

KALBAR STATE SCHOOL

Excellence in a Supportive Environment

Dear Kalbar SS Families,

One of the things I enjoy most about this time of the year is seeing students increasingly step forward and take ownership of school life. Whether they are preparing to perform on a stage, planning something for their peers or thinking about the legacy they will leave behind, there is a growing confidence that comes with the second half of the year.

Before we move too much further into the term, I do have one important request for our families. Friday, 28 August, is the final day to complete the 2026 School Opinion Survey.

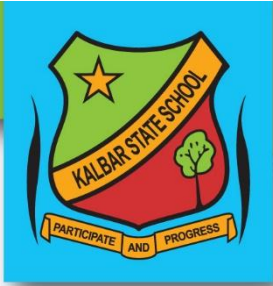
I genuinely value the feedback we receive through this process. It gives us an important perspective on how families experience our school, what you believe we are doing well and where we can continue to improve. The survey is open to all families, with families receiving one invitation for each school where they have children enrolled. If you have not yet completed it, I would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to do so before it closes.

Next Friday, 28 August, is our Book Week Parade, always one of the most enjoyable mornings on our school calendar. This year, we are inviting parents and family members to come in costume as well. We would love to see you join in, although please try not to outshine the staff 😊 Some of us take Book Week surprisingly seriously. A coffee van will also be operating on the morning, so come along, grab a coffee and enjoy the parade with us.

The following day, Saturday 29 August, our Rock Band Academy of Excellence students will take to the stage at Battle of the Bands as part of the Boonah Music Festival. It is a terrific opportunity for our students to perform beyond the school gates and showcase the confidence, teamwork and musicianship they have been developing. If you are able to make it along, I know they would appreciate plenty of Kalbar SS support in the crowd.

At the other end of the school journey, we are getting ready to welcome our newest Kalbar students. Our Step into Prep transition program begins next Wednesday, 26 August, with six sessions planned over the coming months. These sessions are an important opportunity for our future Prep students to become familiar with the school, meet staff and other children, and gradually build their confidence before their first day next year.

We are now nearing the completion of our Prep enrolments for 2027 and have also started accepting enrolment enquiries for 2028. Early enrolments make an enormous difference to our ability to plan classes, staffing and resources well. If you have a child starting Prep in 2027 or 2028, or know a family considering Kalbar State School, please encourage them to contact our Administration team for further information.



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Our Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 8 September. These conversations are an important opportunity to check in on how students are progressing, celebrate their growth and discuss any areas where school and home can work together to support their learning. Booking details will be released in the next couple of weeks.

Looking a little further ahead, our School Disco will be held on Friday 11 September. This year, the disco will also serve as a fundraising project for our Year 6 students as they work towards their Legacy Project. I particularly like the idea of our senior students taking responsibility for raising funds towards something that will remain at Kalbar SS after they leave us at the end of the year.

I look forward to seeing many of our families over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Dr Kartik Menon

Principal, Kalbar State School



News from Prep M

We have a
Prep Wildlife Sanctuary!

We know about
endangered species.

We have designed a peaceful
habitat for Australian animals.

We have an Animal Hospital
and a Research Institute.

We have brought our animals
from home for a health check
and a stay in the sanctuary.

We are very excited for our trip
to *Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary!*







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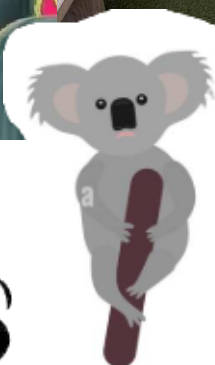


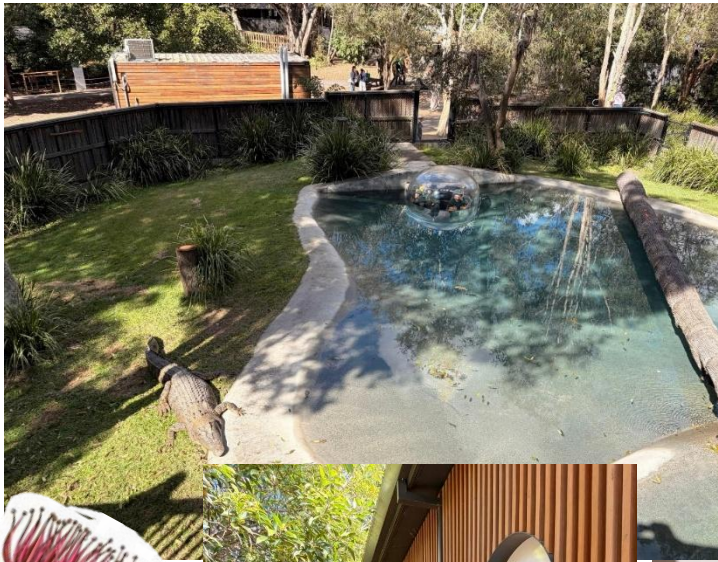


Let's go to...



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Prep Star TV News

This term Prep S has a TV recording studio in our room! We have been very busy covering all the Breaking News Stories! We love using the microphone to practice our strong and confident presentation voice for our English Unit. We have covered the Commonwealth Games, The Ekka, Aratula Maccas Opening, Birthdays and Pet Adventures (Beckett had the best "Breaking News" when he dropped an egg!!).

We all wrote about our amazing day out at Lone Pine. Our retells were recorded live in our studio. We read them from our auto-cue machine!

We have had some special newsreaders and lots of guests in the "Golden Guest" chair. Our next big news event will be Book Week!









Lone Pine was mighty fine! We got on a bus and arrived after 9.
We said hello to a Lone Pine Fellow.



Alec's show was really cool, we got to pat stuff not at school!





Jolly jingo, we saw a dingo!



We're in trouble, inside the croc bubble!



Dig, dig like a wombat...

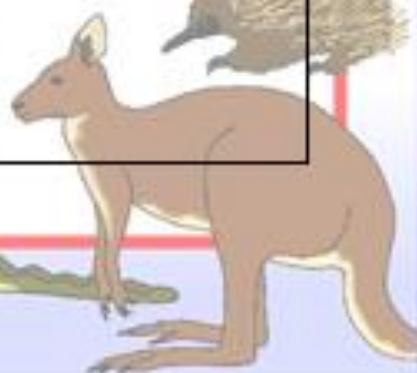
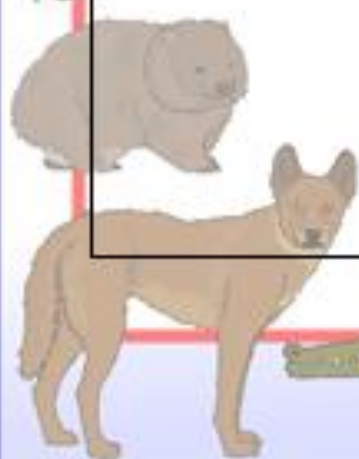




Let me tell you of an interview, with Old Man Emu.



We fed the roos it was lots of fun, some were resting in the sun.

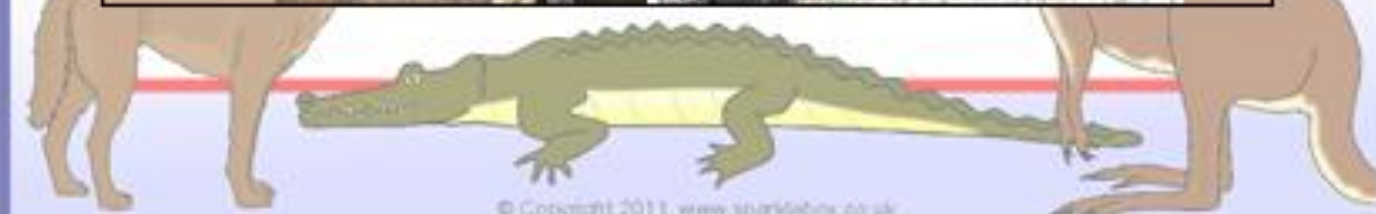
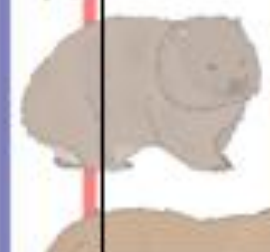




We loved the Bird Show it was great, lots of big birds and the mice they ate!



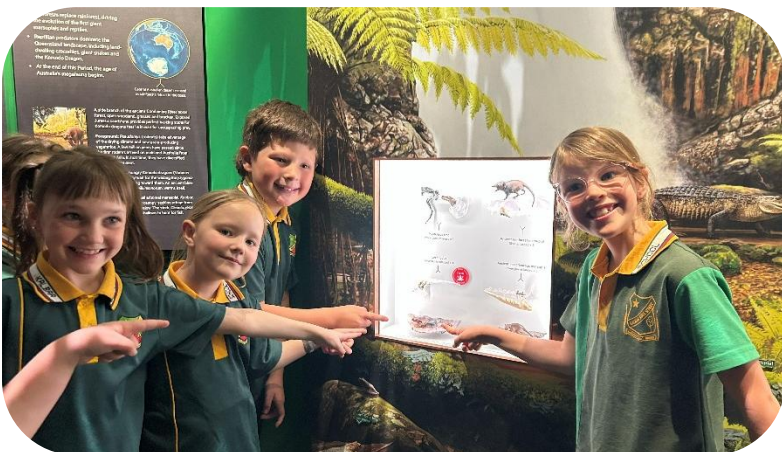
We had a great day that much is true, but our favourite animal was Koala Lou!





Year 2/3

Excursions



Sports Day



No Bullying Day



Learning in Action



ROCKBAND NEWS

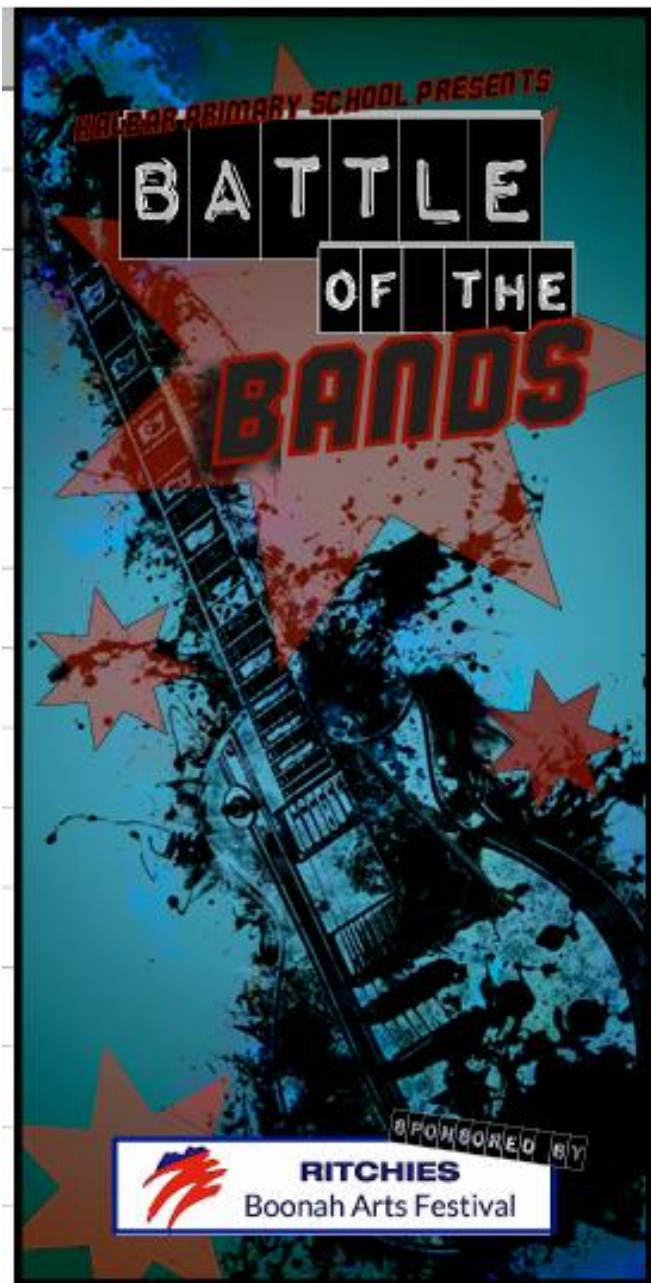
Kalbar School are hosting **Battle of The Bands** as part of the **Boonah Arts Festival**

Date: Saturday Aug 29th

Time: From 11am to 1.30pm

Venue: Scenic Rim Council Forecourt

High Street Boonah



Kalbar School has 5 bands performing during the day.

We have 11 bands playing altogether.

Come along and cheer on our amazing Rock musicians.

Don't forget to vote for your favourite band in the People's Choice Award.





Kalbar State School STEP INTO PREP FOR 2027

Where strong foundations, community and joyful learning come together.



You're invited!



We warmly welcome all 2027 Prep children and their families to join us for Step Into Prep.

Children will explore the Prep environment, join in play-based learning and become familiar with school routines, while parents and carers remain on site.



2026 Step Into Prep Sessions



26 August



21 October



2 September



11 November



14 October



17 November



8:55–10:00 am



In the
tuckshop area

We are excited to welcome new families to Kalbar State School.
To express your interest or ask any questions,
please contact the school office on 5469 9333.

We look forward to meeting you.





What families need to know

- Families are responsible for transporting and supervising their children at the event.
- This is a community event rather than a school excursion, so children attending must be accompanied by a parent, carer or other supervising adult.
- Kalbar State School will remain open as usual. Class routines and grouping will look different on the day, as several of our Early Years staff will be attending Under 8s Day.

No forms or RSVP this year

We are keeping things simple. There is no expression of interest to return. We do ask families to have a quick conversation with their child/ren about what they are likely to do on the day. Teachers will also chat with students beforehand so we can get a general idea of how many children may:

- attend Under 8s Day with their family
 - remain at school for the morning
- attend Under 8s Day and then return to school afterwards.

This helps us organise staffing and supervision back at school. If you are able to make it, we really encourage you to come along. Under 8s Day is one of those lovely opportunities for children to simply enjoy being little, to play, explore, create, investigate and spend time with the people who matter to them.