



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Being Kelso Proud

At Kelso State School we use the words **Kelso Proud** to express the standards that we believe our school and community expect. We expect all of our community, students, staff and parents/carers to strive to meet the high standards we expect. As a community we would like you to share in this feeling by using the same language with your children at home.

Here are some of the ways students can always show what being Kelso Proud is;

- By being on time and ready for school
- Following teacher directions first time every time
- Being engaged learners who respect the right of others students to learn
- Using appropriate language at all times
- Respecting school property and the property of others
- Knowing that all students are responsible for their own behaviours

Managing Excessive Heat

As the last couple of days have been hotter than normal, our staff will be monitoring students health for signs of heat fatigue and monitoring outside play if the temperatures increase. Please encourage students to bring water bottles that can be filled up regularly during the day.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
 Patrick McDonnell
 (Principal)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

PA	Amy S	Bailey G
PB	McKenna W	Ethan S
PC	Constantino A	Shaylee E
PD	Mia	Abigail L
1A	Tamia W	Alecia R
1B	Lincoln F	Caitlyn B
1C	Ariahne F	Jacob F
1D	Josephine J	Tavish M
2A	Mitchell S	Jayde B
2B	Dyneesha T	Jordan G
2C	Gemma W	Jeremiah R
2D	Noah M	Nicola C
3A	Ryan K	Morgan K
3B	Troy L	Aleah P
3C	Amber T	Nicholas R
4A	Sophie R	Jack H
4B	Maija K	Summer F
4C	Sam W	Heather H
4D	Declan S	Charlotte M
5A	Kacie D	Xavier M
5B	Lani W	Alex B
5C	Sue L	Lauren B
5/6D	James B	Joshua W
6A		
6B	Emilee P	Shaylee H

P&C MEETINGS

P & C Meeting days and times have been changed. Meetings will now be held on the last THURSDAY of each month at 3.15pm.

STUDENT INDUCTION CEREMONY

Our Student Induction Ceremony will be on Tuesday 21 February 2017. All school leaders will be presented with their badge including School Captains, School-Vice Captains, Indigenous Leaders, House Captains and Student Council Representatives. We invite everyone to come along to this special occasion.



MANAGING EXCESSIVE HEAT

Heat related conditions cover a wide range of symptoms including swelling of hands and feet, prickly heat, heat cramps, heat exhaustion to the more severe and potentially fatal heatstroke.

During these hot summer days, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school to keep him/her hydrated.

DATE CLAIMERS

FEB	
21	Student Induction Ceremony
23	P & C Meeting 3.15pm
MAR	
2	Season 1 Sport commences
13	Interschool Swimming Carnival
30	P & C AGM
31	Cross Country
31	Last day of term 1
APR	
18	Term 2 starts

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 3 Attendance Champions (At or above 95%)
4B – 95%

Overall winner – 1C – 96%

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

It has been pleasing to see so many of our students back to start school on time, including a number of new students to our school this term. I would like to remind everyone that our whole school attendance goal is **95%** and we would like our entire school community to help support us to meet our goals. Sharing student attendance data with parent/carers is a vital link in our school improvement process. Parents/Carers if your child is absence from school please inform either the classroom teacher or the school office. Unexplained absence letters are sent home on a weekly basis to Parents/Carers, the letters need to be completed and returned to the classroom teacher or school office. Let's work together and reduce unexplained absences.



DANCE

Tuesday and Thursday at second break in the music room. Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 welcome.

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 online.

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.



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.

MONEY COLLECTION

During the year there will be times when children will be attending camps, excursions, cultural activities, etc and will be required to bring money to school as payment for the activity. When forwarding money to the school it is imperative that your child's **full name, class, activity and amount being paid** is written on the envelope as there may be more than one collection taking place. Money and permission forms are to be placed in the blue money collection box in the school foyer. Correct money in the envelope is preferable. Eftpos payment facilities are also available at the school office. If your child has paid for an activity but did not attend please **advise the office** as in most cases a full or partial refund can be given.

Usually, adequate time is given for parents to pay for the event or excursion. Payment due dates are advertised in the school newsletters or on the event notification form sent home with your child. These dates are provided to allow time for the office staff to process money received and pay the relevant organising body their fees. **Late payments will be refused in most cases unless prior arrangements have been made with administration.**

BICYCLES / SCOOTERS

Children riding bicycles or scooters to school are requested to park them in the racks provided. To prevent theft we strongly recommend that cyclists lock their bicycles/scooters into the racks with a quality chain and padlock. Tumbler type, combination number bike locks are very easy for thieves to undo and are not recommended. **Students are asked to lock their own bike/scooter when they get to school.** (One lock/one bike/scooter) –not locked with a friend's bike/scooter but may be locked to the bike/scooter of a family member.

Normally, children are permitted in the bicycle rack area only when arriving at school or leaving at the end of the school day. **Students and parents must walk their bicycles/scooters when in the school grounds.**

Helmets: We recommend students wear helmets while riding bikes/scooters while travelling to and from school. Children must wear approved cyclist helmets.

If your child has the misfortune of having a bicycle/scooter stolen, the matter should be reported to the police. Kirwan police have requested that parents take the responsibility for this duty. Care will be taken by school personnel to ensure that loss of bicycles/scooters by theft is kept to a minimum however we can accept no responsibility for loss or theft.

LEARNING BEGINS AT 8.50am

