**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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A prize winning entry in the annual Yr 4 “Fire Safety Poster” competition. 
This wonderful drawing is by William J. Congratulations William! 
See more of the Kairi State School winning entries on page 2!

**Purple Light Disco “Halloween Party”**

Friday October 31 ~ Merrilands Hall ~ 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Wear white and fluoro colours to glow under the purple lights! Go in the draw to win great prizes!

Games and prizes ~ Food and drinks available. ~ $7 entry ~ (Grade 1-7 aged children only)

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.

**Month of October ~**

Happy Birthday Everyone!

- Paige 2nd
- Mark 10th
- Michael 26th
- Tahnee 26th
- Arthur 27th

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Presentation Evening
Can you believe that there are only 6 weeks left until school finishes for 2014? Where has the time gone?
For those families who are new to the school this year, the school always holds a ‘formal’ Presentation Evening at the end of the year.
The Presentation Evening is a school run event in which each class presents a very short item and the graduating students share their achievements with the wider school community. Students are not required to wear school uniforms; smart casual is the dress standard.
Students are required to sit with their class groups for the duration of the event so that movement on and off the stage is easily managed and items run smoothly and to time.

Several awards are presented on the evening, including the Sports Award, Arts Award, Academic Award and the High School bursary. These awards have been presented over the past few years but there has been a significant change to how the High School selects bursary recipients.
From 2014 onwards, students need to apply in writing directly to the Atherton State High School. The Student Services Team at the high school then selects recipients from the feeder schools in the district. 2014 will be the only year that 8 bursaries will be presented due to year 6 and year 7 students moving to the high school.
The Presentation Evening will be held at the Kairi Community Hall on the 2 December from 6pm. Extended families are invited to attend to celebrate the year of learning at Kairi School.

Break-Up Night
The P&C will hold a break-up night on Friday November 28 at the school. This evening is a casual event where each class group will sing a Christmas Carol and the graduating students will cut a graduation cake.
More information will be sent home by the P&C regarding break-up night. This event is for students and families of Kairi State School. Students will need to be accompanied by parents or carer.

Xmas Craft - $5 reminder
If you would like your child to participate in the special Christmas craft activities please send along $5 to assist with purchasing materials. If you choose not to participate, your child will be involved in alternate Christmas activities.

Update from the P/1 class
The garden that Prep and Year 1 planted two weeks ago is flourishing and lettuce and marigolds will be planted this week. Parents and students are welcome to visit over the rest of the term to see how our garden grows.
The first Prep Open Day was a great success with 9 potential new prep students visiting and being shown how the classroom works by existing Prep students. The Year 1 students spent the hour with Mr Harris in the Year 2/3 class and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The new Prep students and parents were welcomed to the school by Mrs Stroud. School leaders Kailey and Kirra’s power point presentation on their years at Kairi State School entertained both parents and students. Fantastic job girls! Then the new parents were shown around the school by the P & C members while the children explored the classroom activities.
There will be two more Prep Open Days before the end of the year: Tuesday 4th Nov from 10am to 11am and Friday 21st from 2pm to 3pm.

Wonderful work by Jacy E—another prize winner!
Fantastic firetruck Sascha M—another prize winner!
Congratulations Girls!
Update from the 2/3 class

With only seven weeks to go, we have much to cover:

Danbulla excursion, Thursday, November 20, Christmas crafts commencing Mid November - $5 per student participating. Year 2/3 Story Day, Tuesday December 2. (Parents invited to the school to share our Narrative stories we have written this Term).

With our weekly homework, we are striving to win a Pizza Day. Students are given one or two spelling lists, depending on how they go in the pre-test on Monday. Students are asked to only learn the words they do not know. On the Friday they can then elect which test they want to sit for, depending on the words they have learned for the week. We win a Pizza Day on the percentage improvement in the class over the week. We need at least a 75% improvement in our spelling scores as a class total. This is not an easy task! Students are asked to learn their words by look, cover, write and then check.

They really need to have adult assistance to learn these words- with lots of praise when they spell correctly.

ALSO – thanks for listening to ten minutes of reading per night with your child. Confidence in reading is a necessary part of a child’s development in Year 2/3.

Debbie’s Dance Concert is on the 8th November. Please organise some home baking for the P&C stall.

Update from the 4/5 class

This week, the 4/5 class are commencing their Geography studies of sustainability with a visit from a Bunnings Project Co-ordinator who will help us with re-establishing our worm farm and investigating the sustainable practices in our school.

In English, we will be reading Storm Boy by Colin Thiele. At the end of the week we will view the film and then write a comparison of the two versions. Students have rehearsed all the skills they need for the task by reading and viewing The Lorax by Dr Seuss. They know about comparison and contrast words and how to provide evidence from the novel or the text to support their comparative statements or personal opinions.

In Mathematics we are looking at chance experiments, using mathematical terms and fractions to discuss the chances of events and reviewing factors and multiples. Year 4 students are surveying the entire student body to determine what students have in their lunch-boxes and investigate the TV viewing habits of Kairi State School students. They will prepare reports and a graphic representation of their data for you in the next newsletter.

Update from the 6/7 class

Our garden is looking fantastic and the plaques have been made! Students have done a wonderful job to ensure that this project is completed in time for them to enjoy their efforts.

Watching them, it is easy to see how proud they are of what they have achieved. Congratulations kids and thank you to the many members of the community who have assisted.

Every year, the graduating class selects an activity for break-up. This year, the 6/7 class have elected to do High Ropes at Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre (TEEC).

The class will spend all day at TEEC on Monday 17 November challenging themselves on the many different elements on the high ropes course. A visit to the TEEC website will show you what they will be able to complete. http://www.tinarooeec.eq.edu.au/

High Ropes is a ‘challenge by choice’ activity. Notes with further details will be sent home shortly.

In History, the class has been learning about the founding of ancient Rome on the Tiber River in approximately 753 BC and how this location provided many advantages for future expansion.

The students have also been studying how the Roman’s adopted aspects of other cultures as they conquered territories on the Italian peninsula. An example of this was the adoption of many of the myths and religious beliefs of the Greek communities in southern Italy.

The class has also been learning about the effects of Hannibal’s legendary invasion of Italy in about 218 BC which involved marching his army and about 37 war elephants across the Italian Alps.

This week, the 6/7 class will also participate in an activity relating to their previous History unit about Greek migration after World War II. A guest speaker, Mrs Klein, will talk about her interesting experiences as a Greek migrant, before and after arriving in Australia.

After asking her questions, the students will really enjoy tasting some delicious Greek food that Mrs Klein is so generously bringing along.