



# KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school's best parent information resource.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

### Attendance

This week you may have received a letter stating your child's attendance rate from the beginning of the school year and comparing it to the school target of 92%. Please be aware that the attendance figure on the letter will include legitimate student sick days away from school. Official attendance is only the days that students were actually at school. We also understand that students who are sick need to be away from school and support parental decisions. This a proactive initiative aimed at keeping all parents/carers regularly updated and informed about their own child's attendance rates. We appreciate your support in making Kelso State School the best school it can be.

### NAPLAN

As the dust settles on the first day of NAPLAN testing I would like to let our community know that the staff and students were amazing. We work hard to take the stress out of NAPLAN by being very well prepared and organised for this annual testing period. To all involved, thanks for being Kelso Proud and we are looking forward to the next 2 days. Can all parents of students in years 3 and 5 please ensure that that students are at school on time ready for their testing sessions. Being prepared also includes having breakfast and a good night sleep the night before.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell  
(Principal)

## DATE CLAIMERS

### MAY

- 10 NAPLAN
- 11 NAPLAN
- 12 NAPLAN
- 20 Walk Safely To School Day
- 25 Maths Riverway Cup
- 27 Camp payment due

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

## Congratulations for a job well done.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK	GOTCHA OF THE WEEK
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PA	John B	Alecia R
PB	Riley S	Donald L
PC	Gabrielle B	Banabi B
PD	Amelia R	Miesha D
1A	Matthew J	Isabelle B
1B	Isabel R	Haylii S
1C	Jazmin B	Raynard N
1D	Dyneesha T	Hayden S
2A	Angelo M	Kadyn C
2B	Rhys H	Jody H
2C	Vera G	Amelia F
3A	Phoebe W	Sophie R
3B	Angelica C	Jayden D
3C	Farraliah T	Lilly P
4A	Lucas L	Richy B
4B	Taj B	Kayden L
5A	Jack G	Jay A
5B	Keyan H	James B
5/6C	Amy H	Jerimiah C
6A	Mary-Jaine C	Amy H
6B	Charlie W	Cody N



### TUCKSHOP NEWS

All tuckshop orders need to be received at the tuckshop **by 9am** so that our tuckshop convenor and helpers are able to make sure that everybody will be able to get their orders on time. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Parents are reminded that the tuckshop operates as cash only and do not give Credit. There are no EFTPOS facilities at the tuckshop.

We are in need of volunteers to help out in the tuckshop. If you can spare some time to assist please contact Chrissie on 47896226.

### P & C MOTHERS DAY STALL WINNERS

The winners of the Best Behaved Class who visited the Mother's Day Stall goes to Prep C. Congratulations - All the students in Prep C will receive a showbag.



### SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is on this Thursday.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Students received letters this week stating their attendance rate from the beginning of the school year. This a new initiative at Kelso State School informing all parents/carers on their child's attendance rate on a regular basis.

Congratulations to these classes for meeting or beating our whole school attendance target of 92%. All classes have been challenged to strive to be our class **Attendance Champions** for the week.

Week 4 Attendance Champions (At or above 92%)  
1B – 92%, 1C – 93%, 2A – 95%, 3A – 94%, 3B – 92%, 3C – 92%, 5B – 93%

**Overall winner – Prep C – 99%**

Every day at school, every student is learning.

## **KIDS MATTER**

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

SET LIMITS ON INAPPROPRIATE EXPRESSION OF EMOTIONS

It is very important for children to understand that it is okay to have a range of emotions and feelings, but there are limits to the ways these should be expressed. While acknowledging children's emotions, it is therefore very important to set limits on aggressive or inappropriate behaviours.



### **HEAD LICE: SCRATCHING FOR ANSWERS**

- Itching is not always a reliable sign of head lice.
- They can be difficult to see if looking at the hair while it is dry.
- Eggs may be easier to see, but are only important if they are found 1.5cm from the scalp.
- Conditioner and combing is the only proven reliable way of detecting head lice.

## **SCHOOL SECURITY**

Occasionally our school premises are the target of vandals and others intent on breaking and entering buildings to steal school property.

We ask that all parents who live in the immediate vicinity of the school, or who regularly pass the school, report any observed disturbances to the Police. The school is part of the **School Watch Program** and reports can be made on a special toll free number **131 788**.

Access to school grounds outside of the gazetted operational hours of the school is not permitted and trespassers may be prosecuted.

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

Jewellery can pose a safety hazard within a school setting. Any jewellery deemed a potential safety issue by the school is not permitted.

Jewellery is limited to the wearing of:

- **Earrings:** Sleepers or plain studs for pierced ears: no dangling earrings.
- **Wrist watch:** Students are encouraged to wear a wrist watch and manage their own time.
- **Necklaces: NOT PERMITTED.** With the exception of religious or cultural items.
- **Bracelets: NOT PERMITTED.** Charity bracelets will **ONLY** be permitted on the day they are being endorsed by the school for. E.g. ANZAC Day.
- **Finger Jewellery: NOT PERMITTED.**
- **Body Piercing:** While fashionable, this is not in keeping with our dress code and is an unnecessary health and safety risk. It is not condoned.

**Allergy bracelets and medical alert jewellery should be worn at all times.**

## **STUDENT INFORMATION**

It is important that we are able to contact parents in case of student sickness or emergency.

Please keep us informed of any changes to your phone numbers, address details or changes to family circumstances. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME (NILS)**

What is NILS and how does it work?

The NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME (NILS) provides individuals and families on low incomes access to safe, fair and affordable credit. The loan (up to a maximum of \$1,200) can be used to purchase essential household goods and services. Loan repayments are made through affordable Centrepay Deductions (repayment amount calculated based on a maximum loan term of 12 months).

If you receive a Centrelink benefit and live in the Upper Ross you may be eligible. Contact the Upper Ross Community Centre on 4774 0144 for more information.

### **UPPER ROSS PLAYGROUP**

Upper Ross Community Centre

Thursday morning 9.30 to 11.30am

Healthy morning tea provided for parents and children.

Gold coin donation per family.

Phone: 47740144 to book transport (must book by Wednesday).

