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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 4- bacon/egg wraps
- Week 5 - mini pizzas
- Week 6 - lasagne

* Shake and Stir

- Monday 11th May
- Brandon SS visiting
- Workshop 12.30pm - 2.30pm

* KSS Wellbeing Day



- Friday 25th May
- Sunsafe coloured clothes day

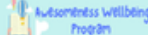
* Free Lunch Mondays

- Mini sausages rolls and party pies
- Limited to 3 pieces per student



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 school has been extremely busy during the past fortnight, from commemorations to celebrations, from learning experiences to a change in how learning is delivered, we have learned from it all.

Congratulations to the Student Council and senior students who were presented their badges and senior shirts last week. This year is particularly special as each of our senior students began their schooling at our school in prep, and rightly so, they have been waiting a long time for their shirts.

You may have seen media reports about a global cyber security incident affecting Canvas, an online learning platform used by educational institutions worldwide.

Canvas is used in Queensland state schools for staff and student training. Current advice from the third-party provider Instructure is that names, email addresses and school locations for staff and students since 2020 may be implicated.

As of late last week, the Department has removed all access to Canvas and as a result, online learning has ceased. Students in Years 3 4 5 & 6 will resume their lessons for Technologies and Science in class, with alternative arrangements for Japanese waiting to be confirmed.

Rest assured, I take the security and safety of our students, staff and families seriously and any further access to any and all learning will be heavily scrutinised. I will keep our school community updated as more information comes to light.

On a positive note, it was wonderful to welcome the Burdekin Sweetest School team to our school last week, and our cane is in the ground! A huge thank you to Barbara Colls, Isabella and Alexandria Colls, and Daniel McConnachie for preparing the plot and making the straightest and most perfect drills ever seen! I look forward to sharing updates about our 'cane plot'.

I look forward to seeing you in and around our school, and on our behalf, make it your mission to make someone else's day better.

Warm regards,
Mrs Awesome
Principal



In the Kalamia Kitchen....



Free Lunch Mondays



Positive Culture for Life

Week 4: I am a Learner - I complete my 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
- I understand I will finish my work during play if I do not finish it during learning time
- I accept the consequences of my behaviour

Week 5: I am Safe - I keep my hands feet and objects to myself.

- I keep my hands by my side when waiting in line
- I keep my hands in my lap when sitting on the floor
- I keep my legs still when sitting at the tables - during learning time and eating time
- I play safe games in the playground
- I can help others have an awesome day
- I accept the consequences of my behaviour



Student Council & Senior Presentations

Congratulations to our 2026 Student Council Committee, Alexandria, Isabella, Dylan-Renae, Arlow and Anastasia. We are incredibly proud of this outstanding group of students who have stepped up to take on leadership roles within our school community. Being part of the Student Council provides valuable opportunities to develop leadership and communication skills, work as a team, and actively contribute to school and community events.

Congratulations!



Free Lunch Mondays Term 2

From Week 1, every Monday will be Party Pies and Sausage Rolls Day!
As part of School Food Program, students are welcome to have sausage rolls or party pies for lunch!

Burdekin's Sweetest School Competition

Today, our students began their journey as budding cane farmers as we officially planted our sugar cane billets with the wonderful support of our parents and the **Burdekin's Sweetest School** team.

With teamwork, excitement and plenty of curiosity, the billets were carefully planted in two perfect rows, ready to begin growing. Students loved getting hands-on in the paddock, learning about the importance of agriculture in our local community and discovering what it takes to grow sugar cane.

Now the waiting begins! We can't wait to see the very first green shoots pop out of the ground and watch our crop grow over the coming months. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make today such a memorable learning experience for our students. The future of farming is looking bright!



Awards

Student of the Week Award:
 Week 2: Georgia - for working independently and sharing ideas with others.

Week 3: Elmanna - for listening carefully to instructions and explaining her thinking.

Principal's Award:
 Week 2: Benjamin - for working on, and improving his writing skills.

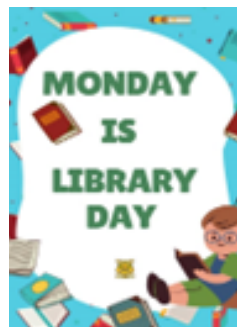
Week 3: A student - for being an organised and consistent learner.

Learning in the Land of Awesomeness



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
 ISSUE 3 2026 HAS BEEN SENT HOME!
 ORDERS ARE DUE MONDAY
 11TH MAY, 2026
 ONLINE THROUGH LOOP

What's On



KALAMIA KIDS PLAYGROUP
 9am - 11am
 Monday mornings
 Kalamia State School
 Lilliesmere Road Ayr Ph 47832191
 FRUIT SNACK PROVIDED

Seniors Presentation

Our senior students were recently presented with their senior shirts – a special milestone that marks the beginning of their final year of primary school. Each shirt represents not just where they are now, but the incredible journey they have taken to get here.

From their very first days in Prep, filled with wonder, learning and new friendships, to now stepping confidently into leadership roles within our school, these students have grown in so many ways. It's been a privilege to watch them develop into the capable, kind and resilient young people they are today.

Awesomeness Wellbeing Program

Awesomeness Wellbeing Program
 Week 4 - Cheering myself up
 During week 4, students will have the opportunity to explore and discuss ways in which we can cheer ourselves up.
 Identifying our emotions is a key factor, particularly during challenging times. We all feel sad, worried or upset, at times, and that's okay. It is important to identify strategies and activities that can help support us and help turn our frowns upside down!





Uniforms for Purchase
 School Shirt—\$20
 School hat—\$8
 Call into the office during school hours

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 Name: Kalamia State School
 BSB: 064 801
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Kalamia Kitchen
 Every Thursday
 Proudly run by
 K.S.S. Student Council
 LEARNING LIFELONG SKILLS AND HAVING FUN

- Wk 2 : Devilled sausages and rice
- Wk 3: Ham/chicken toasties
- Wk 4: Bacon/ egg wraps
- Wk 5: Mini muffin pizzas
- Wk 6: Lasagne & garlic bread
- Wk 7: Chicken burgers
- Wk 8: Ham/chicken wraps
- Wk 9: Meatball sub
- Wk 10: Tacos



Facilities & Around Our School Updates

The tables have been moved in the undercover area to closer to the classroom, as part of our Mother's Day celebrations, and we like it so much, the tables will stay there! Our outdoor tables are used for eating, learning, craft and celebrations and are often moved around to suit the purpose.

Kalamia SS Under 8's Day



In our 3rd year, the annual Under 8's Day is just around the corner. Thursday 28th May is an opportunity for students and little people to have fun, get messy and have fun with their friends. Everyone is invited!

Activities will include finger painting, box construction, bubble printing and much more!



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

The landline is working!



Date Claimer!



Enrol in the Land of Awesomeness



Kalamia State School

Our commitment to individualised education helps shape confident, capable leaders for the future

Why is Kalamia State School the right choice?

- Dedicated staff
- Modern classrooms
- Flexible learning spaces
- 1 student = 1 device
- Sports coaches
- Old Virtual Academy learning opportunities
- Specialised staff to support student needs
- Daily Breakfast Club
- Weekly cooking class
- Vegetable gardens
- Lunchtime activities
- Free swimming lessons
- Awesomeness Wellbeing Program
- All stationary and books supplied

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Around the Classroom

Spelling is a tricky skill to acquire, it takes time, practice, and a knack for remembering some of the more unconventional rules. While 'spell check' is often used, knowing if a word is correct or not when you are writing can block the flow of creativity and hamper stamina.

We have several spelling groups in our classroom, all determined by each student's individual 'spelling journey'. Currently, some students are focusing on diagraphs and blends, while some are focusing on 'ion' and Latin roots such as tri as in tricycle.

Students are assessed every four weeks to monitor understanding and progress, and the individual needs of students are met throughout each lesson.

English and Science are overlapping nicely this term as we dive into information reports. Discussing the habitat, life cycles and survival needs of familiar and unfamiliar plants and animals has opening up a whole range of interesting and in-depth conversations about the environment and how we can help.

The Dance Party is only a few weeks away and we are well on our way with our performance. This year is a little different, with each student performing as part of a whole school performance, and as a result, their costumes will reflect the school's dance theme.

As a result, we agreed to have a name change, and so 2026 Dance Party was born. The evening will commence at 5.30pm and a sausage sizzle will be provided by School. Parents and families are asked to bring along a plate to share if they are able.

Parent Ponderings

Literacy: what is it and why is it important?

Literacy is being able to read, write, listen, speak and create texts in ways that allow us to communicate well with others.

Literacy is the foundation for doing well at school, socialising with others, problem-solving, making decisions, developing independence, managing money and working.

Literacy development is vital to overall development for children.

Literacy development in childhood

Before children can learn to read and write, they need to develop the building blocks for literacy – the ability to speak, listen, understand, watch and draw. And as children get older, they need to learn about the connection between letters on a page and spoken sounds.

For this to happen, children need plenty of experience with:

pictures and objects – how you can use words to talk about them
 letters and words – how they look and sound, and what they're called
 sounds – how words can rhyme, begin and end with the same letters, be broken up into parts like syllables, be formed by blending different sounds and so on.

You can help with all these areas of your child's early literacy development by:
 talking and communicating with your child
 reading books together
 playing with rhyme and other sounds with your child.

And the great news is that you can do this in ways that are fun for both of you.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/literacy-reading-stories/developing-literacy>

School Reminders and Updates

- Monday is Library Day for all year levels. Students are encouraged to borrow a book from the library to share with their family at home each week. Students from Year 2-6 are encourage to borrow two books, one to take home and a chapter book to read at school, kept in their drawer. Students will be able to borrow when they bring along their red library bag, supplied by school.
- Scholastic Book Club - Issue 3 has been sent home and there is something for everyone! Parents are encouraged to order online through LOOP and orders will be finalised on Monday 11th May at 9am.
- State of Origin Game 1 will be held in Sydney on Wednesday 27th May (week 6) and it is a great opportunity to wear your favourite team's colours to show your support.
- Wellbeing Day will be held on Friday 15th May. Students will participate in activities such as mindfulness, kids yoga, outdoor focused drawing and explore ways we can take care of our personal and social wellbeing.

Chappy Chat

Dear Parents & Carers

Proverbs 11:17 says: "A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself."

Kindness is not something we do only to benefit ourselves. It goes beyond what we can understand or expect. Kindness is not just doing a nice thing to anybody; it is a gesture of humility and service. Those two things are not an easy thing to do most times, and it can be hard for some. Humility is not putting yourself in a weak position and letting others take over your life, situation or choices. Humility is knowing what is right and take action in that direction even when is the hardest thing you have to do. It takes a lot of humility to be humble.

And service is another way we can show kindness. Again, service is much more than doing something nice to someone or helping someone when in need. Service is best served when you have the knowledge of what you can offer without being a struggle or a big effort. For example, I don't like cooking. So, for me, cooking will be a struggle, and I would not have joy in that service. On the other hand, I really enjoyed washing the dishes (weird right?) and if I can help someone by washing their dishes, I would have joy in doing it and it won't be a struggle for me. We all have ways to serve and to show kindness.

Can you imagine if every person on the planet would be kind to one another, we sure will be living in a very different world. The reality is that we can't change people choices, but we can work on our own, and that is how we start changing our own world, and that will be a great start.

Many blessings

Chappy 😊

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