From the Principal

Last Thursday and Friday I was in Townsville at Vincent State School and Hermit Park State School for Principal conferences. Due to my absence and an issue with our photocopier/printer last week’s newsletter is being sent home today. Thank you for your understanding.

2016 Priorities at Kalamia
Over the past few weeks I have been working on developing our Annual Implementation Plan for 2016. This plan outlines what we as a school are focused on achieving in 2016, and how we plan to accomplish it. In brief our goals are to:

- Improve Reading, Writing and Numeracy outcomes
- Build the capability of leaders and teachers
- Improve attendance rates

If you have any questions about this or anything else happening in our school, please don’t hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.

Attendance - Every Day Counts
As mentioned above, an ongoing goal for us to focus on this year is improving our attendance. Student attendance is directly related to student achievement. If students are not regularly attending school it is very hard for them to achieve academically. At this time of the term we are already well into our units of study and have started work on several assessment pieces. Please remember Every Day Counts! Illness or specialist appointments are the only acceptable reasons to be away!

School Hours
At Kalamia SS, school starts and 9:00am and finishes at 3:00pm. It is very important that students are in class, ready to learn, at 9:00am.

Webber Shield Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 9 February Summer, Bella and William represented our school at the Webber Shield Swimming Carnival. All three students were great representatives of our school completing strongly in the 50m breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle events. Well Done!

Office
We have had a change in our office. Mrs Murphy will be on leave for Semester 1. Mrs Michelle Plumb will now be in the office Thursday and Friday. If you have any office related inquiries Thursday and Friday will be the best days to visit or call the school. Mrs Plumb has joined us from Karumba, up in the gulf. A big welcome to Michelle and her family.

Kind Regards,
Ben Cavanagh
Acting Principal
**Icy Cups**
Bella and Bailey will be selling icy cups for 50c on Fridays on behalf of the P&C. A great way for finish after a hard week's work.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

**Chinese New Year Dumplings**

**Tennis Visit**

**Webber Shield**

**P&C News**

**P&C Association**
Our P&C will be looking for new members this year. Please talk to myself or a staff member at school if you think you may be able to help out in anyway. (Miss Cindy)
Does Your Child Have a Chance of Being Successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but........

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Kalamia State School
Small Schools Achieve Great Things

Quality Behaviour ..... Quality Teaching & learning..... Quality Relationships..... Quality Outcomes

At Kalamia State School
Every Child Matters, Everyday

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!!
Community News

Communication Milestones (0-5 years)

- What are the Communication Milestones?
- What should I look for?
- Why is communication important?
- What are some practical tips to build my child’s language?
- What are some good apps for this age group?

Tuesday March 1st at 6:15pm
at the
Burdekin Centre for Rural Health,
12A Chippendale St, Ayr.

**Limited Spaces, email Lisa via hello@talknq.com by February 24th to register!**

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE ENROL NOW!

We offer a fun filled program for primary school children run by happy, qualified staff.
Our programs are stimulating, adaptable, fun and most of all give children the opportunity to partake in their own interests and develop new ones.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
6:30AM - 9:00AM
with breakfast provided

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
3:00PM - 6:00PM
with afternoon tea provided

VACATION CARE
6:00AM - 6:00PM

Two Education for our program
$10.00 inc. Lunch provided

BURDEKIN SCHOOL AGE CARE
P: (07) 4783 1099
E: burdekinnews@nqyc.org.au

Weed ID and Control Workshop

Sunday 21 February 2016 (10am-2pm)
101 Sayers Road, Barretta

Do you want to know what that weed is? Would you like to know how to control it?

ND Dry Tropics invite you to a Weed Identification and Control workshop, part of the Healthy Habitats project, funded by the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme.

Presented by Jaymie Reins, Healthy Habitats Project Officer (ND Dry Tropics). The workshop will include:
- A Weed-ID session: bring along your photos of unidentified weeds or weed samples (samples must be sealed in clear plastic bags. No unwrapped samples will be accepted);
- Practical demonstrations of the best ways to remove problem weeds for the Burdekin Delta, and
- Information from local land management groups.

REGISTRATION NOW
On 4724 3544 or jaymie.reins@nddrytropics.com.au
Lunch provided; catering cannot be guaranteed without prior registration.