

Keeping In Touch...

It's Official!

The School Fete will be on Saturday 8th October. The P&C are putting a committee together to plan and implement this great event. Please leave your name at the office if you would like to become involved.



Early Childhood Developmental Unit

Many parents have recently shared with me their concerns about the future of our Early Childhood Development Programs (ECDPs) during the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). We have a long history of supporting children with disability through early intervention and we are awaiting further information from the federal agency responsible for delivering the NDIS, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), on what kind of support will be available under the new scheme. The Minister for Education, Kate Jones, has been meeting with and listening to parents, principals and school staff who have all expressed concerns about the transition. Like us, she is concerned that the NDIA has not provided information to principals, school staff and parents who rely on ECDPs.

An urgent teleconference with Queensland's school principals on Friday 15 April was held by the Minister so she could directly hear our views and answer questions. We explained to the Minister that the lack of information is causing distress and anxiety for families and staff.

Following the teleconference, the Minister wrote to the Federal Minister responsible for disability services, Christian Porter, calling on him to immediately act and start providing information directly to Queensland families.

The Minister called on Minister Porter to guarantee that children will receive the same, if not more support under the NDIS – as promised.

Along with Minister Jones, we all want the transition to

be as smooth as possible.

The Minister wants to ensure every child receives the same level of care

and support, or better, than they do now.

Minister Jones has committed to keeping ECDPs open

until 2020 or until all children in ECDPs have transitioned to high quality schools or to other early intervention providers. In 2020 we will be in a position to make a decision about the long-term requirement for ECDPs as we will know if the transition has worked and every family is supported.

During this four-year transition, ECDPs will continue to take new enrolments and operate as they are now until we know that the NDIS is able to meet the early intervention needs of Queensland children.

The Minister assured us she will continue to listen to parents, principals and staff and will advocate on our behalf to ensure we receive the information we need from the Commonwealth Government and the NDIA.

Flashing Crossing Lights Coming

Next week flashing light school zone signs will be installed around the school. We were nominated to receive these new signs as part of a Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety. You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

These signs are intended to draw motorists' attention to the operation of the school zone. The lights only flash during school zone times and only on school days. So next time you're dropping off or picking up your child, keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.

Ready for the ANZAC Day march?

Once again we will be joining the RSL march to Freedom Park from the back Woollies carpark. We will meet and assemble there at 8:45am, ready to step off at 9:15am sharp. Parents can drop their children there and meet us at Freedom Park. Parents are asked by the RSL not to march with their children. We will supervise them.

P&C NEWS

Kawungan Lunchbox News

"Helping each other to achieve healthiness"



Open Tuesday-Friday.
Eftpos available.

The Easter Treat Deal was a huge success. Thank you everyone who supported The Lunchbox in this fundraiser. The Easter Egg Guessing Competition was won by Yasmin in 1A.

A new menu should have gone home last week with the newsletter. A digital copy can be found on the school website and further paper copies can be collected from the office.

Please note the correct way to fill out the lunch bags is displayed on the back of the bag. Australian currency accepted only.

Should you find some spare time in your day, pop into The Lunchbox and lend us a hand. We would love to meet you and I'm sure your children would love to see you helping out.

Current Special - Tuesday ONLY
Dagwood Dog - \$3

Important change to fete date

Due to circumstances beyond our control the date has been changed. Our 25th Birthday Fete will now be held on SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER. 10AM-3PM

Should you have any ideas or would like to run a stall please leave your details in the red chatterbox in the office or drop us an email :

pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au

We would love to hear from you!

25th Birthday Fete Meeting

Please come and share your ideas each Wednesday at 3:15pm under the trees on the oval while the 'I Can Play' Program is running. We need many more hands on board for this to be a success. We cannot always rely on the same group of ladies to do all of the fundraising for our school. Jump on board

and help share the load. Many hands make light work!

Mother's Day Stall Donations

Next time you are at the shops and see a packet of share chocolates or individually wrapped lollies on special, please think of us. We want to celebrate our beautiful Mothers and Grandmothers and special woman in our lives by running our yearly Mother's Day stall. Ribbon, candles, card and craft items are all acceptable. Little tokens of love and appreciation that you think we could use, would all be valued. Donations can be delivered to the office or Uniform Shop. The stall will be open Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May. Thank you in advance.

Mother's Day Raffle

Last week raffle books and letters went home to each family. Please see your class teacher if you did not receive these. There are some wonderful prizes on offer thanks to some great local businesses and friends. All tickets that are NOT sold must be returned. Money and unsold tickets are to be back to the office by Thursday 5th May. Winners will be notified by phone Friday 6th May.

Our P & C and Chaplaincy Program thanks you for your support. Good Luck!

School Disco

The school disco will be held in the hall on Friday 13th May. Prep-2 will be 5.30-7.00pm and Yr 4-6 will be 7.30-9.00pm. Money is due back to the box in the office no later than 6th May.

The Uniform Shop

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

Plenty of our school jumpers in all sizes are for sale now.

Term 2 Fundraiser – 5 Cent Challenge

The challenge has begun....

and so has the fun. Thank you everyone for making the first week a great kick start to this fabulous fundraiser. Sticky, fluff covered and rusty 5 cent pieces were popping up out of the woodwork. Teachers trying to bribe volunteers to swap fun run money (yes Mrs Tudman we are on to you!) just made it all more of a challenge. There have been many laughs with this competitive and friendly fundraising spirit keeping us all on our toes. What class will triumph and win the party of all class parties? Watch this space.

P & C Date Claimers

Here are a few dates for your diary.

Thursday 5th/Friday 6th May-
Mother's Day Stall

Friday 13th May- School Disco

Thursday 1st/Friday 2nd
September -Father's Day Stall

Saturday 8th October- School
Fete

POSITION VACANT

Computer Technician Kawungan State School

3 days per week

Permanent Position

With the possibility of extending to full time, dependant on school funding.

Application Packages are available from the school administration office between 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Applicants are required to submit a brief resume, contact details for 2 referees (one of whom is your current supervisor) and a maximum 2 page written response outlining your suitability for the role under 'How You Will Be Assessed'.

Applications open on the 11th of April and close at 3.00pm on Friday the 25th of April 2016.

Applications will remain current for 12 months.

Applications to be addressed to:
Deputy Principal (IT)

Kawungan State School

Grevillea Street

KAWUNGAN QLD 4655

Or email to:
enquiries@kawunganss.eq.edu.au

Teacher Aide

3 days per week (9.75 hours)
Permanent Position - Sandy Strait State School
Application Packages are available from the school administration office between 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Applicants are required to submit a brief resume, contact details for 2 referees (one of whom is your current supervisor) and a maximum 2 page written response outlining your suitability for the role under 'How You Will Be Assessed'.

Applications close 3.00pm

Friday 29 April 2016

Applications will remain current for 12 months.

Applications to be addressed to:

BSM

Sandy Strait State School

Robert Street

URANGAN QLD 4655

Or email to:

bsm@sandstrass.eq.edu.au

HPE & SPORT NEWS

It is pleasing to see the great support that this event has received. No doubt you heard that Hawks were the overall winners.

Fun Run Age Group Winners

8 Years

Girl - McKenzie

Boy - Travis

9 Years

Girl - Georgia

Boy - Jayden

10 Years

Girl - Katie

Boy - Kody

11 Years

Girls - Charisma

Boy - Thomas

12 Years

Girls - Tayissa

Boys - Sam

Cross Country training

All students who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the 10,11 and 12 years age groups are to come to the oval at 8:15am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for training with Mrs Robertson. The District Cross Country is on Friday 29 April at St James Lutheran College.

Athletics carnivals will be at the end of this term. More information will follow throughout the term.

ANZAC DAY School Service

Our school service will take place on Friday morning beginning promptly at 9.00am. It will be a whole school ceremony so spaces will be limited.

ANZAC DAY MARCH & BADGES

Kawungan will once again be showing our community pride by marching as a school at the town Anzac Day march. We will all meet at 8.45am in the Woolworths carpark and start walking at approx.9.15. It has been requested by the RSL that parents watch their children from the sidewalks. Please show your understanding and respect for their wishes by dropping your children off and then supporting them by clapping from the sidelines. Dawn service will be held at 5.15am at Freedom Park. School leaders have been selling badges for \$2 and \$2.50 in front of The Lunchbox before school and second break. Friday will be the last opportunity for students to purchase these badges.

HERVEY BAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

Next Friday, our Year 6 students will be provided with the opportunity to visit one of our two local state high schools in preparation for transition to high school. Students will experience learning opportunities provided by specialist teachers in a variety of subject areas.

DONATIONS

If you have any uniforms 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Bookclub

Issue 3 was sent home on Monday. This Issue closes on Wednesday May 4th.

There is a new way for you to order bookclub. You can now order and pay online. The books will be delivered to school and distributed to your child upon arrival. The school still earns free books from your order. There is no need to send any paperwork to the school. This is called LOOP. LOOP means that you no longer have to write out orders and payment slips or send money to school. Just go to scholastic.com.au/payments - Choose Bookclub Pay Now – search for Kawungan State School and you will be redirected to the LOOP page. Select ORDER then the Issue you are ordering from. You will have to add your child's first name and last initial before you can order so that we can deliver the books to them on arrival at school. You can use LOOP any time to order from available issues of Bookclub. If you want to pay by cash or credit card and need the school to place your order – this service is still available. Just send your order to the library as usual. Mrs Gibbs is available to help or answer questions in the library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

I CAN PLAY PROGRAM

The program kicked off again this week. The sports on offer for the next 7 weeks will be athletics, gymnastics, AFL, soccer and tennis. It will be run from 3-4pm on the oval and we ask that parents attend with their child. We encourage all students to get active and try the different sporting codes. It is open for Prep to Year 6.

KOALA JOEYS PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is run from 9-10.30am on Wednesdays for 0-4 year olds. Come along and have some fun.

YEAR ONE AND FOUR VISION SCREENING

Each year, Richard Watt Optometrist offers free vision screening for Year 1 & Year 4 primary school students at schools in Hervey Bay. This is part of his community service program and commitment to the vision welfare of children in Hervey Bay. Richard and his team will be visiting our school this term on the following dates: 4/5, 18/5, 25/5 and 1/6.

If your child has eye exams regularly with an optometrist, the screening is not necessary. If you have concerns about your child's vision, it is advisable to have your child's eyes checked.

Permission forms will be sent home this week. Please complete and sign this form indicating your preference and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, April 22nd. If you choose to have your child's vision checked, a report will be sent home with the results.

FIND KAWUNGAN SS ON FACEBOOK:



COMMUNITY NEWS



PLANET ARK MAKING IT EASY FOR US

Planet Ark have created two apps that make it easier for us to know what can be recycled in our kerbside recycle bin.

- Recycle Smart - lets you know what can be recycled at the MRF

- Recyle Right - tests your recycling skills

Download the apps today and never wonder again if an item can or can't go into your recycle bin :)

Go to www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/recycling



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FUN REWARDING CONNECTED HAPPINESS SELF-CONFIDENCE EXPERIENCE SKILLS RESOURCES CONTACTS
CENEROSITY NEW FRIENDS RESPONSIBILITY MEANINGFUL STIMULATING POSITIVE

The Volunteer Expo is a chance for groups to showcase their efforts, encourage new members and for potential volunteers to investigate their options.

Come along and see what opportunities exist for you to participate. Talk to people about ways you can help how to get started and what you can contribute to our community.

You can make a difference...

- IPAD will be drawn on the day
- FREE Sausage Sizzle



WHERE

Hervey Bay
Neighbourhood Centre
22 Charles St, Pialba

WHEN

10am-2pm
Saturday May 14

ADMISSION

Free

EVERY
HAND
HELPS
2016
EXPO