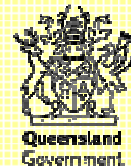


KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school's best parent information resource.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

It is the beginning of week 2 and our classrooms are already engaged in focused and explicit teaching of the Australian Curriculum. At Kelso State School every learning opportunity counts. This is also the time that we set our school expectations for both in and out of the classroom.

Before school expectations

It is an expectation that all students arriving at school before 8:30am are to be seated in the main CPA, under the supervision by a staff member (Mr Mac). We encourage all parents to help new students with this expectation even if you are waiting with them before 8:30am. Classrooms in the senior school (Yrs 3-6) are out of bounds before 8:30am.

At Kelso it is also an expectation that school students are not to be on the playground before school even in the care of a parent or carer. Students will be explicitly taught our school expectations both before and after school.

Staff and Disabled Carparks

Please be aware that the carpark next to the administration office and Prep classrooms are for staff only. These areas are also the site of 4 disabled car parks, used by a number of legitimate parents/carers. We have had a number of issues already with parents/carers parking in the staff carparks and also using the disabled car parks when not entitled. These behaviours are a considerable safety risk for our school community. We encourage all parents and carers to be safe and considerate members of the Kelso State School family.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

PA	Owen H	Ivy B
PB	Dylan P	Angus C
PC	Sophie W	Haylee B
PD	Klohie	Braith F
1A	Tayte B	Jorja H
1B	Akeira-Lee T	Andes F
1C	Harry N	Ashley I
1D	Lillian S	Jack G
2A	Loha P	Jarvis K
2B	Cyarne W	Scarlett F
2C	Carlos E	Lidia P
3A	Kyle C	Vera G
3B	Matilda B	Curtis
3C	Ryker K	Wraith L
4A	Zartiesha H	Allen H
4B	Marcus H	Sammy F
4C	Makayla S	Matilda M
4D	Chloe-Jayne F	Kasey W
5A	Jett P	Michael M
5B	Kiara C	Hugh D
5/6C	Brock S	Shontara A
6A	Carter B	Caitlin W
6B	Pepah Z	Talik M

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH PROGRAM

The Hearing Health Team are visiting Kelso State School early this year to conduct hearing health screening for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Prep to year 6. Permission forms will be sent home today with the newsletter. If you wish for your child to have their hearing screened please complete the form (including Medicare number) and send back to the school as soon as possible. The absolute latest we will accept permission notes is Friday 17/2/17. If you have any questions please phone the school on 47896222 and ask to speak to Miss Budby or Miss Juanita.

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).

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

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

C & K KINDERGARTEN

For more information visit
www.candk.asn.au/nocostkindy or call
[1800177092](tel:1800177092).



SWIMMING TRIALS

On **TUESDAY 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.

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

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to these classes for meeting or beating our whole school attendance target of **95%** for the first week of school. All classes have been challenged to strive to be our class **Attendance Champions** for the week.

Week 1 Attendance Champions (At or above 95%)
Prep A – 98%, Prep B – 96%, Prep C – 97%, 1A – 98%, 2A – 95%, 3B – 96%, 5B – 98%
Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

WET WEATHER DAYS

Parents are urged to create a plan with their child as to what they should do in the event of severe wet weather or storm at the conclusion of the school day.

Please note: *Acting on the advice of telecommunication companies and in the interest of staff safety, if a severe electrical storm is in the immediate vicinity of Kelso school, staff will not use phones to make calls to parents nor will they answer them until the immediate danger has passed. School staff utilise the Bureau of Meteorology radar images to determine this as well as the current visible and audible weather conditions.*

BANKING

The P & C run the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program at Kelso and is available to all enrolled students and their younger siblings. Banking is done every week, currently on a Thursday. To participate, students must have an appropriate Youthsaver account with the CBA which can be processed through school. Application forms are available at any CBA branch. The P & C receive \$5 per account opened through school and 5% commission on all deposits made. Students receive tokens for every deposit which can be swapped for rewards which include rulers, hats and moneyboxes.

Banking for 2017 will commence **THIS THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY.**

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We discourage students bringing mobile phones and other electronic devices to school. If your child needs to bring a phone for after school use they must hand it to the office upon arriving at school where it will be stored for safe keeping. Items are then collected at the end of the school day.

MEDICATION

Should it be necessary for your child to be given medication at school, Teacher Aides can supervise and assist in this procedure if:-

- an authority form, containing particulars of medication, nature of ailment, doctor's name address, time/s for medication, and dosage, is completed at the office; authority forms may also be downloaded from the School's website.
- the prescribed medication and a suitable measure (if applicable) are supplied. The medication should carry the chemist's label identifying the name of the child, and dosage.

A school authority is required for any prescribed medicines and asthma inhalers. For safety purposes if ongoing medication is required for a child, **parents** are required to deliver the medication to the office in the prescribed bottle or packet personally, especially medicines identified as narcotic based such as Dexamphetamine, Ritalin, Methylphenidate.

Education Queensland policy doesn't permit school staff to administer analgesics such as aspirin, paracetamol, cough medicine or other proprietary brands of medicine unless it carries a prescription label.

Children can carry their asthma sprays during sports or other activities as required. At all other times we ask that your child leaves their asthma inhaler with their teacher for safe keeping. Asthma inhalers should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

A letter from a medical doctor is required for children who require ongoing medication or who require medication on standby for allergic reactions. Any changes of dosage or ceasing of medication is to also have a letter from their doctor.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changed your address, phone numbers or emergency contact information recently, please advise the school office of the updated information. It is imperative that we are able to contact a parent or caregiver in the case of your child being sick or involved in an emergency. Your cooperation in the matter is appreciated.

LEARNING BEGINS AT 8.50am

