



# KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Welcome to week 4 in what has already proven to be a very busy beginning to another year. Due to a large number of enrolments across prep, we have had to reshuffle our classes. Miss Sarah Smith has joined our teaching staff and will be teaching Prep D. Today I have seen all our students and their new teacher settled into their new class, ready to get on with the business of learning. We understand that these changes after day 8 can be inconvenient; however, we look at these experiences as opportunities for our students to develop resilience and an ability to cope with change.

Congratulations to our five school leaders, (Tania M, Grace T, Keanu P, Amy H and Kira W) on completing the Grip Leadership Conference at the Mercure Inn successfully. Our students were extremely well behaved and excellent ambassadors showing Kelso Pride. Many staff and parents from other schools complemented us on our neatness and behaviour.

We are currently dealing with a number of inappropriate behaviours and incidents that are putting the safety of our Kelso students, staff and parents at risk. We do have a number of parents who have allocated disabled parking spaces in the staff car parks. Unfortunately other parents are parking illegally in these spaces, causing great distress, especially in the prep staff parking area. Can we remind all parents that parking in staff carparks is not allowed, as it is not safe to manoeuvre cars around when the students are entering and exiting the school grounds.

At Kelso SS 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	Lillian S	Jarrold M
PB	Ashley I	Jack W
PC	Jack G	Ariahne F
1A	Grace B	Jayde R
1B	Oliver S	Corey I
1C	Madison W	Lincoln A
1D	Jayde B	Scarlette F
2A	Mia M	Jasmine H
2B	Tiona N	Ryan K
2C	Jack W	Isabella T
3A	Kayley M	Trenton E
3B	Lily T	Mia W
3C	Logan W	Maija K
3/4D	Toma A	Tobi C
4A	Tamrin S	Tamrin S
4B	Aiden B	Shaylee H
5A	Shanai L	Emily B
5B	Talon F	Alvin T
5/6C	Amy H	Jordan R
6A	Tuakana N	Keira A
6B	Leila M	Nathan J

## 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.

## STUDENT LEADERS BADGE CEREMONY

This year's Student Leaders will receive their badges at a ceremony on Tuesday 23 February. Badges will be presented to our School Leaders, Student Council Representatives and Sport and House Captains. The ceremony will be held at assembly and parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend.

## DATE CLAIMERS

### FEB

23 Student Leaders Badge Ceremony

26 P & C AGM

### MAR

11 Hands on Wildlife payment due

14 Interschool Swimming Carnival

18 Prep - Hands on Wildlife

21 Year 1 – Hands on Wildlife

23 P – 2 Easter Bonnet Parade

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.**

## **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.

## **BICYCLES / SCOOTERS**

Children riding bicycles or scooters to school are requested to park them in the racks provided. To prevent theft we strongly recommend that cyclists lock their bicycles/scooters into the racks with a quality chain and padlock. Tumbler type, combination number bike locks are very easy for thieves to undo and are not recommended. Students are asked to lock their own bike/scooter when they get to school. (One lock/one bike/scooter) –not locked with a friend's bike/scooter but may be locked to the bike/scooter of a family member.

Normally, children are permitted in the bicycle rack area only when arriving at school or leaving at the end of the school day. ***Students and parents must walk their bicycles/scooters when in the school grounds.***

***Helmets:*** We recommend students wear helmets while riding bikes/scooters while travelling to and from school. Children must wear approved cyclist helmets.

If your child has the misfortune of having a bicycle/scooter stolen, the matter should be reported to the police. Kirwan police have requested that parents take the responsibility for this duty. Care will be taken by school personnel to ensure that loss of bicycles/scooters by theft is kept to a minimum however we can accept no responsibility for loss or theft.

## **EMERGENCY EVACUATION & LOCKDOWN**

**Emergency Evacuation Drills** are carried out each year. This is to ensure that all members of the school community are fully aware of procedures in case of fire or other threat/emergency.

Evacuation procedures entail moving all children as quickly as possible, to the nearest safe area on the boundary fence.

Should a **real emergency** arise, parents wishing to collect their children **must** contact the teacher to make sure the school knows that the children are given into safe hands. **Children will not be permitted to leave with anyone except the parent/caregiver.**

**Lockdown Drill:** The school also performs lockdown emergency drills. This is a necessary drill in the event that a person or persons on school grounds exhibits behaviour that may be considered dangerous to students or staff. A lockdown may also occur if there is a potentially dangerous environment issue near the school. The lockdown requires teachers of all classes to lockdown their teaching area and moving the children to a safe area in the building.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **THE SMITH FAMILY – SAVER PLUS PROGRAM**

(The School Kids Bonus is ending July 2016)

Would you like \$500 to help pay for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings dollar for dollar for education costs dollar for dollar, up to \$500.

To be eligible for the Saver Plus Program you need to

- Have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- Have a child at school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational education yourself
- Have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be cash in hand for child minding, ironing, mowing a lawn or similar.
- Have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already.

For details on our next information sessions please contact:

Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Coordinator 4728 6786 or 0418 201 533 or [nikki.storey@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:nikki.storey@thesmithfamily.com.au)  
Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by the Australian Government.

### **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.



### ***Head Lice scratching for answers***

#### ***What should I wash or treat at home?***

As head lice only live for a short time off the head, the only extra cleaning needed is to wash the pillowcase on the hot cycle or place in clothes dryer for 10 minutes. Head lice combs can be cleaned in water hotter than 60 degrees.

