



# KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

This week Mr Lenti and Mr Sard are attending the Management of Actual or Potential Aggression (MAPA) training program. Changes in current legislation have prompted Education Queensland to arrange this training, which aims to ensure that everyone involved in crisis situations, which include; disruptive, challenging, or violent behaviour, can maintain the Care, Welfare, Safety and Security of everyone.

By the end of the course Mr Lenti and Mr Sard will be certified as MAPA facilitators and will be qualified to deliver the course to all staff of Kelso State School and any other departmental employees, as required.

The ultimate intention is to ensure that everyone gains the essential knowledge, skills and confidence to prevent, decelerate and de-escalate crisis situations so that restrictive practices can be avoided. Additionally staff will also gain the necessary skills to manage risk behaviour, should it occur, using a range of MAPA physical interventions that aim to minimise risk without damaging the professional and supportive relationships with the students in our care.

Please feel free to ask Mr Lenti or Mr Sard for more information about the training should you have any questions or queries.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

PA	Amy S
PB	Layla S
PC	Riley D
PD	Braith F
1A	Sharisha S
1B	Cooper T
1C	Addison M
1D	Rakiah S
2A	Kendra B
2B	Madison W
2C	Lidia P
2D	Norma S
3A	Zarah C
3B	Kaylee B
3C	Alanah H
4A	Cailin L
4B	Maija K
4C	Dacey T
4D	Fenton T
5A	Madeline B
5B	Shaiyan S
5C	Summer C
5/6D	Shaylee H
6A	Ella H
6B	

## GOTCHA OF THE WEEK

Tyler H
Ace C
Sophie W
Barry D
Gabrielle B
Riley S
Laura W
Khyvii R
Porcia R
Dyneesha T
Simon P
Leyla B
Kyle C
Tegan R
Jasmine H
Jack H
Tobey M
Mitch S
Eve K
Arabella R
Chloe B
Shontara A
Jayden I

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Congratulations to our school community for participating in the collection of stickers. Kelso School collected a total of 45 600 stickers. This will allow us to purchase some wonderful resources. Well done and thank you to everyone.

## PREP INFORMATION SESSION

**Parents/Caregivers** have the chance to meet the teachers for information about:

- The National Curriculum
- The Early Years Curriculum
- and The Prep Program

**Date:** Tuesday 17 October 2017

**Time:** Morning session: 9.15am—10.00am or  
Evening session: 5.30pm—6.30pm

**Venue:** Prep Building

## PUPIL FREE DAY

**MONDAY 16 OCTOBER** is a Pupil Free Day. Students are not required to come to school this day. School will be closed while staff is involved in Professional Development activities.

## DATE CLAIMERS

### OCT

16	Pupil Free Day
17	Prep Information Session
20	Book Club Orders Due

**END OF YEAR TRANSFERS** - Are you leaving Kelso State School at the end of this year?

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we will soon be starting to organise classes for 2018. To do this, we will need to know how many students will be in each year level so please advise the school office **as soon as possible** if your child will be leaving Kelso State School.

## 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 4, Week 1 Attendance Champions**

**Overall winners – 1C 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. 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.

## ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Letters informing you about your child's attendance rate will be sent home this week. Please make sure you ask students for these letters and are informed about your student's attendance. Remember, every day counts!!

## KELSO STATE SCHOOL IS A PROUD REEF GUARDIAN SCHOOL.



As a Reef Guardian school we are constantly investigating ways to reduce our impact on the environment and make our school an ecologically friendly school.

Starting in week 3 we will be having Nude Food Tuesdays and Popper Free Fridays.

Both activities reduce the amount of plastic in our school, which is important as plastic NEVER BREAKS DOWN.

**Nude Food Tuesdays:** Students whose parents choose to participate, are asked to bring a lunch without any wrappers instead, using re-usable containers.

Teachers will count how many Nude Lunches they have and the class with the most Nude Lunches will get 30 tickets for their students to a Tuesday disco.

**Popper Free Fridays:** Students whose parents choose to participate, are asked to not bring any poppers or drinks with straws on Fridays. Instead students could bring a re-usable drink bottle with their juice or water in it. Teachers will count how many Popper Free students they have and the class with the least amount of poppers will win 30 tickets for their students to a Tuesday disco.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school and our Reef Guardian projects. If you have any questions please contact our Reef Guardian Coordinator, Mrs Fox, at [kfox55@eq.edu.au](mailto:kfox55@eq.edu.au)

## KELSO STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP UPDATE

Ms Melissa Holland-Neale has kindly agreed to Manage our Tuckshop on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday **mornings only** from 8:30 to 11:30am for the remainder of this year. Therefore, **Tuckshop will be open for first break lunches only FROM THIS THURSDAY.**

To ensure our Tuckshop remains open at the above times, we are still in need of Volunteers to assist Melissa in the Tuckshop. Please contact Melissa on 4789 6226.

The current Tuckshop menu will remain in place except those items scheduled for Wednesday as the **Tuckshop will be closed on Wednesdays.**

Just to remind our staff, parents, carers and students, **Credit is not available from the Tuckshop.**

## IMPORTANT!!! KELSO STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

**The next P & C Meeting will take place at 3:15pm Thursday 26 October in the Resource Centre (building behind Amenities 1). We would love to see as many new faces as possible. Everyone welcome.**

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place in February 2018. The actual date will be advertised early next year.

All Executive Positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be declared vacant.

Positions of Fundraising Coordinator and School Banking Coordinator will also be declared vacant.

We encourage as many parents, carers and members of our School Community to attend this meeting. **If there is no P & C Executive we will not have a P & C. Without a P & C we will not have a Tuckshop or any fundraising events.**

**Your School's P & C needs you.** If you are unable to attend the AGM meeting but would like to nominate for one of the positions please email [president.kelsopandc@gmail.com](mailto:president.kelsopandc@gmail.com) or contact the school on 47896222 and leave a message which will be passed onto our current President, Rebecca Forster. **To have a P & C and Tuckshop we need P & C Members and Volunteers.**

## **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.