



# KALBAR NEWS

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## Principal Report

Congratulations to Troy Churchward who will begin 2019 as the acting Principal at Roadvale State School. While Troy's shoes will be hard to fill, I am working hard to find an excellent replacement in our Year 6 classroom. At this stage, Troy will be in the acting role for Term 1, however, this may be extended.

A very warm welcome to our Prep – Year 3 Inclusion Teacher, Miss Melissa Williams, from Springwood Central State School. Melissa offers years of experience as a Senior Teacher in the Springwood Road Special Education Program and has recently been Head of Special Education at Springwood Central. Melissa will be visiting our school on Thursday to meet with our students and staff.

Nicole Gray will be joining our team as an Inclusion Teacher Aide in the Year 4/5 classroom Monday, Wednesday and Friday next year.

At the end of the week we farewell Miss Maureen Aiken who has been working as an Inclusion Teacher Aide in the Year 4/5 classroom this term. Thank you for the engaging learning experiences you have provided.

Mrs Susan Brown will also be leaving our school at the end of the year. I know I speak on behalf of all staff when I say a very warm thank you to Mrs Brown for all the work she has done in the early years this year. Thank you for your hard work and we hope to see you around the community next year.

Mr Aaron Lutter will remain as our PE teacher next year.

Yours in education,  
Angela Chant

The School Leaders would like to share their graduation speeches with our Kalbar community.

## Ruben Cadena

Good evening fellow peers, teachers, staff and parents. My name is Ruben Cadena and it has been an honour to become a school leader to represent Kalbar State School. When our names were announced at the Christmas Concert, I was beside myself with excitement. Of course over the year I have learned to be a better leader, helper and encourager. My journey to become a school leader began late last year.

On the ANZAC day parade, one of my fellow captains and I lay the wreath at the base of the war memorial. We had to walk in the parade, to represent the school. I have to admit that I was nervous. Wouldn't it be at least a little nerve-racking to be in the centre of the whole community's attention? When it ended, I felt quite proud because I represented this school. So this is the duty of a school leader.

All of our camps taught me to encourage and become a leader not the boss. The Emu Gully Camp taught us to support and encourage others. Also to never give up or back down, no matter the conditions, (actually I learned that in the mud pit, when it was pouring). At this camp, our resilience built up and our teamwork helped us to achieve higher objectives. The Emu Gully camp changed my perspective about leadership.

I want to give a massive thank you to all the parents who never stop encouraging their child. Where would the world be if there were no mums or dads? This is part of the reason I became a school leader. If I never had parents, they wouldn't be there to encourage me to try out for the role of a

leader so I would never become one. So a gigantic thanks to all of you. May you also have my gratitude for listening to my speech. This is Ruben Cadena signing out.

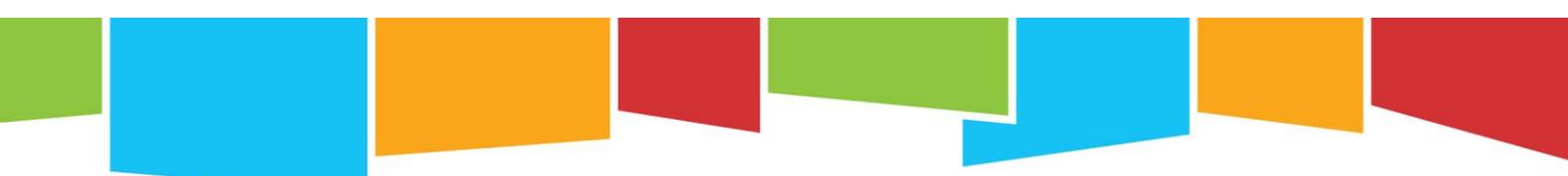
## Chloe Ruhland

Good evening everyone, my name is Chloe Ruhland and I am a Gordon House Captain. Over the years I have been involved in many sporting events but I would like to talk to you about the Swimming Carnival, Cricket Gala Day and the Year 5/6 Futsal Competition.

At the Swimming Carnival everyone was encouraging each other and showing great sportsmanship. Year 3-6 competed in the carnival, all the students tried their best and had fun. Some students were lucky enough to get a ribbon and become an age champion. And to add on to a great day Gordon won! It was great to see so many students make it to the next level and could continue having fun and attempting to get more ribbons. People who made it to the inter-school swimming carnival got to compete against other schools from the district. The students all pushed their bodies to the limits and were super tired after all their efforts.

This term students from Year 3-6 were lucky enough to go to Coronation Park and play Cricket with lots of different schools. Everyone got to bat, bowl, field and be a wicket keeper. All the students loved learning new skills. At the end of the day the people from the big bash announced which teams were moving on to the next level.

A couple of weeks ago Mr Lutter kindly took time out of his lunch breaks to start a Futsal Competition. The fives and sixes that wanted to play got divided into teams. Lots of people would come down to watch the two teams play. Apart from all the broken lights,



knocked Wi-Fi boxes and smashed clocks I think everyone enjoyed the new experience.

Thank you to all the teachers that have helped make all these fun gala days, activities at lunch, carnivals, competitions and many more things possible. I would like to thank Mr Lutter for starting the futsal competition, organising exciting gala days, helping with all the sporting events and training the students for any upcoming sporting events. I would also like to thank Miss Webster for her huge efforts while she was here at Kalbar. Congratulations to the people who won the futsal competition. Thank you to all the School Leaders and Sports Captains for your amazing efforts and encouragement. Well done to all the students who have helped each other throughout the year. Good luck for High school.

### Codie Mostyn

Good evening everyone my name is Codie Mostyn and I am a Gordon's Sports House Captain and tonight I'm talking about Tennis, Dodgeball and Fitness Club.

Let's start with Tennis. Tennis lessons were held on Friday afternoons after school by the Tennis Hotshot Coaches. In the Tennis lessons they did lots of drills like forehand, backhand and volley shots. Last week there was a little tournament held between the groups. They had a blast. They said their tennis game is much better and they've made some good friends.

Let's move onto Dodgeball. Dodgeball was run by some Year 6 students with adult supervision. The games were set up by the students and packed up by them also. It was run in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Term and went for a few weeks. Games were played in the lunch break in the hall and they usually lasted until the last person or even until the bell went.

Finally I'll wrap up Fitness Club. This was run by Mrs Allan who kindly donated her time for the good of the kids.

In Fitness Club we did ballgames, skipping, line tiggly and red rover as well as many more activities. I've noticed that the kids love it because I see them come out of a session and they're smiling and laughing.

We're so lucky to have all these kind people to run these extra activities for everybody.

That wraps up our year in sport....Thank you.

### Jazz McCourt

Good evening teachers, parents and my fellow peers. My name is Jazz McCourt and I am an Evans House Captain. I ran for sports captain not because I was the greatest sports person but because I gave 100% when needed and I wanted to encourage others to just have a go and do the best they could.

Over the past 7 years I had been a part of many sporting events at Kalbar and away from school. Athletics day, oztag and the football gala day to name a few. On athletics day students participated in many events such as discus, long jump, shotput, high jump and of course the sprints. All events were challenging and everyone showed great sportsmanship over the two days and most of all, everyone had fun and tried their best and yes Evans won! After athletics day we had Zones at Walloon which pushed kids even more to reach their goals. It got harder and harder as the athletes got better. Two lucky students made it all the way to Regionals. They did their best but didn't make it any further.

Students from Kalbar travelled to Harrisville and Coronation Park to participate in the oztag and the football gala days. We played several short friendly games of football and tag against other local schools. Kalbar won the majority of their games in both events and everyone had a fun day.

All this year my teachers and fellow class mates have helped me become

a better leader and role model for the rest of the school. I want to thank them for giving me this opportunity.

### Lilly Pennell

Good evening teachers, parents and my fellow peers. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Lilly Pennell.

Everyone knows that all this, our leadership journey, began late last year at the Moreton Island Camp. Here we learnt the difference between a leader and a boss. A boss is someone who controls the team and instructs them in what to do, however, a leader on the other hand is someone who assists the team and pushes everybody to the best of their ability. Then arose the leadership speeches where most of you applied for one of the formal leader positions by putting together a speech. Finally came the Christmas Concert, the place where we were told the 2018 leaders.

Then came our first weekly parade where we started to get into the habit of setting up. We were taught everything there is to know, like where the chairs are placed and all the things about connecting the laptop. Our first major task as leaders was The Daniel Morcombe Day, when we set up parade and thanked the Morcombe's for their time, also being entrusted with spreading the message. Soon arrived the leadership ceremony where the leaders were gifted their badges by Jon Krause. Here we spoke an oath about our commitment to the school. On this day we were formally recognised as the school leaders.

The last thing I would like to say is a thank you to all the teachers that have helped us grow and succeed throughout the years. I would like to acknowledge all of you for helping every individual in this room and more.

### Lisony Ernst

Good evening teachers, parents and fellow students. My name is Lisony Ernst, together Jazz McCourt, and I are the Evans House Captains for 2018.

In Term 1 to Term 3, Jazz and I wanted to get the children active in the mornings so we thought we would start up the Energetic Goat Squad. We were amazed at how many students wanted to participate in the activities. It was held in this hall every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:30 - 9:00. Jazz and I would set up games such as holluhooping, obstacles, skipping, dodge ball plus more. It was such an amazing success and we had a fabulous time watching the students enjoy themselves.

In Term 2 we had our Cross Country and it turned out to be a hot sunny day. It was great to see how all the children put in 100% effort. We were encouraging everyone no matter where they came so long as they participated in the race. Children had a huge smile on their faces when they crossed the finish line.

In Term 4, we had our 2018 Soccer and Netball Gala Day which was held in Boonah at Coronation Park. All schools from the district participated. Although there were a few red faces, we also got to meet new friends. There were a lot of good players.

I would like to wish the 2019 Evans House Captains the very best and always encourage students to participate and do the very best they can, good luck!

I would also like to personally thank all the teachers that have taught me a lot over the years. I will be forever grateful.

### Neva Bell

Good evening, grade 6 parents, teachers, Mrs Chant, fellow peers and helpers down the back. My name is Neva Bell and tonight I will be talking to you

about our achievements and events for this term.

Term 4 2018, for all our Year 6's is our last term at Kalbar State School and our last time at primary school. It has been an eventful, challenging, sometimes annoying, but mostly fun term.

It started out with a big welcome back to the one and only Mr Churchward. While we were happy to see him back, the first task for all of Year 6 was to redo our geography assignments because Mr Churchward described them in one word that he told me I wasn't allowed to say here tonight.

We also welcomed Mrs Chant back from maternity leave and I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that it was great to spend our last term here with her and get to know her.

In week 6 all year 6's from around the Fassifern District came together to Maroon Outdoor Education centre for a transition camp. We learnt more about team work and got to meet new people for high school. We were sorted into mixed groups that we would be in for the rest of the week, doing activities such as high ropes, rock climbing, camp out, night orienteering and much more.

Finally the time came around for Year 5's to nominate themselves for the leader roles in 2019. They wrote a speech and practiced it hard, just like us that time last year, prior to the day they had to present it in front of the 6's, other 5's, 4's, parents and teachers. Afterwards all the students voted for who they thought we should hand over our titles to.

Coming up soon is our last Christmas concert together. We will enjoy for the last time having relatives, close friends and teachers around us during the night. This night is also where we, as school leaders, will hand over our responsibilities and roles to the new leaders.

To finish it off I would like to acknowledge how close we are, just

like a family. Some of us have been together since kindy although others have come more recently and they fit right in. I would like to thank every student in this room for supporting and helping whoever, whenever with whatever it is. We have had our ups and downs but still stuck together right until this point.

So on behalf of all the 2018 school leaders, thank you and enjoy the rest of your evening.

### Nicolas Stephan

Good evening, Mrs Chant, teachers, parents and fellow peers. For those of you who don't know my name is Nicholas Stephan. Tonight I will be speaking about the events that happened in Term 3.

First of all I would like to thank the P and C for making tuckshop possible and for paying for some events such as incursions and money towards camps so that the parents didn't have to pay for them. But the tuckshop couldn't have been run without all of the volunteers who helped out every week. I also thank the P and C for running canteens on sports days and the father's day stalls and mother's day stalls. Once again I thank those people who helped out for that. So to end the thank you's I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped out this year.

In Term 3 we were lucky enough to have Raw Art visit us again. The two 5/6 classes made dragons and it was fun. I think the little kids enjoyed it as well. Book Week was also in Term 3 and the theme was Find Your Treasure. So you had to dress up as a book or movie character and there was a gold coin donation but some people brought in more than \$20. This was all donated to the farmers affected by drought.

In August Kalbar hosted the public speaking competition. The Kalbar speakers, I believe did really well. But unfortunately there were better

speakers in the competition so Kalbar didn't get a place, but that's alright because they tried their best. This year there was a bit of a change up with teachers from 5/6C but we pulled through. Miss Webster taught us basically half of the year starting in Term 2 ending in Term 3 so it was sad that she had to leave us after such a long time of teaching. Mr Butler was our principle in Terms 1, 2 and 3 and unfortunately he left us which was a shame because he did so much great stuff for the school. One thing is, he increased our lunchtime play by ten minutes, but we're happy to have Mrs Chant with us now. Year 5's again went on Moreton Island camp this year where they started their leadership journeys and will finish them at the end of Year 6 next year.

### Mrs Christine Stephan

Good evening staff, parents and students.

I have been fortunate enough to get to know the majority of this Year 6 class since they first started prep back in 2010. Over the last 7 years I have had the honour of watching you learn your alphabet, your phonics, your sight words and finally to put all that together and learn to read and write.

We as parents, have carried your water bottles and lunch boxes around on excursions until you were finally big enough to carry it all yourselves.

We've cheered you on at sports days as we watch you improving year after year, getting faster, jumping higher and longer, and throwing further.

We have watched you grow from those tiny 5 year olds to the beautiful and handsome "almost teenagers" we have before us. And I have to say, I am so very proud of you all.

Now, we all know, I'm in the school quite a bit, and while some think I am a little crazy for putting in so much time, I prefer to think of it as an opportunity. An opportunity to get to know all the

wonderful students in the school and to see the individual qualities that makes each and every one of these Year 6 students special. Who wouldn't want to be in this school when you can walk through and have Jazz call out "Hello Mrs Stephan" or see Lisony's awesome perpetual smile.

It amuses me to see the students rush to help you carry something if they think they can get out of class for a while, or at the very least talk me into giving them a chocolate or softdrink for helping, which they never succeed in. These are just a couple of the little things that make it all worthwhile.

As we bid farewell to this dashing group of Year 6's, we also say goodbye to some families that have been involved with the P&C for a long time. The families of Ruthven, Lavin, Goulding, Bell and Woodward. Thank you all so much for the time and effort you have given the P&C and the school. Volunteering cannot really be measured, as no matter how small or how large the input, it all helps in the end. Although not rewarded with material gain, I hope you too have benefited from your efforts with thank you's and appreciation.

Year 6 Graduates, on behalf of the Parents and Citizens of Kalbar School, I wish you a lifetime of good fortune as you step into the next chapter. Don't ever think something isn't possible, it's a cliché, but it's true, the only person standing in the way of your dreams is you.

Now go out and grab your future with both hands, do your best in everything you do, and please, every now and then remember the teachers that taught you to read and write, and remember the ones who carried your water bottles and lunch boxes when you were too little to carry them yourselves.



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### Kalbar Community

Please help to keep our school safe over the holidays. On the evening of the concert, two older boys were witnessed trying to light a fire on the school oval. We need all community members to report suspicious activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.

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