you family on a daily basis?

Conflict is resolved respectfully and responsively, rather than ignored.
Parents will see conflict situations as opportunities to bring people closer together rather than take sides and apportion blame. Is conflict ignored or handled respectfully in your family?

There is a strong sense of shared identity.
Strong, emotionally smart families have a strong sense of who they are. They generally have identifiable rituals and traditions that are passed down from one generation to the next. What are your key traditions and rituals?

Decisions are shared and all members honour opinions and ideas.
The old autocratic parenting approach “Do as I say”, no longer works in Western families. Parents in strong families use an authoritative parenting approach to raise their children. What parenting approach do you use?

There is a feeling of optimism and hope in the family.
Strong families usually have something bigger than them that they connect with – whether it is religion, caring for the environment or shared compassion for mankind – hope and optimism are gained from a shared set of ethics, beliefs or values. How does your crew measure up?

By Michael Grose