Can you believe that it is the end of Term One already! What an unbelievably busy 10 weeks we have had!

From the Principal:

Dear Parents,

It is with sadness that I inform you that Emma Wiggins will not be returning to Kairi School after the Easter holidays due to personal reasons. Emma has done a wonderful job teaching our prep students during term 1 and we wish her the very best in the future.

Beginning on the 20 April, Ms Merran McEachern will be teaching prep until Emily Alford’s return on 9 June. Merran has taught at Kairi this year and in 2014 and the students are familiar and comfortable with her.

Merran has worked closely with Emma over the last few days to ensure that current learning programs continue and future programs meet the needs of our prep students.

As many of you would be aware, Merran has been working at the school one day a week under funding of Great Results Guarantee. This one day a week will be covered by Mrs Sue Quinn while Merran teaches our prep students.

Reminders:

P&C: Because the second Wednesday in the month of April falls during our holiday period, the next P&C meeting will be on the 13th May. All welcome.

ICAS: Don’t forget that ICAS starts very soon in Term 2. The first test available will be Digital Technology (used to be called Computer Studies). If you are entering your child in this topic you will need to have returned your booking slip and payment by the first day back in Term 2! Otherwise it will be too late for me to book and receive the test paperwork in time for your child to sit the test on the required day.

If you need more information or forms, copies are available from the reception office.

ANZAC DAY: Kairi State School will be having a small ceremony here at school on Friday the 24th April at 9am to mark the ANZAC Centenary. A representative from the RSL will be in attendance as guest speaker. All families are welcome to attend.

ANZAC DAY MARCH: Kairi State School will be marching together in the Atherton ANZAC Day march. Details on times etc will be sent home at the start of next term.

ATTENDANCE LETTERS:

This term the school is trialling new attendance letters for each student. The letters capture attendance data for the term for each child, and are intended to inform parents of the number of days students have missed. The data collection does not discriminate between unexplained and explained (eg illness) absences. As yet we have not found a way around this issue.

Attendance at school every day is vital for learning and teaching. Whenever your child is going to be absent you need to ring the school either on the absence line, (40893760) or by note. It is greatly preferred that you use the absence line rather than the main school line for these calls.

Unexplained absences are, by law, required to be followed up by the school and may, in extreme cases lead to prosecution.

Absence letters for each child will be coming home with this newsletter, and in many cases offer congratulations on excellent attendance.

We apologise in advance for any minor errors contained within the letters (eg use of ‘his’ instead of ‘her,’ or other small typos). We are trying to iron out any bugs in this new mail merge system and we have had a few teething problems along the way.
### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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**Month of March**

**Happy Birthday Everyone!**

- Nate B 1st
- Dexter 1st
- Johnno 6th
- Tanisha 7th
- Rocco 9th
- Christian 14th
- Cooper 14th
- Zamika 18th
- Conor S 25th
- Alexandria 27th
- Toby H 27th
- Brandon 29th

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