



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

I would like to begin the term by extending a very warm welcome to term 3 and especially to all our new students and families who joined us for the first time yesterday.

Class Changes for term 3

Over the last 12 months our school has experienced significant growth with some classes particularly in years 3 and 4. These students and teachers have been both resilient and patient as their class numbers have grown. It is with great pleasure that I can inform our community that I have been successful in an application to the department for an extra teacher for our school. We have the opportunity to significantly reduce the numbers of students in years 3 and year 4, ensuring that all students have a greater opportunity to learn and improve their learning outcomes.

Changes will be as follows;

- As of Monday 18 July Mrs Kupul will be the new teacher of our new class 3D and this will be in the end classroom of the year 3 block. A number of year 3's from 3A, B and C have been allocated to the new class.
- As a result, from Friday 14 July Mrs Tulley's 2C class will be moving into the modular building in the junior school, where P&C and instrumental music was.
- Mrs Burrows will be teaching a straight year 4 class with her year 3's moving to be 3D and a number of year 4's from 4A and 4B joining her class.

All students allocated to either the new 3D class or the new 4C class will be informed with letters today.

We understand that this is not an ideal time of year to be making changes, however the benefit of reducing class numbers across the year 3 and 4 classes will allow us to provide greater explicit instruction and improved academic outcomes to all students in these year levels.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards

Patrick McDonnell (Principal)

DATE CLAIMERS

JULY

15 Report Cards distributed

NAIDOC Celebrations

15 July 2016



20 ATSIAP

26 Kirwan SHS visit Yr 6 students

27 Challenge Games

29 Daradgee Camp visit Yr 6 students

AUG

10 Red Track

Congratulations for a job well done.

STUDENT

OF THE WEEK

GOTCHA

OF THE WEEK

PA	Riley B	Lylah J
PB	Falevai W	Klarissa C
PC	Stella M	Emily N
PD	Alekai W	Jarrold M
1A	Jarvis K	Leyla B
1B	Oliver S	Porcia R
1C	Nallannie M	Justin H
1D	Hayden S	Lilijana H
2A	Zachary R	Beau B
2B	Tyrone L	Amber T
2C	Ashton W	Mathew L
3A	Tyrese B	Maddy M
3B	Dean W	Mitch S
3C	Rylee S	Katie W
3/4D	Adam B	Jimmy S
4A	Paige M	Roseanne S
4B	Lauren B	Lawrence M
5A	Billy E	Danny W
5B	Wyatt K	Skye H
5/6C	Mercya D	James F
6A	Georgia W	Karleigha M
6B	Charlie W	Leila M

ATTENDANCE

In the next week, students will receive an attendance letter indicating their attendance rate for Semester 1. Our target student participation and attendance rate of **92%** is expected for students enrolled at Kelso State School.

Attendance Champions for the week.

Week 11 Attendance Champions (At or above 92%)

Overall winner – 5B – 92%

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

COFFEE TABLE RAFFLE

The lucky winner of the coffee table was Tobi C (3/4C). CONGRATULATIONS

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will recommence next week in the Science Lab. Homework Club is on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15am – 8:45am.



SCHOOL BANKING

There will be NO school banking this week. Banking will resume again on Thursday 21 July.



DENTAL VAN

The Dental Van has completed check-ups for Grade 6 and Grade 3. If your child is in grade 3 or 6 and has not been to the Dental Van for a check-up and you would like them to do so, please get a Dental Form from either the Ladies in the office or the Dental Van.

All grades will be completed when we get the paperwork and Dental Charts sent to us.

Grade 2 is the next Grade to be seen for check-ups.

Letters should be going home soon for any children that require treatment.

If you wish for your child to have treatment please call the number on the letter.

Parents must attend with all children for Dental Treatment.

The Dental Van is not open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and every second Friday but has a message bank on the phone so if you cannot reach us please leave a message and the Dental Staff will call back when the Dental Van is open.

Emergency Dental Treatment is available for children when the Dental Van is Closed by calling the Kirwan Dental Clinic on 44 33 99 00.

WOLBACHIA WARRIORS SUCCESS!

Our world-first Wolbachia Warriors have now completed their third and final mosquito release in and around the Kelso State School suburbs.



Over 110 participating students have been busy setting up their Mozzie Boxes in their gardens and recording their observations for Eliminate Dengue to use as part of our local field trial.

We are so proud of all our Kelso State School Wolbachia Warriors for showing the world how easy it is to grow and release *Wolbachia* mosquitoes in their own backyards.

By helping out, the students have been actively contributing to global research in a real-life applied science project.

The Wolbachia Warriors program is leading the way for similar projects at other Eliminate Dengue field trial sites around the world, to help reduce dengue transmission. We look forward to having the opportunity to facilitate a similar program for other schools in Townsville in 2016.

If you would like more information about our Wolbachia Warriors program, please *contact us* on 1800 005 622.

KIDS MATTER

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/resources/information-resources

SOME UNHELPFUL THINGS TO AVOID:

Dismissing children's emotions:

Telling children not to feel the way they do (e.g. by saying "Don't be scared/sad/angry"), can lead children to believe that their emotions are wrong and they are bad for having them. For children to learn how to manage their emotions they first need to be acknowledged and understood.

HEAD LICE: SCRATCHING FOR ANSWERS



HOW DO HEAD LICE MOVE FROM ONE HEAD TO ANOTHER?

Head lice are like trapeze artists- they swing from hair to hair using their strong claws.

Head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another.

Electrostatic charge from combing dry hair can fling head lice up to 1 metre.

Only the young lice and adult lice can move from one head to another.

MONEY AT SCHOOL

Unless required for some specific activity, money other than for lunch orders should not be brought to school. When money is brought to school, parents could assist by ensuring that only the minimum amount required is brought. Children are not permitted to present money of **\$20 or over** at the school tuckshop. No responsibility can be taken for money stolen from children at school. Some teachers may assist with the safekeeping of money for children, particularly in the lower classes.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

UPPER ROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE PLAYGROUP – Thursday mornings 9.30 to 11.30am.

Healthy morning tea provided for parents and children.

Gold Coin donation per family.

Phone 47740144 to book transport.

FREE COMPUTER ACCESS – UPPER ROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE – Do you need access to a computer to search or apply for jobs? Need to access your emails? Catch up with friends through social media? No problem. The Upper Ross Community Centre has computers available for free. Office services are also available eg. printing, faxing, scanning, laminating (costs apply).