

Name: Connor



In my family: Mum, Dad, Thomas and Michael

Pets: my pussy cat

Favourite food: Chocolate

Favourite colour: Blue

Favourite thing to do: Play with my toys

Favourite toy: Paw Patrol



Name: Elizabeth



In my family: Mummy, Daddy, Clancy & Victoria

Pets: Tilly my dog

Favourite food: Broccoli and white trees (Cauliflower)

Favourite colour: Pink and purple

Favourite thing to do: Love my family

Favourite toy: My new Ariel toy



Meet our Preps for 2019

Name: Sienna



In my family: Mummy, Daddy, Katie, Haylee, Matty

Pets: 2 dogs - Panda & Joz

Favourite food: Corn

Favourite colour: Pink, purple and blue

Favourite thing to do: Bounce on my trampoline

Favourite toy: Minnie Mouse



Name: Patrick



In my family: Mum, Day and my brother Charlie

Pets: Cats

Favourite food: Popcorn

Favourite colour: Green, purple, pink & red

Favourite thing to do: Play in the sandpit

Favourite toy: My little ship



Last Thursday marked Day Eight. The day that indicates each school's staffing requirements based on their effective school enrolments. Kumbia State School's total learner enrolment is 57 that equates to three class groups. The breakdown of each year level is as follows.

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
4	4	11	10	5	14	9

Mrs Barron and I attended a budget preparation workshop last week and we are in the midst of gathering information that will enable us to create and finalise our budget by February 28. As our numbers decrease, our funding and allocation for staff including teachers and teacher aides also decreases. While overall staffing fractions are not affected, our overall budget allocation and various grants based on enrolment numbers will be. This is a fact of life and we aim to spread our funding equitably so that the high quality of teaching and learning at Kumbia State School continues to go from strength to strength.

Our improvement focus for 2019 will be the teaching of literacy (reading and writing) across the curriculum. Reading groups is a method that has served its purpose but cannot be sustained due to our budget and the need to move onto different, research based pedagogies. This year the teaching of reading will look different, based on the needs of learners – (learning to read, reading to learn or learning by reading) and the relevant curriculum literacies rather than streamed reading groups only. We are looking at ways that we can develop literacy blocks so that reading and writing in English, Science and HaSS (Humanities and Social Sciences), along with consistent reading and writing practices, are embedded daily into our lessons. Our target is that 90% of learners at Kumbia SS are at a C level (sound) or above in English, Science and HaSS by the end of the year, and 50 % of these students are above a C level.

To achieve our target our goals are:

- reading and writing is embedded in English, Science and HaSS
- All students access the curriculum based on the model of inclusion

- 90% of students meet regional reading benchmarks by the end of 2019 (remembering that the Year level benchmarks are a C standard.
- Improve attendance from 90.9% to 93%

Spelling Spectacular

In Week One a list of core words for each year level was sent home for students that wish to do additional preparation for the Spelling Spectacular that will be held on March 13th. As in previous years, there will be amazing prizes available for not only the best speller in each year level, but also for the students that have made the most improvement. Student have already completed a pre-test at the beginning of the term and will take the same test again just before the Spelling Spectacular. For students who want to strive for most improved prize, now is the time to grab their list and get learning at home. Thanks to Mrs Cullen for organising the event and to the P&C who donate prizes.

Reading Room and Student Diaries

The reading room is now well and truly back into full swing this week with students reading at home, recording what they've read in their PST's and checking in at the reading room. The Reading Journal and PST Student Diary are two unique systems that we use here at Kumbia and are designed to meet our school's improvement focus.

The home reading program has the potential to make a positive difference for every child here at our school. Reading each day at home helps ensure that the skills students are learning at school are applied in the students own reading. You can help support your child's reading by ensuring they have a reading book and PST with them in the morning, read yourself, read to your children and have then read to you.



2019
Improvement Focus:
LITERACY
(reading and writing)

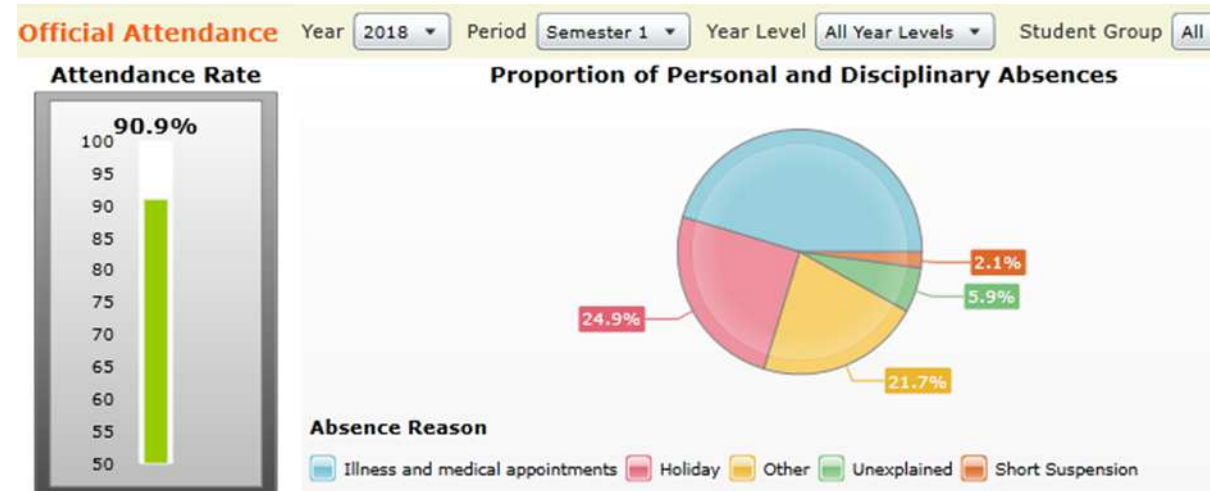
- Whole school home reading approach through the use of reading room.
- Ongoing Professional Development for all Staff
- Differentiated reading groups
- Individual Reading Goals for all students

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From the Principal Continued...

Attendance:

The graphic below indicates a breakdown of absence data from Semester 1 2018. Our attendance from semester 2 was 89.9%. This data does not indicate time lost due to students' late arrival or early departure from school. This year we will be more proactive about encouraging attendance.



Our attendance to date is 93.9 so we are on track. Well done!

The sand pit in front of our Early Years room is finally full again with beautiful white, clean sand, thanks to a generous donation of \$1500 from the P&C. Many thanks to Tieran Goodhind for donating the use of his Bobcat and time to move the sand into the pit. The kids are having a ball.

Until next time

Debbie Buckley

Acting Principal

SAVE THE DATE

Tues 19th Feb—Swimming Years P-2
Thurs 21st Feb—Swimming Years P-2
Mon 25th Feb—Book Fair begins
Wed 13th Mar—Spelling Spectacular

BOOK FAIR

Will begin on Monday
 25th February until
 Friday 1st March.



PRIDE

AWARDS

The following have earned Pride Awards by following the school rules and setting a high standard of co-operation and school spirit:

Week 1

*Elizabeth, Rosalie, Dante,
 Darcy, Jason & Phoenix*

Week 2

*Patrick, Nate, Cleo, Angelina,
 Tristan & Caleb B*

Congratulations on setting a wonderful example.

From the P & C

Tuckshop

Volunteers rostered on for:



Monday 18th February —Week 4

Catherine Barr & Chantelle Whiteman

Monday 25th February—Week 5

Heidi Carroll & Jenny Jones

Thank you so much for helping!

The P&C Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th March at 5.30pm at the library.**



Everyone is welcome!



2019 P&C Committee

President: Kate Curtain

Secretary: Catherine Barr

Treasurer: Kirstin Curtain

Vice President: Chantelle Whiteman

Tuckshop Convenor: Alissa Parry

Uniform Co-ordinator: Shannon Fagg

Safety Officer: Desi Crawford

Brain Drain Co-ordinator: James Curtain



A huge thank you to Tieran Goodhind for taking the time to move all the sand into

School Absences

Please advise the school office on 41644244 before 9.30am, if your child is absent from school. When calling be sure to give a reason for your child's absence. This is a Queensland Government requirement.

Emergency Contact Details



If there are any changes to your details it is important to contact the office to have them amended.

If you have any outstanding balances to paid to the school, please pay them as soon as possible! Payment can be made by BPoint, cheque or cash (in a clearly labelled envelope), placed in the Student Box outside the administration office.

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.

Every week, there is a **Facebook update for Kumbia State School.**



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