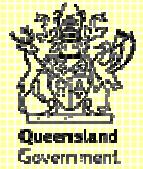


KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school's best parent information resource.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Welcome to the start of 2016, a year that I already know is going to be both extremely busy and rewarding. Congratulations to all of our Kelso community for being back at school on time and making the most of the first learning opportunities of the year. Enrolments numbers are through the roof with over 530 students and their families calling our school home.

As you are all aware this first 8 days of school are crucial for finalising enrolment numbers that affect both funding and resourcing for the year. Students enrolled and in class before this first 8 days contribute to accurate staffing and resourcing. Due to the significant numbers of students that have enrolled in the Prep to Year 4 classes, we will be making some forced changes to reduce class numbers creating an immediate impact on the learning conditions and opportunities for students in these year levels.

Students in years 1, 2, 3 and 4 may be affected by class moves that will be made **tomorrow** morning. These include;

- The 1/2D composite will become a straight year 1 class with the year 2 students being put into the current year 2 classes that have low numbers in them.
- As we have very high numbers in the year 3 cohort and lower numbers in the year 4 cohort we will be creating a 3/4 composite using existing staff.
- After our enrolment census on day 8 we will be planning the formation of a 4th Prep class as we currently have 29 students in each prep class. The actual date and time of this move will be guided by regional office and staffing considerations.

All efforts will be made to facilitate these class moves with the least amount of disruption and the students' best interests in mind. Students affected (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4) will receive notification this afternoon.

Over the next couple of weeks the construction of our school security fence will be starting and will take up to 2 weeks to be complete. We are expecting only minor disruptions to our school routines during this period. Once the fence is completed we will inform our school community about the new procedures for entering and exiting the school grounds. Please check our school newsletter for this information in the next few weeks. The security fence will be used to not only stop the persistent and destructive vandalism at our school, it will also ensure that people who are not meant to be on the school grounds are restricted from doing so.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

Congratulations for a job well done.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK	GOTCHA OF THE WEEK	
PA	William B	John B
PB	Kai C	Travel N
PC	Tannen W	Dinah M
1A	Maeghan M	
1B	Haylii S	Jeremiah R
1C	Leonie M	Emmi M
1/2D	Kadyn C	Dyneesha T
2A	Tegan R	Taj D
2B	Latayah H	Ryker K
2C	Emily K	Mathew L
3A	Shanade B	Mya L
3B	Zack S	Makayla S
3C	Katie W	Farraliah T
4A	Ella W	Tamrin S
4B	Katelin M	Paige B
4C	Tobi C	Darcy P
5A	Chloe H	Daniel H
5B	Mikayla O	Joshua W
5/6C	Amber M	Justin T
6A	Claire K	Kadafi N
6B	Charlie W	Tania M

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We now have online ordering available. To register your child - go to 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

The tuckshop will be open every Friday afternoon.

KELSO SCHOOL SONG

Verse 1

At Kelso School we strive together
To always do our best
At work or play we'll show the way
In everything we do and say
The future's in our hands

Verse 2

With pride we seek to meet the challenge
With friendship leading the way
We'll help each other to learn and grow
We'll represent our school and know
The future's in our hands.

DATE CLAIMERS

- FEB
- 9 Swimming Trials 6.30pm
- MAR
- 14 Interschool Swimming Carnival
- 24 Cross Country
- APR
- 15 School Photos

P & C Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm

SCHOOL TIMES

Session One: 8.50am to 10.50am
Session Two 11.30am to 1.00pm
Session Three: 1.30pm to 2.50pm

TERM 1 DATES

Wednesday 27 Jan to Thursday 24 March
Term 2 resumes on Monday 11 April



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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A whole school assembly is held at 9am each Tuesday morning in the School Hall. The assembly is led by our elected school leaders and all parents are welcome and in fact encouraged to attend.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Children who arrive at school before 8.30am must sit quietly under the main covered area. Children are supervised in this area between 8am and 8.30am when they are released to allow them to sit outside their classrooms.

Children arriving on bikes will walk their bikes in front of the school and inside the school grounds to the bike racks.

AFTER SCHOOL

Prep students should be collected from their classrooms by their parents or caregivers. Prep to Year 2 bus children will be collected from classes at the end of the day by a Teacher Aide at 2.40pm. Year 3 to 6 students will be excused from class at this time and they will walk to the main undercover area and remain seated until directed to walk to the buss by the supervisor.

Children riding bicycles will go to bike racks and walk their bikes from inside the school grounds to the external perimeter and walk their bikes whilst in front of the school grounds

Children waiting for parents will go immediately to the front gate and remain inside the fence.

The last school bell rings at 3.10pm. Children who are still at school at this time must come to the office to be supervised.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Our school crossing supervisors are on duty at Riverway Drive and Yvette Street crossings from 8.05am to 8.50am each morning and from 2.50 to 3.20pm each afternoon.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Parents are asked to use Yvette Street at the front of the school or Gower Street at the western entry.

When driving in the vicinity of the school please note the 40kph zones.

Please DO NOT use the turning circle area adjacent to the car park in the school grounds except for children with a disability.

ACCESS TO STUDENTS

It is our policy to allow only custodial parents, care givers or nominated emergency contacts access to students at any time. In certain situations, where access is required by someone other than those people nominated on the enrolment form, written or verbal permission is to be given to the school by the parent.

All visitors to the school must sign in at the school office.

C & K KINDERGARTEN

Kindy at NO COST!

Pay nothing for Term 1 in 2016 if you enrol at a C & K branch service between 1 December and 3 February 2016.

This offer applies if you hold a current Australian Government Health Care Card or identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

For more information visit www.candk.asn.au/nocostkindy or call 1800177092.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2016

School Captains

Tania M and Grace T

Vice Captains

Amy H and Kira W

Indigenous Leader

Keanu P

House Leaders

Bibringa

Star C
Chloe W

Korowa

Jakota F
Briseis T

Mankoor

Karleighah M
Jaynaigha P

Tallaboi

Keira A
Logan K