



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Congratulations to the Attendance Champions for this week Prep B. It is great to see our Prep setting the example in what is a significant indicator of student success, attendance.

Farewell

This week I have had the opportunity to reflect on the last seven years as Principal of Kelso State School. What stands out for me time and time again is the commitment of our staff, students and community to strive to be Kelso Proud. Over the years I have been blessed to have worked with school staff that not only shared my commitment to building a school for our whole community to be proud of, but one in which students strive to be respectful, responsible and safe.

A big thank you must go out to our amazing P&C, parents and community members for supporting us in our journey to continually strive and make Kelso State School the best school in Townsville. As of Monday I will be transitioning from Kelso State School Principal to parent.

I would like to formally welcome and congratulate Mr Darrell Sard on his appointment as new Principal of Kelso State School. Darrell will be visiting the school for the last 3 days of the week, getting to know our staff, students and community. Darrell is a North Queensland local coming to us from Hughenden State School. I know our staff, students and community will make him feel at home and part of the Kelso SS family.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA	Cali N
PB	Ella B
PC	Alayah P
PD	Jerrey D
1A	Talaya G
1B	Tannen W
1C	Falevai W
1D	Amelia F
2A	Loha P
2B	Dyneesha T
2C	Gemma W
2D	Michael B
3A	Jack P
3B	Taj D
3C	Chad F
4A	Angelica C
4B	Marcus H
4C	Kein H
4D	Sam B
5A	Katelin M
5B	Ashley C
5C	Shontara A
5/6D	Tarquinn F
6A	Danny W
6B	Georgia M

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

Ivy B
Dylan P
Jonah P
Kiarlee E
Cobee H
Emily N
Amelia R
Tavish M
Miley W
Jake B
Justin H
Leonie M
Kyle C
Ashton W
Zachary R
Cailin L
Maija K
Makayla S
Mani O
Blayde H
Shaiyan S
Annalomi N
Nathan L
Toby B
Christine B

TUCKSHOP

The P&C Committee would like to welcome our new Tuckshop Convenor Mrs Danielle Young to our School Community. Mrs Young is very excited to join us here at Kelso and is looking forward to meeting Staff, Students & Community members. We would like to invite all our dedicated past & present volunteers back for Term 3.

If you would like to join the Tuckshop Team please Email: tuckshop.kelsopandc@gmail.com or call 47896226.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Kelso State School is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn.

Simply collect 1 sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths and bring them into the office. The more stickers collected the more resources we can earn for our school. **Starts 26 July**, so get collecting!



DATE CLAIMERS

JULY

- 26 Challenge Games
- 26 Book Club Due
- 31 Thuringowa SHS Taster Day

AUG

- 2 Thuringowa SHS Band
- 10 Red Track

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance target is **95%**. All classes have been challenged to strive to be our class **Attendance Champions** for the week.

Term 3, Week 1 Attendance Champions (At or above 95%)

Overall winners – Prep B 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.

THURINGOWA TASTER DAY

Next Monday, 31 July, all year 6 students will be attending a high school taster day at Thuringowa SHS. This is not their high school transition day and all students will attend, regardless of what high school they are going to next year. Students are required to be in full school uniform with a blue hat, a water bottle, morning/afternoon tea and bring a book and pencil case. Students will be leaving at 9:00am and will be back by 2:30pm. There is no cost involved for students and Thuringowa SHS will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch. More information was sent home with students on Monday. Official high school transition days will be advised later in the year.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Family photos can be collected from the Office. Year 6, Year 6 muck up, Student Council and School Leaders photos are on display in the CPA and can be ordered at the office for \$20. Please pay in cash, no change is available.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY CLOTHING

If your child has recently required use of our school emergency clothing, we ask that you wash and return the item to the office as our stock gets depleted when items are not returned. If you have any uniforms that your child has outgrown and wish to donate them to the school it would be greatly appreciated.

THURINGOWA SHS BAND

Year 3- 6 students will be entertained by the Thuringowa SHS Band. Concert will be held in the hall Wednesday 2 August 12.00-12.50pm.

ATSIAP

Last week, the 19th July we sent two teams to compete in the junior ATSIAP (*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirational Program*). We were very proud of the student's efforts on this day. Team 1 – Nathan Logan, Natalia Daley, Kein Homer and Trinity Toby. Team 2 – Mercya Day, Noah Dawson, Danzael Pryor and Chloe-Jayne Frazer. We are happy to report that Team 2 won first place for their poetry submission. Please see their poem below

Home Talk Is Our Way

Many people cannot understand our speech
Open your mind and we will teach
You say sister, we say tidda
You say brother, we say bala

Some say we don't speak the right way
Home talk is our only way
You say family, we say mob
You say embarrassed, we say shame job

We are taught to use SAE at school
Learn our language as another tool
You say goodbye, we say yawa
You say cousin, we say cuz

Our language does matter today
Our language is here to stay
You say food, we say kai kai
You say you are very good, we say we are the
deadliest!

2018 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2018. If your child was born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 he/she is eligible to enrol. It is a requirement of the Queensland Education Department that a birth certificate must be sighted before the child can commence school in 2018. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the department's State Schools Division to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about the important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve. Each family should receive a blue online access letter which will enable them to complete the survey.

Survey opens Monday 31 July and closes Friday 25 August.

Please get involved and have your say!