



# THE KALAMIA KLATTER



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 KALAMIA STATE SCHOOL - OFFICIAL

## 2026 PRIORITIES

Targeted teaching and learning opportunities to drive and support student achievement across English, Mathematics and Science.

## DATE CLAIMERS

### \* Kalamia Kitchen: Thursday

- Tuckshop Day is Thursday
- Tuckshop orders due on Wednesdays
- Week 6 - Spaghetti
- Week 7 - Chicken burgers

### \* NAPLAN Week

- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

LIBRARY WILL BE LOCKED at 9am

### \* St. Patrick's Day

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Wear green to school

### \* Harmony Day

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Wear orange
- Multicultural activities during our school day



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and learn, and pay our respects to the Elders both past, present and emerging.



Absence from School  
 Please explain by 9.30am



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- Drop by the office
- Sent a note
- Sent a text



## From the Principal's Pen....

Dear Kalamia Community,

Our students and staff have been working hard to develop our improvement strategies for our 2026 Annual Implementation Plan. It has been a pleasure to see our classroom in action refining our instructional reading strategies and supporting our students to understand and goal set.

Since the start of Term One, students have been delving into literacy and learning syllable blending and segmentation, whilst Foundation classes have been immersed in learning the skills for CVC decoding and encoding; phonemic blending, alphabet sounds and formation, and the segmentation of words into phonemes for spelling.

Five questions we ask students are (and you can too):

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you going?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where do you go for help?

The annual NAPLAN testing period for Years 3 and 5 is approaching in Week 7 starting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. We start with the Writing task followed by Conventions of Language (ie Spelling + Grammar and Punctuation), Reading and Numeracy. If students are absent for any of the tests, they have the opportunity to complete the missed task/s by the end of Week 8.

As we do everyday, we will have a delicious breakfast available on these mornings to ensure our students brains are ready to fire! NAPLAN is only one testing instrument we use and is used by teachers to inform teaching and learning of our students specifically.

Attendance is especially important as we working hard on our assessments for Term One. Each day, students are emersed in learning, and each day is a building block, developing understanding and practising essential skills. Students who are absent, often miss vital steps towards understanding assessment tasks, and can become disengaged as their peers demonstrate an understanding of tasks and skills required, not just for Term 1 but for the rest of the year.

Year 6 students have decided on their senior shirt design and we are eagerly awaiting for them to arrive. The date for the Student Council presentations and senior shirt presentations will be confirmed over the coming week. Invitations for families and friends will be sent out in due course.

Free Lunch Mondays have been a huge hit with students, and they certainly look forward to their sausage on bread at first break. The Free Lunch Mondays will continue throughout the year. A heartfelt thank you to the staff who are cooking and serving, each and every day for breakfast, fruit time, lunches and tuckshop days.

Although 2028 feels like years away, it is our school's Centennial Year. On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2028, Kalamia State School will be achieving great things for 100 years and there will be quite the celebration! Past parents, students, staff members, P&C members, council members, and our wider community are all invited to contact the school and share their ideas, memories and updates. Any news on a time capsule would also be greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to hearing about Kalamia's strong history and the people who made it an amazing place to work and learn.

We look forward to seeing you in and around our school, and on our behalf, make someone's day AWESOME!

Warm regards,

Mrs Awesome  
 Principal



**In the Kalamia Kitchen....**



**Free Lunch Mondays**



**Positive Culture for Life**

Week 6: I am safe - I look after myself and others emotionally

- I use polite and encouraging language
- I speak to others positively and respectfully
- I include others in games and activities
- I do not make inappropriate comments towards others
- \* I give others space and time if they are angry or upset
- \* I recognise all emotions within myself and make good decisions
- \* I accept the consequences of my choices and my behaviour

Week 7: I am a Learner - I complete by work to the best of my ability.

- \* I keep trying even when the task is challenging
- \* I attempt to solve a problem before asking for help
- \* I ask questions to help me understand the task
- \* I use my learning time to finish my work



**New Jumpers for 2026**

Our students were so excited to receive their jumpers! As part of the Back to School Boost, students have been wearing their jumpers with pride!



Back to School Boost allocation can also be used for uniform shirts and hats. Students have their own hat hooks at school to ensure they are ready for playtime each and every day!

**Free Lunch Mondays**

From Week 4, every Monday will be Sausage Sizzle Day!

As part of School Food Program, students are welcome to have a sausage sizzle for first break on Mondays, absolutely free! Additional fruit will also be for both breaks.

**Chinese Beats and Pieces**

We travelled with Benji through time, through Chinese and Australian music, language, interactive games and 'you-won't-believe-your-eyes' technology! Born in Victoria Australia, Benji is a multi-instrumentalist and an award-winning guitarist. During the Beats 'n' Pieces show, we were introduced to several music, language and cultural traditions from all over the world, while playing hands-on games and magically creating music with only a few notes!

**Our school is nearly 100 years old!**

Did you know that on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2028, Kalamia State School is turning 100 years old? We are looking for information about past students, staff and events that have happened at our school, including information about the time capsule!

Turning 100 is a very special achievement and we are looking for your help. If you are interested in being a part of the 100 Year Celebrations committee, please call Renee Cross - Principal on 0459 885 273 or email [principal@kalamia.ss.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@kalamia.ss.eq.edu.au).

**Awards**

Student of the Week Award:

Week 2: Cody - for consistently trying in all learning areas and showing resilience and determination.

Week 3: Eeza - for contributing to class learning, expressing her ideas and sharing her thinking with others.

Principal Award:

Week 2: Alexandria - for setting high learning goals for herself, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and supporting her peers.

Week 3: Letty - for beginning the term as a safe and respectful learner, and for remembering our school behaviour expectations.

**Learning in the Land of Awesomeness**



**Kalamia Kitchen 2026**

Kalamia Kitchen – Building Lifelong Skills!

Our Kalamia Kitchen program gives students a fantastic opportunity to learn practical skills that will last a lifetime. Cooking is more than just preparing food – it teaches measuring, following instructions, teamwork, and problem-solving. These experiences help students develop independence and confidence. Our students included new recipes for Term 1 and we can't wait to get cooking.

Important Update:

Kalamia Kitchen sessions will now be held on Thursdays. Notes will still go home on Monday and must be returned by Wednesday morning. Thank you for supporting this valuable program that combines learning with fun and creativity!

**Facilities Update**

The air conditioners in the administration building have been replaced and are working like a charm! The downpipes have been replaced and are also doing a fantastic job, funnelling the torrential rainfall into the drains. The guttering has been repaired, and downpipes have been installed at the back of the tuckshop to help protect the air-conditioning unit. The verandah on N Block (the classroom) will be sanded and varnished over the Easter holiday period, depending on the weather.

**Community News**

**Birthday BUCKETS**

Bring your lunch to school Wrap Free!

**TechConnect**

Every Wednesday, 10.00am - 11.00am

CALENDAR	
February 4	Introduction & Mapping
February 11	Introduction to your Project
February 18	Start the Project
February 25	Project Progress
March 4	Project Completion
March 11	Project Showcase
March 18	Project Showcase
March 25	Project Showcase
April 1	Project Showcase

**TRADING CARD CLUB**

Thursdays 3:30pm

each week of school term

in Create 108, Burdekin Library.

Just come along, no bookings needed!

Trade, Play and Learn

popular trading card games such as Magic, The Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh!

**Awesomeness Wellbeing Program**

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With a Spring Wellbeing theme...

Being well & healthy will give you the opportunity to learn, discover and achieve what you want and develop coping skills in a range of situations.

Healthy coping skills will not only help you deal with a challenging or difficult situation but they provide an added bonus, and that is, you can enjoy the good things in life again!

Coping strategies that we use help us build our strength and resilience, and the ability to bring about our own health and wellbeing.

**What's on?**

**LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES TERM 1 WEEKS 4-7**

Monday Artis general in the verandah	Tuesday Dance Party in the Undercover Area	Wednesday Yoga Zone in the classroom
Thursday Board games in the classroom	Friday Gardening Club	Special Events and Activities

**WRAP FREE WEDNESDAY**

Bring your lunch to school Wrap Free!

**Challenges for Parents**  
 School 2244-120  
 School fax-08  
 Call into the office during school hours

**BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**  
 Name: Kalamia State School  
 BSB: 064 801  
 Account: 0009 9374

**Jobs to Do**

- Like and follow Kalamia State School Official Facebook page
- Like and follow Kalamia State School PAC Facebook page
- Save important dates in the calendar on my phone

**School Photos**  
 Monday 23rd March 2026

Full School Uniform  
 Sibling Photos are available  
 Envelopes due on the day  
 Northpoint Photos will be on site from 8.45am  
 www.kalamiass.eq.edu.au

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**  
 ISSUE 2 2026 HAS BEEN SENT HOME!  
 ORDERS ARE DUE MONDAY  
 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026  
 ONLINE THROUGH LOOP

**Kalamia Kitchen**  
 Every Thursday  
 Proudly run by K.S.S. Student Council  
 LEARNING LIFE SKILLS AND GOOD FOOD

- Wk 2 : Butter chicken & rice
- Wk 3: Ham/chicken toasties
- Wk 4: Bacon/ egg wraps
- Wk 5: Mini muffin pizzas
- Wk 6: Spaghetti & garlic bread
- Wk 7: Chicken burgers
- Wk 8: Sausage rolls /party pies
- Wk 9: Meatball sub
- Wk. 10 Hotdogs

**MONDAY IS LIBRARY DAY**

**Breakfast Club of the Kalamia Kitchen**  
 EVERY MORNING 8.35-9.30AM  
 Munch & Crunch Fruit Break  
 Friday 8.5-9.00am  
 Kalamia 2025

**P&C AGM 2026**

KSS P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026 at 3.30pm. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to the outgoing committee members of 2025.

All positions were declared vacant and persons were nominated and accepted positions as follows:

President - Chloe Thompson  
 Secretary - Barbara Colls  
 Treasurer - Margaret McLaughlin

**Photo Day Update**

Photo Day will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All orders will need to be completed online; there are no envelopes this year. If you would like new uniform shirts for photo day, please contact the office.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 2 2026 catalogue has been sent home! All orders are due by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, at 9am. Families can order through LOOP or by returning their order and money to school.

**Japanese Lessons**

Learning Japanese online is opening our students' eyes to the rich diversity of cultures, customs and ways of life around the world. Through engaging lessons and interactive activities, students are building communication skills while developing understanding, respect and curiosity about different cultures. These positive learning experiences are helping to broaden their perspectives, strengthen global connections and inspire a love of learning beyond the classroom.



**Kalamia State School Website**

Have you visited our website?

OUR WEBSITE IS THE ONE-STOP SHOP FOR DOCUMENTS, EVENTS, NEWSLETTERS AND MUCH MORE!

www.kalamiass@eq.edu.au

**Attendance matters...**

Any time missed at school makes a difference to their learning over time. From an early age, if children are taught that they need to "show up" for school and make a commitment, this positive mentality aids academic and career success and brings benefits in adulthood.

Please invest in your child's future and ensure they attend school all day - every day!!

