I would like to welcome everyone back to school for 2017. It has been a busy start to the year with more than 30 new enrolments taken already in 2017. The education department does a final count of student numbers in every state school this Thursday and staff allocations are finalised on this day. Because we have had so many new enrolments we will now qualify for another teacher. We will therefore restructure our year 4 and 5 classes so that we will not have a 4/5 composite, but straight 4’s and 5’s. These classes will also reduce in number.

You should have received a note home yesterday outlining the ways in which we will try to communicate with parents and the community. This year we are publishing the newsletter fortnightly but we will provide updates to all events as needed through the Facebook page, Qschools App and the school website.

Each year level will hold meetings where parents can find out about all of the processes and procedures that each year level and teacher will be using this year. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out everything you need to know to support your child’s education this year.

Year 1 – All Year 1’s – Tuesday 7 February - 2:45 – 3:15 - Library

Year 2 – All Year 2’s Wednesday 8 February - 2:45 – 3:15 – In 2B/2C Classrooms
   2D – again at 6:00pm in Mr Laufer’s room

Year 3 – 3A – Monday 6 February – 2:45 – 3:15 – In Classroom
   3B, 3C, 3D, 3E – Tuesday 7 February – 2:45 – 3:15 – Individual Classrooms

Year 4 – All Year 4’s Monday 6 February - 2:45 – 3:15 - Library

Year 5 – All Year 5’s Tuesday 7 February - 2:45 – 3:15 – In 5D

Year 6 – All Year 6’s Monday 6 February - 2:45 – 3:15 – In 6A
Parking before and after school continues to provide many parents with challenges. I am still working with the State Government and the Education Department to try and find a way to utilise the oval across School Rd safely. In the meantime I have opened the area behind the library for staff parking so as to free up some places on the street. I am also exploring options around using the area behind the pool and prep classrooms for staff parking.

If you have any concerns do not hesitate to call me on 34915333 or email principal@kallangurss.eq.edu.au

Every child has the right to feel safe and happy at school.

Principal
Andrew Swales

Deputy Principal’s News – Early Phase
A Message from the Early Phase Deputy Principal – Sonya Du Bois

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2017 school year! We are very excited to have 125 new Prep students with us this year and many new students across the school. I look forward to watching as they all learn and grow.

This year classes start at 8:30 and we ask that all students are at school and ready for learning by this time. It is difficult for children when they miss the beginning of the school day.

HEALTHY EATING

Please ensure your child’s lunch box contains healthy food that will sustain their energy and concentration for the school day. The morning session is 8:30 to 10:30 so breakfast is essential!

Sonya Du Bois

Deputy Principal’s News – Middle Phase
A Message from the Middle Phase Deputy Principal – Mrs Wendy McKay

Welcome back everyone! I hope you enjoyed your break from laundering school uniforms and making school lunches. I know I did. This term is shaping up to be an extremely busy one so please keep up to date by accessing this newsletter and the Kallangur SS Facebook page. Teachers will also provide their school email addresses at the Information Nights to enable you to maintain open communication about your child’s learning.

Please remember to send your child to school with a hat and fresh water bottle every day. If a student does not have a hat, they will remain under the buildings during play.

Lunches

Often children come to the office with either no lunch or not enough lunch. Please take the time to have a chat with your child to determine if they have enough to eat for both breaks. We also ask that you encourage your child to check that their lunchbox is in their bag before leaving for school.
Every Day Counts

Education Queensland Guidelines for Students’ Attendance at School

Regular checks are conducted on Student Absences. Parents/Carers are required to provide a reason for a child’s absence within two days of their child’s return to school.

Unexplained Absences will be recorded on Student Report Cards

Students who are currently enrolled in a state school but have stopped attending school for a period of 15 or more consecutive school days and cannot be located

Where an enrolled student ceased to attend school and all attempts to contact the parent and student are unsuccessful and the student does not meet the criteria for their enrolment to be cancelled, they remain on rolls indefinitely and their non-attendance is reflected in student attendance data. Students under this Status will be flagged by Police, Child Safety Officers and other support organisations to locate the student and their family, with the aim of the student returning to school. If the student returns to school, a new enrolment form will be required before the student can be actively enrolled.

Students who will be absent for more than ten consecutive days:

Form 1 - Application for Exemption: Parents/Carers are required to complete this form if their student will be absent for more than ten consecutive days from school.

Holidays - The parent is to inform the school that the student/family is taking a holiday. Note that holidays during the school term are discouraged. If the absence is more than ten consecutive days, an exemption is required.

Illness - The parent is to inform the school that the student is sick. This includes all references to ill health or reasons related to the health of the student. If a medical certificate has been provided, this should be given to the school. If a child is unable to attend school for a period longer than ten consecutive school days, an exemption is required.

Wendy McKay

News from around the school

Library News

Library borrowing will start week 3. Please don’t forget your library bags.
News from the Strings Teacher – Mr Redfern
Strings lessons commenced on Monday. Please come and see Mr Redfern before school at the music block for your lesson times. Ensemble this year will be during second break on Monday. This will commence in week 3 and is for all students who have been playing for 2 or more years.

P and C Association

Tuckshop volunteers

Volunteers are desperately needed.

Stay for an hour or two or the day!

Please pop in and have a chat we would love to see you

Tuckshop Menus went home yesterday.
If you have not received one please check with your student/s or pop into the office or tuckshop to get one.
Remember you can order Tuckshop through Flexischools.

Thank you
P & C Meeting

Monday 20th February 2017
6.30pm in the Library
ALL WELCOME

KLUB KALLANGUR

We offer a range of activities to cover every child’s interest.
Vacancies are available for morning and afternoon care.
We open at 6 am and close at 6:30 pm each day.
We offer casual care for when you may have that appointment and need to leave early or think you may not make it back in time.
Also we offer flexible care so if you are on a roster at work we can take weekly bookings only for the days you need.
Enquiries please ring 3886 2144 or pop in for a visit.

School Banking

Banking will recommence this Thursday and will continue each Thursday until the end of term.

For those wishing to open new accounts The Commonwealth Bank will have a representative in the prep area tomorrow morning. Please remember to bring some personal parent ID with you if you wish to open an account for your child.
Looking forward to seeing you.

School Banking Mums

Ross’ On Court Tennis
(Tennis Coaching)
Enrol now for Tennis Coaching in 2017
Please call Ross on 3264 3976
Open to all from Prep to Grade 6

School Crossing Times
From the first day of Term 1, Monday 23 January 2017, the morning crossing will now operate from 7:45 – 8.45

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