



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hello everyone to introduce myself I am Darrell Sard the new Principal of Kelso State School. I was born in Adelaide South Australia and I am the youngest of three sons. My father, mother and stepfather all served in the defence force (Airforce and Army) having also completed tours in Cambodia, the Solomon's and Malaysia (as a family we lived on Penang Island during the Vietnam Conflict whilst my father served on the airbase at Butterworth) I was also a RAAF cadet serving for 6 years and attaining the rank of cadet officer. Sadly colour blindness prevented me from joining the ADF.

I completed my teacher training in South Australia and then lived in a variety of locations throughout the Northern Territory as both teacher and small school principal from 1988 until 1996. I then transferred to Queensland where I have worked since in various roles as Classroom Teacher, Head of Department, Regional Literacy Manager, Turn-Around Team Project Officer and Principal.

I have three daughters, one son (who I raised as a sole parent) and three wonderful granddaughters. All of my family currently live between Townsville, Sydney, The Sunshine and Gold Coasts. I am passionate about education and I believe that we all should be relentless in our pursuit of excellence in education regardless of the hurdles or obstacles we may encounter.

Kelso is a great school and I am very proud to be your principal, please say hello when you next see me.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
Darrell Sard
(Principal)

We tend to get what we expect. (Norman Vincent Peale)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA	Brodie G
PB	Mackenzie S
PC	Constantino A
PD	Mia D
1A	Lattrel C
1B	Lincoln F
1C	Xiva P
1D	Klarissa C
2A	Tasharli H
2B	Johnathan D
2C	Zack I
2D	Leyla B
3A	Eloura L
3B	Zianna M
3C	Wraith L
4A	Shanade B
4B	Keira W
4C	Toma A
4D	Jazmyn L
5A	Aiden S
5B	Noah D
5C	Summer C
5/6D	Aiden B
6A	Tannae A
6B	Dakota M

GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

Amy S
Blake T
Ivy C
Zara R
Jorja H
Caitlyn B
Kingston R
Rakiah S
Layla B
Dyneesha T
Jeremiah R
Micheal B
Kyra R
Troy L
Alexander P
Mikah C
Sammy F
Heather H
Zayden H
Arabella R
Jaron L
Emily G
Andie W
Maria D
William P



STUDENT INFORMATION

It is important that the school has current contact and custody information for our students. Please phone our school office on 47896222 to change or check that all address, phone contact and custody information is current.

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!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

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.

DATE CLAIMERS

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- 2 Thuringowa SHS Band
- 9 The NED show
- 10 Red Track
- 29-31 Father's Day Stall

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.



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 3 Attendance Champions

Overall winners – 4A 92%

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.

The NED Show

The NED Show, which is a character education assembly, is coming to Kelso School on Wednesday 9th August. The whole school will attend this assembly at 10am. It focuses around 3 important messages;

- Never give up
- Encourage others
- Do your best

There are even activities you can download and use at home! For more information please see the flyer that was handed out with the newsletter.

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 have received 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!

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.



Head lice-Scratching for answers
Why does my child keep getting re-infected?
Re-infection is the least likely reason for head lice returning in a week's time. If eggs do not die, or were not removed during the original treatment they may hatch and the lifecycle starts all over again. To break this lifecycle you must re-treat (regardless of the treatment method) seven days after the first treatment and continue weekly checking.

FAMILY LIFE OFTEN COMES WITH A BUSY SCHEDULE. IT ISN'T ALWAYS EASY TO PUT A MEAL ON THE TABLE, LET ALONE GET THE WHOLE FAMILY TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER TO ENJOY IT. BUT A REGULAR FAMILY MEALTIME IS WORTH THE EFFORT.

1. Set aside regular times to eat together

Having your meal at a table, with the television and phones turned off, can make this time even more special.

2. Reduce the rush

If you allow around half an hour for family meals, it gives your children plenty of time to eat. This also gives you time to relax, chat and enjoy your family.

3. Get everyone involved

Involving your family in choosing and preparing the meal increases the chance that they'll eat it. It can also help fussy eaters to try new food.

4. Use family meals as a chance to talk

Ask your child questions that need more than a yes-or-no answer. For example, 'Tell me one great thing that happened at school today'.

5. Reward good behaviour

When your younger children are eating nicely, using good manners and trying different foods, try to reward them with some descriptive praise. Tell them what they're doing well.

6. Be creative with mealtimes

When you have the time and opportunity, having some fun with mealtimes can give the whole family something to look forward to. For example, on a weekend you might:

- make healthy pancakes for breakfast
- have a picnic at the park
- invite a special guest over for dinner
- create a meal with a theme – eg; food from a different country



FREE ARTS AND CRAFTS GROUP

Ages 5-12 years

Fun and free activities!

Thursday Afternoon 3-4pm

Afternoon Tea provided

Upper Ross Community Centre

1/43 Allambie Lane Rasmussen

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