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## Keeping In Touch...

### Does Attendance Matter???

Surely 1 or 2 days a week doesn't matter much...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

What about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my children.

Is only missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 11/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 minutes a day	1hr 40min per week	Over 21/1 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes a day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour a day	1 day per week	5 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance DOES matter.

### EVERY DAY COUNTS

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Twice a year we offer parents the opportunity to come and have a formal meeting with their child's teacher. These are important meetings because parents can get an understanding of how their child is going in class. Furthermore, teachers can give parents tips on how they can help their children at home. Children are often not very forth coming about the daily occurrences of the classroom so this is a good opportunity to catch up on what's happening.

Of course you don't have to wait to be invited! Please feel free to visit or ring your child's teacher to organise an interview time. We are always pleased to hear from you.

### iCan Play Success

Last Wednesday some 160 children chose to stay after school and participate in iCan Play. Currently we have development officers from 4 sporting codes in supporting the program. The school has received a government grant to support the program.

We run the program because we are increasingly aware that students' gross motor skills are declining with the technology that pervades homes and society today. I have noted that they spent their recreational time climbing trees and making things, whereas today many children sit in front of a screen gaming.

iCan Play is open to ALL students and activities are tailored to their age and abilities. Permission forms can be collected from the office. All children need to have a parent or guardian present.

### Beating Cancer

Last year we sent a very strong team to the Hervey Bay Relay for Life. We raised some much needed funds to go towards research to beat cancer. We will be there again this year. We have all been affected by cancer in some way. Friends, family, colleagues and even we have at times carried the disease. At Kawungan SS we care about other people and teach our children to care about others. But it's more important than that. If our students are to believe us as teachers, then our words need to be backed by actions.

As a staff last year we had members participate in Dry July, 10 000 Step Challenge, Relay for Life, Movember, Shave for a Cure and other events. This year our staff will continue to support a raft of events. Our students too, get involved in helping others. We often hold student free dress days to support a range of charities throughout the year.

There are many ways in which families can get involved with helping others. It doesn't necessarily involve donating money or goods. I am delighted to say that some of students were involved in the Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday in Hervey Bay. What can you do to improve the quality of life of our town or other people?

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**THE LUNCHBOX**



Closed Mondays. Open Tuesday-Friday. Just a friendly reminder that the 'Easter Treat' order form is due back to The Lunchbox by Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. There is also a "Guess the Easter eggs in the jar" competition; one guess for \$0.50 or 3 guesses for \$1.00. The jar is on display in The Lunchbox. A shout out to all our amazing volunteers. Thank you for helping make this term a huge success.

**THE RUN FOR FUN**

The Run for Fun will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. All forms were given out last week with the details. Sports House Shirts are for sale from The Uniform Shop. Limited stock, get in fast.

**P&C EASTER COLOUR COMP**

Hop into the Uniform Shop and grab an Easter colouring-in page and go into the draw to win an awesome Easter prize. Pages must be returned to the box in the office by Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Good Luck! See Uniform Shop times below for opening hours.

**THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Open Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30-9:30am and Wednesday afternoon 2:30-3:30pm. EFTPOS available.

**THE PARENT CAFE**

Open this Friday 9:00-10:00am in the hall. Come and join us for a complimentary cuppa. We would love to see you.

**P&C AGM - WE NEED YOU**

The P&C AGM will be held on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:00pm in the library. This is where all positions on our P&C are declared open and you have the chance to jump on board or at least show your support by attending. We, as a committee do so much and unfortunately due to work/personal commitments we will lose some of our core and valued committee members.

Without new people on board we will simply not be able to function. Every week P&C's around Australia fold.... we do not want to join that statistic. We are asking you to please consider coming along and finding out just a little bit about what we do and join in this very important conversation. We have chocolate and coffee to keep you interested.... Please grab a friend and help keep us going, we need you!

**STUDENT BANKING**

**Prize Changes**

Due to changes made within the school banking system, we are no longer able to give a prize for every 6 stamps as we have in the past. Children will receive a prize for every 10 stamps only. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**25th BIRTHDAY FETE**

We have a huge year ahead of us and we would love to have you on board. With a school our size most people assume we have volunteers coming out of the woodwork. Our small but dedicated merry band could do with some extra hands. Please keep us in mind and know however big or small your contribution is, it is very much needed and appreciated. Join us and know you are making a difference in your child's school and who knows... you may even make a few new friends along the way. Hope to see you soon.

If you would like to share some ideas or join our fete committee please come along to our next P&C meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of March or simply fill in and cut out the panel below and pop it into the red chatterbox located in the office. Thank you in advance!

**PLEASE CUT OUT AND LEAVE  
IN THE  
RED CHATTERBOX LOCATED  
IN THE OFFICE**

**Yes!**

I would Love to join the fete  
committee

Name

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Phone #

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Email

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**P&C DATE CLAIMERS**

Here are a few dates for your diary. More to come shortly.

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – P&C AGM
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Fun Run
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>/Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May- Mother's Day Stall
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Disco
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>/Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Father's Day Stall
- Saturday 10th September School Fete

**DOUBLE PARKING**

We encourage parents to obey road rules when picking up/dropping off children. It is the safety of all children that is important.

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

**For being helpful and kind to others**

PrepK	Tori, Kyal
PrepA	Ava, Ava
PrepW	Nikolai, Nicolle
PrepU	Jayday, Ruby, Callista
PrepN	Flynn, Tahlia
PrepG	Tyrone, Ayva
1K	Lochlen, Ruby
1A	Mickayla, Olivia
1W	Breanna, Rohan
1U	Chelsea, Will
1N	Ben, Grace
2K	Kailee, Connor
2A	Soraya, Jay
2W	Monique, Sarah
2U	Dylan, Lunar
2N	Jestyn, Alissa
3K	Brandon, Chloe
3A	Lincoln, Hollie
3W	Rahni, Jason
3U	McKenzie, Zack
3N	Maddison, Selene
3G	Lauren, Ryan
4K	Lana, Riley
4A	Kai, Ella
4W	Arna, Lily
4U	Madeline, Owen
4N	Mia, Blake
5K	Rhys, Jada
5A	Destiny, Taj
5W	Cooper, Skye
5U	Braiden, Cheyanne
5N	Katie, Kane
6K	Emma, Alexie
6A	Jay, Max
6W	Mia, Jacob
6U	Sunni, Phoenix
6N	Sam, Lucy
SEP	Ryan, Krystal

**REMINDER**

Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds unless arranged prior to arrival.

**SPOTLIGHT ON 3K**

This week in 3K we have been learning all about living and non-living things in our environment. What better way to explore living things at Kawungan than to go on an expedition through our very own rainforest, which is exactly what the children in 3K did last Friday afternoon!

We were amazed at the incredible number of creepy critters that we found crawling through the leaf litter, including one of the biggest earth worms that any of us had ever seen! As part of the experiment we collected some specimens for further analysis. Once we were back in the classroom we were able to carefully examine the bags of leaf litter

and soil using our super scientific magnifying glasses. Groups discovered all types of living creatures, including caterpillars, earth worms, beetles, ants, cockroaches and a very hairy little spider! Yikes! Our tiny guests certainly gave us lots to talk about that afternoon as we recorded our findings in our science journals, but come 3 o'clock it was time for Miss Fielding to set them free back in the rainforest.



### KOALA JOEYS PLAYGROUP

Wednesday morning. All children are invited from the ages of 0-4years. Bring a morning tea snack and come and meet some other Kawungan families. We run fun interactive activities for the children that include song, rhyme, movement and storytelling.

### ICAN PLAY PROGRAM

In 2016 this program will be offered to P-Year 6 students. It is a free event and will run on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:00pm on the oval. We have various sport development officers from the region and TAFE students studying sport who will be running the events. We encourage all students to get active and have a try of the different sporting codes. If you wish your child to participate, a parent consent form will need to be filled in and returned before they participate. Their class teachers will have these forms. Tea and coffee is available for parents from the uniform shop during these sessions thanks to our wonderful P&C.

### FREE DRESS DAY

The student leaders are hosting a free dress day on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March. Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation to support the purchase of a medical machine for babies at our local hospital. Students clothing must still be sun safe and appropriate for school, including sleeved tops and closed in shoes.

### DONATIONS

If you have any uniforms which you no longer need, please consider donating them to the school office. Prep shirts, royal blue shirts, black shorts or black skirts would be greatly appreciated.

### SPORTS NEWS

#### Fun run training

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:15 - 8:45am. All students welcome.

#### 5/6 Gala Day reminders for Friday 11/03/2016

Reminder to all 5/6 students going to gala day to bring appropriate protective gear; mouthguards (hockey and rugby league); shin pads and long socks (soccer and hockey); and if you require a school pair of shin pads remember to bring long socks; boots (if you have them already).

#### AFL girls in the Grand Final next week

Congratulations to the girls AFL team for making the final against Yarrilee. The date of this game is yet to be confirmed, but is currently being planned for next week. Best of luck girls!

#### CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (CRI)

CRI is usually a weekly lesson for students from year one up. The program reinforces Qld education core values of responsibility, understanding, respect, tolerance, inclusion, integrity, freedom, compassion and caring. Trained instructors are drawn from a variety of Christian Churches. Each instructor holds a blue card, is accredited by their church and is approved by the school principal. Queensland Government Legislation has approved the teaching of Religious Instruction in State Schools since 1910.

The curriculum encourages storytelling, drama, interactive discussions, music, games and craft.

Your child will:

Explore Bible stories and the geography, history and culture of the times; talk about Christian beliefs which have helped to shape our nation; discover what the Bible says about God and the life and teachings of Jesus; learn to value and respect their own and other's beliefs; be encouraged to develop positive values and choices eg. thankfulness, forgiveness and hope.

RI commences next Friday for Years 2-6. Participant lists are kept from year to year, so please contact the school if your child has previously participated and you would prefer them not to this year. Equally, if you child has not previously participated and now you would like them to, please contact the office.

### DUNGA DERBY



This community charity actively supports Fraser Coast families and individuals affected by life-limiting medical conditions and/or disrupted by circumstances beyond their control.

To support this cause we are participating in the "DESIGN a DUNGA" competition when students can name and design a car which will be built as the pace car for this year's Dunga Derby. Entry forms are available from the school library.

#### FIND KAWUNGAN SS ON FACEBOOK:



### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Confirmation and First Communion Program for Children – Hervey Bay Catholic Parish

For those children wishing to enrol in the Eucharist/Confirmation program for this year: the two Parent Information Nights (you need to attend both please) will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, at 7pm in St Joseph's Church, Bryant St, Pialba. The preparation will take place during May, and the celebration will be on the weekend of 4/5 June. Please note that children must be at least in Year 3, and have already celebrated their First Reconciliation.

No need to register before the Information night. Any enquiries: Parish Office 41243334; Julie Lynch 0408382023