### School Calendar

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| 2nd Wed’s of month | P & C General Meeting  
(6pm in library) |

**Today**

- P&C AGM 6pm  
IN LIBRARY ~  
ALL WELCOME

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**Happy Birthday Everyone!**  
Month of February

- Sienna 1st Feb  
- Taleah 4th Feb  
- Cameron 8th Feb  
- Cooper 8th Feb  
- Jessie 9th Feb  
- Regan 25th Feb

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**Ashleigh and Sienna**  
School Leaders

**Cameron and Kira**  
Waringale Sport Captains

**Angus and Jackson**  
Euramo Sport Captains

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**Kairi School Leaders and Sports Captains 2017**

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**Issue 2 ~ 8th February**
Firstly I would like to welcome you all back to school for what promises to be an exciting year. It has been fantastic to have received such a warm welcome into the Kairi school community, it has been very humbling and I thank you for that.

Our main focus at every school is around the students and I am pleased to report that our students have started the year ready to learn and ready to put the effort in to improve their skills throughout the year.

A big thank you goes out to the parents for taking the time to ensure their child was ready to start the year with the right tools to learn as well as being in the right state of mind to begin learning at school again.

Just a few reminders to start the year:

**Communication**
If you would like to talk to me regarding a principal related issue or a teacher related issue, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat.

Mornings can be very busy at times and I do suggest that if you need to talk to me that you come in during the afternoon or call the office on a Thursday or Friday as that is my time to attend to the administrative tasks that need completing.

If it is an urgent matter please ring the office and leave a message with Ms Donna so that I can call back immediately.

**P&C**
A strong relationship between staff, parents and the wider community is integral to a strong school and a strong school means a better education for our students. It is for this reason that I strongly recommend you or anyone else tied in with the school become a P&C member and regularly attend P&C meetings. It is at these meetings where important decisions are made that effect the school and where I as the principal will take matters forward to the parent community. The next meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held this evening, Wednesday 8th February at 6pm. Please come along.

**Uniform**
It has been great to see all of our students proudly wearing their Kairi school uniforms to start the year. I apologise for any uncertainty or inconvenience experienced in purchasing uniforms at the start of school. The good news is that new stock has arrived. If you require any new shirts or hats please come along at 8:30am Tuesday mornings. I think it looks great when all students look part of a team in their matching school uniforms and hats.

**Rest of the year**
There are so many things I would like to talk about in this newsletter about events and activities that are coming up throughout the year but I do not want to write a novel. Please continue to read this column every couple of weeks as I intend to keep you all informed about Kairi’s awesome year ahead.

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**Updates from the Principal**

**Student Resource Scheme invoices have been sent home.** Thank you to all families that have either paid in full already, or who have applied for either a school payment plan, or a Centrelink payment plan.

Please return your Student Information / SMS Notification update form which was sent home last week. If nothing has changed regarding your contact details etc please just write your child’s name on the form and indicate which mobile number you want all absence related texts to be sent to. If this form is not returned, or the *SMS Same Day Notification section is left blank then BOTH parents will receive absence related texts.

**Headlice** have been reported in the school. Information sheets went home on Friday to help you keep your child / children headlice free. We really appreciate all efforts you take to stop these little critters in their tracks. Persistence is the key to breaking their life cycle!

Have you purchased enough exercise books and stationery for your child? They will need all items that were listed on the booklist to complete their work for the year, and several exercise books are used at the same time for different subjects.

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**Reminders from the office**

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**Update from the 4 / 5 / 6 class**

Hello 4/5/6 parents!

What a great start to the year it has been. We have been busy doing tests believe it or not to start the year. These tests are used to gather data about where your child is currently at in terms of their learning journey. Even though at times the students haven’t found this to be all that exciting they have really put in and given their best effort which was fantastic to see.

We are now getting stuck into our units of work in which we are learning about writing narratives in English, measurement and fractions in Math, space and weather in Science, coding in Technology as well as many other important topics as well.
Update from the 2 / 3 / 4 class

Year 2/3/4 have been busy writing Narrative Stories about repulsive children with dreadful behaviour. They have taken delight in describing with vivid detail all the rude, disgusting, disrespectful, irresponsible and dangerous behaviours of their characters. This has been a great way for us to learn about the structure of stories, the use of descriptive noun groups and an opportunity to learn to edit and proofread our work effectively. It has also led to many discussions about school rules and parental expectations. The students know what things make you proud and which behaviours disappoint you horribly. We will soon be publishing and illustrating our stories. I’ll let you know when they are ready for you to come and see.

In all levels of maths, we have worked on understanding the size, value and sequence of numbers. We are increasing and decreasing their values, placing them on number lines and representing them with concrete materials. Number facts and counting patterns are a daily priority.

Year 3 and 4 students have been excellent role models for the Year 2 students of respectful classroom behaviour and deserve to be commended on this. We are all getting better at organising ourselves and our materials to be prepared for the different learning activities we do during the day. I hope all parents have seen a DIPL homework sheet, a counting chart (Year 2) or times tables sheet (Year 3 and 4) and a home reading book by now. Thank you for your support with making this happen and showing the value and importance of school and learning.

Update from the Prep / Yr 1 Class

Welcome back to school for 2017. The Prep/One class have had a fantastic start to the year and have enjoyed getting to know each other, and for the preps, their new school environment. All of the children are settling into our school and class routines and are working well. In English we are learning about rhyming words and listening to nursery rhymes. On Friday we made Incy Wincy spiders that hang from the roof. We think they look great! Our preps have been sorting objects and learning about patterns and numbers to 10 during maths, and the Year 1’s are enjoying learning about number bonds, place value and grouping. We would like to thank Miss Kate who has been helping us in our Prep/One room as Mrs Tommo has injured her knee and needed some time off to recover. We hope she has a speedy recovery and is back at work soon.

Chaplain’s Corner

Social, Emotional Learning programs that are available through Chaplaincy are: ‘FUN FRIENDS’ (G1/2) & ‘FRIENDS for Life’ (G3-6)

The word FRIENDS is used as an acronym; each letter stands for a skill which helps to build confidence:

‘F’ – Feelings (recognise & manage feelings)

‘R’ – Relax (Have a quiet time)

‘I’ – I can do it! I can try my best! (Powerful & positive affirmations)

‘E’ – Explore solutions and coping step plans

‘N’ – Now reward yourself, you’ve done your best

‘D’ – Don’t forget to practise

‘S’ – Smile, stay calm and talk to your support networks

Is a program for children who have experienced Grief, loss & change; Seasons for Growth helps to develop their coping skills, communication and helps build relationships.

Gift is a mentoring program for Girls in years 5 & 6. They will learn about relationships & peer pressure, table etiquette and much more.

Chaplaincy is a service available to all people in the school community, non-religious support included. I’m available usually every 2nd Monday and every Thursday. If you would like to contact me for any reason at all, or you would like to just have a coffee and a chat, please phone the school office or just pop in! I’d love to see you. Chappy Tina
Well Women’s Clinics
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc.
All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

Current clinic dates have not yet been received at the school. Check out the next newsletter edition for an updated clinic list.