



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Welcome to another year at Kelso State School. It has been a busy start to the year, welcoming all our new Prep students as well as all the other new families to our school. We expect that our returning students are role models for all our new families, helping them to know what being Kelso Proud looks like.

As it is every year, our classes are based on projected enrolments only. A student enrolment census is collected on Day 4 and day 8 across Queensland State Schools. This means that depending on student numbers across the school, some classes, in some year levels may change. If this occurs we will give notice to all parents of children that this effects. We ensure that when making class changes, all factors are considered if a change of class occurs. If you know of anyone looking to enrol with us that has not already done so, please advise them that to support us in being resourced appropriately, we encourage all new enrolments to be entered before Day 8 (Thursday 2 February).

A warm Kelso welcome to these new staff members and to teachers who have changed their roles in 2017.

Mrs Elyse Charles - Prep D

Mr Antony Hall – 6A

Mr Kenneth Hoey – 3C

Mrs Juanita Drury – 2D

Mrs Jenna Collins – 1D

Ms Amanda Budby – Literacy Support Teacher

Mrs Peta Hamilton – SEP Teacher

Mr Baraka Kaitira – Specialist Science Teacher

We are looking forward to an amazing 2017.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome back to 2017 Term 1, Tuckshop is open in the morning from 8.30am to place your order, or place your order into the Tuckshop Box in your classroom or for more convenience place your order with Our Online Canteen (www.ouroonlinecanteen.com.au).

Tuckshop is open for volunteers to come and spend some time helping out - the busiest and best time to volunteer is the morning - 8.30 - 10am. You may pick what best suits you to do - help serve at the window or collect the boxes as they come in or do some baking. Please either show up at the Tuckshop at the time that best suits you or ring 4789 6226 after 11.30am or email tuckshop.kelsopandc@gmail.com.

Any help with volunteering is very much appreciated and helps our school community to progress.

KELSO SCHOOL SONG

Verse 1

At Kelso School we strive together
To always do our best
At work or play we'll show the way
In everything we do and say
The future's in our hands

Verse 2

With pride we seek to meet the challenge
With friendship leading the way
We'll help each other to learn and grow
We'll represent our school and know
The future's in our hands.

SCHOOL TIMES

Session One: 8.50am to 10.50am

Session Two 11.30am to 1.00pm

Session Three: 1.30pm to 2.50pm

TERM 1 DATES

Monday 23 Jan to Friday 31 March

Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 18 April

C & K KINDERGARTEN

For more information visit
www.candk.asn.au/nocostkindy or call
1800177092.

DATE CLAIMERS

FEB

7 Swimming Trials 6.30pm

MAR

13 Interschool Swimming Carnival

31 Cross Country

31 Last day of term 1

APR

18 Term 2 starts

P & C Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm



SWIMMING TRIALS

On Wednesday 7 February we will be holding our school swimming trials at Kirwan Aquatic Centre at 6:30pm. Parents/Caregivers of students are asked to bring along their child and watch them swim. After your child's race you may take them home. The program on the night will run starting with the 8yr olds born in 2009 and finally finish with 12yr olds. Students that participate will swim a 25m freestyle race only. This trial will be used to select the swimmers to represent our school at the 2017 Interschool Swimming Carnival during the coming weeks.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Children who arrive at school before 8.30am must sit quietly under the main covered area. Children are supervised in this area between 8am and 8.30am when they are released to allow them to sit outside their classrooms.

Children arriving on bikes will walk their bikes in front of the school and inside the school grounds to the bike racks.

AFTER SCHOOL

Prep students should be collected from their classrooms by their parents or caregivers.

Prep to Year 2 bus children will be collected from classes at the end of the day by a Teacher Aide at 2.40pm. Year 3 to 6 students will be excused from class at this time and they will walk to the main undercover area and remain seated until directed to walk to the buss by the supervisor.

Children riding bicycles will go to bike racks and walk their bikes from inside the school grounds to the external perimeter and walk their bikes whilst in front of the school grounds

Children waiting for parents will go immediately to the front gate and remain inside the fence.

The last school bell rings at 3.10pm. Children who are still at school at this time must come to the office to be supervised.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Parents are asked to use Yvette Street at the front of the school or Gower Street at the western entry.

When driving in the vicinity of the school please note the 40kph zones.

Please DO NOT use the turning circle area adjacent to the car park in the school grounds except for children with a disability.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A whole school assembly is held at 9am each Tuesday morning in the School Hall. The assembly is led by our elected school leaders and all parents are welcome and in fact encouraged to attend.

STRINGS STUDENTS

Students who would like to learn a violin or cello this year are to meet Ms Bowden on Monday at 10am at the Resource Centre. This includes any students who have played previously and would like to continue as well as any new students from year 3-6.



SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Our school crossing supervisors are on duty at Riverway Drive and Yvette Street crossings from 8.05am to 8.50am each morning and from 2.50 to 3.20pm each afternoon.

ACCESS TO STUDENTS

It is our policy to allow only custodial parents, care givers or nominated emergency contacts access to students at any time. In certain situations, where access is required by someone other than those people nominated on the enrolment form, written or verbal permission is to be given to the school by the parent.

All visitors to the school must sign in at the school office.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2017

School Captains

Skye H Georgia Mc

Vice Captains

Tannae A Mikayla O

Indigenous Leader

Mercya D Nathan L

House Leaders

Bibringa

Jett C

Jenna P

Korowa

Talon F

Georgina K

Mankoor

Dakota M

Emilee P

Tallaboi

Jenna K

Nathan S

EVERY DAY COUNTS

....because children achieve better when they go to school all day, every day

....because going to school means getting a better chance at life

....because school helps children make friends and be happier

....because the law says children must go to school.