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Keeping In Touch...

Reporting and Recording Student Absences

The report *When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland's children missing from out-of-home care* was released recently. The Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

As parents you would be aware that a text message is already sent to parents of absent children on a daily basis from this school. Parents are able to respond to the text message giving reasons for the absence. These responses are recorded and kept on OneSchool. Carers of students who are in out-of-home care will also receive a phone call from us to advise of the absence.

School Attendance

Fortunately we record relatively high levels of student attendance at this school. Currently we are running at 92.5%. Sadly only 77.6% of students attended on the last day of term 2. Some 5.1% of our students have not had a day off all year. Year 2 are the best attenders at 93.9%.

Parents need to continue to be vigilant about not allowing students to have days off school. We note that Friday is the day taken off most frequently.

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.



Late Comers

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- won't get out of bed in the morning
- won't go to bed at night
- can't find their uniform, books, school bag ...
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven't done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it's their birthday

If so, a set routine can help:

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

School Opinion Survey

Have you completed yours yet? Could I ask you to fill in the survey online with the login and password we have sent home?

eNews

Did you know you can receive your newsletter by email? In a move to reduce our wastage, we would like to transition as many families as possible to email. You can sign up by contacting our friendly school office.

Simon Boss-Walker
Principal

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

Nelson Mandela

P&C NEWS
Kawungan
Lunchbox News



"Helping each other to achieve healthiness"

THE LUNCHBOX

Open Tuesday – Friday;
EFTPOS available.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped out with the Junior and Senior Athletics Carnival. A special shout out to Mike and Dave for setting up and running the BBQ – great job boys!

We are looking for volunteers to help out Thursday and/or Fridays every second week. If this is something you could do, please pop in and see our amazing Lunchbox ladies.

PARENT CAFE

Come and join us in the hall 9-10am every Friday for a complimentary cuppa and a chat. Children under school age are welcome. We would love to see you.

THE UNIFORM SHOP

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

FETE INFORMATION

Keep an eye out for our events page under the Kawungan School Facebook page COMING SOON for all info about the fete.

FETE PRIZE TUBS

We understand you are busy so maybe you can help us with the fete by donating a prize or 2 towards our stalls. We are looking for small and large items to be donated. For example bubble wands,

colouring books, sweets, new books, new toys etc. Please drop these items to the office, uniforms shop, Lunchbox or Parent Café. Alternatively see your child's class teacher for a list of prizes suggested for their class stall.

Thank you to those already donating.

A special 'Thank You' to Karl, Sylvia and Mia KNOWLES for their very generous donation of a new luggage pod that will be raffled at the fete. Three cheers to you!

P & C and FETE MEETING

Thank you to everyone that attended Monday night's P & C meeting. As always lots to discuss and much laughter to be had. A big welcome and thank you to the new faces that joined us as well. Thanks also to the many that joined us for the Fete meeting that followed. We really are proud to see the great support that you show and appreciate your time and effort.

NEXT FETE MEETING

There will not be a P & C meeting for the month of August. Instead we will hold a fete meeting on Monday, 8th August in Mod 8 at 6:30pm. Come for a cuppa and help us with the many ideas and jobs we need to get done for the fete. Many hands make light work plus there's chocolate! All welcome!

KOALA JOEYS PLAYGROUP

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

3W

The following is a recount of the school athletics carnival by the students of 3W.

On the last day of Term 2 Kawungan State School held its athletics carnival. Everybody arrived in their bright house shirts eagerly anticipating the day ahead. The day began with the finals of the 200m sprints were held, which the heats had been run the previous week.

The rotations of high jump, long jump, shot put and 100m sprints were held next. Some people had already qualified for the finals of these events and the rest of us compete for point for our house. However, in the 100m sprints we all had to try our hardest in the heats on the day and then if we qualified in the final later as well.

After second lunch break there were the relays between the houses that we all had to cheer really loudly in. To finish off the events for the day there was a relay between staff, parents and house captains.

At the end of the day there were presentations of the Age Champion trophies and the winning house for the day was Magpies. We all enjoyed the day and look forward to the next carnival.

ICAS ENGLISH TESTS

For those students involved, ICAS English testing will now occur on Wednesday 3 August rather than Tuesday 2 August.

CORRECTION

Unfortunately we accidently printed the name of the wrong age champion for the 12 year

old girl's athletics last term. The girl age champion was Brooke L – our apologies for the mistake. Congratulations Brooke for this fantastic result.

HERVEY BAY DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The HBDS Athletics Carnival is next week. Permission forms have been sent home already, medical forms and money are due back by this Friday. Students who are only competing in the 800m (on Thursday 28/07) will only require a payment of \$4 for levies. Students competing in any other events (on Friday 29/07) are required to pay \$7.50 for levy and bus costs.

Training for the various events has begun and class teachers/blocks have the schedule. It is important that students are responsible for getting to their sessions. Some training is taking place in the mornings before school, if you can't get to school by 8:15am just head to the area when you do arrive.

HERVEY BAY DISTRICT TEAMS

Congratulations to Emma K, Hannah K and Ruby R for making it onto the Hervey Bay District girls Rugby League team.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to Thomas Breen who competed at the State Cross Country trials over the weekend. The effort Thomas put into his training was inspirational, he set goals for himself and worked hard to achieve them. Thomas said "it was a tough course with quite a bit of mud, it was a good experience."

Well done to Braiden T from 5U who competed in the State Golf trials in Yeppoon earlier this week.

ICAN PLAY PROGRAM

The iCan play program has commenced for term 2. The sports on offer this term are Rugby league, AFL, Softball,

Cricket and Tennis. If your child has not attended yet try and make it one afternoon this term. There are application forms at the office. Physical development has a positive impact on academic achievements so come and join the fun.

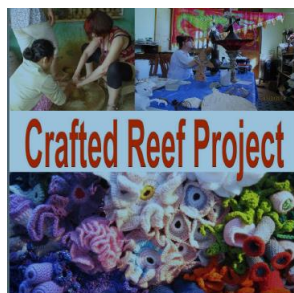
ENROLMENT FOR PREP 2017

Enrolment forms can be collected from the office for 2017 prep students. The open days in prep are from 9-10.30am on:
Saturday 20th August
Friday 9th September
Wednesday 2nd Nov

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOST

One black sports shoe bag, for spike shoes with zipper and handle. Went missing on sports day 24 June.
If found please contact Kawungan State School office.



There will be a variety of crafts workshops on offer including creating lanterns.

A selection of crafts can be used in our kid's reef project giving kids an opportunity to be a part of a community arts display at the regional gallery in 2017.

The lanterns can be used in the illumination parade for the whale festival on the 20 August.

Contact us now for details: enquiriesfca@gmail.com



ART & CRAFT DAY

ADULT & CHILDRENS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND LOTS OF FUN

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 10AM - 2PM

\$5.00 PER PERSON MATERIALS SUPPLIED

FRASER COAST ARTSLINK

Arts & Craft Village
187 Bideford Street
TORQUAY

PO Box 474, Pialba 4655

FRASER COAST'S GOT TALENT

Who: 9 yrs - 21yrs
When: Saturday 23rd July 2016
Where: The Great Hall Beach Road, Pialba.

Time: 6pm
No entry fee for contestants
If you are 9 – 21 years of age and would like to showcase a particular skill or talent then WE WANT TO HEAR from you!

Entry forms can be obtained by contacting Kerrie on 0417 718 490 or emailing: enquiriesfca@gmail.com

BRISBANE ROAR ARE COMING

To Hervey Bay

3 Hours of Football for all Levels. Skills/Drills with our Roar Coaching Staff.

Where: Hervey Bay Football Fields, Tavistock Street.

When: Tuesday, 6th September 4:30pm – 7:30pm, registration at 4:15pm.

Ages: 5-14 years Cost: \$50
Registration available at www.roaractive.com.au.

VISIT FRASER COAST

Due to popular demand the Floats will be returning to the Hervey Bay Whale Concert and Parade.

This year's parade will take place on Saturday the 20th August at 6:00pm. It will follow the traditional route along Charlton Esplanade from Frank Street to Seafont Oval.

Head to herveybayoceanfestival.com.au for more details.

CONDY PARK TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Condy Park's annual community event the Teddy Bear's Picnic will be held 7th August from 9am to 1pm beside the Discovery Sphere. Entertainment by Brett Campbell Children's Musician.

Come along for a great family fun day. Major Raffles, Face Painting, Jumping Castles, Rides, Stall, Petting Zoo, Food, Drinks, Rex the Dinosaur and lots of Entertainment.

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