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May 2
- District X Country (held at Butchers Creek School)

May 13, 14 & 15
- NAPLAN Testing

May 14
- P & C Meeting

May 20
- ICAS Computer Skills test

June 3
- ICAS Science test

June 9
- Public Holiday - Queens Birthday

June 16-20
- ICAS Writing test (one day in this week)

June 17
- ICAS Spelling test

June 23
- Kairi SS Interhouse Athletics (Waringle Blues vs Euramo Reds)

June 27
- Last day of Term 2

July 14
- First day of Term 3

July 28
- School Fun Run

July 29
- ICAS English test

July 31
- Interschool Athletics (for qualifying competitors only)

Aug 1
- Interschool Athletics (for qualifying competitors only)

Aug 12
- ICAS Mathematics test

Sept 19
- Last day of Term 3

REMINDER

If your child has been selected to participate in the District Cross County this Friday, 2nd May at Butchers Creek you will need the following information:
(information was sent home at the end of last term)

On Friday, please ensure you have your child at Butchers Creek School at 9am.

Tuckshop will be available at the event.

A map of how to get from Atherton to Butchers Creek is available at the Kairi school office, along with the day's program.

Please ensure your child is in school uniform, is wearing sunscreen and has the following equipment for the day:

- Wide brimmed hat
- Shoes suitable to run in
- Tuckshop money or packed lunch
- Water bottle
- Jacket in case cooler weather sets in

Contact the Kairi school office if you need further information.

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Jacy 4th
Milly 10th
Imogen 13th
Rei 13th
Tyson 19th
Sam 21st
Jackson F 26th
Carlee 27th
School Fun Run/Obstacle Course:

The 6/7 class be holding an adidas School Fun-Run as a major P&C fundraising event in July this year. The event will be held on 28/07 within the school grounds.

The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students will receive a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to landscape the front of the school. Please keep your eye out for more information coming home soon.

Behaviour Audit

The recent Discipline Audit undertaken at our school on April 2014 was a positive process that provided great feedback to the school. I have attached the Executive Summary which includes commendations, affirmations and recommendations. We are extremely pleased with the results of the audit and have already begun many of the recommendations.

The next step in the process requires the school to consult with the community and modify and/or refine our School Plan. Consultation will occur in P&C Meetings. The modified school plan needs to be uploaded to our school website by 8 July 2014.

Principal Meetings

Again this term, there are a number of meetings which take me away from the school campus. I do my best to minimise the absences due to meetings, but these are unavoidable. To maintain consistency for students, we always endeavour to get the same relief teacher for the 6/7 class. This term, I will be away on the following dates:

30 April, 8, 19, 20 and 23 May. Please be aware that these dates can and do change.

ANZAC Day

It was with great pride that I marched with the students in Atherton on Friday 25 April. 50% of our school turned out in uniforms, with poppies, badges and medals to remember the 99th Anniversary of the ANZAC landing in Gallipoli.

My favourite part of the day is watching our older students guide and model, very gently, the expected behaviours and traditions that mark this day. Prep students look to the rest of the school to see when to remove their hats, when to stand and where to look throughout the formalities. The respect and consideration shown by all the students in attendance is a reflection of the values of not only our great school, but the families of all those who attended.

Congratulations and thank you to the students and parents who attended the services.

A further thank you is extended to the Tolga and District Lions Club and the Officers and Airmen of RAAF Townsville who donated their respective book wreaths to the school.

Update from the P/1 class

We would like to thank all of our Prep / Yr One students who came to march on ANZAC Day.

We had a large number of families show their support which was wonderful.

Ahoy Me Hearties!

This term we are doing a unit on ‘Pirates’, focusing on character descriptions and story writing.

We are very excited about this unit and each child has their own pirate name and we have been singing pirate songs.

Homework has gone home this week and it is very important that your child completes their homework and returns it to school by Friday.

A message for Parents and Carers of Year 6 & 7 students:

Please keep your eyes out for a letter coming home in your child’s bag from Deborah Dunstone, the Education Queensland Regional Director of Far North Queensland Region, regarding the transition of year 6 and 7 into high school.
Welcome back to school. I trust you had a safe and healthy Easter break. We have started the term like the start of a 100m sprint race. We will have completed all Progressive Achievement Tests and the results are ready for discussion in week 2. Parents/Guardians can book an interview by phoning the office, writing a letter to me or catching up with me after school. My best time for interviews is Mondays, 11:00am – 2:15pm. The purpose of the (brief, 5 – 10 minute) interview is to identify focus areas and strengths identified from the Maths, Reading, Vocabulary and Spelling tests. A similar process will be undertaken May 12th – 14th to gather NAPLAN data.

In between all of this, the students are completing a study of fairy tales and imagining different endings. In geography we’ll be mapping and understanding the features of the local area. In Science we shall be mixing up potions. Sport will be centred around fitness and preparation for sports day.

I shall be running some lunchtime activities this term: a soccer tournament on Wednesdays, first lunch. Guitar will be Tuesdays, second break.

A warm welcome to Toby, who has enrolled at Kairi along with his brother Dan, and to Tanisha, another recent enrolment. We are happy to have you both as part of the 2/3 class.

The 4/5 class has spent the first term learning about how authors carefully select the language features and text structures they use in order to effect the audience. Students studied the use of adjectives, adverbs, prepositional phrases, main and subordinate clauses to create good and evil characters. Our new unit takes these same concepts and uses them to present a point of view in a news article. Students have rehearsed sensationalising a news item by using emotive language and presenting information in a biased manner so as to instil fear and worry in viewers about a fearsome black panther lurking menacingly in a quiet country community. This week our challenge will be to cast doubt about apparent evidence of the panther and minimise concerns by dismissing non-expert reports as idle gossip.

In Mathematics, we are extending our place value understanding, and using different strategies to estimate a reasonable answer, then using different computation methods to calculate answers to problems. We are looking at odd and even numbers, factors and multiples and their properties to help us with computation and determining reasonableness of answers.

In History, after understanding the consequences of early world exploration and the industrial revolution, we are studying the convicts transported to New South Wales in the First Fleet. Students are using timelines and historical narratives to record their knowledge for assessment purposes.

(Work examples by yr 4 / 5 students on main and subordinate clauses are included over page in this newsletter!)

Welcome Daniel: Our class extends a very warm welcome to Daniel who joins us from Channel Country. The boys in 6/7 are happy to have another male in the class to balance things out. Daniel and his brother, Toby, have relatives in the Kairi area.

Homework: Homework will be sent home every Monday in the form of a variety sheet covering English and Math topics that students should be able to complete independently. If students have trouble with any of the work, please make a note of it and I will help at school. Homework is due every Monday morning, but can be handed in any time prior.

Landscaping: This term the class will begin work on the landscaping project at the front of the school. The project involves the construction of seating and gardens for the students to enjoy. The project is not a very large one, but will need some parental assistance. More information will be sent home to families in the future and the Student Council will be sending letters out to local businesses requesting help or in-kind assistance.

In History this term, the students are examining how the rights and status of migrants, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and women changed during the 20th century in Australia. Last week, they listened to our guest speaker, Mr Michael Barlow, give a very interesting talk about the experiences of his grandparents and other Aboriginals who lived in our local area during the 20th century.

In The Arts this term, the students will be exploring the element of colour as they create their artworks. They will also be developing their expressive skills as they learn to perform a choreographed dance.
Tablelands Wildlife Rescue is holding a Onesie Party at Merrilands Hall on the 10th May commencing at 6pm.

Tea, coffee & cordial provided. Refreshments available. DJ Kevin from Cairns.

Come along in a Onesie & have a fun night & help tableland wildlife. Prizes for the best Onesies.

Admission. Adults $10.00, children $5.00, Family $30.00

FREE Well Women’s Clinics: 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.

Millaa Millaa Hlth Centre  Tuesday 13th May  Ph: 4097 2223
Malanda Health Centre  Wednesday 14th May  Ph: 4096 5339
Herberton Hospital  Thursday 15th May  Ph: 4096 2222
Atherton Health Centre  Wed 21st & Fri 30th May  Ph: 4091 0263
Atherton Midin  Tuesday 27th May  Ph: 4091 6103

P&C NEWS: Just a quick reminder that there is a uniform and fundraising sub committee meeting this Wednesday at 3pm in the Library. It would be great to see some 4/5 parents there as this term your class is responsible for the fundraiser.

NEXT SUB COMMITTEE MEETING 30TH APRIL @ 3PM

Fundraising Agenda:

- Events Calender
- 4/5 Mother’s Day Gift Shop -Would be great to have some parents from 4/5 class to help with ideas/organising-
- Trivia/ Movie Night
- End of year Presentation/Break Up
- Certificates of Appreciation

Uniform Agenda:

- School shirt samples
- Senior shirts for future years
- School Jackets
- Uniform policies

If you would like to add anything to the agenda please email kairipandc@hotmail.com

LAKE EACHAM NATURE KIDS CLUB!

Nature based activities for 6 -10 year olds. Come and learn about the flora, fauna and ecology of the Wet Tropics!

Bookings are essential! 4091 8102

Where: Lake Eacham Picnic Area  Time: 3:45 – 5:15 pm  Cost: Free

When: Tuesday afternoons. Program will run for 6 weeks: 20 May–24 June. Topics will include Tree Huggers (vines and epiphytes), Gondwana, Fabulous Frogs, Food Webs, Terrific Trees and Feeling the Heat (scrub turkeys)!

Activities are run by the Tableland National Park Volunteers along with Queensland Parks and Wildlife rangers. Please note that volunteers possess 'working with children' blue cards. Parents are welcome to stay for the sessions if they wish. For further information and to enrol, contact Jodie Eden on 4091 8102. As we only take 15 children per program, please enrol early to secure a place!

REMINDER

The next P&C General Meeting is on May 14th (Wednesday) at 6:30pm in the school library meeting room.

Please come along and participate in your P&C - schools needs our support, and the more of us that get involved the more effective we can be!
Sentences with main and subordinate clauses about Grandmas by 4/5

We started with the simple sentence – Grandma knitted.
Students developed the sentence with adjectives, adverbs, prepositional phrases, main and subordinate clauses.

Because she cared for the homeless, Grandma carefully knitted lots of mittens for the homeless people. (Annabel)

Because she wanted them to know she loved them dearly, the kind, fun-loving grandma knitted two little woollen bags for her granddaughters as she sat in her armchair. (Sascha)

Because she wanted to help others, the crippled, kind Grandma knitted for the Red Cross. (William)

Because she had a terrifying fall, the only thing Grandma likes to do is knit up a storm for her family. (Stevie)

Because she loved them dearly, the old, caring Grandma thoughtfully knitted little toy dogs for homeless babies and children. (BreeAnna)

Because she cared about the poor people, she quickly knitted blankets for homeless people all over the country. (Lauren)

Because she had a kind heart, she sat in her arm chair and kindly and caringly knitted a blanket for her two month old grandson. (Kasey)

Because she cares for poor people, she knitted blankets to keep them warm. (Brandon)

Because the old Grandma was kind and loving, she knitted some warm gloves for other people. (Jacy)

Because she was kind to others, the happy, old Grandma carefully knitted many beautiful quilts. (Tahnee)

Because she had a big, loving heart for people on the cold, dirty street, the thoughtful, small Grandma knitted lots of colourful, warm blankets. (Zamika)

Because she cared so much about the poor, cold, homeless people, the wonderful, loving Grandma sat on her arm chair and calmly knitted a quilt for them. (Alex)

Because she wanted people to have a good life, the old, kind Grandma sat in her arm chair and knitted a scarf neatly. (Tara)

Because the old Grandma cared for homeless people, she quickly knitted a blanket for them. (Johnno)

Because she donated lots of things to charity, the caring Grandma carefully knitted quilts for the Red Cross Foundation. (Harvey)

Because it was her grandson’s birthday, the wrinkly, warty Grandmother slowly knitted a quilt for him as she watched TV. (Conor)