



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Day 8 final Numbers

It has been great to see all our new and returning students here at school for the Day 8 Enrolment Census collection last Thursday. We have an amazing 570 students at our school this year so far, an increase from this time last year. Thank you to all our parents and community for being back and on board with us and on time to be accounted for. We look forward to an amazing year here at Kelso State School.

Attendance

This year we have set the bar higher in our goal of improving student's attendance at our school. This year we have set a whole school attendance target at 95%. I believe with the support of all our parents/carers and community members, our school can achieve this goal. Students attending school at this rate will expose students to the explicit teaching and learning needed to be successful in improving their academic outcome. Help us to help your children by joining us in becoming attendance champions. Well done to 5B who are this week's winners with 98%, an amazing start to week 3 of term 1.

School goals and targets

At Kelso State School our teachers are focused on delivering explicit teaching of the Australian Curriculum. This year our aim is to ensure all students set learning goals that maximise their learning potential. We have set a whole school goal of 80% of all students receiving C or above in English for their assessment tasks.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

PA	Keira-Lee K	Mathias J
PB	Blake	Mackenzie
PC	Maleah-Rae D	Riley M
PD	Kiarlee E	Isaac A
1A	Silas W	Jack W
1B	Jack K	Dinah M
1C	Emma S	Jordan B
1D	Destiny A	Brody L
2A	Khalon B	Layla B
2B	Johnathan D	Emmi M
2C	Zack I	Carlos E
2D	Lillijana H	Lincoln A
3A	Alanna S	Jasmine S
3B	Emily K	James M
3C	Alleigha I	Bianca M
4A	Katie W	Dean W
4B	Mya L	Connor R
4C	Breana G	Dacey T
4D	Cooper H	Samuel B
5A	Lachlan W	Aiden S
5B	Tahlia L	Rowyn H
5C	Summer C	Annalomi N
5/6D	Zechariah H	Sienna B
6A	Kaisan G	Tannae A
6B	Jay A	Daniel H

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

BOOKCLUB

All orders and payments for this issue are due by tomorrow Wednesday 8 February.

SCHOOL BANKING (Every Thursday)

You can get involved in the School Banking Program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account on line.

INSTRUMENTAL STUDENTS

If you haven't yet done so, please return your contracts and payments this week.

Levy cost is \$10 per instrument.

Instrument Hire is \$100 per instrument.



DATE CLAIMERS

FEB

- 7 Swimming Trials 6.30pm
- 8 Book Club orders/payments due

MAR

- 2 Season 1 Sport commences
- 13 Interschool Swimming Carnival
- 31 Cross Country
- 31 Last day of term 1

APR

- 18 Term 2 starts

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 have been sent home last week. 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.



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 2 Attendance Champions (At or above 95%)
Prep A – 96%, Prep B – 96%, Prep D – 96%, 1C – 96%, 3B – 95%, 4A – 95%,
4D – 95%, 5A – 96%

Overall winner – 5B – 98%

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

LEARNING BEGINS AT 8.50am

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CENTRECARE FAMILY LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

For information on 2017 Programs please contact 07-4772 9000.

- 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Program
- Circle of Security Parenting
- Engaging Adolescents
- Parents Apart 2 houses
- Back2Front (Understanding Emotions)
- Kaleidoscope (Social/Emotional Skills)
- Real Girls (Being your own unique self is pure beauty)
- Looking out for Lads
- Healthy Relationships (13 – 15 yr olds)
- Keys to Enrich Your Relationship
- Exploring Anger with Women
- Replace Your Rage
- Stress Management
- Budgeting
- Aboriginal Building Connections for our Kids
- Parenting Seminar
- Safe Kids

THE SMITH FAMILY – SAVER PLUS

Do you have children at school now or starting Prep in 2018?

Are they involved in Sport or the Arts?

Did you struggle with back to school costs this year?

Do you have an expensive school trip to pay for?

PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE 2018 BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS.

Would you like \$500 to help for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions, or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for education costs dollar or dollar, up to \$500. Wouldn't it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save?

To be eligible you need to:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- Have a child at school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational study yourself
- Have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- Have NOT received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information please contact:

Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Coordinator on 0418201533.

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