From the Principal

Quadrennial School Review (QSR) - Verification Meeting
On Wednesday 2nd November we held our Quadrennial School Review Verification Meeting with the Assistant Regional Direction, Reid Thompson and our QSR team. During this meeting we demonstrated to Mr Thompson the processes we went through during our QRS and presented to him Kalamia State School’s 2016 - 2020 Strategic Plan. Mr Thompson was extremely pleased with the collaborative approach to our QSR and 2016 - 2020 Strategic Plan creation. Thank you to everyone who was part of the Kalamia SS’s QSR.

Swimming
Swimming lessons continue every Wednesday afternoon up to and including week 9. Students are continuing to improve every week. Swimming lessons will lead into the Small School Swimming carnival being held on Wednesday 7th December.

Attendance
I’m pleased to say our current school attendance has risen over the last fortnight from 85.65% to 87.14%. Please remember that Term 4 is a very busy time of year, with lots of assessment being conducted leading up school report cards. To help your child/ren achieve their best it is important to remember that ‘everyday counts’.

Weekly Focus Expectation
At Kalamia SS we have many high expectations of our students and staff. We will be selecting a target expectation every week which students and staff will focus on improving. This week our focus expectation was ‘Keeping hands to ourselves’. Staff and students had discussion after every session and recorded how we went on a chart (green = we met our expectation, red = we didn’t meet our expectation). At the end of the week reviewed how we went and if we succeeded to meet our expectation everyone received a reward. Next week our focus expectation is ‘listening respectfully when others are talking’.

Under 8s Open Day
Tuesday 22 November we are hosting an Under 8’s Open Day. Activities run from 9:30 - 11:00. We will be joined by Clare SS and Maidavale SS. The morning is also open to members of the public with children who would like to come and see our school. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Principal Visit
Thursday 24th November, Kalamia SS’s 2017 Principal - Renee Cross will be visiting the school. Renee will be working with me as part of the schools transition as well as meeting the students and staff.

Kind Regards,
Ben Cavanagh - Acting Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesdays - Swimming
- 22 November - Under 8s Open Day
- 7 December - Small School Swimming Carnival
- 8 December - Graduation/End of Year lunch and presentation
- 9 December - Last day Term 4

Remembrance Day Tradition

Why is this day special to Australians?

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919 two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony at the new Cenotaph in London. The silence was proposed by Australian journalist Edward Honey, who was working in Fleet Street. At about the same time, a South African statesman made a similar proposal to the British Cabinet, which endorsed it. King George V personally requested all the people of the British Empire to suspend normal activities for two minutes on the hour of the armistice "which stayed the worldwide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right and Freedom". The two minutes' silence was popularly adopted and it became a central feature of commemorations on Armistice Day.

On the second anniversary of the armistice in 1920 the commemoration was given added significance when it became a funeral, with the return of the remains of an unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Western Front. Unknown soldiers were interred with full military honours in Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. The entombment in London attracted over one million people within a week to pay their respects at the unknown soldier's tomb. Most other allied nations adopted the tradition of entombing unknown soldiers over the following decade.

After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

In Australia on the 75th anniversary of the armistice in 1993 Remembrance Day ceremonies again became the focus of national attention. The remains of an unknown Australian soldier, exhumed from a First World War military cemetery in France, were ceremonially entombed in the Memorial's Hall of Memory. Remembrance Day ceremonies were conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country, culminating at the moment of burial at 11 am and coinciding with the traditional two minutes' silence. This ceremony, which touched a chord across the Australian nation, re-established Remembrance Day as a significant day of commemoration.

Four years later, in 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.
P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 24th November, after school in the Library.

Dear students, staff and parents,

On Friday the 9th December it’s the last day of school and Miss Cindy and Miss C will be holding a Christmas picnic under the trees on the oval for students attending school that day.

Left overs from Thursday’s lunch and pizza, sausage rolls and party pies will be provided with no cost involved.

Students can bring a blanket if they wish to sit on and must have their hats.

If parents have any questions concerning this lunch please feel free to contact myself or the school.

Kind regards,

Cindy Pickering
0422 395 747
P&C President

School Photos
Community News

Christmas Storytime
Burdekin Library Ayr
Friday 9th December, 10:30am

eSafety Workshop

About
An eSafety expert from the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner will be delivering a free workshop on how you can help keep young people safe online.
For more information visit esafety.gov.au

Learn how
- young people are using social media and technology
- to make a complaint about online bullying
- we can help remove serious cyberbullying material

When
Wednesday
30 November 2016
6 to 8pm
Burdekin PCYC
Marsden Street
Ayr
Bookings Essential
47831000

Christmas Lantern Workshop

Thursday 8th & Saturday 10th December
9:30am–11:30am
Burdekin Library Ayr

Call 47839970 to make your booking.

Come along to a FREE Workshop &
create your very own Christmas Lantern, to
join in the Lantern Parade at

Burdekin Christmas Carols on Sunday 11th December.