



# KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

### Kelso Proud

At Kelso State School we are constantly striving to build a culture that of support, care and tolerance that is built on students taking responsibility for making the right decisions. As part of this expectation we work with our students to ensure that they have an understanding of expected behaviours and also defined consequences that go with those behaviours. As part of this approach, on assembly this week I talked to the students about choices. On any given day our students have the ability to control the choices they make. The focus of the discussion was on making positive choices and not negative ones including making choices to be kind, caring, thoughtful, engaged, polite, respectful, safe and even happy. This al message even as adults we can take on board.

### NAPLAN Testing

Today, tomorrow and Thursday we will be conduction our annual NAPLAN testing with our year 3's and 5's. Can I remind families that students to need to be time to school to ensure that the tests can be started on time as they have strict test conditions that we must adhere to. I also ask that student have a good night sleep over the testing period and eat a nutritious breakfast to support them through the morning sessions. Any students absent for any days of the test will have the opportunity to catch up on Friday ensuring that no student misses out on the opportunity to sit the test.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell  
(Principal)

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

PA	TeAmo T	Desley C
PB	Austin D	Derek J
PC	Haylee B	
PD	Larz F	Mia
1A	Jack W	Brandy-Lei
1B	Emily N	Jack K
1C	Jacob F	Amelia R
1D	Jack G	Thai P
2A	TK K	Loha P
2B	Keira D	Dyneesha T
2C	Noah F	Simon P
2D	Isabella B	Leyla B
3A	Amelia F	Steven S
3B	Tobias	Troy L
3C	Zarleece C	Jasmine H
4A	Tonyika K	Jasmine D
4B	Connor R	Liam B
4C	Kein H	Maddy M
4D	Coby J	Mia W
5A	Aaliyah L	Dominic G
5B	Brandyn B	Ronald R
5C	Kayden L	Lauren B
5/6D	Andie W	Zechariah
6A	Paige R	Ella H
6B	William P	Luke W

## 2017 SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be taken on **Monday, 22 May**.

Order envelopes have been sent home to each student. **This envelope must to be returned to the photographer on the day of photos.(Even if not buying photos)** Please do not return the envelopes any earlier. Correct money needs to be placed in the envelopes as the photographer has advised that no change can be given.

Family photo envelopes can be obtained from the school office upon request.

Full school uniform needs to be worn on this day.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL

Mothers Day Stall on May 9th,10th & 11th. Please check with your child's teacher which day they will be buying gifts. Gifts range from 50c to \$10

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Volunteer Needed for Tuesdays after the 15th  
May 8.50am - 11.30am

Like us on Facebook –

Kelso State School - Kookies Kitchen

<https://www.facebook.com/KelsoStateSchoolKookiesKitchen>

## DATE CLAIMERS

### MAY

9,10,11 NAPLAN

9,10,11 Mother's Day Stall

22 School Photos

26 National Sorry Day

29 May- 2 June

National Reconciliation Week

21 June NAIDOC Celebrations

## ATTENDANCE

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

**Term 2, Week 3 Attendance Champions** (At or above 95%)

Prep C – 96%, 3B – 96%, 5/6D – 97%

**Overall winners – Prep B – 98%**

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.

## 20 Day Challenge

It is great to see all classes are excited and enthusiastic about the 20 day challenge. Improving your child's attendance rate will have numerous benefits both academically and socially. We have challenged all our classes to work towards this goal because **Every Day Counts**.

The classes are competing for two awards:

1. **Most Improved:** the class that has made the **greatest improvement** in their attendance rate from term 1.
2. **20 Day Champions:** the class in which has the **most** students completing the 20 day challenge.

**Our current class leaders are:**

Most Improved: **Prep B**


20 Day Champions: **2C & 5/6D**

## A WORD FROM CHAPPY

Just want to say hi to all the parents out there. Hope everything is going great for you and your families. School chaplain services are available Monday and Friday. Feel free to come in and have a chat (and coffee) on either of those days. Have a great week.- Chappy Mark.

## SMENCILS

For all those wishing to purchase smencils and missed out, Miss Budby has ordered more and they are on their way!



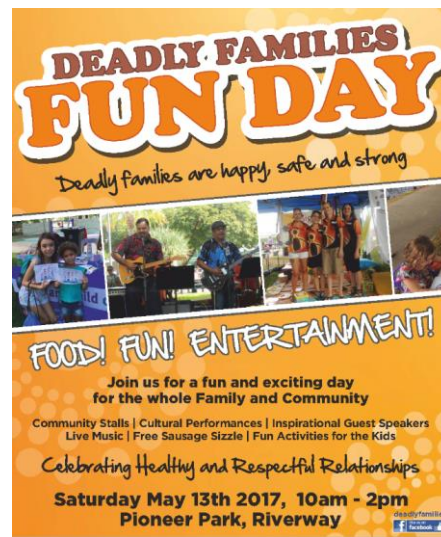
**Head Lice scratching for answers IS A SECOND TREATMENT NECESSARY?**

Yes in almost all cases a second treatment is needed since no head lice treatment kills 100% of the eggs. You must retreat on day 7 with the same product that worked on the first treatment in order to destroy the hatched eggs during the 7 day period.

## KIDS MATTER

### Communication Skills for Building Relationships:

**Listening:** Listening attentively and actively is most important for creating a climate in which open and honest communication can take place. Focussing on what the other person is saying rather than thinking of your own response while they are speaking shows that you are genuinely interested. Listen for meaning and feeling and actively check that you understand the other person's point of view- for example, "It sounds like you're feeling sad because you wanted to have a turn like everyone else and you missed out". To listen actively to children, give them your full attention while they are talking and help to draw out their feelings and understandings. Taking a little extra time to listen also helps you and your child come up with better solutions for problems (rather than imposing your own solutions).



**DEADLY FAMILIES FUN DAY**

Deadly families are happy, safe and strong

**FOOD! FUN! ENTERTAINMENT!**

Join us for a fun and exciting day for the whole Family and Community

Community Stalls | Cultural Performances | Inspirational Guest Speakers  
Live Music | Free Sausage Sizzle | Fun Activities for the Kids

Celebrating Healthy and Respectful Relationships

**Saturday May 13th 2017, 10am - 2pm**  
Pioneer Park, Riverway

## BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Invites you to a free family concert

**Theme** - The Beatles

**Where** - Riverway Arts Centre

**When** - 31st May 7:30pm

**How much** - Free