



# KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

At Kelso State School we encourage all our students, staff and community to be **Kelso Proud**. As we have so many new families to our school, it is as good a time as any to let all our community know and be aware that our work as a school and community is to always strive towards always being Kelso Proud. I encourage all our parents and community to join us in using some of the words and phrases we use at the school on a daily basis.

We also refer to the way we do things, as the Kelso Way. As a way of explaining it we say to students, **Every Day in Every Way, we do things the Kelso Way**. The Kelso Way is based on our collective beliefs about behaviour and learning.

I encourage all parents and community members to use this language and phrases with your students as well, so it can become embedded as the way we do business here at Kelso SS.

We are also extremely proud of our Positive Behaviour for Learning signs that line the path to the main entrance of our school. The wording on these signs embrace The Kelso Way and will serve as a constant reminder of what is expected when entering the school grounds.

At Kelso SS we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell  
(Principal)

## DATE CLAIMERS

### MAR

- 8 Prep Townsville Bulletin Photos
- 9 Book Club orders/payments due
- 11 Hands on Wildlife payment due
- 14 Interschool Swimming Carnival
- 14/15 A & TSI Hearing Screening
- 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.**

## Congratulations for a job well done.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK	GOTCHA OF THE WEEK	
PA	Harry N	Cooper T
PB	Jack W	Blair V
PC	Lathisha W	Tavish M
PD	Meisha D	Peyton S
1A	Zack I	Aayva W
1B	Jeremiah R	Lana C
1C	Justin H	Kinnley L
1D	Achilles C	Jonathon D
2A	Mason B	Kadyn C
2B	Jack P	Ella L
2C	Taylah B	Zarleece C
3A	Breana G	Josh K
3B	Cailin L	Kyson C
3C	Tobey M	Matilda M
3/4D	Lilly B	Matilda W
4A	Arabella R	Shontara A
4B	Shaylee H	Hugh D
5A	Codie-Leigh K	Luke W
5B	Keyahnee W	Wyatt K
5/6C	Keanu P	Orlando N
6A	Jason M	Kara N
6B	Marleina S	Sophie C

## 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

Term 1 every Wednesday afternoon – frozen cups.

The tuckshop will be open every Friday afternoon.



## THANK YOU

*I would like to give a big thanks to the staff and family members involved in helping me during a rough time in my life which resulted in my collapse outside the 2015 Christmas Concert.*

*From the people standing I the sun holding a blanket over me to provide shade, to those who called and stayed on line with the ambulance, but mainly a big thank you to the gentleman that used his first aid skills to stay by my side until the ambulance officers had arrived.*

*Thank you all so very much for what you did to help on that day.* Sincerely, Alan

## **PREP TOWNSVILLE BULLETIN PHOTOS**

The Townsville Bulletin will be at Kelso School on Tuesday 8 March at 12noon to take photos of our Prep classes for the annual Prep lift out. Please ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform on this day.

## **ABSENCES**

Attendance at state schools is compulsory unless some reasonable excuse for absence exists. It is important that the school is informed of all student absences. Wherever possible, student absences from school should be kept to a minimum, as interruptions affect the continuity of learning.

If you know in advance of an intended absence, please let your child's teacher know of the situation. If this is not possible ***you should send a note with your child when he/she returns to school, explaining the absence, or phone the information through to the school on the first day of absence.***

Attendance at school is a priority for Education Queensland and steps will be taken to ensure all children attend school regularly. Where we are not advised of student absences, these will be followed up by the class teacher or member of school administration. As part of our semester reports parents will be advised of the number of unexplained absences which their child/ren has had during the semester. Unexplained absences denote that the school has not been advised of the reason for the child's absence. In some instances an unexplained absence may indicate that the child has been truanting. If it is felt that your child may be absent without your knowledge, you will be contacted by the school.

**NB: Extensive and continuous absences, explained or unexplained, are a major concern to the school with reports having to be forwarded to the Department of Child Safety.**

## **DIFFERENT TEMPERAMENT PATTERNS**

It is sometimes surprising to find how different children in the same family can be. Their personalities, likes and dislikes, and the ways they react to situations, may vary a lot.

These kinds of differences are known as temperaments.

Children's temperament patterns are usually noticed very early by parents and carers, often from birth. For example, some babies sleep well and seem to have an easy-going nature, whereas others can be difficult to settle. Some young children like to explore new places and meet new people, while others appear shy and can take a long time to get used to new situations.

These kinds of differences in temperament can mean that parenting strategies that worked well with one child may not work so well with another.

[www.kidsmatter.edu.au/resources/information-resources](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/resources/information-resources)



### ***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.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Kelso's open-door policy encourages parents to spend time in their children's classrooms and parents (and grandparents, aunts, uncles, big sisters and brothers) are welcomed and encouraged to share their special skills with us.

We welcome your involvement as a voluntary teacher aide engaged in activities such as listening to children read, making charts and aids, working with children on computers, supervising small group activities and accompanying children on excursions.

The school's Teacher-Librarian is always looking for extra hands to work in the library and our tuckshop always needs extra hands to bake or make sandwiches.

Volunteers reap the rewards in the personal satisfaction in helping children. Children love to see their family involved with the school. Let us know of your interest and we will welcome you on board. If you are looking for work, voluntary work can help build a resume.

All helpers are asked to sign the register at the office on arrival and wear a VISITOR badge on each visit, for child protection regulations.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONVEYANCING ALLOWANCE**

Do you drive your children to school? You may be eligible to receive a conveyancing allowance if you live more than 32.km (primary school) or 4.8km (secondary school) from the closest school of the type your children attend (eg. State or private)?

Minimum payment is \$10.40 per week, calculated weekly and paid twice a year in June and December (20 weeks per period).

For more information and the application form visit: [www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/other-tickets/school-tickets-and-fares/conveyance-allowance](http://www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/other-tickets/school-tickets-and-fares/conveyance-allowance)

