



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hi All

Welcome back to all our returning families and new students starting with us for the last term of the year. This term I would like to remind all our families that our school attendance target is 92%. We would like the support of all our community to ensure that all students are leaning every day. We can all be attendance champions if we at school and learning.

I would like to remind our community that this term Mrs Collins has returned from maternity leave and will be teaching Science to years 3-6 in place of Ms Budby. Ms Budby is taking on a direct intervention and support role with targeted students in years 2 and 4. Ms Budby will still be focusing on her community engagement and attendance role.

Term 4 also sees Mrs Julie White coming on board as a Defence Transition Mentor every Wednesday. Julie will be based at Thuringowa State High for the rest of the week. Julie will work to support students and families in the defence force. Watch for contact details and information in upcoming newsletters.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

DATE CLAIMERS

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19 2017 Prep parent information sessions

P&C MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1.30PM IN THE P&C ROOM (Modular Withdrawal Room)



SCHOOL BANKING

There will be no school this week. Banking will commence again on Thursday 13 October.

2017 PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parents/Caregivers have the chance to meet the teachers for information about:

- The National Curriculum
- The Early Years Curriculum
- And the Prep Program

Date: Wednesday 19 October 2016

Time: 9.15am to 10.00am

OR

5.30pm to 6.30pm

2017 PREP STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

2017 Prep students are invited to Stay and Play while Parents/Caregivers have the opportunity to meet key school staff for information about:

- Parent Handbook
- PBL Behaviour Management
- Prep Reading Management
- Big Buddies
- School Chaplain
- Library Borrowing
- P & C and School Banking

PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL TO BOOK IN FOR **ONE** OF THESE DATES

Date: Tuesday 15 November

Wednesday 16 November

Thursday 17 November

Time: 1.45pm to 2.50pm

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club will no longer be operating for the rest of the year.



SPORT

Interschool games are on this week. Students need to wear Kelso School bucket hat and bring sunscreen, water bottle and mouth guards.



Head Lice scratching for answers

What treatment kills 100% of head lice or eggs?

There is no single treatment that kills 100% of head lice or eggs. Whichever treatment you choose it can take time and persistence to get rid of head lice. Use a method that will not risk the health of your child.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is under new management with a new menu commencing in Term 4.

Volunteers are more than welcome - baking or taking boxes or cleaning - please come and see us in Tuckshop.

Did you know if you can't volunteer you can donate items, please come and see us for a list. As of Term 4 Tuckshop will no longer be opening Friday after school



FOR PARENTS: Coffee @ \$3.00 from 8.00am

PRICE CORRECTION: The Meal Deal was priced incorrectly on the menu - please note price is \$6 - apologises.

There will be a Daily Special every Wednesday for \$4.00, please keep eye on Newsletter to know the Daily Special. First one will be Mac n Cheese on Wednesday 12 October.

School Hats can be purchased through Tuckshop for \$13@ - XS, S-M, XL

KIDS MATTER

www.kidsmatter.edu.au

CULTURE AND SELF CONCEPT

Having a strong cultural identity enhances children's self-concept and promotes a sense of connectedness and belonging. Children's cultural identity is nurtured when they learn about their own cultural traditions and when those around them show respect for their cultural values. Teaching children to respect and appreciate variations and differences between cultures is therefore very important for all children's social development.

Cultural identity development is sometimes complex for children from minority cultural groups. They often encounter differences between the rules and expectations required at school and those they are used to at home. When the differences are not acknowledged or when the cultural traditions children identify with are ignored or minimised, it can negatively affect children's sense of connectedness and belonging. Children from minority cultures may be subjected to stereotyping and discrimination on the basis of their ethnicity, religion, gender, appearance, social class or sexuality. Discrimination and bullying can have serious effects on children's mental health as well as their social development. By contrast, overcoming discrimination has been found to have positive effects on self-concept. It is very important for parents, carers and teaching staff to encourage and support children to take positive action against discrimination and bullying by speaking up and reporting incidents.

CHRISTMAS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School term ends on Friday 9 December 2016 and will resume again on Monday 23 January 2017.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Children who arrive at school before 8.30am must sit quietly under the main covered area. Children are supervised in this area between 8.00am and 8.30am when they are released to allow them to disperse to sit outside their classrooms. Children arriving on bikes will walk their bikes in front of the school and inside the school grounds to the bike racks.

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 our interest and we will welcome you on board.

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

Using a Supervised Crossing



Stop



Wait



Listen



Walk



Be Alert

Guide your children so they understand the five steps to crossing safely with a supervisor