SCHOOL CALENDER

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- **Oct 15 (9:30am)**: Arts Council at school (9:30am)
- **Oct 20**: Pupil Free Day (Monday)
- **Oct 21, 22 & 24**: Bookfair
- **Oct 23 (2 to 3:00pm)**: Prep Open Day
- **Nov 4 (10 to 11:00am)**: Prep Open Day
- **Nov 17**: Yr 6 / 7 Breakup Celebration Day TEEC
- **Nov 21 (2 to 3:00pm)**: Prep Open Day
- **Nov 28**: Christmas Disco & Carols
- **Dec 1**: Presentation evening
- **Dec 11**: Report cards sent home
- **Dec 12**: Last day of school for 2014

**REMINDER:**
**ARTS COUNCIL HERE TOMORROW~ PLEASE PAY AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**REMINDER:**
**PUPIL FREE DAY ~ NEXT MONDAY OCT 20th**

**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES:**
Later this term, all children will be participating in Christmas art activities.
To assist the school in purchasing craft materials which will enable the children to make special Christmas gifts, tree decorations etc, we are asking for a levy of $5 per child.
Children not paying will be doing alternative Christmas Activities.

**REMINDER:**
**BOOKFAIR NEXT WEEK!**
Fantastic opportunity to purchase quality books for Christmas!

**Month of October~**
**Happy Birthday Everyone!**
Paige 2nd  
Mark 10th  
Michael 26th  
Tahnee 26th  
Arthur 27th

**Term 4 Issue 14 ~ 14th October 2014**
A family of learning for over 100 years.
Finalist for the NEiTA 2014 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards:
Michael Harris is one of 120 inspirational teachers from around Australia are the 2014 finalists in the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA).
More than 1,000 nominations were received from all over Australia with the community in Queensland nominating the highest number at 445, followed by New South Wales at 177, Western Australia at 170, Victoria at 97, the ACT with 26 nominations, South Australia had 90 nominations with Tasmania and the Northern Territory with 11 and 3 nominations, respectively.

On October 31, 60 teachers will be announced as the State and Territory Award recipients. Early next year, ASG NEiTA will announce the National Award recipients. Professional development and project grants are available at the National Award level, as well as one lucky teacher getting the opportunity to go to Space Camp in the United States.

ASG NEiTA CEO John Velegrinis says, “These teachers have a profound impact on shaping and developing the young minds and getting them ready for the future….These passionate individuals should be proud of what they have accomplished. They are driven and sacrifice a lot of their personal time so they can provide the best possible support to their students and the community at large. Now it’s time to say thank you and appreciate our teachers.”

We wish Michael the very best in these awards.

Garden: It is very obvious that work has begun on the senior garden project at the front of the school. The year 6/7 students are very excited that their plans are now on the way to completion. Thanks need to go to a few people who have helped to date:
Evizel, Kate Stockman, Peter Buck ley and Cirsty Kidner-Bonadio.
I am sure there will be many more who will need to be thanked before the project is completed, but we are very excited to see the work begin.

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.
There have been more and more student who are arriving at school before 8:30 am and while staff are aware that some parents work, many students who are early to school are not arriving due to their carers needing to be at work. Students who arrive at school before 8:30 am are to remain sitting on the seats under A Block until they have been given permission to leave by a member of staff. Once dismissed from that area, students are to go to their classrooms to prepare for their day of learning. Once preparation has been completed, student may then play under A Block, E Block or on the tennis court.
In November we shall be starting Christmas Art – photo frames, tree decorations, and small presents. There will be a charge of $5 per student to receive the special art and craft materials. Students not paying will participate in alternative Christmas activities.
Due to a holiday mishap, our Instrumental Music teacher Miss Anthony will be away from school for the next two weeks. As such, our IM classes will be on hold until she is able to return.

Update from the P/1 class

Congratulations Mrs Alford, on the birth of your new baby daughter!

We can’t wait to meet her 😊

Prep and Year One have started a new unit in Geography this term which looks at the local environment. The class will learn about caring for and improving the school environment.
The P&C has very generously donated $50.00 towards buying seedlings for the class to plant in the boxes outside the classroom.

During the term the children will care for the plants, watch them grow, pick flowers for the classroom and taste the vegetables.
We are thoroughly into Fourth Term already and it is only week Two!

In English, the students will be assessed on how well they can produce a storyboard with pictures. The preliminary work will be done at school and later in week four the students will be asked to finish their pictures for homework.

In Mathematics we have had a rearrangement of groupings and Mrs Williamson is extending some students with more complex maths challenges.

We really require a new adult supervisor for Tuesdays. Are there any year 2/3 parents (or someone you know with a Blue Card) who could work with the children on Tuesdays?

In Science we are studying toys we push and pull, and those which have their own stored power.

In art we are connecting with geography by studying “Places” that are important to us. Speaking of our Places, the second leg of the Tinaroo Dam Tour is scheduled for this Term.

No date is set yet but I hope to get our support “Crew” back together for the trip.

4/5 students are already hard at work analysing and comparing narrative stories and films, where the film was based on the book. The stories and our geography unit for this term have a sustainability theme. At present we are practicing our skills by analysing and comparing Dr Seuss’s story, The Lorax about the ruthless, thoughtless harvesting of Truffula Trees and the consequences for the environment and all animals and people depending on it. Then we will examine Colin Thiele’s famous story, Storm Boy and the film that was made of it.

In Maths, we are looking at measurement of length, area, capacity, mass and temperature and problem-solving situations related to the measurements.

Our Science unit is called Spinning in Space and focuses on concepts about day and night, shadows and light travelling in straight lines. This week students are planning and conducting an investigation into the size and direction of shadows cast at different types of the day. Next week we have some Learning Objects to look at which simulate night and day. The recent solar eclipse occurred at a most obliging time to capture students’ interest in the unit. For homework, commencing this week, students are keeping a Lunar Phases Record Chart to record lunar phases over the next 28 days.

This term, students will be studying songs of protest and then create and present a persuasive response to promote a point of view. They will participate in panel discussions on the aesthetic and social value of these songs and their particular comment on a social issue.

This unit is a fun unit, but one in which students become very aware of the power of lyrics and music. Students become increasingly aware of the place of songs of protest in an historical context and in particular the plight of African-American peoples and Indigenous Australians.

Your child may or may not ask for your help to select a song they wish to research. I must point out that any songs chosen, must be suitable to a school context and authorised by me before use in class.

There will be no homework sheets for the next couple of weeks as students complete some home research for their geography assessment. Be reassured that students have been stepped through the requirements at school and have received specific instructions on what they need to find out. If you do not have computers or internet at home, these are available before school, during lunches and after school on request.

This week, the class is starting a new History unit which focuses on ancient Roman civilization.

During the term, the students will be learning about the physical features of ancient Rome, the contacts and conflicts between Rome and its neighbours, Roman society and also key figures such as Julius Caesar and Augustus.

In Visual Arts, the students are exploring the technique of printmaking. This week they are finishing a pattern which involves printing with corrugated cardboard and string.
CRANES WITH BLING!

Early last week we received a visit to the school from Tim Nevard and George Archibald who are working on a fascinating project concerning our local Sarus Cranes and Brolgas.

The project involves catching and banding and tracking cranes throughout the Atherton Tablelands, in a joint project involving the Wildlife Conservancy of Tropical Queensland, Charles Darwin University, the International Crane Foundation, members of Birdlife Australia and CSIRO. So far they've caught, banded, measured, sampled and satellite tagged two Sarus cranes at Godfrey Road, Kairi.

The two ‘Kairi Cranes’ were both boys, and details of their colour banding is as follows:

**First Crane: (BYYB)** has colour banding: Blue (top)/Yellow (bottom) - RIGHT LEG and Yellow (top)/Blue (bottom) - LEFT LEG

**Second Crane: (YBYG)** Yellow (top)/Blue (bottom) – RIGHT and Yellow (top)/Green (bottom) - LEFT.

In both cases the Black satellite tracker is on the LEFT leg above the colour bands.”

The Crane Team would really like the Kairi State School children to find names for BYYB (probably a younger male) and YBYG (a mature male). Check out the photo below right of the younger crane (he has a funny little pigtail on the back of his neck!) and see if you can come up with some really cool names for the two boys. Write your suggested crane names on a piece of paper along with your own name, and leave it in the tuckshop collection box in the next week or so. We will collect all the names and pass a list onto the Crane Team.

Records of anybody seeing them (date, time, location, etc) would also be most welcome! Just let the school office know the details of the sighting and we will be happy to pass them on. We are really lucky to have Sarus Cranes live in our neighbourhood, so let’s get involved in this amazing project. The Crane Team will be catching and marking more birds around Kairi over the next couple of years, and will be coming back for more names in due course. In the meantime, check out [www.craneweek.org](http://www.craneweek.org) and [www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org) for more information.

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SCHOOL LEADERS “PUPPET” PHOTO:

Some time ago, when the senior class / School Leader photos were sent back to us for viewing and ordering, a photo got missed out.

The School Leaders picked up on the fact that it was missing and asked us to enquire with the photography company about it (the photo was of the School Leaders hamming it up with hand puppets).

After speaking with MSP photography, we were able to get a copy of the photo for viewing. If you are a parent / carer of one of the School Leaders, and you think you would be interested in ordering a copy of the photo ($20), please let us know as soon as possible. We need to get any orders back to them and get the process finalised.
BOOKFAIR IS NEARLY HERE!

Bookfair will be at the Kairi State School library on the following days next week.
This is a wonderful opportunity to view some quality books, and perhaps start your Christmas shopping.
Our school library benefits from every purchase made during the Bookfair, both with free books, and cash commission based on total sales. So shopping at Bookfair not only benefits your children, and your Christmas shopping list, but also directly helps your child's school library!

**TUESDAY 21st, WEDNESDAY 22nd & FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER**
Before and after school~ 8:30 to 9:00am & 3:00 to 3:30pm.

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**Tinaroo Sailing Club is holding a 'Discover Sailing' Open Day.**

**When:** Sunday 26 October between 10am and 12 noon.

**Where:** At the clubhouse in Black Gully Rd, Tinaroo.

**Who:** Anyone, young or not so young.

**More information:** [tinaroo.yachting.org.au](tinaroo.yachting.org.au)
Come along and have a try!

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**P & C REMINDERS:**

Debbie’s Dance Concert is being held on the 8th of November, & Debbie has kindly offered the Kairi P&C the opportunity to again cater for the function.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with baking before the event, and for people to serve on the night.
If you think you can assist with either of these jobs please contact one of the P&C executives as soon as possible.

There will be a special “senior shirt” meeting at the school on the 22nd October starting at 6pm. If your child will be needing a senior shirt for next year please come along.

Family Northpoint Photography is going to be on the Tablelands on the 15th November. If you would like to get your family portrait taken, please contact Cirsty Bonadio on 0488 976 766.

If you know of any other families that would like to take advantage of this photo opportunity, please spread the word 😊