



# KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

### Enrolments and class changes

A big thankyou needs to go out to our entire community for their support in getting back to school and learning for our annual day 8 enrolment census. It is with great pleasure that I let our community know that 537 students are now part of our Kelso State School family. This includes 87 Prep students currently sitting in our 3 Prep classes. As a result we are now in the process of staffing for a 4<sup>th</sup> Prep class that will significantly reduce the current numbers in our 3 Prep classes creating a more productive learning environment for all students. Once this new class has been staffed we will be able to inform all Prep parents, who will be moving into Prep D. I am endeavouring to resolve this issue as soon as possible and know that as much of an disruption this will be for parents, staff and students, the opportunity to have significantly smaller classes will immediately improve the potential learning outcomes of all Prep students. We thank all Prep parents for their support with this class change. Please keep an eye out for correspondence from your teacher in the next couple of weeks.

To make room for this new Prep class there will be some minor disruptions to some classes in years 1 and 2. On Thursday 11 February, Mrs Tulley's 2C will be moving out of her current classroom into Teaching Block 2 in the classroom right next to the library. On Friday 12 February Mrs Munro's 1A will be moving out of her modular building into Block 1 (Mrs Tulley's room next to the veggie garden). Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with their new classrooms and surroundings.

### School Priorities

It is important that all members of our school community are aware of our school priorities for improvement;

- Attendance – Everyday Counts
- Reading
- Writing
- Closing the Gap
- Explicit teaching of the Australian Curriculum through the C2C

These will be the business of Kelso for 2016

### Dogs at school

Can all members of our school community please be mindful that if you're in possession of a dog around our school grounds it is your responsibility to ensure that the animal is secured and restrained. We have had recent occurrences of students being approached and threatened by unrestrained dogs.

At Kelso SS we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards  
Patrick McDonnell  
(Principal)

## Congratulations for a job well done.

|      | STUDENT<br>OF THE WEEK | GOTCHA<br>OF THE WEEK |
|------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| PA   | Amelia F               | Alekai W              |
| PB   | Charlee S              | Tamia W               |
| PC   | Jorja H                | Millicent P           |
| 1A   | Ananda B               | Maeghan M             |
| 1B   | Arthur J               | Jayden P              |
| 1C   | Terry W                | Kain W                |
| 1D   | Loha P                 | Cyarne W              |
| 2A   | Kaylee B               | Tegan R               |
| 2B   | Nicholas R             | Kyan W                |
| 2C   | Eva G                  | Shania P              |
| 3A   | Jack H                 | Marcus H              |
| 3B   | Jasmine D              | Mitchell W            |
| 3C   |                        |                       |
| 3/4D | Kasey W                | Danzael P             |
| 4A   | Shontara A             | Addison J             |
| 4B   | Ronald R               | Chloe B               |
| 5A   | Jay A                  | Chloe H               |
| 5B   | Skye H                 | Paige R               |
| 5/6C | Justin T               | Mercya D              |
| 6A   | Darla S                | Nakiyah B             |
| 6B   | Eli M                  | Ebonie B              |

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

We now have online ordering available. To register your child - go to [info@ouronlinecanteen.com](mailto:info@ouronlinecanteen.com).

The specials that will run every week are:

Dagwood Dogs..... \$2.50

Crumbed Sausage's..... \$2.00

And also we have a new line available - LOL fruit drinks for \$2.50

Term 1 every Wednesday afternoon – frozen cups.



The tuckshop will be open every Friday afternoon.

## BOOK CLUB

Book club orders and payments are due back by this Friday, 12 February.



## WET WEATHER DAYS

Parents are urged to create a plan with their children as to what they should do in the event of severe wet weather or storm at the conclusion of the school day.

## DATE CLAIMERS

### FEB

9 Swimming Trials 6.30pm

26 P & C AGM

### MAR

14 Interschool Swimming Carnival

24 Cross Country

**P & C Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm. The Annual General Meeting for this year will be on Friday 26 February at 10am.**

## MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Should it be necessary for your child to be given medication at school, Teacher Aides can supervise and assist in this procedure if:-

- an authority form, containing particulars of medication, nature of ailment, doctor's name address, time/s for medication, and dosage, is completed at the office; authority forms may also be downloaded from the School's website.
- the prescribed medication and a suitable measure (if applicable) are supplied. The medication should carry the chemist's label identifying the name of the child, and dosage.

A school authority is required for any prescribed medicines and asthma inhalers. For safety purposes if ongoing medication is required for a child, **parents** are required to deliver the medication to the office in the prescribed bottle or packet personally, especially medicines identified as narcotic based such as Dexamphetamine, Ritalin, Methylphenidate.

**Education Queensland policy doesn't permit school staff to administer analgesics such as aspirin, paracetamol, cough medicine or other proprietary brands of medicine unless it carries a prescription label.**

Children can carry their asthma sprays during sports or other activities as required. At all other times we ask that your child leaves their asthma inhaler with their teacher for safe keeping. Asthma inhalers should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

A letter from a medical doctor is required for children who require ongoing medication or who require medication on standby for allergic reactions. Any changes of dosage or ceasing of medication is to also have a letter from their doctor.

## MONEY AT SCHOOL

Unless required for some specific activity, money other than for lunch orders should not be brought to school. Children are not permitted to present money of \$20 or over at the tuckshop.



## SWIMMING TRIALS

On Tuesday 9 February we will be holding our school swimming trials at Kirwan Aquatic Centre at 6:30pm. Parents/Caregivers of students are asked to bring along their child and watch them swim. After your child's race you may take them home. The program on the night will run starting with the 8yr olds born in 2008 and finally finish with 12yr olds. Students that participate will swim a 25m freestyle race only. This trial will be used to select the swimmers to represent our school at the 2016 Interschool Swimming Carnival during the coming weeks.

## HOMEWORK CLUB – YEARS 1 to 6

Our Homework Club will commence **Tuesday 23 February 2016** for all our students in **Years 1 to 6** to come along and receive help to complete their homework or any assignments students need to complete.

The students will be supported by a number of teachers volunteering their time. The Computer Room will be where the Homework Club will be based.

### **Homework Club Sessions will be as follows:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:  
8:15am – 8:45am in the Computer Room.

Session numbers each morning will be limited to the amount of teachers who are able to support. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Miss Budby.



### **Head Lice scratching for answers** **The most effective way of detecting and treating head lice;**

- For mild head lice conditions
- When cheaper option is preferred
- To avoid the use of chemicals (insecticides)
- For children to learn and do themselves under adult supervision
- In between chemical treatments –use every 2 days to remove young lice as they hatch from the eggs.

## SUN & SPORT SAFETY

Factor 30+ sunscreen is available in all classrooms for use by students. If your child has an allergy to sunscreen the school will need to be advised in writing of this and your child will need to bring a suitable sunscreen from home.

**Kelso Bucket Hats:** - Kelso State School 'Bucket Hats' have been produced in line with sun-safe guidelines and designed to give good protection to the nose, ear and back neck areas of the wearer. The Kelso Bucket Hat is part of our official uniform and is available from the tuckshop.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### PCYC BLUE LIGHT DISCO

#### **Cowboys and Cowgirls Theme Party**

Friday 26 February 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Cost \$5 per child (Children from 5 to 12 years)  
Fully supervised disco. Canteen food available – including hot food.