

KALBAR STATE SCHOOL

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Kalbar State School Families,

Every now and then, I walk into a classroom expecting to observe a lesson and instead find myself being thoroughly out-argued.

Over the past few weeks, our students have been immersed in persuasive writing, and I have absolutely loved hearing them present their speeches and proposals. Their topics have ranged from why their lunchbox is the best, to why Kalbar State School needs a swimming pool, to why the Principal should approve a pizza party. I have to admit, they made some very convincing arguments! Thankfully, our Business Manager is considerably more sensible than I am and reminded me that not every great idea fits within the school budget.

While these presentations have certainly provided plenty of laughs, they have also showcased something far more important. Our students are learning to think critically, communicate confidently and express their ideas with purpose. Some of my favourite moments this week, however, have been much quieter, with younger students proudly popping into my office simply to read me the stories they have written. Seeing the pride on their faces as they share their work is a wonderful reminder of the joy that comes from finding their voice.

That same sense of pride was on display at our Historical Motorcycle Society fundraising morning tea today. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we raised an amazing \$1,249.70 towards our Year 6 end-of-year celebrations. We were honoured to welcome Mayor Tom Sharp and around 80 guests, who arrived on 50 beautifully restored veteran motorcycles dating from 1908 to 1918. While the motorcycles were certainly a highlight, it was our students who left the greatest impression. Guests were full of praise for their behaviour, hospitality and willingness to help, with our Year 6 students representing Kalbar State School with pride. Thank you to every family who donated baked goods or supported the event. It was a wonderful example of what our community can achieve when we come together.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our annual Book Week Parade on the morning of Friday 28 August, commencing from the Shed. This year's theme, *Symphony of Stories*, promises another wonderful celebration of reading and imagination. We warmly invite all families and community members to join us.

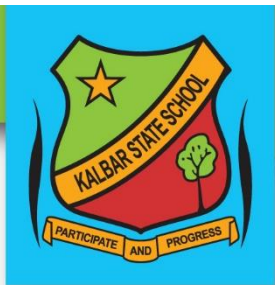
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Whether it is encouraging your child with their learning, donating to a fundraiser or joining us at school events, your partnership helps make Kalbar State School such a special place.

Have a wonderful long weekend! A friendly reminder that Monday is a public holiday, so we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Dr Kartik Menon

Principal, Kalbar State School



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YEAR 1B

The end of Term 2 sent the Year 1s to the zoo-literally! On the morning, we set off to the Darling Downs Zoo, the sky was clear and air was fresh! When we arrived at the zoo, the weather soon turned. It became a rather bleak, overcast day with “tundra” like winds bringing the chill factor! We soldiered on through the park, encountering a variety of wildlife- the giraffes, meercats and a mother wombat and her joey were a highlight. Lunch breaks and a fabulous fake fire of random sticks created by Ms Shaw and some of the class in the lunch area attempted to warm us up! After a great day discovering animals, birds and reptiles around the park it was back on the bus. As we headed back many had a snooze and as we waited at the roadworks for what seemed like hours, one could at least enjoy the beautiful view of our valley below. As we headed back down the range the skies cleared and the temperature dropped to what felt like a summer’s day in comparison! The students were all little troopers on the day and a big thank you to all staff who attended the excursion. Term 3 and we hit the ground running Week 1! Our Sports Day was packed with sprints, relays, ball games and mighty cheers! A big congratulations to Oscar for coming first in his race and to Grace for coming second place in her race. The World Cup brought some excitement to the daily soccer game and Michael brought a dazzling FIFA soccer ball for Show and Tell. We celebrated NAIDOC week and enjoyed watching First Nations dancers and worked on our posters. We have been making the most of the beautiful clear mornings by having a run on the oval and then we sit quietly on the sandstone and look out to the horizon while we practise a couple of minutes of mindfulness and deep breathing. Back in the classroom we are busy with our reading and spelling sessions, and we are currently learning about persuasive language during our writing sessions. We have had lots of fun learning about and comparing the features of 2D shapes and 3D objects over the past weeks and have had some lively competitions as we create the tallest tower of 3D objects. We are exploring early multiplication by creating groups of objects and using repeated addition to answer number stories. We are all very excited for the upcoming Book Week Parade-see you there!





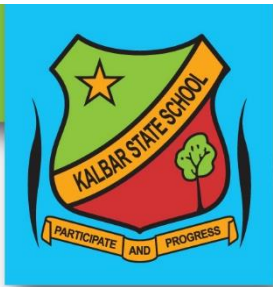












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YEAR 5/6S

Our 5/6S class has been entertained as of late. In English, we have been looking at persuasive writing. Students have been sharpening their persuasive skills throughout various lessons. (Little do they know they will have to persuade their chairs to come back next week. They've finally gave up after all the constant swinging and disrespect they receive)

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. This has been a really challenging topic, but relating this concept to real life has helped students gather an understanding. Students have also been working hard to achieve certificates on Mathletics.



In Science, learning has focused on reversible and irreversible changes. We have already done several science experiments around this topic. Too bad the students weren't allowed to eat our melted chocolate buds!

We have been dancing to just dance, expanding our music taste during lessons, getting the WORDLE word of the day, and figuring out the song of the day through BUNDLE.



Banter is still as relevant as ever in our class, and we have been reading a new novel "Truck dogs". Hopefully Mr Shaw reading this book can inspire these students to read more. HA!



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

SEEDS OF SCIENCE

15-23 Aug 2026

This is about exploring the power of curiosity, inquiry & shared learning in growing scientific understanding. Just as seeds need the right conditions to grow, knowledge flourishes when it is nurtured, shared & applied to real-world & authentic challenges across all the scientific disciplines.

