

Week 6 Term 1 2024

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Kalamia State School Official

State winner

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Queensland  
Government

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.



### 2024 Key Priority

Increase student achievement, engagement and wellbeing through the lens of individual learners and their diverse learning needs and styles.

### Attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS

2024 GOAL 95% OR BETTER

**ABSENT FROM SCHOOL -  
PLEASE EXPLAIN BY 9.30AM**

Ph: 4783 2191

Mob: 0459 885 273

\* Drop by the office

\* Send a note

\* Send a text



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Positive Culture for Life

Valuing Diversity

# The Kalamia Klatter

*Achieving Great Things*



## THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Dear Kalamia Community,

With an awesome 5 week weeks behind us, the rest of the term is shaping up to be busy, exciting and without a doubt, awesome!

Our vegetable patch received a make-over this week with the help of Tilly and Krystal from Nth Qld Cowboys Adopt-A-School Program, sponsored by Wilmar Sugar. Thank you to the Stephenson family for their donation of seeds and plants.

Qld Department of Education has a partnership with SORA, an online library platform, giving students access to online books, anywhere and anytime for FREE! Download the app (App Store or Play Store) and search for Education Queensland. All students will have access by logging in using their school MIS-ED log on.

During our Leap Day (29/02/2024) our students enjoyed learning about Leap Year traditions across the world, the scientific reasons behind the additional day in the year and decorating their own frog cupcakes.

Over the coming weeks, the roof on the shed will be replaced and fencing has been set up to isolate the area. Please take a moment to remind students that the area is out of bounds.

A sincere thank you to The Joyful Foundation for their generous support of students across North Queensland. With the help of Energy Qld, the Joyful Foundation donated stationery packs, writing books, pencil cases and equipment to support the learning journey of students in need. The beautifully sewn homemade library bags are the product of the partnership between the Soroptimist International Townsville Breakwater and the Townsville Women's Correctional Centre.

The Joyful Foundation was established to continue the wonderful work of Joy Donnellan, (1959- 2011) who was a dedicated teacher and guidance officer who supported students in need by providing school supplies and uniforms. The Joyful Foundation has been donating stationery packs since 2012 and have generously supported students to engage in learning.

The wet weather has continued during the term and has made pick up and drop off's somewhat challenging. Students are dismissed from the gate if their parent/carer is parked in the carpark. In the interest of safety, adults parking across the road are asked to walk across to the car park to collect students from the gate. Students are encouraged to walk along the fence line as they move towards their waiting vehicle. A gentle reminder that the carpark is a quick stop zone and your support is appreciated, particularly during the wet weather.

Book Club orders are due back on Monday 11th March. Ordering online is easy through LOOP and every book purchased helps support the purchase of books for our school library.

After a busy start to the term, we are all looking forward to Wellbeing Day on Friday 1st March!

Until next time, make it your mission to make someone else's day better and we look forward to seeing you in and around our school.

Yours in Education,

Mrs Renee Cross  
Principal—Kalamia SS



This Friday is School Clean Up Day.

I personally, enjoy cleaning. It is like a therapy for me to see my house clean after I put time and energy looking after it. It is quite rewarding! Cleaning things are important, but it is also important to take the time to clean our mind.

The world throws so much information at us and if we don't learn how to clean our minds from the "rubbish" that is around at the news, social media, family issues, etc we might end up feeling overwhelmed and consequently having negative feelings about life and ourselves.

Take the time to sit still, just for few minutes. Instead of thinking about personal and family problems, instead of thinking about what the future holds, think about little things you are grateful for. There are so many things we can be thankful for: the place we live (even if it not a perfect one), our health, the food on the table, the clothes we wear, our loved ones, the air we breathe every day, the amazing country we live. Besides the difficulties we all face, there are always something we can be thankful for.

Gratitude is an amazing habit to learn and live by. It can create a positive attitude in the midst of all the uncertainties that life presents to us from time to time.

Hope you can take the time this week, sit for few minutes and be thankful!!!

Many blessings

Chappy :)

## **STUDENT ABSENCES**



### **IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL STUDENT ABSENCES BE REPORTED ON THE DAY OF THE ABSENCE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

If your student is absent and the school has not been notified of the reason, a text message will be sent to parents by 9.30am requesting a reason for the absence. If you receive a text, please reply and explain your child's absence to avoid receiving a follow up phone call from the school.

#### **To report a student absence:**

1. Please call the SCHOOL OFFICE on 4783 2191 OR SMS SCHOOL MOBILE 0459 885 273. These lines are both open 24 hours a day. You can also SMS to report a planned late arrival to school e.g.; doctor's appointment or illness.

## AWARDS



In 2024, parade will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2.45 pm, either in the classroom or the undercover area. Each week, our Student of the Week Award and Principal's Awards are presented on parade. Parents and our community are invited to join us each week to celebrate our successes and stay informed of upcoming events and news about our school.

The Student of the Week Award recognises a student who has demonstrated improvement, in their learning or behaviour choices. Students are encouraged to work towards their goals and put in their best effort each week.

Week 5: Letty—who was answering questions carefully and finishing her work.

The Principal's Award recognises a student who has demonstrated the focus expectation of the week or has been a role model student in our school and community. Students are encouraged to take on leadership and community roles and develop lifelong skills of service and connection.

Week 5: Paige—for being a kind and thoughtful class member who was putting others needs before her own.



I AM RESPECTFUL

I AM SAFE

I AM A LEARNER

## POSITIVE CULTURE 4 LIFE



### Behaviour Focus for Weeks 6, 7 and 8 Term 1 2024

KSS PCL Focus	I am Safe I look after myself and others	I am Safe I keep my heads, feet and objects to myself.	I am Respectful I wear my school uniform with pride
 What does it look like?   What does it sound like?	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 to others  I give others space if they are upset/angry  I accept the consequences of my choices and behaviour	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 choices and behaviour	I wear black or green shorts and our school polo shirt each day  I wear closed in shoes with white socks each day  I wear a broad-brimmed hat during play time  I have my hat at school each day for play and outdoor learning  I understand when I am wearing our uniform I am representing our school  I am responsible for my behaviour and actions when wearing our school uniform  I accept the consequences of my choices and behaviour

## CLASSROOM FOCUS



### Soundwaves

Gg—Girls giggle  
Hh—Happy house  
Jj—Jumping Jelly fish  
Ll—Lizards like lollipops



### Reading Focus

Fluency – Read appropriate levelled texts  
Expand. Vocab – Voracious reading  
Accuracy- Chunks letters and sounds together

### Number Facts

Doubles / Near doubles  
Friends of 10  
Mental addition/subtraction

## 'Kalamia Kids' PLAYGROUP IS BACK IN WEEK 4!



Come along to our playgroup sessions run our fabulous Miss Christina

When: Every Monday @ 9am

Where: In the library

Who: Babies and children up to school age Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome!



## Health and wellbeing

Routines can help younger children to learn healthy habits, like brushing their teeth, taking medicine regularly, doing physical activity, or washing their hands after using the toilet.

This means that routines can be good for children's health. For example, children who wash their hands more regularly might be less likely to get colds and other common illnesses.

Also, routines can reduce stress, and lower stress is good for children's [immune systems](#).

And routines can help children feel less anxious or sad during difficult times.

Daily routines help set our body clocks too. For example, bedtime routines help children's bodies 'know' when it's time to sleep. This can be a big help when children reach adolescence and their body clocks start to change.

## Routines: the basics

Family routines set out **how families organise themselves** to get things done, spend time together and have fun. Routines help family members know who should do what, when, in what order and how often.

Routines also let your children know what's important to your family. For example, family [rituals](#) are routines for special things your family does regularly. These can strengthen your shared beliefs and values and build a sense of belonging and togetherness in your family.

## Why routines are good for children

Routines can be good for children for several reasons.

## Safety, belonging and relationships

Routines can be part of an organised and predictable home environment, which helps children and teenagers feel safe, secure and looked after. And a predictable family life can also help children cope during development changes like puberty or life events like the birth of a new child, divorce, illness or a house move.



## Raising Healthy Minds App

Your free, personalised, pocket resource for raising confident, resilient children



## A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator)



An A.E.D ( Automated External Defibrillator) has been installed in our classroom.

## KALAMIA SS STUDENT COUNCIL



## KSS P&C NEWS

### Tuckshop 2023

Thank you for supporting our Student Council and their efforts in out Kalamia Kitchen.

SAVE

K.S.S P&C  
AGM

CONFERENCE  
ROOM  
@ 4pm

THE

DATE

TUESDAY  
16TH APRIL  
2024



# SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS



- Photo Day at Kalamia State School is on Monday 18th March. Information and order forms/envelopes have been sent home. If families are sending order forms in, please ensure the correct money is included. All order forms are required on or before Photo Day.
- Our school is undergoing the Annual Safety Audit during Week 6 and it provides an opportunity for staff to review procedures and processes, and develop an action plan for the next 12 months.
- As with all government departments, our school will undergo a Finance Audit during Week 7. There will be visitors in and around our school and the office and staff may be unavailable during the week.
- Our school is undergoing a School Review during Week 9 and it is an opportunity to reflect on our successes and engage the School Improvement process as we develop our direction for the next four years. If you would like the opportunity to speak with the School Review team, please contact the school office.
- 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.
- Welcome to our newest member to Team Awesome—Miss Lesley! Employed by Qld Department of Education, Lesley works across three schools, attending Kalamia SS every Monday.
- Phones and smart devices—including watches—are away for the day. Please ensure your child is focussed on learning and enjoying their day at school by keeping devices, phones and smart watches at home. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### MEET THE Social Worker



*Wadda Mooli Everyone  
(Hello in my Birri Gubba Language)*

#### About Me

I was born in Ayr, but grew up in Townsville and returned to the Burdekin 26 years ago. My husband's name is Gerry and he is loving, caring and giving. As a Social Worker I work across three schools to help support and improve the emotional well-being of students. I work one on one with students and provide assistance to staff members to help improve students overall wellbeing.

When I am not working I love spending time with family and friends, watching movies, relaxing, walking along the beach and sometimes fishing with my hubby.

#### MY FAVORITES

- ♥ Colour: Pink
- ♥ Food: Mango Cheese Cake
- ♥ Movie: Freedom Writers
- ♥ Leisure: Watching Movies

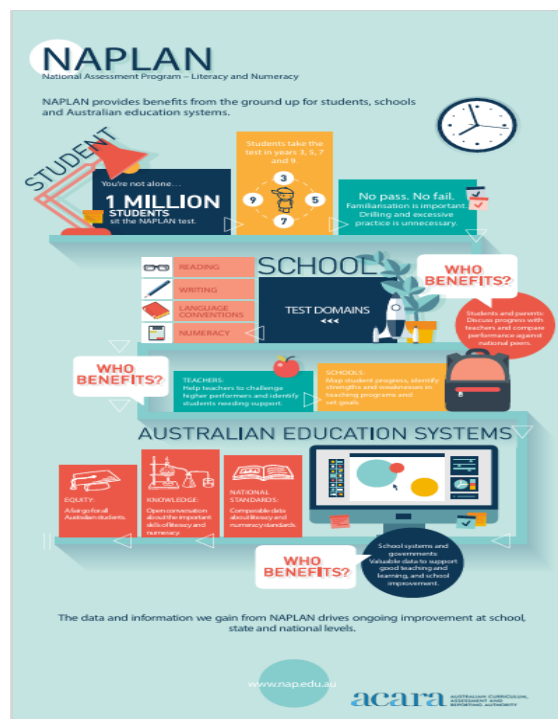
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### BIRTHDAY BUCKETS!



Birthday Buckets include ice blocks, and a party hat and balloon to keep—for \$10!  
All payments are donated to the KSS Student Council.





# KALAMIA CALENDAR TERM 1 2024



## Week 1 Mon 22nd Jan—Fri 26th Jan

Mon— Term 1 2024 Welcome to Kalamia SS!

Tues—

Wed— Support Team

Thurs—

Fri— Australia Day Public Holiday

## Week 2 Monday 29th Jan—Fri 2nd Feb

Mon—

Tues— Kalamia Kitchen—Mac and Cheese

Parade 2.45pm Support Team

Wed— Support Team

Thurs—Meet & Greet Breakfast R.E. 2.30pm

Fri— Breakfast with Chappy LOTE Yrs. 5 & 6 9am

## Week 3 Monday 5th Feb—Fri 9th Feb

Healthy Lunchbox Week Mon— Library (all year levels) Welcome Mrs Lesley McManus

Mrs H. SLP

Tues— Kalamia Kitchen—Toasties Support Team

Wed— Support Team

Thurs—Library (all year levels) 2.30pm R.E. Science Yrs. 5 & 6 Book Club orders due! Digi Tech (Years 3,4,5, 6)

Fri— LOTE Yrs. 5 & 6 Science Yr. 5 & 6 Chappy Breakfast Mrs W.

## Week 4 Monday 12th Feb—Friday 16th Feb

Mon— Playgroup 9-11am Library (all year levels)

Tues— Kalamia Kitchen NO TUCKSHOP Parade 2.45pm

Wed— Support Team

Thurs— Digi Tech Yrs. 3,4, 5,6 Science Yrs. 5 & 6 2.30pm R.E.

Newsletter Day

Fri— LOTE Yrs. 5 & 6 Science Yr. 5 & 6 Chappy Breakfast Mrs W (G.O) Mrs McL on class

## Week 5 Monday 19th Feb—Fri 23rd Feb

Mon— Playgroup 9-11am Library Day (all year levels) Miss Lesley

Tues— Kalamia Kitchen—Mini Pizzas Parade 2.45pm

Tues— Support Team

Wed— Support Team

Thurs— Library (all year levels) Digi Tech Yrs. 3 4 5 6

2.30pm RE Science Yrs. 5&6

Fri— Chappy Breakfast Gardening Thyme LOTE Yrs. 5 & 6

## Week 6 Mon 26th Feb—Fri 1st March

Mon— Playgroup 9-11am Library Day (all year levels) Miss Lesley

NQ Cowboys visit 8.30am Tilly

Tues— Kalamia Kitchen— Parade 2.45pm

Wed— Support Team

Thurs—Library (whole school) 2.30pm R.E. Digi Tech Yrs. 3 4 5 & 6 Newsletter Day Science Yrs. 5&6 LEAP YEAR DAY!

Fri— Chappy Breakfast LOTE 9am Yrs. 5 & 6 Science Yrs. 5&6

Wellbeing Day—Free Dress Day

## Week 7 Monday 4th March—Fri 9th March

Mon— Playgroup 9-11am Library Day (all year levels) Miss Lesley

Tues— Support Team Kalamia Kitchen— Spring rolls/veg sticks Parade 2.45pm

Wed— Student Support Meeting

Thurs—Science Yrs. 5 & 6 2.30pm RE Digi Tech Yrs. 3 4 5 6

Fri— Chappy Breakfast LOTE 9am Yrs 5 & 6 Science Yrs. 5 & 6

## Week 8 Monday 11th March—Fri 15th March

Mon— Playgroup 9-11am Library Day (all year levels) Miss Lesley

Tues— Support Team Kalamia Kitchen— Sausage rolls/party pie Parade 2.45pm

Wed— Support Team NAPLAN

Thurs- Digi Tech (Yr. 3 4 5 6) Science Yrs. 5&6 2.30pm R E Newsletter Day NAPLAN

Fri— Chappy Breakfast LOTE 9am Yrs. 5 & 6 Science Yrs. 5 & 6 NAPLAN

## Week 9 Monday 18th March—Fri 22nd March

Mon— Playgroup 9-11am Mrs McL on class School Photo Day Harmony Day Library Day Miss Lesley

Tues— Support Team Kalamia Kitchen —Hotdogs Mrs C. Mrs McL on class Parade 2.45pm

Wed— Support Team School Review Mc McL on class

Thurs— Digi Tech Years 3, 4, 5 6 Mrs McL on class School Review

Fri— Chappy Breakfast LOTE Yrs. 5 & 6 Science Yrs. % & 6 School Review Mrs McL on class Science Yrs. 5 & 6 School

## Week 10 Monday 25th March—Fri—29th March

Mon— Playgroup 9 –11am Epilepsy Awareness Day—Wear purple Library Day—no borrowing

Tues— Support Team Parade 2.45pm

Wed— Support Team Autism Awareness Day—Wear blue

Thurs— Awesome Day End of Term 1

Fri— Good Friday.