Kalamia Communiqué

From the Principal

Principal Appointment
A letter went home earlier this week informing the school community that a permanent principal has been appointed for the 2017 school year. If you missed it, on Tuesday afternoon I received a phone call from the Assistant Regional Director, Reid Thompson. He informed me that Renee Cross has been confirmed as the permanent principal appointment at Kalamia SS to commence on 01/01/2017. Renee is currently the principal at Homestead SS located 74kms west of Charters Towers. I’d like to congratulate Renee on her appointment and welcome her to our school community.

Quadrennial School Review (QSR)
On Wednesday we held our first school community meeting as part of QSR. As part of the meeting we reviewed and reflected on school data around our 2013 - 2016 school plan, Full School Review, student enrolments, School Opinion Surveys, attendance, NAPLAN and academic results. We focus on three questions:
- What are we doing well?
- What needs changing?
- What are our targets?

Our next QSR meeting will be on Wednesday 7 September. All parents, carers and staff are welcome and encouraged to come. The QSR meetings are your chance to share your opinions and assist in shaping our school plan for the next four years.

Attendance
With a few illnesses around, we have had several students away over the last two weeks and our attendance has dipped from 88.85% to 88.52%. Remember everyday counts as we continue to strive for our school goal of 95%. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Out of the classroom
On Monday 29 and Tuesday 30, I will be replaced in the classroom by Mrs Margret McLaughlin. Monday I will be at a budget workshop with Mrs Murphy at Ayr SS and Tuesday our school is being visited by the Regional Director, Sharron Schimming, and Assistant Regional Director, Reid Thompson, and I will be in meetings related to that visit. Mrs McLaughlin has worked at the school many times before and is familiar with all of our students.

Uniforms
Our uniform stocks are running low and our supplier has discontinued our current uniform style. Attached to this newsletter are the options for our new uniforms. If you would like to share your opinion about which uniform you like please circle your choice and return the sheet to the school before Friday 2nd September. We have ordered samples and I will notify the community when they arrive. We hope to make the a decision about our new uniform as soon as possible so we can get new stock in.
DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2 September - P&C Meeting
- 7 September - QSR Meeting
- 8 September - School Photos
- 15 September - Small School Cluster Day
- 16 September - Last day of Term 3
- 3 October - Public Holiday
- 4 October - First day of Term 4
- 17 October - Student Free Day

**Burdekin School Dental Service**
A reminder to please return the Burdekin School Dental Service Form as soon as possible to the school office.

**School Photos**
A reminder that school photos will be taken on Thursday 8th September at 9am. Your order envelope, including money needs to be returned to the school prior to photo day.

**Cricket**
On Wednesday 31 October and Wednesday 7 September we have a representative from Cricket Australia coming to work with our students during the PE lessons. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to learn new cricket skills and techniques.

**Cluster Day**
Thursday 15 November is our next small school cluster day. It will be held at Clare State School and will have an arts theme. These days give our students a fantastic chance to interact with students form other small schools in the Burdekin. More information will be sent home next week.

Kind Regards,
Ben Cavanagh
Acting Principal

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**P&C News**
We will be having a special P&C meeting on Friday 2 September.

We will be discussing the new school uniforms and deciding which uniform we would like to order (provided the samples arrive on time).

Everyone is welcome to come and help with the decision making process.
Book Week
Community News

Move for Life

World Suicide Prevention Day
11th September

Walk or Run
Anzac Park

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
in recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day
giving the opportunity to run/walk in memory of those lost,
celebrating those saved and hope for those to be helped.

7am Sunday 11th Sept

Giveaways
BBQ Breakfast
Represent your Club WITH CLUB BANNERS

Proceeds donated to Golden Octopus Foundation

Thursday 15 September
Burdekin Theatre – 7.00pm
Featuring:
Proserpine State High School Concert Band
Burdekin Brass Band
Burdekin Christian College Band

FREE lunch time performance in the Theatre Forecourt
Tuesday 13th September at 12.30pm

Sponsored by Burdekin Shire Council and the Burdekin Friends of the Theatre