



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi all

Queensland Day

Even though today is the official Queensland Day, our school celebrated last Friday with our traditional Billy Tea, Damper and whip cracking with Mrs Tulley. Once again I attempted to crack a whip without success, but the good news was that I did not injure myself this year. Well done to Mrs Tulley and her crew for another amazing Queensland Day. A big thank you to Mr Reyes for renovating the seating around the campfire. We look forward to 2018.

Improving Literacy Skills – Hints

Working out difficult words

It is important to give your child time and strategies to read or write any long or unfamiliar words. Before telling your child the word when he or she is reading, try these prompts:

- Look for clues for the word's meaning in the sentence.
- Look at the word closely. Does it look like another word you know?
- Can you break the word down into smaller parts?
- Do the words before and after this word help?
- Before spelling a word for your child when he or she is writing, try asking:
 - Does it look right?
 - Does it sound right?

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

DATE CLAIMERS

JUNE

- 9 Cathy Freeman Netball Cup- Palm Island
- 12 Spunky Funky Food Day
- 21 NAIDOC Celebrations
- 23 Athletics Day
- 23 Last day of Term

JULY

- 10 First Day of Term

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA	Brodie G
PB	Zeike A
PC	Riley D
PD	Dennisha J
1A	Jorja H
1B	Hazel M
1C	Falevai W
1D	Thaiqreed P
2A	Aayva W
2B	Antwone D
2C	Justin H
2D	Tyler B
3A	Vera G
3B	Sarah K
3C	Nicholas R
4A	Zack S
4B	Sarah S
4C	Chase C
4D	Trenton E
5A	Kaden R
5B	Jaron L
5C	Darcy P
5/6D	Ella W
6A	
6B	Jack G

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

Keira-Lee K
Ace C
Sophie W
Klohie
Talayah G
Ellie M
Harry N
Klarissa C
Kendra B
Terry W
Lidia P
Javier W
Jesse P
Riley B
Isabelle F
Lily T
Tobey M
Aaron F
Riley S
Aaliyah L
Shaiyan S
Ethan S
Jayden I
Kenta M
Talik M

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.

SUPER FUNKY FOOD DAY - (Red Day) -

Monday 12th June - not by order but by first in first served at the Tuckshop window for 1st and 2nd break - Lollies, Juice Bombs, Assorted Chips, Dagwoods - prices range from **\$0.50 to \$3.00** - please see brochure going home and in the classroom.

EFTPOS now available in the Tuckshop for purchase of School Hats and lunch orders.

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 7 Attendance Champions (At or above 95%)

3C – 96%

Overall winners – Prep B – 99%

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.

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.

Congratulations to Prep C and 3B for being the fortnightly winners.

Best of luck to all classes for the next fortnight.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME

Just a reminder that Voluntary Contribution payments can be made at the office via cash or EFTPOS. \$40 per child or instalments of \$10.


BUS ZONES

It is an offence to park in a bus zone. Anyone seen using the bus zone as a stop and drop area will be issued with an infringement notice.



TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Competition will begin Wednesday 31st May at second break outside the library. Year 6 volunteers for refereeing duties are also welcome. There will be weekly prizes and ribbons with the finalists receiving a trophy. The competition will run through term 2 and 3.



Head lice scratching for answers
What to do if the product doesn't work
If the product is not effective, i.e. head lice are not dead at the end of exposure time, you can switch to the non-chemical method while waiting 7-10 days before re-treating with a different active ingredient. Continue checking the effectiveness of treatment products until an effective product is found, or use the non-chemical method.

KIDS MATTER

Communication Skills for Building

Relationships: Problem Solving

Addressing and solving problems supportively helps to strengthen family relationships. This involves:

- Identifying the problem that needs to be solved, rather than judging the person
- Making sure that everyone's concerns are listened to
- Coming up with a range of options or alternatives and thinking them through together
- Choosing a solution or action plan that everyone involved can agree with
- Trying it out and checking how it goes

Using a family problem solving approach helps to avoid blaming, demonstrates support for family members and helps build togetherness

It is also a very effective way of helping children learn skills for problem solving and decision making that they can use in many different situations

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Riverway Drive Duplication Project

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise that works will soon commence on the Riverway Drive Duplication project. This project will duplicate a 3 km section of Riverway Drive between Gollogly Lane and Allambie Lane, Rasmussen. From June 2017 speed restrictions will be in place along Riverway Drive. The speed reduction is necessary for the safety of all road users and workers. When travelling on this section of Riverway Drive, please be aware of changed traffic conditions.