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## Keeping In Touch...

### Cross Country Success

Well done to our students who competed at the Wide Bay Cross Country trials this week. Bailee came 8th, Katie came 10th, Thomas came 3rd and Drew came 6th. Thomas made it onto the Wide Bay Team and Drew is first reserve.

Well done boys and girls for all your effort you put into training. It is fantastic to see our students reap the rewards for their hard work!

### School Visit

This week the Hon Ted Sorensen visited the school. We discussed early childhood development and some alarming data that shows physical development is decreasing. Ted also took the opportunity to visit our Special Education classes and the ECDU.

Ted is a great supporter of our school and advocates on our behalf at all levels of politics. We appreciate the support he provides and the interest he maintains in our school.

### Ready for Prep?

As we begin to take enrolments for Prep in 2017, here is a little checklist that will help see how ready your kindy child is for Prep. If your child has the following skills, it is a great step up when starting Prep:

Does your child know which way to hold a book so that the text is orientated correctly?

Does he/she know that the text always runs across the page?

Does he/she know that the text carries a constant message that never changes?

Do they know that the picture has something to do with the story?

Do they know what a letter, word or sentence is?

Do they understand simple punctuation marks?

If they don't know these simple concepts, please spend more time reading with your children explaining them. Regardless of whether they know these things or not, they will be fully supported once they start Prep.



### Going Down Hill

The latest data collected across all schools in Australia indicates that young student's health and wellbeing is deteriorating.

Australia 77% on track

Qld 73% on track

Hervey Bay 63% on track

This data has worsened over the last 6 years.

What physical development can we expect in Prep age children is a question we are often asked? In general terms your five-year-old is more coordinated and loves to show off new physical skills – you'll often hear shouts of 'Look at me!'

Your child can ride a bike, jump rope, balance on one foot for a short period of time and walk downstairs without needing to hold your hand, skip and catch a large ball. Many six-year-olds will also be interested and able to play team sports, like soccer. Does it seem like your six-year-old can't ever keep still? Wriggling and squirming while watching TV, at the dinner table or even while sleeping is all pretty normal.

Your child's fine motor skills are improving, which leads to more independence with things like tying shoelaces, using zips and buttons, and brushing hair. They might still find it hard to cut up food with a knife, but enjoy the chance to practise.

### Change of Weather

As we enter the cooler months and as the rain descends, please make sure you are ready. Have a wet weather pick up plan and make sure your child has a raincoat or umbrella. These items need to be clearly labelled.

### Winter Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the necessary uniform for the cooler days we are now experiencing. Our uniform policy states a black jumper and black pants or track pants as part of the uniform. No black leggings or stockings are to be worn unless they are under skirts or shorts. Thank you for your support.

Simon Boss-Walker  
Principal

## P&C NEWS

### Kawungan Lunchbox News

"Helping each other to achieve healthiness"



Open Tuesday-Friday.  
Eftpos available.

We always appreciate the beautiful thank-you's and decorations you draw on your lunch bags, so that gave us an idea. We are offering a free lunch order to the best decorated lunch bag. Get out your felt pens and put your thinking caps on and have some fun. Competition closes Tuesday 7th June.

We are also seeking donations of tinned fruit salad in natural juice and tinned or sliced pineapple.

### The Uniform Shop

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

Jumpers, long pants and track pants available for purchase or ordering for your convenience.

### Parent Cafe

Come and join us for a friendly complimentary cuppa and a chat every Friday in the hall 9-10 am. Children under school age are welcome.

### 5 Cent Challenge

The coins are coming in....don't be left behind. It is class against class in this super fun and friendly challenge. The class that raises the most money will win an amazing prize that we will reveal in a few weeks. Check under the lounge, under the car seat or in the bottom of your bag. Time is ticking and the bottles are filling....will you be in the lucky class that wins?

For those cooler mornings black pants can be purchased for all students for \$20 from the Uniform Shop. School Polo shirts, dresses and band/choir/music uniforms may be sold back to the Uniform Shop on consignment. Jumpers and skorts are now in stock for your convenience. Want to know more? Pop in and see one of our

friendly volunteers for more information.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Fete Volunteers

Do you have any ideas or would you like to lend a hand with the fete? Leave your details in the red chatterbox in the office or email us at

[pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au)

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

#### Yes!

I would Love to join the fete  
committee

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Fete tubs to fill

Over the next few weeks you will notice tubs outside of your classrooms. These are for items you may wish to donate to go towards the fete prizes we will need to help make the day a big success. Your class teachers will give you suggestions related to what stall your class is holding and the newsletter will suggest items needed. You can donate as often as you like. Thank you for getting behind us on this monster of a fundraiser. We appreciate all the help we can get.

### NEXT P AND C AND FETE MEETING

Our next meeting will be in the library at 6.30pm on Monday 13th June.

Immediately after we will hold a FETE MEETING (starting approx. 7.30pm) to go through stalls and ideas. Please consider joining us as time is ticking and we need your help. We will break out the chocolates and make sure the kettle is on. Hope to see you there.

### Recipes Needed for Fete

For our upcoming fete the Lunchbox will be creating a Kawungan Recipe Book filled with all your favourite family treats. We are asking you to submit your favourite recipes for us to publish. Please remember to put your name and your childrens names (if you so wish) along with a contact number and hand into the Lunchbox or place in the red chatterbox in the office. Let the fun begin.

### Fete Stalls

Are you interested or know of somebody that may like to hold a stall at our upcoming fete. Is so, please leave your details in the red chatter box or email us on [pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au) and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please help us spread the word so we can make this special day one to remember.

### Position Vacant

The position of P and C Treasurer is now vacant. This is a voluntary position and one the P and C cannot function without. There is a bookkeeper and assistant treasurer to work with you in this position. Should you be interested in joining our merry band please contact us by email on

[pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au)

We hope you will consider helping us or know of someone that would be interested. Thank you

### P & C Date Claimers

Here are a few dates for your diary.

Father's Day Stall 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Sep  
School Fete - 8th October

### Jobs Vacant

Kawungan State School  
TEACHER AIDE (Prep)  
18 hours per week over 5 days  
(Two Positions)

Applications are invited for the position of Teacher Aide in our Prep School

This position requires the applicant to perform a range of teacher aide duties as well as being able to assist students during class. The Role

Description is available from the School office. All applications must address the key attributes of the Role Description and be forwarded to:

Attention: Business Services Manager

Kawungan State School  
Grevillea Street

Kawungan Qld 4655

Private & Confidential

Closing date for applications is Friday 10 June 2016.

The Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a Working with Children Check.

Education Queensland actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity.

### **School Photos**

Class and individual photos will be taken in the last week of school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June for Yr Prep, 1, 2, 3U, 3N & 3G. All other classes will be taken on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Payment envelopes will be sent home this week. Student family photos will be available before school on both days. More times to be advised.

### **National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability; level of adjustments we provide for those students; and, broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Department's website:  
<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

Australian Government Department of Education website:  
<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

### **Free Triple P parenting support now available in Queensland**

Parents and carers can get free parenting support through the Triple P — Positive Parenting Program. Visit the [Triple P website](#) to register for seminars and group sessions. One-on-one support can be arranged through the [Find a Provider page](#), or parents can call Parentline on 1300 301 300.

### **Community Initiative for Orphanage in Borneo**

We have a local group of Dentists and Church Leaders going to an orphanage in Borneo on the June holidays to provide free dental care, skipping ropes, soccer balls for the children and would like to supply each child with their own toothbrush.

As there are 600 children in the orphanage, the group has invited us to take part, asking anyone who can afford to jump on board

for this worthy cause, and donate a new toothbrush suitable for a primary aged child. Chappie Mel will leave a box in the office to collect toothbrushes.

### **School Leaders Fundraiser**

The school leaders will aim their next community fundraiser at supporting brain cancer awareness. As we move into cooler weather they thought Beanies for Brain Cancer would be a worthwhile cause. This day will be held on Thursday 16th June, which is Week 10 of this term. A gold coin donation is appreciated.



### **ON A MUSICAL NOTE...**

Important Dates to Remember...

**Wk 8 & 9 – Beg/Adv Band Workshop** June 6

**Wk 9- Int String Workshop** June 9, June 10

**Wk 10 – Adv String Workshop** June 14

**Wk 10- Fanfare Regional Final** June 15

**Wk 11- Kidding- Senior Choir** June 20- Brolga Theatre – All day event with a twilight concert

### **Prep & Year 1 Parent Invite**

Prep and Year One parents are invited to an information session about the importance of oral language.

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June

Time: 2.15pm

Place: PW classroom

### **Enrolment For Prep 2017**

Enrolments forms can be collected from the office for 2017 prep students. The opening days in prep are from 9-10.30am on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> August

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> September

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov

### **Koala Joeys Playgroup**

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

### **FIND KAWUNGAN SS ON FACEBOOK:**



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### TENNIS EXTRAVAGANZA

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Bring your friends along for a great family morning of free tennis fun! You're invited to enjoy the grand opening of the new grass courts, help unveil our new mascot, and join in on the celebrations of Ace Tennis turning 5!



Grand Opening of our new grass courts!

Ace Tennis 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Come and get a photo with 'Chace' the tennis ball mascot!

24hr tennis-a-thon kicks off!

Free sausage sizzle & family tennis for all to enjoy!

HERVEY BAY & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
70 Colyton Street, Tongue Point  
(Opposite the Hockey Field)  
[www.herveybaytennis.com](http://www.herveybaytennis.com)

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
9am



### The Waste Hierarchy

#### AVOID

buying things that you don't need.

#### REDUCE

waste producing product and habits.

#### REUSE

Items that you would usually throw away.

#### RECYCLE

your waste items.

#### DISPOSE

of waste.



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