



KALBAR NEWS

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We have had another great fortnight at Kalbar IPS. I have seen some innovative and interesting learning occurring. I am impressed with the engagement of the students when I visit classrooms and I enjoy speaking with the students about their learning when they are sent to the office with their outstanding work. The students are exemplifying the LEARNERS qualities of our school.

As we celebrate Harmony Week, it is an opportunity to reflect on the diversity of our community. Harmony Week's catch phrase is "everyone belongs" and if we look at this through the lens of diversity, everyone should belong in a "safe place".

Queensland schools reflect the diverse nature of communities across Queensland. Every day our school responds to the unique learning of the students within our school to ensure every student has the opportunity to learn and succeed in a safe, supportive, inclusive and disciplined learning environment.

We work hard to support our families through a range of strategies including:

- School Guidance Officer
- Inclusive Education Team
- Class Teacher Contact
- Leadership Team Support
- Access to External Services
- Student Support Team

Every situation is dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Kalbar School is committed to providing all students with a safe and supportive environment where all students can learn free from discrimination based on gender, language, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity, religion, health, disability or socio-economic background.

Explicit Improvement Agenda

Our EIA for 2021 continues to focus on Writing practices and processes and Reading strategies; or as we call it Literacy across the Curriculum. We are continuing to work hard on improving our A-E data on school report cards. This agenda provides a clear focus for our professional development activities for the year, and importantly how we work together to improve learning outcomes for all students. Our school budget has also placed a large emphasis on these improvement areas and will utilise funds from the 'Investing for Success' program to provide human and physical resources to support our improvement endeavours.

When finalised, all of our school planning documents will be published on the school website.

Date Claimers

March

26 Swimming Carnival

April

1 Last Day of Term 1

2 Good Friday

19 Term 2 Begins

22 ANZAC Ceremony

25 ANZAC Day

26 ANZAC Day Public Holiday

29 Cross Country

Bullying - No Way

This Friday the school will support 'Bullying – No Way'. To show our support for the event the children are invited to wear a shirt the colour 'Orange', or similar.

Parents and other carers have a key role in preventing and responding to bullying. You can:

- Learn what bullying is and what it is not. This is the first step in talking about how to prevent or respond to bullying with your child. 'Bullying' is a word that is used for lots of things that are not actually bullying. These other behaviours may be just as serious, but may require different responses.
- Talk about bullying with your child at home to make it easier for them to tell you if something happens. Make sure they know what bullying is and how they can respond. Help prepare your children to prevent online bullying and to know what to do if it happens.
- Start when your child is young to guide them to develop the social and emotional skills they will need to build positive relationships throughout their lives, including problem-solving skills.
- Recognise the warning signs of bullying. Although there may not be an issue, you should talk to your child if you have any concerns. Raise the topic generally if you don't want to ask directly. Be aware that many times children and young people won't ask for help, so it is important to know what to look for.
- Learn about how to respond appropriately if your child tells you about bullying. You can reassure your child by remaining calm and being supportive.
- Find out as much as you can about what has happened by talking calmly with your child. A good understanding about what has happened can also help you in communicating with the school about the situation.
- Read about strategies that can help. Practising strategies at home with your child is a good way to prepare them to use them at school.
- Contact the school if bullying has occurred and the school needs to be involved. Read about how you and the school can work together to support your child, whether your child was bullied, bullied others, or witnessed bullying.
- Get involved in what your school is doing to prevent bullying.
- Learn about relevant state or national laws about bullying.
- Find resources for parents on online safety on the Student Wellbeing Hub about supporting your child to be safe online.
- Find additional assistance if, after working with your child and your school, you need more information or help to address the situation from outside the school.



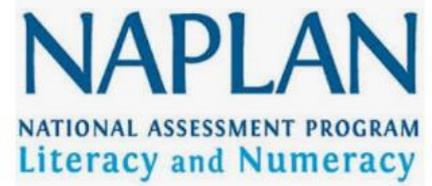
School Council

Last week we reconvened the School Council for 2021 and during the meeting, I sought approval from the Council for our school's 'Big 3' priorities – Quality Curriculum, High Yield Teaching Strategies and Happy, Connected and Engaged Community and our schools Annual Budget for 2021. I thank the members of the School Council for their professionalism and interest in ensuring Kalbar IPS is the school of choice. Following the first meeting, there are opportunities for new people to join the School Council as parent representatives. If you are interested in nominating for a parent representative position on the School Council, please collect a form from the office and return to school by March 26. The position will be held for a period of 2 years and meetings are held at least once per term.

You may be wondering what the difference is between the P & C and the School Council. The main difference is that whilst the P & C is responsible for fundraising and supporting the school financially and in kind, the School Council is more involved in monitoring school plans, the direction of the school and providing high-level strategic advice to the principal.

NAPLAN 2021

After a break in testing in 2020, the *National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy* (NAPLAN) will return in 2021 for students in Years 3 and 5. Kalbar students will complete the assessments in paper form this year, with the school transitioning to the online format in 2022.



Our NAPLAN testing dates are in Term 2, Week 4:

Tuesday 12th May	Language Conventions Year 3 & 5 = 45 minutes	Writing Year 3 & 5 = 45 minutes
Wednesday 13th May	Reading Year 3 = 45 minutes Year 5 = 50 minutes	
Thursday 14th May	Numeracy Year 3 = 45 minutes Year 5 = 50 minutes	

For further information the National Assessment Program has compiled a factsheet for parents.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/resources/naplan-on-paper-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

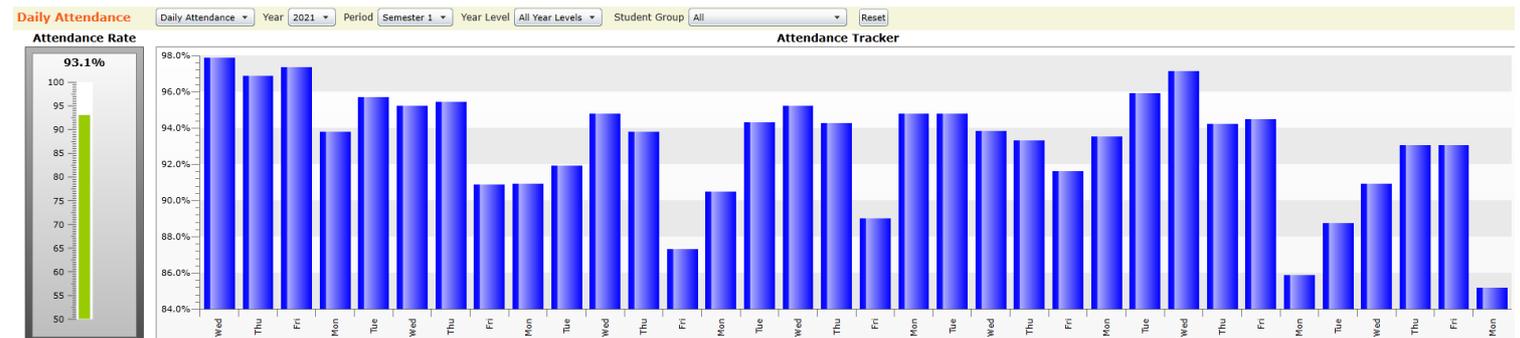
While all students are expected to participate, parents do have an option to withdraw their child from these tests if that is their preference. If this is the case, please contact your child's teacher so that appropriate forms can be sent to you and signed.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to let your child's classroom teacher, Mrs Cowan or myself know.

Attendance

Reminder: Every Day Counts. The goal for our students is 95%.

Our current attendance rate is 93.1%. Judging by the data below **Monday & Friday** are days we need to work on.



Congratulations to our year 1 students 95.5% and year 4 students 95.1% who throughout this term have maintained a greater than 95% attendance rate.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns please come and speak to us directly. You are welcome to drop in and see me, telephone me on 5469 9333 or email me on principal@kalbarss.eq.edu.au.

Take care and have a great weekend Kalbar family!

Chris Richards

Swimming Carnival

Parents are able to attend the swimming carnival on Friday 26 March.

Please adhere to safe distancing rules.

Sanitise upon entry.

ALL students are to come to school and travel by bus to the pool.

Parents may take their student/s with them at the end of the day, please see your child's class teacher beforehand.

Children to wear their togs under their uniform, thongs are acceptable as footwear for this day, hats are essential.

There will be NO canteen on the day, children to bring food and plenty of water.

Sunscreen will be supplied by the school.

The bus to the pool will leave Kalbar SS at 9:20am Friday morning.

The bus will leave the pool at 2:30pm to return to Kalbar SS.



Cross Country

April 29, 2021
Program of Events

Time (estimates only)	EVENTS
8:50am	Students go to regular classrooms. Mark roll and hand out name tags. Get hats and water bottles.
9:00am	Students assemble on the oval in their house groups
9:05am	Teachers assemble and prepare for their roles
9:10am	Welcome
9:15am	Girls and Boys born 2008 (12 years) - 3 laps
9:35am	Girls and Boys born 2009 (11 years) - 3 laps
9:55am	Girls and Boys born 2010 (10 years) - 2 laps
10:10am	Girls and Boys born 2015 (5years)- 600m
10:20am	Girls and Boys born 2014 (6 years) - 600m
10:30am	Girls and Boys born 2013 (7 years) - 1 lap
10:40am	Girls and Boys born 2012 (8 years) - 1 lap
10:50am	Girls and Boys born 2011 (9 years) - 1 lap
11:00am	War cries
11:05am	Presentation of age champions and winning house
11:20am	Morning Tea

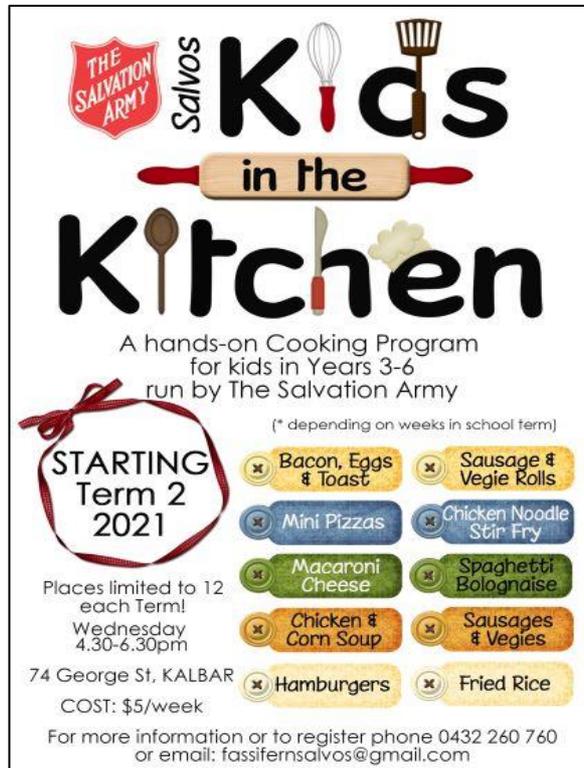
*times of races are approximate ONLY

*races may start before or after designated program time



Chappy News

Commencing in Term 2, The Fassifern Salvation Army are once again running their 'Kids In The Kitchen' program which was very popular when it ran previously. It is for primary school children years 3 to 6. See details below – bookings are essential.



THE SALVATION ARMY **Salvos Kids**
in the Kitchen

A hands-on Cooking Program
for kids in Years 3-6
run by The Salvation Army

(* depending on weeks in school term)

STARTING
Term 2
2021

Places limited to 12
each Term!
Wednesday
4.30-6.30pm

74 George St, KALBAR
COST: \$5/week

For more information or to register phone 0432 260 760
or email: fassifernsalvos@gmail.com

- Bacon, Eggs & Toast
- Sausage & Veggie Rolls
- Mini Pizzas
- Chicken Noodle Stir Fry
- Macaroni Cheese
- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Chicken & Corn Soup
- Sausages & Vegies
- Hamburgers
- Fried Rice

The Moogerah Passion Play is again being held this year. It is a free event. See details below - bookings are essential.



Admission Free

Book your tickets online now
Tickets are required for entry

THE MOOGERAH PASSION PLAY

2021

Follow us on:




Live at the Lake Theatre, Moogerah Dam

MARCH 27TH & 28TH | APRIL 2ND & 3RD
PERFORMANCES START AT 5PM

<https://moogerahpassionplay.org.au>

Each one of you is a valued and important part of our school community. Please look after yourselves and your families, stay safe, and enjoy the holidays. See you next term.

Kind Regards,
Karen Turner