



Kalamia Communiqué

From the Principal's Desk

WEEK 7 TERM 3 2018

Wow, how quickly has Term 3 moved along! In the business of the term, it is a mammoth job just keeping track of all the wonderful events and achievements at Kalamia State School.

FANCY DRESS BALL

On Friday 7th September, Kalamia hosted the Annual Fancy Dress Ball and Maidavale and Jarvisfield State Schools joined us for the evening. We had lots of creative guests, including Pocahontas, The Infected and a very talented fisherman. Congratulations to all of the students who got into the spirit and came along as a much loved character. A huge thank you to the staff for supporting our event and creating a fun party atmosphere on the night. Thank you to the P&C who organised our tuckshop for the night and baked up a storm of desserts and supper treats when we were exhausted from dancing.

Congratulations to all of the students who performed their dances in front of a very supportive crowd. It takes hours of practice, dedicated staff and confidence to be able to perform in front of a crowd, so well done boys and girls from all three schools.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Last Sunday, the P&C held our first Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale at Bunnings, Fairfield Waters, Townsville. The sweets, cakes and slices on offer were a huge temptation for many of the Townsvillians and over the course of the day, approximately 35 kilos of sausages were sold! A big thank you to P&C members Rebekah Madsen, Barbara Colls, Maria Cason, Leanne Cislowski and staff members Amanda Murphy, Michelle Berryman, Susanne McDowell, Margaret McLaughlin and Renee Cross who spent their Sunday supporting our school. A huge thank you to the ladies behind the scenes who baked and priced their baked goods in preparation for the event. We have another BBQ in November, stay tuned for information.

BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

There have been positive changes in student behaviours each week as the focus rule is explicitly taught and monitored, with a strong focus on speaking respectfully and treating others with respect. A combined effort between home and school will continue to promote our school culture of a safe and respectful school.

Each behaviour focus has been outlined below, including what the behaviour expectation means and what it looks like from the perspective of the student.

Week 8 Term 3 <u>I am Respectful</u>	Week 9 Term 3 <u>I am a Learner</u>	Week 10 Term 3 <u>I am Respectful</u>
<u>I take turns with others.</u> * I play fair games and include everyone * I accept decisions made by staff about the game * I encourage the efforts of others during play	<u>I sit and clap appropriately on Parade</u> * I sit crossed legged on the floor * I stand, arms by side during the National Anthem * I sing the National Anthem respectfully and with pride. * I give the speaker eye contact at all times * I ignore inappropriate behaviours around me.	<u>I play by the agreed upon rules</u> * I use the person's name when I am speaking * I use a quiet and calm voice * I answer questions respectfully * I give the speaker eye contact * I move away from someone displaying disrespectful behaviour

BURDEKIN FESTIVAL OF ARTS

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs Marie Finn yesterday afternoon to personally express her congratulations to our school for our fantastic achievements at the Burdekin Festival of Arts. Mrs Finn presented Mrs Berryman with a certificate for our school's first place in Small School Choir. Congratulations to Mrs Berryman and all of the students who participated in the choir and their winning performance was amazing!

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*"Small Schools
 Achieve Great Things"*

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Attachments:

We acknowledge the traditional custodians (the 'Juru' people) of this land and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and future.



**KALAMIA DATE
CLAIMERS**

Week 10: 17th to 21st September

- * Parent Teacher Conferences
- * Newsletter Week
- Mon 17th - Playgroup 9am to 11am
- Mon 17th - Library Day
- Mon 17th - Parade 2:45pm
- Wed 19th - Pirate Day

Term 4

Week 1: 8th to 12th October

- Mon 8th - Playgroup 9am to 11am
- Mon 8th - Library Day
- Mon 8th - Parade 2:45pm

Week 2: 15th to 19th October

- * Newsletter Week
- Mon 15th - Playgroup 9am to 11am
- Mon 15th - Library Day
- Mon 15th - Parade 2:45pm
- Wed 17th - Swimming Lessons

Week 3: 22nd to 26th October

- Mon 22nd - Student Free Day
- Wed 24th - Swimming Lessons
- Fri 26th - Day for Daniel - wearing red

Week 4: 29th October to 2nd November

- * Newsletter Week
- Mon 29th - Playgroup 9am to 11am
- Mon 29th - Library Day
- Mon 29th - Parade 2:45pm
- Mon 29th - Prep 2019 Information Night
- Wed 31st - Swimming Lessons
- Thurs 1st - School Photos

Week 5: 5th to 9th November

- Mon 5th - Playgroup 9am to 11am
- Mon 5th - Library Day
- Mon 5th - Parade 2:45pm
- Wed 7th - Swimming Lessons

From the Principal's Desk (Cont.)

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is running each morning in the Years 2-6 room and students are able to have toast, Vita Brits and fruit. The students are really enjoying the time together and we certainly start the day with a nutritious breakfast. Please feel free to join us for breakfast, a cuppa and a chat in the mornings.

The very talented Mrs Berryman made rainbow jelly with fruit for our morning tea this week, which we enjoyed so much we can't wait to see what she will create next term. A sincere thank you to Mrs Berryman who supports our students whether it is through cooking, library lessons or in the classroom.

PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

As part of our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning Program) focus, Term 3 was the first term we introduced Rewards Day at Kalamia State School. Students who earned 30 'Awesomes' prior to the Rewards Day were able to attend Archery Day with Mr Postma. 'Awesomes' were awarded to students who demonstrated our focus rule of the week and a specific classroom focus each week. Congratulations Kalamia, every student earned the opportunity to attend Rewards Day!

Mr Andrew Postma from Archery Across Australia spent last Tuesday teaching our awesome students archery history, techniques and shooting practice. Mr Postma was very impressed with the levels of enthusiasm, technique and listening skills of our students. The students were given individual challenges towards the end of the day and they demonstrated their resilience and perseverance during this time.

I am currently negotiating our Rewards Day for Term 4, more information to follow next term.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Congratulations to our students who participated in NAPLAN this year. Our reading results were positive and an indication of the hard work we have done in the classroom. Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation have also improved. Our focus now turns to writing. We will be focusing on expanding vocabulary, improving our sentence structure, positioning the audience within our writing. Student reports will be sent home shortly.

MR WHITTRED'S VISIT

The Yrs 2-6 students welcomed Mr Whittred, Principal of Ayr State High School and 4 Year 7 students. Mr Whittred and the Year 7 students spoke to our students about life at high school, explaining what some of the differences are between high school and primary school and we had a glimpse of the amazing and fun activities students can be involved in at high school. It was a great opportunity for our students to ask questions and feel confident about the transition to high school. Further information about transition days will be sent out in Term 4.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Students will have the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons at the Burdekin Swim School in Term 4 starting on Wednesday 17th October (Week 2) and permission forms will be sent home in next term in week 1. The school will cover the cost of swimming lessons and parents and caregivers are asked to transport their children to the pool. Lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons and students are to be collected from school at 1.30 pm. Students will be dismissed from the pool at 2.45 pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Thursday 1st November in week 4 of Term 4. Order forms will be sent home in the first week of Term 4. Prices for photos are:

Item	Price	#	Total
A4 Class Photo		\$25	
A4 Class Photo Laminated, 1 x Individual 6x4" & 1 x Individual 5x7"		\$40	
A4 Class Photo Laminated, 2 x Individual 6x4" & 2 x Individual 5x7" & 1 x 6x4" Wallet Sized Images		\$60	
Total			

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

(Don't let it be Unexplained)

Ph: 4783 2191

M: 0459 885 273

Drop by the office Send a note
EVERY DAY COUNTS!



From the Principal's Desk (Cont.)

STUDENT RESOURCES SCHEME

As we are nearing the end of Term 3, there are a number of outstanding payments for the Student Resource Scheme. There are several options for payment including B-point, direct deposit and cash.

ABSENCES

A sick student is a student who should be at home resting. It is important to inform the school if students are unwell and will be absent from school. Students who are absent from school other than for illness, e.g. medical appointments, also need to advise the school to confirm their absence. Parents are welcome to call the school on 47832191 and leave a message on the answering machine or call or text the school's mobile phone on 0459 885 273. All student absences must be explained on the day of the absence. Staff will contact parents should a student be unaccounted for by 9.30 am.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the students on their achievements this term and their commitment to learning each and every day. Thank you to the staff who have made a very busy term, one that was successful and enjoyable. Thank you to the P&C and parents who have supported our school's activities and events, the behind the scenes work and for your fundraising efforts.

Term 4 commences on Monday 8th October and Breakfast Club will be ready and waiting for to greet our students! On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you a safe, relaxing and fun filled holiday break and we look forward to seeing you for the commencement of Term 4.

If you have any questions or concerns please send an email to principal@kalamia.eq.edu.au or phone 47 832 191 to make an appointment.

Yours in learning,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Renee Cross'.

Renee Cross
Principal
Kalamia State School

School News

Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp

School News

Department of Education, Training and Employment

Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day 🗓️🗓️🗓️🗓️

OK reasons to stay home from school

🏠 sick 🌧️ natural disasters

It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep It's where good habits begin

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Each 1% increase in student attendance may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points

What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school

For more information Go to the *Every day counts* website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/>

Community News



Home Hill Junior Cricket

We have some exciting news in regard to our cricket this season.... We are having our junior cricket on Friday afternoons starting at 3.30 for a 4pm start on Friday 12th October 2018.




We have **Junior Blasters** cricket for the little ones (@6 years old) which includes a personalised big bash shirt in the fees (\$80) This game focuses on the skills and drills in a fun, game based afternoon.





We have the **Master Blasters** for those little ones (@8-11) who want to play a game of cricket, included in their fees for the season is a Brisbane Heat Cap. (\$80)

We also have our **under 14** team that plays a 20 over game that will be finished before dark.

The U17 have a **Super 8's** game on Friday afternoons at Home Hill, we are also putting an **Under 17 Home Hill** team in the Townsville Comp on Saturday afternoons (more information contact Fiona on 0417231855)





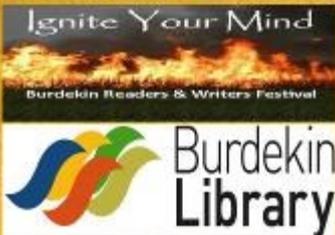
The club house & canteen will be open, before, during & after the game, sit back & relax, watch the kiddies play cricket, have a chat & grab tea while you are there! Come down to the Home Hill Cricket Club on 10th October - 4pm for a come and try day and sign on day, we will have fun and games, sausage sizzle etc it promises to be a great afternoon!



Story Time
with
Jay Laga'aia
&
Shannon Horsfall

Friday 12th October
10:30am
Burdekin Theatre Forecourt
FREE - Ages 0-5 years




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if YOU see something,
know something,
then say something...

call CRIME STOPPERS on 1800 333 000

Rewards are paid for information leading to arrests, and you can remain anonymous.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 24 Sept	TUESDAY 25 Sept	WEDNESDAY 26 Sept	THURSDAY 27 Sept	FRIDAY 28 Sept
No Scheduled Activity	Maker Space	Movies @ Ideas@108	Maker Space	No Scheduled Activity
Bookings are Essential (unless otherwise stated) 47839970	MAKER SPACE MAKE IT AT YOUR LIBRARY	10am 0-12 years Burdekin Library	MAKER SPACE MAKE IT AT YOUR LIBRARY	Bookings are Essential (unless otherwise stated) 47839970
Please check details for ages & supervision	What can you make at Burdekin Library? Access from 9am-5pm Burdekin Library 0-12 years *Adult supervision required* *No Bookings*		What can you make at Burdekin Library? Access from 9am-5pm Burdekin Library 0-12 years *Adult supervision required* *No Bookings*	Please check details for ages & supervision
MONDAY 1 Oct	TUESDAY 2 Oct	WEDNESDAY 3 Oct	THURSDAY 4 Oct	FRIDAY 5 Oct
Public Holiday	Wire Craft	Twirling twigs mobile	Movies @ Ideas@108	Scratch Board Art
Library Closed		10am 0-12 years Home Hill Branch		10am 0-12 years Home Hill Branch
	10am 0-12 years Burdekin Library		10am 0-12 years Burdekin Library	