



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi all

Semester 1 Reporting

As report cards are set go out at the end of this semester I thought it would be an opportunity to share with you thoughts around a 'C' level of achievement on your child's report card.

When your child is assigned a "C" for an assessment task or is assigned a "C" in a subject area on the Report Card, then you can be assured that your child has shown that they have demonstrated the EXPECTED KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS NECESSARY AT THAT YEAR LEVEL. This is an achievement to be celebrated!

If your child achieves a "B" or an "A" then it is indicative that the student is achieving ABOVE the expected knowledge, understanding and skills at their year level. Generally speaking, an A or B level of achievement demonstrates that your child is using HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS in their tasks. Our teaching staff teach to the "C", "B" and "A" levels of achievement allowing all students to work towards the outstanding level of an "A" in all subjects.

This semester we are trialing a new method of reporting to parents that removes excessive comments in general subject areas on the report card, English, Maths Science etc. Students will only receive their assigned grade (A, B, C, D or E) and a general academic comment summarising achievement and overall behavioural comment. We are looking at ways that make our report cards and reporting to parents more effective for all parties involved. If you require a follow up interview with your class teacher you will have an opportunity to do so at the beginning of next term.

Understanding that your child is doing really well if they achieve a "C" level of achievement and that your child is doing extremely well if they are achieving above a "C" will help to celebrate your child's achievement.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
Patrick McDonnell

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA	Ellah O
PB	Laylah S
PC	Jonah P
PD	Bryton B
1A	Tamia W
1B	Skylah F
1C	Jacob F
1D	Khyvii R
2A	Jarvis K
2B	Scarlette F
2C	Hunter C
2D	Nathaniel H
3A	Sarah D
3B	Aleah P
3C	Cliffy A
4A	Emily J
4B	Maleke P
4C	Hannah A
4D	Kylissa C
5A	Grace F
5B	Chloe B
5C	Samantha C
5/6D	Chloe H
6A	Mikayla O
6B	George M

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

Mathias J
Riley M
Skylah H
Sienna S
Alecia R
Darlah D
Addison M
Lillian S
Mitchell S
Hudson K
Zack I
Natalia W
Rhys H
Zianna M
Kadyn C
Jaegar B
Sarah S
Chase C
Elijah R
Xavier M
Noah D
Annalomi N
Shaylee H
Paige R
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.

DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van will be closed for the School Holidays. Any Dental Emergencies can contact the Kirwan Health Campus-Dental Clinic on 44339900. The Dental Van will re-open again when School goes back after the School Holidays.



DATE CLAIMERS

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.

Overall winners – Prep C – 95%

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.

SMS ATTENDANCE ALERTS

The safety and wellbeing of our students are of the highest priority. Parents need to know if their child has not turned up for school and schools need to know when and why the student is absent.

Our automated attendance software sends SMS alerts if your child is marked absent. To avoid receiving these messages, please inform the school of your child's absence before 9.30am.

If your child arrives at school after 8.50am, they are required to come to the office to get a late slip in order to be marked present, or a SMS message will be issued. If you receive a SMS, you can simply reply and the absence will be recorded on our system.

SCHOOL PICK UPS

Please ensure your child knows how they are getting home in the afternoon. They should know who is collecting them, where they are to meet, or which bus they are to get on. Please don't hesitate to call the office should your circumstances change throughout the day, but please do so before 2.45pm. Children often get distressed when they are not collected promptly.

PANCAKES

On Friday 23rd June, Chappy Mark will be serving FREE pancakes. So come and join him in the CPA from 8.00am-8.30am



HEAD LICE: SCRATCHING FOR ANSWERS HOW DO HEAD LICE MOVE FROM ONE HEAD TO ANOTHER?



Head lice are like trapeze artists- they swing from hair to hair using their strong claws. Head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another.

Electrostatic charge from combing dry hair can fling head lice up to 1 metre.

Only the young lice and adult lice can move from one head to another.

KIDS MATTER

Listening and Talking:

It is easier for other to listen and accept your point of view when the way you say it communicates respect and caring. For example, Robert could say to Luke, "I know you had to get your science project done, but I still want you to say "hello" when I come home." This shows that Robert understands Luke's position, and wants Luke to understand his. Small things, like saying "How was your day?" and really listening to the answer, make a difference to the quality of communication in families. Saying "sorry" when you make a mistake or hurt someone's feelings is also really important.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Everyone's family



WOULD YOU LIKE \$500 TO ASSIST WITH SPORTING AND/OR EDUCATIONAL COSTS IN 2018??

PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE THE STRESS OF SCHOOL COSTS IN 2018 FOR CAMPS, SCHOOL TRIPS, COMPUTER NEEDS & MORE!!!

JUNE start- receive matched \$\$ in APRIL 2018

JULY start- receive matched \$\$ in MAY 2018

Would you like \$500 to help pay for your uniforms, Resource Fees, sporting costs, music lessons, camps, excursions, school-related overseas trips, or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for education costs dollar for dollar, up to \$500. Wouldn't it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the

Saver Plus Program!!

To be eligible you need to answer **YES** to **all** criteria below:

- I hold a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- I have children at school now or starting next year, or I am attending vocational education myself at TAFE or Uni.
- I have some form of household income from work, (myself or a partner) has part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment. Cash in hand is ok, so can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- I have **not** received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information, please contact me ASAP:

Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Coordinator

Call – 0418 201 533 OR

SMS your name to - 0418 201 533



BE A FOSTER CARER

We need Foster Carers to share their home, heart and time with a child or young person.

Children in foster care need committed, trustworthy and resilient adults to guide them to a positive future.

If you can be the positive change in a child's life, contact us today.

Foster Care - It's Life Changing

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We all share the responsibility for child safety