## School Calendar:

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**A Massive Big Thank You to the Tomasetig, Stockman & Bonadio families for providing and laying much needed gravel into the staff car-park free of charge!**

Your generosity has made a HUGE difference to both staff and families moving through this parking zone.

Our Prep & Year 1’s watched on in interest as the work happened.
**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 95.8%**.

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.

**Local Chaplaincy Committee**
The Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) held its first meeting for the year on Wednesday 19 February. The executive consists of Don Blandford (President); Helen Bensilum (Secretary); Trevor Murchison (Treasurer); and Gordon Williams (Vice President). The committee consists of local church groups and works to assist the school chaplains in our local schools of Kairi State School, Atherton State School, Herberton State School, Yungaburra State School and Atherton State High School. Chaplains are available to provide support to students. If you are interested in finding out more or volunteering your time with this committee please contact Sharon Karsikas at Kairi School.

One of the school’s major fund raising events is the Car Swap, run by the chaplaincy committee. Last year we raised over $1000 from our stall at this event and we are hoping that even more can be raised this year. Please mark the date in your calendar: 14 June

**Social media and the school community**
The internet, mobile phones and social media provide wonderful opportunities for us to stay in touch with friends and family. However, these tools have the potential to cause pain and suffering to individuals, groups or even whole communities; especially schools.

Just as we discourage your child from behaving inappropriately online, it is important to remember that sometimes negative comments from parents and caregivers about schools and staff have a greater impact than expected.

Reputations of teachers, schools, principals and even parents can be permanently damaged through the ill-considered, even malicious, use of social media.

Before saying or posting anything, it may be useful to consider the following:
- Does the information need to be known by others?
- Is it relevant, positive or helpful?
- Could what is being said upset or embarrass someone?
- Would it be more helpful to speak with the person who may be able to address the issue/concern?

Discussions between you and close friends can very quickly be shared with a much wider audience. Hasty, emotive comments can inflame situations.

If you would like more information on social media and the school community, please ask at the office.

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**Update from the 2/3 class**

Thanks to all parents and guardians who visited our poetry café. A special thanks to the Stuart family for making the children’s milkshakes (and also the extra ice-cream!). The students’ digital portfolios have been sent to a private digital ‘cloud’ for home viewing purposes – on your smartphone or tablet device. See Mr Harris for the username and password after downloading and installing the “Aurasma” app.

I think the after-school parent meeting was most successful. Here are my main points again: We are a team of four teachers in 2/3: Mr Harris, Mr Hall, Mrs Williamson and Mrs Quinn with help from Miss Natalie. Children are learning mainly through the explicit teaching model, which has a strong requirement on consistent student school attendance and prolonged close attention in class. The students are striving to reach difficult to attain ‘benchmarks’ in literacy and numeracy which I believe is an almost impossible task without close cooperation from home, especially in reading and comprehending texts. Homework is an essential component of the children’s learning at school and carers are asked to be relaxed about correcting homework – we monitor homework errors back at school for re-teaching purposes.

If a child does not understand a concept, please reward your child for attempting the work and being neat with their recording. Please organise a daily homework routine and a quiet place away from those evil TVs. I am hoping to have parent volunteers at school Tuesdays to Fridays 9:00 – 9:30 for reading groups; Thanks to those mums who have already helped out – very much appreciated.

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**A family of learning for over 100 years.**
Show and tell bags are coming home in homework this week. This is an exciting activity for your children as they get to share something that is special to them with the class.

We have been busy finishing off our character studies in English and enjoyed our delicious pavlova last Wednesday from Possum Magic.

Year 1’s will be practicing their oral presentations on a character this week and presenting next week.

Please keep checking sight words with your children and reading every night.

Mrs Jennings has been out of school for most of the week attending Leadership Camp.

In her absence, Mrs Burnett has been looking after the Yr 4 / 5 class and reports that they are all working very hard and are a pleasure to teach.....

Well Done Yr 4 /5!

Congratulations to the 6/7 class which has 12 students with an attendance rate of 95-100%.

Let’s see if we can get all 16 of us within that range!!

Parent Session
On Friday 7 March at 3:15pm, I will be holding a parent information session. The session will focus mainly on the transition to high school with opportunities for parent questions. Mr Jason Pascoe (Deputy Principal of Atherton High) will be in attendance. Open for discussion will be:

- High School Transition
- Camp
- End of Year Celebrations
- Landscaping project

I am happy to discuss what is happening in the class, but feel that with a small number of students, I can provide more detailed information about how I am catering for your child in a private meeting. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please see me.

Senior Shirts
We have finally received the design concepts for our senior shirts and the kids are very excited. We now have to place the orders. Once all orders have been placed, it will take approximately 4 weeks for the shirts to arrive. Cost of each shirt is $42.12 and the sizing is exactly the same as our school shirts.

Please place your orders on the sheets at the back door of the senior classroom.

Thank you for your understanding.

The students have been working well in their History lessons which have been focused on the events leading to Australia’s Federation. Recently, they have been learning about the significance of Henry Parkes’ role and the important outcomes of the Corowa Conference. This week, they will complete their first assessment task which involves writing a newspaper article that explains the significance of Henry Parkes’ contribution to Federation.
Welcome to the new parents, grandparents and carers to our school. All parents and carers are welcome to visit our library with or without your children.

Thank you for providing your child/ren with library bags to protect our valuable books. We have a rule of “No bag, no book.” Books cannot be taken home without a protective library bag. In order to encourage borrowing we allow children to take a book to the classroom until a library bag is brought from home.

I work at KSS on Wednesday. The library assistant, Miss Brigitte, works at the library Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If children forget to bring library bags and books for their Wednesday library lesson, they are able to return books to the library return trolley before school on Thursday or Friday. Children can borrow again on Friday before school if Miss Brigitte is in the library.

A red Cybersafety Help Button has recently been installed on all EQ computers across the state. It was developed with input from children, parents and teachers from across Aust. I have been showing this to classes and have suggested that children ask parents to download this button on home computers. It’s available to all Australians on the Dept. of Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy website at www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton.

It will work with all the major Windows and MAC OS operating systems.

When clicked, the Help Button takes the user to a web page that provides information and assistance to deal with cyberbullying, unwanted contact, and offensive or illegal content. The page is divided into 3 functions – talk, report and learn. The Cybersafety Help Button enables young Australians to become better digital citizens. It encourages young people to be safe, to be smart, and to play their part in creating a safe online world.

Year 6/7 students have been invited to participate in Reader’s Cup again this year. Children read 6 books, including 1 picture book. The book list remains confidential until the start of reading on April 1, 2014. Children work as a team of 4 (with 1 reserve) and there can be no adult coaching. We have a friendly Tablelands schools competition where children have practice in answering quiz type questions about the books. Our school team then travels to Whitfield SS in Cairns on Friday 13 June for the Reader’s Cup regional competition. The winning team there goes on to compete in the Reader’s Cup state finals in September, as part of the Brisbane Writers’ Festival.

Thanks for reading.

Kim Kirkman (Teacher-Librarian)
Greetings to you all as we commence our term for 2014! Since taking up the position of School Chaplain in October 2012 at Kairi, I would like to say that every expectation I had of the staff and students has been met.

Kairi you are a unique school!

It is encouraging to see your passion for close family relationships, academic achievement and good manners.

As your chaplain I’m here to provide spiritual, emotional and practical support to the school community, and help find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdowns, loneliness, abuse and social behaviour.

Sometimes it’s just a listening ear and a caring presence for kids experiencing a crisis, for others it’s just being a friend.

I have listed below some of my qualifications as requested:

* Professional Hair Stylist and Make up Artist
* Fashion and Beauty Consultant
* Events Co-ordinator and MC
* Women’s Support Worker (indigenous groups)
* Life Skills Teacher
* Cert IV (AIFC) Grief Counselling

* Cert IV Work Place Training and Assessment
* Cert IV TESOL (Teaching English to Students of Other Languages)
* Entertainer
* Pastoral Care (30 Years)

I am available on Thursdays and Fridays at Kairi (8am — 3pm) and Mondays and Tuesdays at Yungaburra (8am—3pm).

Please feel free to contact me for a chat.

Blessings.

Chappy Sharon

EASTER HOLIDAY DRAMA & ACTING SCHOOL PROGRAMS 5yrs - 18yrs
Spin along to TYC for our Autumn Drama School Holiday Programs with From Here to Eternity: A Time Travel Fable (7/4 – 10/4), or Historically Horrible: Crazy Crusades (14/4 – 17/4)
Explore acting, costumes, lighting, sound and multimedia elements, finishing with a creative performance on the final afternoon.

Each 4 day program runs from 9am – 3pm and costs $215 (excl GST) per program. For young people 12yrs+ we have our Autumn Acting School Holiday Program as you audition for your role and perform in our a full-length scripted production of George Orwell’s, 1984 in a 2-night performance season at TYC for your friends, family and the general community.

The program runs from 930am – 5pm and costs $270 (excl GST) per program. Please visit www.theyoungcompany.com.au for more information or call TYC on 40 414066. All programs held at TYC Adventure Theatre, 169 Bunda St, Cairns City.

FREE Well Women’s Clinics
Atherton Midin Tuesday 18th March Ph: 4091 6103
Atherton Community Hlth Wed 19th March
Wed 2nd & Tues 8th April Ph: 4091 0263

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.

MAREEBA & DISTRICT PONY CLUBS
INTERSCHOOL SPORTING DAY

When: Saturday 22nd of March, 2014 - 9 am start (gear check 8.30 am)
Venue: Mareeba Pony Club Grounds, Chewko Road, Mareeba
Fees: $10.00 Per rider, $5.00 camping fee per family for the weekend
FULL CANTEEN Saturday and Sunday
For further information: Contact Sandra 0434218964 Lyn 40868046 Juliet 40941991 (See Poster on Kairi State School Notice Board : )