



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Eco Innovation Grand Challenge

For 3 days last week, 5 of Kelso State School's brightest young scientists completed the Global Tropics Futures Eco Innovation Grand Challenge. Tannae, A, Dylan G, Georgia Mc, Kira W and Sophie C represented Kelso State School in an innovative science based 3 day project with James Cook University. Our budding young scientists had the opportunity to work with other primary students, high school students and members of James Cook University on environmental investigations, challenging both their curiosity and their thinking. All students involved have been invited to an after school celebration with the Townsville City Council on Friday 2 December from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at the Riverway EcoActive Centre.

SMS 4 Schools

This week our school began implementing a same day notification system that allows our school to notify you of student absences immediately. It also allows parents and carers another way of informing our school when their students are away. If you get a text or alert from us it will be about student absences.

Kelso Proud

Our message for the last 2 weeks I have challenged our students to stay focused and Kelso proud until the last day.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

DATE CLAIMERS

30 Nov Mix, Meet and Learn Day

01 Dec RE Concert

07 Dec Year 6 Graduation

09 Dec Last day of the School Year

23 Jan 2017 First day of school Year

P&C MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1.30PM IN THE P&C ROOM (Modular Withdrawal Room)

MUSIC

All musical instruments are to be returned to the school by Wednesday 30th November for stocktake.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

PA	Jay K	Joshua M
PB	Xiva P	Donald L
PC	Emma S-L	Khyvii R
PD	Addison M	Jacob F
1A	Ananda B-C	Hudson K
1B	Gabriel M	Kiera D
1C	Madison W	Simon P
1D	Kylah G	Scarlette F
2A	Bianca M	Taj D
2B	James M	Jimmy N
2C	Jesse P	Jack W
3A	Eve K	Phoebe W
3B	Angelica C	Tylea M
3C	Hannah A	Jordyn E
3D	Mystique H	Mya L
4A	Deanne W	Brandon B
4B	Blayde H	Katelin M
4C	Rehema I	Nicole M
5A	Jessika T	Leshonda A
5B	James B	Wyatt K
5/6C	Lachlan T	Justin T
6A	Taylor N	Nikita B
6B	Charlie W	George M

Mix, Meet and Learn Day

On Wednesday 30th November, Thuringowa State High School is holding a transition day for all students who are currently enrolled and those with an enrolment interview to start year 7 in 2017. Come and learn our school routines, meet the staff and develop new friendships. RSVP to the office by Friday 25th November.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop will be closed for end of year clean up on Thursday 8th & Friday the 9th December -no food will be available. There will No Wednesday Special this week or next Week.

CHRISTMAS RELIGION CONCERT AND MORNING TEA



On Thursday 1st December at 11.00am all teachers, students and parents are invited to a morning tea in the hall, followed by a Christmas concert at 11.30 where Religion students will sing songs and display some of what they have been learning in RE. If you do not wish your child to attend, please sent a note to your class teacher.

Attendance

Congratulations to these classes for meeting or beating our whole school attendance target of 92%. All classes have been challenged to strive to be our class **Attendance Champions** for the week.

Week 8 Attendance Champions (At or above 92%)

Prep B – 92%, 1A – 92%, 2B – 92%, 4B – 92%

Overall winner – 3A – 94%

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Rate Letter

Students received their attendance rate letter on Monday indicating their attendance rate from the beginning of the year to Week 8, Term 4. This a new initiative at Kelso State School informing all parents/carers on their child’s attendance rate on a regular basis.

Our target student participation and attendance rate of **92%** is expected for students enrolled at Kelso State School.

STUDENT LATE RETURN IN 2016

To help us with staffing and class arrangements for 2017, we need to know if your child will be attending Kelso State School next year but will **NOT** be present in the first week of the school year.

If your child will be returning to school **after** the first day of term, Monday 23rd January 2017, please complete the tear off section below and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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LATE RETURN FOR 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Student’s Name:.....

Class

Student’s Name:.....

Class:.....

Reason for Late Return:

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Expected Date of Return:

Signed:(Parent/Guardian):

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Kelso State School has decided to do Christmas Hampers for the less fortunate families in our local area. We are going to give Hampers to *North Reach Baptist Church*.

We have asked every child to bring in some non-perishable food. Some things your child could bring in are

- Canned food – spreads or canned fruit
- Packaged food – Chips, lollies, biscuits
- Bottled food – Cordial, soft drink, water
- Special Food – Canned Christmas ham, plum pudding.

Your child will be able to give this food to their class teacher.

Classes will collect items for the next week and there will be a special assembly on Tuesday 6th December to present the food hampers to North Reach Baptist Church

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND

KIDS MATTER

www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Family relationships and expectations have a major influence on children’s social development.

How parents can help: **Supervise media use**

When children are repeatedly exposed to violent or inappropriate media images it encourages them to see things as normal. Children do imitate the behaviour they see on TV or on the internet. It is very important for parents and carers to supervise children’s media use and ensure that the things they view are appropriate for their age and level of understanding.

HEAD LICE: SCRATCHING FOR ANSWERS

Can head lice spread disease?No. Head lice cannot transmit or spread disease on to people.

Who is responsible for checking and treating head lice?Like similar conditions such as scabies and ringworm, it is the parent or guardian’s responsibility to treat and care for their child.

Do head lice live in carpets, clothes, hats or sheets?No. Head lice very rarely fall from the head. They require blood to survive. Head lice feed 3-4 times a day and without blood will dehydrate in 6 hours in a dry climate and 24 hours in a humid climate.

C&K Kelso Kindergarten

In 2017 C&K Kindy Kelso will be opening a second group for children to attend Thursday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays. Please contact the Kindy on 47 740 097 for an application, call in to pick one up or online at www.candk.asn.au