



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school's best parent information resource.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Kelso Proud and Kelso Safe

At Kelso State School it is the responsibility of all our community to be role models of safe and responsible behaviours. I would like remind all our parents and carers that the staff car parks and administration turn around zones are for school staff only. Parents are entering and exiting these areas of an afternoon, directly impacting on the safety of students exiting the school. Over the last couple of days we have had a couple of near misses in these areas.

Please help our students be safe by;

- Always using the designated paths entering and exiting the school
- Not parking in the administration or staff only car parks
- Being patient and considerate to other parents entering and exiting the school

Improving Literacy – Hints

Creating reading and writing opportunities at home

As readers and writers, children explore their world everyday beyond school and home.

It's important at home that you:

- Show a genuine interest in your child's reading and writing and viewing of all different types of texts.
- Let them see you read and write and tell them why you are reading and writing.
- Talk to your child about their understanding and encourage their reading and writing efforts.
- Share family histories and stories through talking and encourage your child to talk to older family members.
- Discuss television shows or films that you have watched together.
- Encourage your child to develop their own library of books.
- Talk about world events and encourage your child to look at the different sides of the story to form their own opinions.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell

(Principal)

DATE CLAIMERS

MAY

- 25 Maths Riverway Cup
- 25 National Simultaneous Storytime
- 25 NRL Development Cup 6.40pm
- 26 National Sorry Day
- 27 Yr 6 Camp payment due
- 27 National Reconciliation Week starts

JUNE

- 8 Tuckshop 'red menu' day
- 10 Kelso SS Qld Day activities

BOOKCLUB

Please ensure payments are in a sealed envelope or bag with correct money for the order. Envelopes should be deposited in the blue money box in the office foyer and not sent to the tuckshop.

Congratulations for a job well done.

STUDENT

OF THE WEEK

GOTCHA

OF THE WEEK

PA	Rhianna G	Malakai M
PB	Darlah D	Roman P
PC	Ariahne F	Shinika P
PD	Courtney E	Rakiah S
1A	Adam H	Tiana W
1B	Porcia R	Carlos E
1C	Miley W	Simon P
1D	Liam B	Kylah G
2A	Ciara S	Alleigha I
2B	Kian G	Latayah H
2C	Giselle M	Jordan R
3A	Matthew R	Alex S
3B	Maleke P	
3C	Seth L	Connor R
3/4D	Mason H	Lidia M
4A	Annalomi N	Alissa H
4B	Lachlan W	Holly B
5A	George M	Liam B
5B	Dylan G	Maria D
5/6C	Orlando N	Justin T
6A	Jason M	
6B	Tania M	Ebonie B

WOLBACHIA WARRIORS PROGRAM

Kelso State School students have become among the first in the world to assist the Eliminate Dengue research program in efforts to reduce the burden of dengue. Globally, there are more than 390 million dengue cases each year, and we are doing our bit by joining the Wolbachia Warriors program, a real-life applied science project.

Last week your child/children received a permission form, a Wolbachia Warriors booklet and a Mozzie Box to participate in the program, which will run for the remainder of term two. If your child would like to take part, make sure they give it to their teacher **this week**.

Participating students are growing and releasing mosquitoes with *Wolbachia* – naturally occurring bacteria that reduce the ability of mosquitoes to pass dengue between people. These mosquitoes will breed with wild mosquitoes and pass on *Wolbachia* to future generations, which is expected to eventually reduce local dengue transmission.

Kelso's Wolbachia Warriors are making a real difference, not just to our community, but to millions around the world.

If you have any questions, you can contact Eliminate Dengue Townsville directly on 1800 005 622.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday, 25 May is our annual National Simultaneous Storytime event. This year's story is called "I GOT THIS HAT" by Jol and Kate Temple. It is a story about hats from different people and countries.



On this day our Student Council will hold a gold coin donation fundraiser and students are invited to wear a 'crazy' hat.

QUEENSLAND DAY

Kelso students will celebrate Queensland Day on **Friday 10 June**. As part of our celebrations, we will be organising our annual camp fire and damper cooking. We will require camp ovens to cook damper so if you are able to supply one, please ring the school on 4789 6222.

We are still in need of metal bottle tops, so please send them along to Mrs Tulley.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 24 JUNE



All students will be involved and are practising athletics events in their PE lessons. Students will need hats and water bottles for PE. Some events for Yrs 3 – 6 are run during PE lessons and lunchtimes. Should your child be absent from school, they will not be given the opportunity to compete in an event that has already been held.

Week 10 PE – high jump.

Week 11 Lunchtime 800m. Students will be reminded when their year of birth is running.

Week 11 PE - heats for the sprints and final 8 students will run a final on Athletics Day.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

The P & C are selling Entertainment Books. These books are \$60 and offer a wide range of discounts. Please see the ladies in our tuckshop if you wish to purchase or order securely on line by visiting: www.entbook.com.au/27084w1. Books will also be sold at school assembly over the coming weeks as well as before school from 8 to 8.30am (Cash only.)

For every book sold our school receives 20% to our school upgrade essentials.



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Each term our Tuckshop holds a 'Red Day'. This is an opportunity for our students to purchase 'Red' foods that are not offered by our healthy tuckshop. Our Red Day will be held on **Wed 8 June**. Order forms available now and must be returned by Friday 3 June. Normal menu items are not available on this day unless a student has special dietary requirements. If you can spare some time to assist please contact Chrissie on 47896226.

ATTENDANCE

Parents/Carers if your child is absent from school please inform either the classroom teacher or the school office. Let's work together and reduce unexplained absences.

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 6 Attendance Champions (At or above 92%)

Prep C – 96%, Prep D – 95%, 1D – 92%, 2A – 93%, 2C – 92%, 3B – 95%, 3C – 94%, 3/4D – 93%, 4B – 93%

Overall winner – 5B – 97%

Every day at school, every student is learning.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

National Sorry Day is an annual event that has been held in [Australia](#) on [26 May](#), since 1998, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the country's indigenous population. During the 20th century, Australian governments' policies resulted in a "[Stolen Generation](#)"—i.e., "[Aboriginal](#) children separated, often forcibly, from their families in the interest of turning them into white Australians".

The date 26 May carries great significance for the Stolen Generations, as well as for Aboriginal and [Torres Strait Islander](#) communities, and non-indigenous Australians.

We at Kelso acknowledge this significant day and students will be participating in a numerous activities within the classroom on this day.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation journey.

NRW is held from 27 May to 3 June each year.

This year's theme is - '*Our History, Our Story, Our Future*'.

A large part of learning about, and working towards reconciliation is learning about and respecting Australia's First Peoples, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Kelso students will be immersed in a range of learning activities throughout the week and building their knowledge on reconciliation.



National Reconciliation Week 2016
27 May to 3 June

**OUR HISTORY,
OUR STORY,
OUR FUTURE**

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country
As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow
Reconciliation is at the heart of our nation's future
Join us on our nation's journey at reconciliation.org.au/nrw and make reconciliation part of your future.

RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA

25 YEARS RECONCILIATION BY AUSTRALIA

