



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Attendance

Congratulations to both 5B and 5C for sharing the attendance champions' award for this week at an amazing 98%. I have challenged all our classes to try and take the title from these two classes next week and even maybe get 100%. I am so proud of our school community for their support in ensuring we not only meet but exceed our attendance target of 95%.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The last 2 weeks our school term has been set aside for teachers and parents to get together and discuss student progress. These opportunities are a wonderful opportunity to develop authentic learning partnerships with teachers, students and parents/carers. I ask all parents to take this opportunity to get to be a positive part of your child's schooling. Here are some questions that may help prompt a conversation;

- What are they learning?
- How are they progressing?
- How can they improve?

Our goal is to ensure that all students can articulate themselves what they need to know and do to be successful in their unit of study.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
Patrick McDonnell

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

PA	Caleb T	Jayden F
PB	Riley M	Zeike A
PC	Beau Y	Zachariah K
PD	Isaac A	Cooper R
1A	Jorja H	Malakai M
1B	Zpatian S	Stephen K
1C	Falevai W	Kingston R
1D	Donald L	Lillian S
2A	Layla B	Miley W
2B	Paige A	Jelena W
2C	Adam H	Lana C
2D	Chloe F	Marley A
3A	Tyrah O	David H
3B	Taj D	Jahlyn C
3C	Isabelle F	Latayah H
4A	Jaegar B	Angelica C
4B	Chloe R	Amelia B
4C	Katora T	Kein H
4D	Charlotte M	Trenton E
5A	Lawrence M	Kaitlyn R
5B	Noah D	Roseanne S
5C	Madison B	Deanne W
5/6D	Lidia M	Chloe D
6A	Kenta M	Lachlan T
6B	Liam B	Emilee P

STUDENT SAFETY

Please consider student safety and do not use the turning circle as a drop off or pick up point. There have been a couple of near hits in this area. This zone is ONLY for use of emergency vehicles, couriers and contractors. Parking is for Staff members and disabled permit vehicles.

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER - SMENCILS

This term Student Council will be selling smencils. Order forms will be given to classes today for every student. Order forms and money must be handed into the office by **Friday 24 March**.



DENTAL VAN

The school dental van will be visiting Kelso State School next term to offer examination and treatment if required. Consent forms have been distributed to each child last week. Please complete these forms and return them to the box in the office foyer BY FRIDAY 31 MARCH.



DATE CLAIMERS

MAR

22	Pie Drive Pick Up
24	Smencils Fundraiser- money due
24	Prep photos in Townsville Bulletin
29	Easter Bonnet Parade (Prep – Yr2)
29	Cross Country money & forms due
30	P & C AGM
31	Cross Country
31	Last day of term 1



PIE DRIVE – COLLECT FROM TUCKSHOP 22 MARCH BETWEEN 2PM AND 3PM

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 8 Attendance Champions (At or above 95%)

Prep D – 95%, 1C – 96%, 3A – 95%, 3B – 96%

Overall Winners– 5B & 5C – 98%

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Red Menu Day for first term is 31 March with a special menu only for 1st break and to be ordered in advance with special order form. Normal menu will **not** be available this day. A few extras will be held for parents attending that day.

Volunteers are critical partners of and participants in societies throughout the world. We need you!!!!

Please help me with just a little of your time and the enjoyment and fulfilment it will give you is significant. Your child/children love to see you as they pass by during the day.

Our most busiest time is first thing in the morning, in taking of tuckshop boxes through the window, processing orders, labelling up the snack foods and drinks, making of the orders, restocking of the drinks and little helpful bits and pieces. This timeframe is 8.50am till 10.30am.

Please come see me or ring 4789 6226 after

11.30am.

Cheers,

Miss Mel



EASTER BONNET PARADE

The annual Prep to Year 2 Easter Bonnet parade will be held on Wednesday 29 March in the school hall. All parents and caregivers are welcome to come along to this exciting event. Please be seated by 9.15am for a 9.30am start.



VACANT PERMANENT CLEANER POSITION - 12 HOURS/WEEK (WORKING AFTERNOON SHIFT - 5 DAYS A WEEK)

Please provide a resume which **should include any cleaning experience you have, any experience with cleaning equipment and two current referees** (preferable work supervisors).

The successful applicant must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from Blue Card Services (at own expense - \$84.25).

The successful applicant would be subject to a probationary period of twelve months.

Application information and role description are available from the school office or by email efost8@eq.edu.au

Address applications to: Business Manager, Kelso State School, PO Box 10175, RASMUSSEN QLD 4815 or deliver to Yvette Street, KELSO QLD 4815. Resumes can be sent to efost8@eq.edu.au

Applications close at 3:00pm 24 March.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Netball: Murray Sports Complex Netball Courts, Annandale. Year 5 and Year 6 teams play at 12.30pm and Mixed team plays at 1.15pm.

Rugby League: Brothers Leagues Club, Kirwan. Year 5's play at 12.30pm and Year 6's play at 1.15pm.

Please bring hat, sunscreen and water bottle and mouth guard.

LIFE SKILLS 4 KIDS.COM.AU

Useful tips for parents to help set our kids up for success in the classroom

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO ADVOCATE FOR THEIR SENSORY NEEDS – Understand what helps your child to focus in class. If they need to move a lot, ask the teacher if your child can be allowed to help hand out classroom supplies or run a message to the office. There are many resources for helping children to concentrate in their seat. Eg. Sitting on a cushion can help kids to get the wiggles out while sitting in class. If your child chews a lot (collars, air, fingers etc) they are using their mouth to self-regulate and concentrate. Don't just tell them to stop. Give them options such as having a drink bottle on their desk or give them a chewable necklace. Chewing always helps kids be more alert and actually helps calm kids who are going too fast.

***Head Lice scratching for answers
How does the conditioner and combing method work?***

It's a very cheap and effective way of finding head lice. Hair conditioner does not kill lice, but it does stun them for about 20 minutes, meaning they do not move around, and it is difficult for them to hang on. This gives you time to comb through the hair with a fine tooth (head lice) comb.

