From the Principal
We began the school week with a visit from Debbie H ails our Assistant to the Regional Director. Debbie visits our school each term and has a great understanding of the structure of our school and what our students are learning. Debbie spends time in each classroom talking to students about what they’re learning and sees lessons in action with teachers teaching and students learning. This week during her visit, Debbie made special comment on the manner in which students were engaged in lessons across the school. She also got to witness the students moving quietly to reading and spelling groups.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Please be aware that we have adjusted some of the times set for parent and teacher interviews in order to meet some additional dates in this terms school calendar. Once families have completed the form indicating when they would prefer to have an interview, please return the form to the "School box" outside the office.

PBL Focus
This week our PBL focus is on the various relationships that we have in our school. In a small school such as Kumbia, there is a connection between learning and teaching for students and staff. Our teachers not only have an in depth knowledge of what children are learning and how they are progressing academically, but also aim to be in touch with their interests and what is happening in their day to day lives.
At Kumbia State school the focus is on ensuring that these positive relationships foster a nurturing learning environment for all students.

Year 6 Leadership Camp
Last week our year 6 Senior students along with 32 other students from small schools across the Kingaroy district travelled to Barambah Environmental Education Centre for their leadership camp. This leadership camp is a regular part of our school program for our senior students and helps them learn about leadership with opportunities for practical application. They also get to spend more time with boys and girls from other small schools that they may be attending high school with next year.
As principal, I was extremely proud of our student leaders, not only did they develop their own leadership skills, but they also made the most of an opportunity to make some new friends and have a great time learning and playing together.
The camp to Barambah will now place our students in an excellent position as they deliver leadership speeches to our student body as to why they would make a good school leader.

Improvement Focus:
IMPROVED READING COMPREHENSION for ALL students
• Whole school home reading approach through the use of reading room.
• Ongoing Professional Development for all Staff
• Differentiated reading groups
• Individual Reading Goals for all students

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**PRIDE AWARDS .....**
The following have earned Pride Awards by following the school rules and setting a high standard of cooperation and school spirit:

*Congratulations on setting a wonderful example.*
Abigail, Darcy, Xaidan, Hannah, Archie K, Tilly B, James G and Matilda D

**Important Dates**
- Thurs 16th Feb—Swimming Year 1, 2 & 3 (Mrs Baldacchino’s Year 3 class)
- Mon 20th, Wed 22nd, Thurs 23rd Feb—Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tues 21st March—Spelling Spectacular
- Tues 28th March—End of Term 1 PBL Rewards Day
- Thurs 30th March—Cross Country

**BPoint School Payments**
Parents are now able to use BPoint to pay for school related expenses. Parents simply follow the steps at the bottom of the invoice provided for the event or activity.

**ATTENTION:**
Any swimming fees and PST diaries that have not been paid are now overdue. Please contact the office on 41644244 to make arrangements for payments.

**From the P & C ....**

**TUCKSHOP**
Monday 20th February 2017
Catherine Barr, Chantelle Whiteman, Jules Entwistle & Jessica Beresford
Thank you for volunteering your time to work tuckshop.

**COME AND PLAY DAY**
Ages 3-5
Tuesday 21 February 2017
10am-12pm (behind Kumbia Memorial Hall)
Come along and join us for a play and shared morning tea.
Bring your hat, water bottle and a change of clothes.
For further information please phone: 41644200
Or kumbiakindergarten@westnet.com.au

**Kumbia Kindergarten**

**Exciting news .... Kumbia State School now has a Facebook Page. Keep up to date with the happenings of the school by liking the page.**

In an endeavour to cut printing costs and to ensure that you get the newsletter each week, we would encourage families to receive the newsletter by email.
If you would like to receive it by email, please provide us with your email address

EMAIL: ________________________________ Yes  No

Remember that the newsletter is also uploaded onto the school website. We also have a facebook page where you can keep up to date with all the current news.
The school’s email address is: admin@kumbiass.eq.edu.au