



KELSO STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Being Kelso Proud

Our staff and students know that this time of year is focused around students' assessment and getting reading for the upcoming end of year reporting period. As this is a time where student learning and engagement is most important, we expect that all students are focused on being safe, responsible and respectful both in and out of the classroom. Students who make the choice to deliberately disrupt the learning of other students in the class will be given consequences appropriate to their behaviours.

Kelso is a school in which students come to school to learn in a safe and respectful environment. That is what being Kelso Proud is. I have also challenged all of our departing year 6 students to enjoy their last half of this last term at primary school and be role models for all of our other students, especially those year 5's wishing to be school leaders next year.

I would like to congratulate our whole school community for getting behind our whole school 20 Day Attendance Challenge.

Most Improved: 5B
20 Day Champions: 3A

Remember Every student learning, everyday.

At Kelso we are amazing because we are;

- Responsible
- Respectful
- Safe

Regards
Patrick McDonnell
(Principal)

DATE CLAIMERS

OCT

10 Nov Chappy's Cup

15-17 Nov Prep Stay and Play Day

19 Nov School Leader Applications Close

07 Dec Year 6 Graduation

09 Dec Last day of the School Year

23 Jan 2017 First day of school Year

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

Congratulations for a job well done.

	STUDENT OF THE WEEK	GOTCHA OF THE WEEK
PA	John B	Alecia R
PB	Kai C	Travel N
PC	Banabi B	Gabrielle B
PD	Jamison D	Zpatian S
1A	Kendra B	Jarvis K
1B	Lana C	Jordan G
1C	Kinnley L	Emily V
1D	Dyneesha T	Cyarne W
2A	Jasmine H	Bianca M
2B	Latayah H	Alanna S
2C	Jasmine S	Jesse P
3A	Emily J	Josh K
3B	Kylissa C	Maleke P
3C	Jaeger B	Lennis K
3D	Summer F	Chase C
4A	Annalomi N	Kaden R
4B	Samantha C	Summer C
4C	Tahlia L	Rehema I
5A	Tristan R	Alyiah S
5B	Paige R	Gagney K
5/6C	Amy H	James F
6A	Zachary H	Kara N
6B	Marleina S-M	Tania M

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.

2017 PRE-PREP ENROLMENTS

C&K Kindy Kelso have vacancies for Pre-Prep 2017. If your child was born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 he/she is eligible to enrol. Please contact Fran on 47 740 097 for more information.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop requires parent helpers for taking of Tuckshop boxes from students through the window in the morning and emptying any lunch orders from them, this would require only 1/2hr of your time in the morning. Please ring Miss Mel on 47896226 or drop in and let her know what morning you can help. In return you will see the delight on your child's face when they see you in the Tuckshop and a coffee is offered in return. Time would be 8.50am to 9.20am.

This Wednesday's special is Savoury Slice with sauce \$3.00

Attendance

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 3 Attendance Champions (At or above 92%)

Prep C – 92%, 2B – 92%, 2C – 92%, 3C – 92%, 3D – 92%, 4B – 94%, 5/6C – 93%

Overall winner – 3A – 96%

Attend Today and Achieve Tomorrow

20 Day Challenge

Congratulations to all classes for participating in the 20 Day Challenge. It was great to see all classes excited and enthusiastic about the 20 day challenge.

The winners of the two awards were:

1. **Most Improved:** the class that has made the **greatest improvement** in their attendance rate from term 3.

Congratulations Class 5B

2. **20 Day Champions:** the class in which has the **most** students completing the 20 day challenge.

Congratulations Class 3A

Improving your child's attendance rate will have numerous benefits both academically and socially. We have challenged all our classes to work towards this goal because

Every Day Counts.

END OF YEAR TRANSFERS

Are you leaving Kelso State School at the end of this year?

The end of the school year is approaching and we will soon be starting to organise classes for 2017. To do this, we will need to know how many students will be in each year level so please advise the school office if your child will be leaving Kelso State School.

TACKLING CYBER BULLYING

Children today are proficient in technologies such as mobile phones, email and the internet, however they don't always have the confidence or the knowledge to deal with cyber bullying.

The Queensland Government has launched a new cyber safety pamphlet to help parents keep their children safe from online bullies.

Cybersafety – Links for families is a practical guide for parents, providing information and a list of resources and services to support safe online behaviour.

The cyber safety pamphlet will be distributed to all parents and carers who attend the Queensland Government's anti-bullying education seminars, Action Against Bullying.

The pamphlet is also available to be downloaded from the Department of Education and Training website.

To download a copy of the pamphlet visit www.deta.qld.gov.au/docs/cybersafety.pdf

KIDS MATTER

www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Family relationships and expectations have a major influence on children's social development.

How parents can help: **Capitalise on 'teachable moments'** When something happens that requires a moral response it presents a 'teachable moment'. Ask children to think about what the problem is and what they could do to improve the situation. For example, when feelings have been hurt you could ask your child's opinion of what the person might be feeling hurt about. Extend your child's thinking through asking questions like, 'How could you find out what Jo is feeling sad about?' and 'What do you think you could do to help?'



Head Lice scratching for answers
The most effective way of detecting and treating head lice;

- For mild head lice conditions
- When cheaper option is preferred
- To avoid the use of chemicals (insecticides)
- For children to learn and do themselves under adult supervision
- In between chemical treatments –use every 2 days to remove young lice as they hatch from the eggs.