



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi all

Kelso Proud

Developing effective parent, teacher and student relationships is a vital component in improving educational outcomes of students. Parent/carers play a vital role in supporting and developing positive behaviours both in and out of the classroom. I would like to encourage all of our parent community to actively engage with their child's teacher to enable you to support the individual improvement practices both social and academic. I encourage all parents to develop a communication or contact to routine that allows you to know what are your child's needs and support mechanisms on a regular basis. Being aware, involved and active allows students to see parents and teachers working as partners in improving student outcomes.

We encourage all of our students, staff and parents to be Kelso Proud on a daily basis. Parents and carers can also play a role in modelling respectful, responsible and safe behaviours. I ask all of our parent/carer community to be mindful of their behaviours when they are on school grounds and when interacting with other parents, students and staff. We want all of our parents/carers to be Kelso Proud with us.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA Jayden F
PB Ella B
PC Riley M
PD Abbagail L
1A Annabel L
1B Cooper T
1C Jordan B
1D Kai C
2A Connie D
2B Matthew J
2C Mikaylah B
2D Lilijana H
3A Zane M
3B Tegan R
3C Latayah H
4A Shanade B
4B
4C Matilda M
4D Matilda W
5A Kaitlyn R
5B Lucas L
5C Summer C
5/6D Ella W
6A Gertie S
6B Nathan S

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

Brighton C
Zarlia T
Maleah-Ray
Zara R
Malakai M
Riley S
Emma S
Jamison D
Pheonix W
Matthew J
Adam H
Chloe F
Jack P
Emily K
Nicholas R
Cailin L
Lindsay K
Harrison B
Taylah B
Paige M
Noah D
Beatrice M
Dylan G
Carter B
Pepah Z

ATHLETICS DAY

Students are now practising for Athletics Day on 23 June. All PE classes are being run outside on the oval so all students need hats for the last 5 weeks of school. During week 9 all students in grade 3 and up will compete in high jump during their PE lesson. During week 10 all 800m races will be run during lunch breaks for those students grade 3 and up. Also during week 10 those students grade 3 and up will run in heats for the 100m sprint. **ONLY FINALS FOR 100m WILL BE RUN ON ATHLETICS DAY.** It is important that students are at school to attend these events or they will miss out on them.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Parent and Teacher Coffee \$2.00

EFTPOS now available at Tuckshop for lunch orders and School Hats.

Volunteers are always welcome, come for coffee and cake and see how you can help your school.

DATE CLAIMERS

MAY

26 National Sorry Day
29 May- 2 June National Reconciliation Week

JUNE

21 NAIDOC Celebrations
23 Athletics Day
23 Last day of Term

JULY

10 First Day of Term

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 5

Overall winners – Prep C – 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 absent 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

Congratulations to all classes for participating in the 20 Day Challenge. It was great to see all classes excited and enthusiastic about the 20 day challenge.

The winners of the two awards were:

1. **Most Improved:** the class that has made the **greatest improvement** in their attendance rate from term 1.

Congratulations Class Prep B

2. **20 Day Champions:** the class in which has the **most** students completing the 20 day challenge.

Congratulations Class 4A


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**.

Try for 5

Kelso State School has been invited to participate in the North Queensland Cowboys Try for 5 program. As an overview of the program, each fortnight they will provide the school with merchandise to reward the class with the highest attendance for the fortnight, encouraging an intra-school competition. Good luck to all classes!

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

P&C meeting will be held this Thursday 25th May at 3.15pm in the resource room



Head Lice scratching for answers
The most effective way of detecting and treating head lice;

- For mild head lice conditions
- When cheaper option is preferred
- To avoid the use of chemicals (insecticides)
- For children to learn and do themselves under adult supervision
- In between chemical treatments –use every 2 days to remove young lice as they hatch from the eggs.

KIDS MATTER

Communication Skills for Building Relationships:

Talking with Children: Parenting research has found that many parents or carers talk much more than they listen to children. While it is necessary for adults to communicate their expectations, children also need to be heard in order to feel connected and valued. The way that adults speak can encourage children to respond or to shut down. Listening well, paying attention to what children say and asking specific questions encourage children to talk more. Invite children to talk by giving them space. Often they find it easier to talk when they can be spontaneous, for example, while you are doing an everyday activity with them, rather than sitting down to talk face-to-face.

National Simultaneous Storytime

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017



by TONY WILSON and LAURA WOOD

You are invited to join Kelso State School students and staff as Mrs Cataldo reads the *Cow Tripped over the Moon* at 11.30 am in the Hall on Wednesday 24 May for National Simultaneous Storytime.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 17th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

SMENCILS

Smencils are still available to purchase at 1st break for \$1.20 each.