

# KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

A warm, (pardon the pun) congratulations to all our school leaders, who officially received their badges this morning. I look forward to all these students making their mark in ensuring that the high standards expected at Kelso State School are enhanced by their words and deeds. From what I see already in the first 4 weeks of school, the future is in safe hands. It will be their challenge to continue the success.

At Kelso State School the challenge of school leadership does not just sit with appointed leaders with badges and titles. It is an expectation that all year 6 senior students' role model expected behaviours at all times. This is their opportunity to make a positive impact on the school community and the students coming through that look to them for guidance. From the classroom to the sporting field and all areas in between, our year 6 students are expected to show the way and be Kelso Proud.

### Attendance

Congratulations to PC for being our mighty attendance champions for this week. It is great to see good attendance habits starting at this early age. It has also been pleasing to see some healthy competition between classes as we have had a different winner each week.

Our whole school goal for 2017 is **95%** attendance all year.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell  
(Principal)

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

PA	Kima P	TeAmo T
PB	Ace C	Ella B
PC	Declan A	Ivy C
PD	Barry D	Mekiesha B
1A	Jack W	Sharisha S
1B	Jarrold M	Emily N
1C	Queen K	Addison M
1D	Shaniya S	Miesha D
2A	Georgia T	Tasharli H
2B	Harley H	Dyneesha T
2C	Simon P	Gemma W
2D	Noah M	Derreck H
3A	Rhys H	Mia M
3B	Jack W	Max L
3C	Zarleece C	Chad F
4A	Phoebe W	Seth L
4B	Codey H	Maija K
4C	Jayden D	Hannah A
4D	Alex S	Kylissa C
5A	Dominic G	Grace F
5B	Ronald R	Hugh D
5C	Brandon B	Sue L
5/6D	Talon F	Ella W
6A	Ella H	Keyan H
6B	Jett C	Emilee P

## 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.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop opening is 8.30am Monday - Friday. Place your orders with our online system [www.ourcanteen.com.au](http://www.ourcanteen.com.au) for ease and convenience, cut off time for the day of ordering is 8.20am. Orders can be placed days or a week in advance.

Red Menu Day for first term is 31 March with a special menu - coming soon - only for 1st break and to be ordered in advance with special order form, normal menu will not be available this day. Keep your eye out for the form. A few extras will be held for parents attending that day.

Thank you goes out to our new volunteers, and to our dedicated ones, who have been making a big difference for me within the Tuckshop.

Mel - 4789 6226

## DATE CLAIMERS

### FEB

23 P & C Meeting 3.15pm

### MAR

2 Season 1 Sport commences

2 Year 1 Old MacDonald Farm

3 Prep Old MacDonald Farm

13 Interschool Swimming Carnival

14 Year 5 Science Excursion

20 Yrs 3 and 4: Aunty Peach Show

21 Harmony Day

22 Pie Drive Pick Up

29 Easter Bonnet Parade

30 P & C AGM

31 Cross Country

31 Last day of term 1



## **DANCE**

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

## **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 4 Attendance Champions (At or above 95%)  
3B – 95%, 5/6D – 95%

**Overall winner – Prep C – 97%**

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.

## **PIE DRIVE**

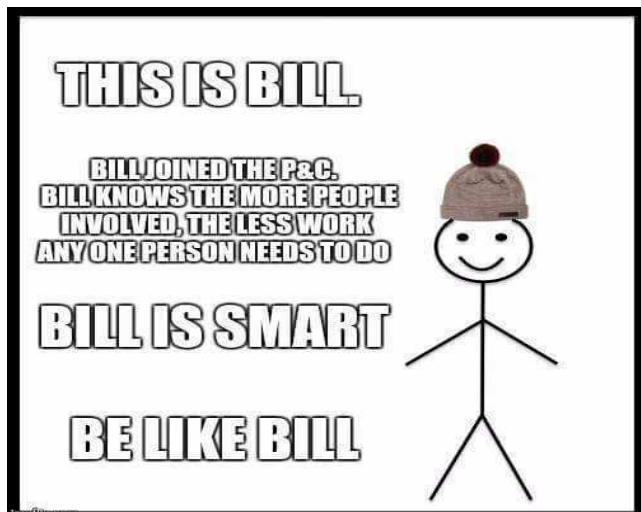
Kelso P&C Association are running a Pie Drive to kick off this year's fundraising activities.

Pie Drive forms will be sent out with this newsletter.

Forms & money are due back by Friday 10 March and should be handed into the Tuckshop.

Orders will be delivered to the School & can be collected on Wednesday 22 March from 2pm till 3pm.

Contact: [fundraising.kelsopandc@gmail.com](mailto:fundraising.kelsopandc@gmail.com) for more information.



## **HEAD LICE**

This school is not unique in that we quite often have children with head lice. Head lice can be exchanged by contact at play, or in the classroom. One infected child at a school can quickly cause the spread of the lice to many of his or her classmates, and to anyone who comes in contact with **THEM** before the lice are detected. **REMEMBER ALSO - ADULTS ARE NOT IMMUNE TO HEAD LICE. ANYONE CAN BECOME INFESTED!**

**Parents' Responsibility:** The primary responsibility for dealing with head lice belongs with each child's parents. If a child in a class is detected as having head lice, notes will go home with every child in the class for parents to do a thorough examination.

**THERE IS NO OVERNIGHT CURE FOR HEAD LICE.** If head lice are found, live lice must be destroyed, eggs must be removed and regular treatment **MUST** continue until ALL SIGNS of lice have disappeared.

**PROMPT AND PERSISTENT TREATMENT IS THE ONLY REMEDY.** Treatments available will kill only live lice, not the eggs. Your local chemist has a range of preparations that will effectively kill the lice.

**Each week** – a simple check for head lice should be done. If there is evidence of head lice, the child should be treated. The research tells us that one of the most effective treatments for the control of head lice is to use ordinary, supermarket conditioner and a fine tooth comb regularly to check and treat your child's hair. There are also commercial treatments available.

**Recommended method of removal:** Apply the head lice treatment ensuring that all hair is covered. This includes the fine hair around the face, behind the ears and on the back of the neck. Leave the treatment on for 20 minutes, then comb the hair with a fine toothcomb, wiping onto a white tissue. Eggs hatch in 7 days, so you **must** treat again within 7 days. This will kill the newly hatched eggs. It may be necessary to do a third treatment in a further 7 days to ensure that nothing survives. Between treatments use conditioner on dry hair and comb with a nit comb to remove newly hatched lice. The Lice Meister comb is very effective in removing the eggs combined with the treatment or conditioner.

**Once treated children can return to school.**

## **CHAPLAIN**

Our School Chaplain is available to work with students and families and provide pastoral care. This service is non-denominational. If you would like to access our Chappie's services, please contact the school on 4789 6222.

*LEARNING BEGINS AT 8.50am*

