## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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## IMPORTANT REQUEST

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- If they are currently ill
- If they have a fever
- If they have been vomiting in the last 24 hrs
- If they have had diarrhoea in the last 24 hrs
- If they have been coughing badly - (please take your child to a doctor – it could be whooping cough which is highly infectious)

Once illness starts spreading throughout a school it is very difficult to control, so please think of others and keep your child home if they are unwell and until you are sure they are not contagious.
From the Principal:

**Attendance:**
As a community we need to work together to raise attendance rates to our target level of 95%.

Did you know that for your student to personally reach our 95% attendance target, they must only be absent from school for a maximum of 2.5 days per term?

**Latest figures show that our school attendance rate to date is 93.9%**.

While we are extremely happy about this figure, we are concerned about the number of late arrivals. A late arrival means that your child is missing vital revision work.

**Lessons at Kairi begin at 9am**
Please ensure your child is here and ready to learn by 9am.
All late arrivals are recorded in One School, as are any absences and early departures.

If your child is away for any reason, a note or phone call to 40893760, is essential. Information provided verbally by a child is not an acceptable form of notification. To date we have 4.9% unexplained absences.

**Landscaping project:**
This year the student council has decided to undertake a major project to landscape the front of the school near the tennis courts.

This project aims to provide seating and shade for students to use while eating lunch, and to acknowledge the final cohort of year 7 and the first cohort of year 6 students as seniors. The plan is to install plaques for both cohorts. The student council have written to local businesses to seek assistance and the project will begin shortly.

The wider community can become involved through the donation of mulch or native tree fertilizer.

A plan of the project has been included so the school community can see the vision the student council has for the area.

**Fun Run:**
A huge thank you to Mrs Jackson and Mrs Snelling who organised a very large circuit for students to complete as our fun run last Monday.
Students from prep to year 7 had two hours to participate in the many activities that were spread out on the oval. Even though rain came in after lunch, students were able to have fun under the building.

To date, the school has raised approximately $1800.00 through the fun run. If you still have your forms at home, please return them so that prizes can be ordered.

**School Survey:**
If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until midnight on 8 August 2014. This is a great opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. If you haven't received any survey access details yet, please contact Donna at school.

**Super 8s Cricket:**
Please note: In preparation for the Super 8s Cricket Carnival to be held at Tolga on Sept 19, year 2 to year 7 children will be going out to the Kairi Cricket Pitch (on the council reserve that backs onto the school) to practise under the supervision of Mr Harris.

If you do NOT want your child to attend practice please notify the school immediately.

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Update from the 4/5 class

Last week, 4/5 students studied poems by Aboriginal poet, Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker).

We have looked closely at the author’s purpose and intended audience, selection of precise vocabulary to convey a message and poetry techniques used by the poet to enable readers to make images in their minds.

The social, cultural and historical contexts of the poems were also discussed. This week we will be looking at TS Eliot’s poetry about Cats.

Our science unit about the properties of materials suitable for packaging a fragile gift in a protective, attractive and environmentally responsible package is concluding with a project where students will create a fragile gift form an egg, package it suitably and write a poem for a greeting card to accompany the gift.

Some planning for the gift is to be completed by students for homework. If some students are being secretive about their homework, it is possible that you, a parent or caregiver, are the recipient of their egg-stra special egg-cellent gift.

To all those in our school community who have already donated pencils, pencil cases, rubbers and sharpeners to my collection, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

I can assure you that the equipment you donated will be greatly appreciated and well used to make a difference to the lives of children who have little more than the clothes on their backs and the thatched roofs above their heads. I hope to be able to share some photos with you soon, taken by the trekkers and porters who delivered the equipment you donated.

The student council is conducting a Crazy Hair Cup ‘o’ Soup ‘event to raise money to purchase more colouring in pencils and pencil cases.

Please come to school with crazy hair on Tuesday 19th August and bring a gold coin donation.

Cups of chicken noodle soup, tomato soup and pumpkin soup with two pieces of garlic bread will be $2

Information poster is attached. (on the back of the proposed garden map)
Update from the 2/3 class

Well done to all students who have been participating in the sports activities. I believe our Commonwealth Games athletes have provided some inspiration to us. This term we are completing our recipes to make a marvelous medicine. Our medicines contain a lot of chocolate, ice-cream and more chocolate and would be as good reward for the hard work we have been doing.

In the next unit, students read, view and listen to a range of stories to create a news report (maybe the big ‘scoop’ on how the tortoise beat the hare at their sports day). In the last week of Term (probably Tuesday the 16th September), we shall be having a ‘Press Release’ day about the marvellous medicines we invented and the stories we have reported on this term. Parents are welcome on that day from noon.

I am looking forward to the disco Friday the 15th August. From 6:00pm on at the school, we shall be dancing at school under the purple lights. This is the Year 2/3 fundraiser so please bring a gold coin for entry fee. The theme is ‘Freaky Friday’. I was thinking about the movie where the girl swapped bodies with her mum. So come dressed in ‘old peoples clothes’.

You may prefer to be just plain freaky, Frankenstein style. Freaky food – supper, will be available from the tuckshop – sausage sizzle $2; lollies 50 cents, cake 50 cents, soft drinks $2.

The P&C will need to know you are coming by dropping your lucky ticket in the P&C box ASAP. Please see Kim or myself about providing some home baked yummies.

Update from the P/1 class

It’s raining and pouring in Prep One! We have been having lots of fun learning about the weather and last Friday we made our own mosaic raindrops that are on display on our windows. We also have a storm in the corner and an umbrella to shelter us from the rain.

This Thursday Prep/One are having a “Blue for Bayley” day to raise money for 6 year old Bayley McKinnon from Malanda who has been diagnosed with leukaemia. Wear something blue and bring a gold coin donation to help us support this family. A prize will be given to the best dressed in blue. We will be eating blue food all day!

We have had a lot of recurring sickness in our class over the last few weeks.

We encourage healthy hygiene practices at school to stop the spread of germs.

Please make sure to send jumpers and long pants to school to keep your children warm.

Update from the 6/7 class

A huge thank you to the families that have already returned permission notes for the upcoming camp. Although payment is not due until 1 September, we understand that many families need time to save for such events.

To support families to make large payments, the school offers payment plans.

To access the plans, all parents need do is chat with Donna.

**Failure to pay fees will mean that students are unable to attend the camp.**

The past week has been interrupted due to sporting events, however, we are still pushing through the work that needs to be completed. This week, students will be completing assessment on creating an imaginative recount for English. They will need to imagine being at an event that occurred in the life of Ned Kelly and recount the event as if they were there.

In History, the students have been busy locating information from a range of sources about the experiences of Vietnamese migrants before and after they arrived in Australia and also about the different ways they have contributed to our society. They have also been learning note-taking skills to record this information.

Last week, they sequenced on a timeline the significant events in the life of a Vietnamese migrant, including the end of the Vietnam War and his perilous boat journey to a Malaysian refugee camp before arriving in Australia.

This week, the students have been learning how to use their notes to develop a written text called a historical narrative which describes the migrants’ reasons for migrating, their experiences and their significant contributions to Australia.
Greetings everyone!
As we commence Term 3, I must say a big congratulations on the tremendous encouragement given to all students on sports day and how good it was to meet some parents.

Also a thank you to these students who rehearsed for the last 2 terms for the “Fun with Music” sessions, your performance for teachers and parents was so wonderful. Congratulations!

The ribbon dance, Irish jig and free expression has given the students from prep – year 7 a taste of different types of music and the students are excited each week to attend.

These next 2 terms, I will be teaching “singing and rhythm” with unusual instruments, so we will have something special to perform at Presentation Night at the end of the year.

On another note, if you would like to support school chaplains through your CTP selection please visit www.partnerprogram.com.au for more information, or check out the school noticeboard.

Until next time – Blessings
Chappy Sharon

Our KSS Reader’s Cup team competing at Whitfield SS, Cairns on 13 June.

“Well done girls!”

Thank you to the parents who took our girls to Cairns.

News From Chappy Sharon

Atherton Library
Tuesday 19th August
6-7pm
Treasure Hunt, Storytelling, Games & much more
Bring a torch & dress in your pyjamas

Tablelands Libraries
SAVE THE DATE
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
WHERE TREASURES COME ALIVE

The Reading Hour
Purple Light Disco

Friday 8th August, 2014

Merrilands Hall 6.00pm – 8.30pm

All your favourites – fog machine, glow sticks and glow lights.

Go in the Lucky Door draw to win great prizes!

Games and prizes. Food and drinks available.

$7 entry (P1 – P7 aged children only)

www.purplelightdisco.com

Note to Parents: The Purple Light Disco is run for the enjoyment of your children.

We ask that you help us keep it a safe outing for them.

Children are required to remain in the hall at the end of the night until a parent or guardian arrives to collect them.

Parents are asked not to wait in their vehicle, but come to the door.

Safety is paramount to the continued success of the Purple Light Discos.

REMINDERS:

😊 Permission slips for your child to participate in the P&C Maize Float will be coming home by the end of this week

Due Now:

→ Yr 6 & 7 Camp fees—payment plan available at the school. If you have not paid, or initiated a payment plan by the end of August your child will not be able to attend.

→ School Dentist Consent forms—even if you do not wish your child to attend the school dental van please return the form and tick the NO box on the front page (include your name) so that we know not to follow up with you on this matter.

Pack-a-Punch Lunch

• Lunchbox foods that stabilise moods, aid concentration and maintain energy
• Why breakfast matters and practical tips for packing nutrient dense lunches
• Delicious food samples and recipes provided

WHEN: Saturday 16th August 2014
TIME: 2.30-4.30pm
WHERE: Pensini's Restaurant
       Church Street, Tinaroo

COST: $45
BOOKINGS: farmer@pinkfarm.com.au
          0427 916 700

*10% discount for returning customers or those booking into 2 or more workshops

Pinkfarm was born out of two friends who share a passion for food and its power to heal and promote health. We are two mothers on a real food journey and together we inspire each other to walk the talk. We want to share our passion, experiences and journey with you.