

Kalinda School Newsletter

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Principal: Mrs Angela Sampson

Week 5 Term 1, 2018



Our 2018 – 2020 School Plan is well and truly in its final draft form. We are in the final consultation stages before the School Plan is published. On Monday evening Mrs Sampson presented the draft School Plan to the P&C and sought feedback. We understand that not all families were able to attend that meeting, and would like to offer a copy to any family who would be willing to have a read of the draft document and provide feedback. Ideally all feedback should be received by Monday 5th March so that we can make an informed decision regarding the School Plan. If you would like a copy of this plan, please write this in your child's Communication Book or contact the office.

Notifying School of Absences: A reminder that when your child is absent from school, parents and carers are required to contact us the day of the absence or immediately after either by phone to the office, through the Skoolbag app, a note in your child's Communication Book or a separate note. Please do not inform teachers directly via their personal phones or the taxi drivers.

Making contact with teachers: This morning staff discussed the importance of all school related matters to be addressed through school. If you do wish to talk to your child's teacher, please contact the office by phone and if the teacher is available and off class we will transfer you through. If they are unavailable at the time, you can leave a message which the teacher will receive at the next break or after school. Please do not contact them via their personal mobile phones. Alternatively, you can request the teacher's Departmental email address to communicate with them directly or request contact through the Skoolbag app.

Parent / Carer Information Session: Another information session for parents and carers regarding how to request support for your child at school using Externally Funded Service providers will be held on Thursday 8th March at 9:30am in the Sensory Room. Please contact the office to RSVP your attendance.



UPCOMING Events

Week 5 26th to 2nd March

Wednesday	Year 7 Vaccinations Mrs Heins & Miss Cliff at Executive Training AECG Meeting 2pm at GPS Clean up Australia Day Yr 7 - 12
Friday	Clean Up Australia Day Kinder – Yr 6

Week 6 5th to 9th April

Monday	School Photos
Wednesday	Mrs Sampson at Principal Meeting in Wagga Assembly 2:40pm Learning Support Team Meeting
Thursday	Parent /Carer Info Session NDIS 9:30am
Friday	RDA money and notes due

Week 7 12th to 16th April

Tuesday	PBL Set data day
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Week 8 19th to 23rd April

Wednesday	LST Meeting Mrs Sampson at Director Meeting
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Review Meetings: A meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th April, Week 10 from 3:30 – 5:30pm. Each time slot will be 15mins long. As we approach this date, parents and carers will be asked to nominate a time to meet with classroom teachers. If this date is not suitable, please contact your classroom teacher to make an appointment that is best suitable for both of you. At this meeting, you will receive a progress report, based on your child's Individual Educational goals. This is a prime opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing towards achieving these goals and make adjustments or revise these as necessary.

School Photos: School photos will be held on the 5th of March. Envelopes were sent home a few weeks ago. If you needs a new one please contact the office and we can replace it.

University of NSW Medical Student Visit: Over the next 3 Fridays we welcome Medical students from the University of New South Wales who are completing their placement here in Griffith. Students will be visiting our school to observe the Educational programs we offer our students within a Special School setting. They will be working closely alongside the classroom teachers and students.



Coles Sports for Schools: The race is on to collect vouchers for our school. For every \$10 spent at Coles you will receive a voucher which will help us get some new sports equipment for our students. There are bins located at Cole and in our office.

REMINDER: Vacant Position: Mrs Sampson was notified that the permanent part time (2 days per week) *Student Learning Support Officer - Aboriginal Student* position has been declared vacant by staffing. Mrs Sampson will soon be convening a panel for Merit Selection. The panel will consist of; the convenor (Mrs Sampson – Principal), AECG Representative, Aboriginal parent and a School Administration Support Staff Officer (either an Aboriginal Student Learning Support Officer and / or a School Administration Officer) from another school. If you are a parent of a student at our school and are Aboriginal and are interested in being a part of the panel please contact Mrs Sampson as soon as possible. Mrs Sampson attended the AECG meeting at Griffith Public School where she requested the support of the AECG to nominate a panel representative. She has also requested the support of Aboriginal Employment Human Resources to attend the school to discuss the opportunities of the SLSO position through a 'Yarn Up'. More information regarding this will be sent home as soon as information comes to hand.

Positive Behaviour for Learning: Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th March at 8:30am. Our PBL members and non-members are invited to attend. This week we conducted our first PBL raffle. Congratulations to Victoria, Nandaryn and Jeremy who won prizes. A huge congratulations to Malachite for the class who received the most raffle tickets.

Our Values Award this week was to Jack Christian for being 'Respectful by being the best person he can be'.

NAPLAN: Information regarding the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students who are currently enrolled in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 has been sent home today. If you wish for your child to be exempt or withdrawn from this assessment or disability adjustments be made, please contact the office as soon as possible to request a form which you will need to complete. These forms must be returned to school by Friday 9th March.

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P&C Annual General Meeting: Was held on Monday evening. All positions were declared vacant and a new executive was voted in. Congratulations and many thanks to the following P&C members who have taken on this role;

President	Brett Docherty
Vice President	Sonia Careri
Vice President	Lesley Woodbridge
Secretary	Jane Docherty
Treasurer	Katheryn Twaddell

P&C Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month commencing at 7pm in the Staff Room. Every family is encouraged to be a member of the P&C. A membership form is attached to this newsletter. If you would like more information about the P&C please contact them via email docherty1233@bigpond.com
All parents, carers and community members are always welcome to attend the meetings.

Easter Raffle: P&C are holding their annual Easter Raffle. They are currently seeking donations of chocolate Easter eggs which will be wrapped up to be given as prizes. We encourage every family to donate one Easter egg which will certainly assist the P&C in raising money for our students and school.



City 2 Lake Fun Run: This year's event will be held Sunday March 11 2018. Run, Walk, Ride, push a pram, however you do it, don't miss the 2018 Casella Family Brands Visy City2lake! Registrations can be done through the website <https://www.city2lake.org/>

ABOUT THE CITY2LAKE

The Casella Family Brands Visy Griffith City2Lake Fun Run began as an initiative of Griffith City Council to raise money for St Vincent's Private Community Hospital Griffith. With the Private Hospital now operational, the 2018 City2Lake Fun Run will now benefit Griffith Base Hospital.

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Junior RFF: PDHPE activities & creating a cave for our sensory bear hunt



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