It was a great pleasure to observe our leadership aspirants this week. On Monday, Danny, Tamara and Zane addressed the whole school and parents with passion and confidence and this morning we heard from our house captain candidates. When speeches concluded, students used a preferential voting system to record their vote. This is to give students a little taste of being active and informative citizens.

When votes were counted and preferences allocated if required, we were able to announce our school and house captains. I would like to sincerely congratulate all candidates for their efforts.

Our 2017 leaders are:
School captain - Zane
Wattle Captain - Danny
Bunya Captain - Eliza

Students in Years 5 and 6 who do not already have a leadership position will be eligible to nominate for Project Club positions.

One of the many wonderful things about our school are the open and honest interactions we have with all our stakeholder groups i.e. students, parents, staff and community. We are truly blessed in this regard. However, I would like to remind parents (and students) that we insist on respect at all times and that courtesy goes a long way towards respectful interactions.

Swimming lessons
Children need their swimming gear. $10 per child is due by 24th February.
I would like to remind all parents that you are always welcome in the classroom but only before or after school and not during lesson time unless invited as your presence is highly distracting especially if you are having a conversation, talking on the phone, finding your child’s belongings or talking with your child. Parents collecting children are asked to wait under the covered area rather than in the classroom. This is when you can see whether your child has all their belongings.

It is not appropriate to ask teacher aides about your child’s progress or behaviour as it would be inappropriate for them to discuss the same with you. If you have concerns or want to celebrate your child’s successes, please make an appointment with your class teacher. If you have an issue with a teacher’s or teacher aide’s performance you need to discuss that with Mrs Buckley. If you have an issue with Mrs Buckley’s performance, you can contact Regional Office at Toowoomba.

Both Ms Ferguson and I work long hours here at school, endeavouring to provide the best differentiated and exciting curriculum we can. We are here early and stay late so that we are prepared for the school day. We are not actively on duty before 8 and phone calls before 8 really eat into our preparation time. Again courtesy in this respect would be most appreciated.

Phone calls re sick children should be made between 8 and 8:45am.

Finally, as we are not on duty before 8am or after 4pm it is not appropriate to drop children at school before 8am or leave them after 4pm. We are always happy to help out in extenuating circumstance, but a phone call to ask is a simple courtesy that we would appreciate.

Phone calls should not be expected to be answered during lesson time either.

Our school is a very special place and all the children are considered special and important. We are doing our best, but we know that we can improve so your feedback is important, we just ask that you are respectful and courteous.

Until next week,

Debbie Buckley
Principal

School Review 25-26 May 2017
This year is our Quadrennial School review year. This is a great opportunity to examine what we have achieved over the last 4 years and what we will do in the next 4 years. Part of this process is a School Review.

The new reviews for Queensland state schools are an important part of the Department of Education and Training’s school improvement agenda, with every state school, including independent public schools, to have a review at least every four years. As outlined in the School Performance Assessment Framework, the reviews build on the teaching and learning audits and are tailored to the needs and context of schools.

General information
Our school review will be conducted in a professional manner by reviewers who have been...
selected and trained by the School Improvement Unit (SIU). The review team will look at our school’s performance data and other relevant information. They will also talk to staff, students, parents and other members of your school community. At the completion of the review, the team will present its findings to the principal and written report will follow with more detailed information to support your school’s improvement agenda.

P.E. News

SWIMMING

Our swimming days are as follows:
- Week 5 - Thursday 23rd February
- Week 6 - Thursday 2nd March
- Week 7 – Thursday 9th March

Students are to bring the following: a waterproof bag with togs, rash vest, towel, sunscreen and a swimming cap for students with long hair. If possible, please provide goggles for your child as they are beneficial for children’s eyes in the chlorinated water of the indoor pool.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
All children who are learning to swim will need goggles.

The indoor pool is heavily chlorinated and the pool water tends to cause sore eyes. Goggles can be purchased at the pool, sports stores and Big W. Thanks for your help.

Please ensure that suitable togs are worn for learning to swim - ie. no bikinis thanks.

There will be no teachers left at school to supervise non-swimming students. Students who are not swimming will need to be collected from school or will travel into the pool and watch proceedings.

It is expected that all students will participate in swimming lessons unless we are notified of a reason.

Total cost to parents for the 4 swimming lessons is $10/child. As Kaimkillenbun school swimming is highly subsidised by the P&C and government grant, the cost to parents is NON-REFUNDABLE.

Payment to the office is required by 24/02/2017.

School Routine

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** Please note bell rings 5 min before class resumes allowing students to:
- go to the toilet
- wash hands
- return sports equipment
- have a drink

Bee- haviour
Last year teaching staff, students and P&C were involved in preparing and perusing a new look for the delivery of our positive behaviour lessons. This matrix is distilled from our expectations of student behaviour and sit nicely under our 4 rules and within our values and beliefs.

Working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.
Our Bee-haviour matrix, allows us to make our expectations more explicit and visible, enabling us to be open and transparent about what we expect. The expectations are organised into a 20 week format. Each expectation will be formally taught and then followed up in a two week period.

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<td>Term 1 Week 5 Keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves</td>
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<td>Term 1 Week 9 Be in the right place at the right time.</td>
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<td>Term 2 Week 3 Use your manners</td>
<td>Term 2 Week 5 Value each other and accept differences</td>
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<td>Term 2 Week 7 Use equipment carefully and for its purpose</td>
<td>Term 2 Week 9 Strive to achieve your goals and do your best</td>
<td>Term 3 Week 1 Line up quickly and quietly</td>
<td>Term 3 Week 3 Work together and co-operate</td>
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<td>Term 3 Week 5 Be responsible for your personal safety</td>
<td>Term 3 Week 7 Be prepared and organised</td>
<td>Term 3 Week 9 Respect others' learning, space and property</td>
<td>Term 4 Week 1 Help out and encourage each other</td>
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<td>Term 4 Week 3 Move safely and quietly</td>
<td>Term 4 Week 5 Tell the truth — own your choices and accept feedback</td>
<td>Term 4 Week 7 Deal with anger appropriately</td>
<td>Term 4 Week 9 Include others</td>
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Keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves

Why students need this skill:

**Respect:** Children playing games at lunch time are agreeing to decisions being made by students or staff officiating. They are using appropriate language and not using hands and feet to solve problems.

**Safety:** By keeping hands, feet and objects to ourselves we can be sure that others will not be hurt by our actions.

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**Every Day Counts**

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:45AM and FINISHES AT 3PM**

We strongly believe children need to attend school every day to receive the most benefits from their education. Did you realise that skipping the last day of every term adds up to more than a whole term of schooling missed throughout a child’s education? Skipping a whole week of school each term means your child will miss more than 15 months of their education! For further information on the importance of regular school attendance, please visit [http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/](http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/)

**Week 4 (Last week)**

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Kaimkillenbun’s attendance last week was

Oops! Let’s try to achieve our attendance goal next week.

**Library News**

**Class library days are as follows:**

- Years P-3 - Friday (every 2nd week)
- Years 4-6 - Wednesday (every 2nd week)

Please ensure students have a library bag to help care for the books they are borrowing each week.

Thank you
Ms Shervey

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Bus Zone
Please respect the bus zone space during school hours so that buses can pull up and pull away safely. This keeps our children safe.

Sun Safety
A reminder that Kaimkillenbun State School is working towards adopting a Sunsmart School Policy. All students will need a broad brimmed hat to play and to participate in PE lessons.

To be Sunsmart…..Slip on a shirt, slop on some sunscreen, slap on a hat, slide on sunglasses and slurp lots of water.

Again, to promote sun safety, it is now a Queensland Education requirement that all students wear sunscreen and a rash vest while they are in the water.
The school does provide 30+ sunscreen for all students who wish to use it.

Remember NO HAT, NO PLAY! NO SWIM SHIRT, NO SWIM!

For your Information
Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.
It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

Student of the Week: Responsibility

P-3: Haley: For being responsible for her belongings and demonstrating a desire to learn and focus on tasks, especially in relaxation time.

4-6: Ella: For being a responsible student by completing unfinished work in her spare time.

Caught You Caring
Each week we encourage our students to look out for little acts of kindness and write down what they see or experience. Lots of little acts of kindness add up to a positive school atmosphere and special bonds that link students, staff and community.

Congratulations –
JL, Jimmy, Andy, Chloe, Brianna, Lane, Bobby, Zane, Brock, Tamara, Danny, Arrt, Campbell, Sage, Andrew, Cara

JL was kind to me at break – Andy
Jimmy helped me sort papers – Ms Ferguson
Andy helped me to sort books, with the birds and asked me how was my day? – Ms Ferguson
Chloe got my lunch box out of the fridge - Bobby
Brianna put my book back when there were too many people in the book box area.
Lane helped me sort the pile of books without being asked. He also praised Chloe for helping him. – Ms Ferguson
Chloe helped sort my pile of books with Lane – Ms Ferguson
Bobby let Lane, Chloe and I go in front of him in the line - Abbey
JL helped me with a heavy load – Ms Ferguson
Andy helped me with jobs after school – Ms Ferguson
Jimmy helped me with some research.
Zane got an ice pack for Brock – Garth
Jimmy was caring in the way he spoke to me – Ms Ferguson
Brock was kind to Jimmy about his work – Ms Ferguson
Tamara cared for Nate in the playground – Ms Ferguson
Danny was being exceptionally caring as big brother to Jessica – Ms Ferguson
Arrt helped me pack the tracing activities away – Ms Shervey
Campbell was supportive of Jimmy’s work – Ms Ferguson
Tamara helped Nate put his lunch box and drink in the fridge – Ms Shervey
Zane and Sage helped me with my work – Breanna
Danny and Zane helped me write my speech – Andrew
Andy moved aside so I could exit the computer room – Ms Shervey
Andrew and Cara waited for me to go down the stairs before going up them – Ms Shervey

WE LOVE YOUR WORK!!

Star of the week – Bobby

Birthday Students
Happy Birthday to: Arrt

P&C

The next P&C meeting is on Thursday 9th March at 7pm in the library. All welcome.

Volunteer and School Community Supporters
Shirts/Jerseys
The P&C are placing another order for shirts/jerseys. The order form is attached to the newsletter. Orders with payment need to be returned by Monday February 27th.

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Roster

Tuckshop: Monday 27th February:
Mrs Halt and Ms Palmer

Home Cooking: Mrs Jaques

School Banking
School banking day is Thursday. Please hand in books at the office.

From The Classroom

Years P, 1, 2, & 3 (Ms Lynda Ferguson)

Week Five already and term one is flying past! The students of the EEC have been focusing on improving their story writing skills, using paragraphs and editing their work and making sure their sentences make sense. We are continuing to explore the special landscape around us, Prep to Two are in the process of creating models of the town and all of the features of K’Bun and its surrounds. The students choose what they will work on once we have brainstormed the features as a group. This week I showed them what the horizon was so that they understood the background element of our recreating the Bun. We continue to look at lifecycles of living things, the main focus on Mini beasts that live around our school, although I think there are far less outside and more inside our classroom now; such is the interest in finding and identifying each one. We have added two cockatiels to our outside area and many children have sat making observations on behaviours and recorded this in their playtime.

Until next week,
Ms Ferguson

Years 4-6 (Mrs Debbie Buckley)

Here in the upper school we are very excited about our elected leaders, but we also have commiserations for those who stood for captaincy but were unsuccessful this year. All students who ran as candidates can be very proud of the effort that they put into writing speeches and delivering them. I was most impressed. Now the hard work of leadership begins!

The Project Club executive will be elected on Friday.

The 4-6s have been working very hard on all areas of the curriculum over the last 4 weeks. In Science, we have been studying the adaptations plants and animals have that enable them to survive in such different environments.

Our studies in Geography has us looking at how human and environmental characteristics interact.

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This week we will be looking at how extreme weather events affect characteristics of places.

We have been studying Henry Lawson’s “The Loaded Dog”. It is a madcap tale of mayhem and chaos when a young retriever pup gets hold of a homemade gunpowder cartridge. Very funny.

The Year 5s and 6s have just about completed reading about the events of the Kokoda Campaign. We have been using timelines to help us understand the chronology of events before and during the campaign. We have also been researching who was involved. The students are really enjoying their research. Next week students can begin creating their ANZAC Day essay.

Until next week,
Mrs Buckley

Notes to be Returned:
- Swimming Payment
- School shirt order and payment

Dates to Remember:
February
23 – Swimming #2

March
2 – Swimming #3
9 – P&C meeting and AGM
9 – Swimming #4
14 – GRIP leadership (school leaders only)
24 – Bowenville Softball Carnival (Yr 3-6)
28 – Quinalow Cross Country (10 – 12 yrs)
31 – End of Term 1

Autumn Break
1 April - 17 April

April
18- School resumes
25 - ANZAC Day (Monday)
28- Bunya Cross Country
29-30 April: 2017 K’bun P&C Trail Bike Ride

May
1- Public holiday
9- NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5
10- NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5
11- NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5

June
1- K’bun Touch Carnival

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Dalby Soccer 2017**
Children turning 5 to 16 years during 2017, games played in Dalby and Chinchilla
Register for the season now open at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)
$120 (U8-U11), $125 (U8-U13) and $130 (U12-U14)
Payment can be via credit card (when you register), direct debit or cash and cheques at the PCYC Club House, Wednesdays 5.30pm – 6.00pm
Registration will be closed on the 11th March so teams can be organised and a team mentor and great can take place before the holidays
More info call 0425 777 967 or check out our Facebook page

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