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Keeping In Touch...



Independent Public School

We will be applying to become an IPS in the final round of applications this October if supported by the school community. We believe that this initiative will give us increased flexibility to improve learning outcomes for our students. IPS means we would create a school council that would oversee the strategic directions of the school as per the legislation. It will give us some flexibility around innovation, community partnership and curriculum.

The school will still have the protections of existing insurances, legal and media advice, financial advice and support, industrial protections, curriculum, HR support, WorkCover protection and regional support. The school would benefit from an extra \$100,000 in the school budget.

Consultation with parents will continue through the P&C association.

Is Screen Time Harmful?

There is now a huge amount of research that tells us that too much screen time actually inhibits a person's capacity to earn a greater income! In other words, those who spend too much time in front of a screen are not stimulating their brain and will not be capable of higher order thinking. So to answer the perennial question, "Is too much screen time harmful"? The answer is "Yes".

In essence:

Children need to develop the capacity of sustained attention or concentration, screen time cultivates the opposite – divided attention. 80% of brain growth occurs between 0-3. That's when most of the brain's connections are made.

Some governments have initiatives in place or in planning to restrict screen media.

Here are some internationally recognised screen limits:

3-7 years	0.5-1 hour/day
7-12 years	1 hour
12-15 years	1.5 hours
16+ years	2 hours

Some useful tips:

- Have a TV free night once a week;
- Preselect from the program instead of just watching anything;
- Monitor children's device time; and
- Model appropriate screen time for your children.

How much time are you spending in front of a screen?

Traffic and Parking

We understand the frustrations some people have with the lack of parking outside the school at 3pm. There is no easy answer! As you know we have no control over parking and traffic issues outside of the school. We talk with Police and Council regularly to discuss any particular issues. We have identified the pedestrian crossing in Honeysuckle Ave to be moved to near the pedestrian gate. It has been planned by Council for action and now awaits their budgetary considerations. It has been approved by Queensland Transport.

The safety of your children is of paramount importance to us. There is no parking in the school grounds except for staff. Kawungan Care children should be dropped off and picked up in Honeysuckle Ave at the specially provided gate. We do offer limited parking for some students with disabilities. Applications to apply for a permit are available from the office in consultation with the Deputy Principal – Inclusion.

We consider the vehicular gate in Grevillea St an unsafe path for pedestrians. Please use the other gates provided. Thanks for your understanding with these issues.

Simon Boss-Walker
Principal

P&C NEWS
Kawungan
Lunchbox News



"Helping each other to achieve healthiness"

THE LUNCHBOX

Open Tuesday – Friday;
EFTPOS available.

Think of us next time you are having a crazy morning. Just drop your order in to The Lunchbox and leave the rest to us.

Thank you to those volunteers who help out. We appreciate your time and friendship.

RECIPES NEEDED

Keep sending in your recipes to help fill our cook book that will go on sale at the Fete. Please include any family favourites. Sweet, savoury, main, entrée - the choice is yours. Be sure to include your name and contact number as well as your child/children's name/s so they can be printed in the book (phone numbers will not be printed). Thank you!

NEXT P & C MEETING

Monday 12th September
6.30pm in the Library. Join us for a cuppa and find out about what is going on around our great school. All welcome!

NEXT FETE MEETING

Monday 12th September at approx 7.30pm in the P & C room (directly after P & C meeting) in Mod. 8 behind the Music room.

THANK YOU FETE COMMITTEE

A big thank you to the fete committee for all your time and energy. We really are lucky to have such a wonderful group of Mums and Grandparents that keep the wheels turning.

Thank you for the late nights and enthusiasm during these busy months. We would be lost without you!

UNLIMITED RIDES DEAL

\$27.00 each prepaid by 3pm 7th October or \$32.00 each on the day. Prepaid tickets go in the draw for a chance to win a Samsung Tablet. Tickets are for sale at The Uniform Shop and Parent Cafe. There will be a box in the office for all orders also.

REMINDER UNIFORM SHOP HOURS HAVE CHANGED

We are now open Monday and Thursday 8:30am-9:30am and Wednesday 2:30pm-3:30pm. EFTPOS available.

FETE ADVERTISING

Can you display a fete poster at or around your home or work? If so, please pop in to the Parent Cafe and grab one and help us share this exciting fundraiser information with the community to help make it a huge success.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FETE

Please consider jumping on board and lending a hand (even for just an hour). Please leave your details in the red chatterbox in the office or email us on pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please see your class teacher for suggested items or read through the many suggestions on the form we sent home last week. Donations and trash and treasure items can be delivered to the Office, the Uniform Shop, The Lunchbox and Parent Cafe.

FETE STALLS

Interested in having a stall or know of someone that is? Simply leave your details in the red chatterbox in the office or contact us on pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au and we will get back to you.

PARENT CAFE

Come and join us for a complimentary cuppa and catch up at 9-10am in the hall each Friday. Children under school age are welcome. See you there.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Don't forget to stop by the Library on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September to buy a little something for the special men in your life. Father's Day is just around the corner and we are here to help you celebrate Dads, Grandads, Uncles and all those amazing Father figures that mean so much to us. Open 8:15am, Little Lunch and Big Lunch unless sold out.

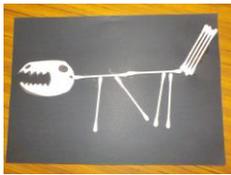
If you can spare the time and help us run the stall, please leave your details in the red chatterbox. Thank you!

KOALA JOEYS PLAYGROUP

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

ICAN PLAY

Please bring your child along on Wednesday afternoons for a great play with some of our local sport development officers. All students from Prep-6 can participate from 3-4pm.



Last week we had a lot of fun learning about dinosaurs.

We read books about dinosaurs and then wrote a description of dinosaurs. We also painted them and made a toothy dinosaur as well as a skeleton.

Here are some of our descriptions:

- Dinosaurs are big and scary.
- Some dinosaurs have spikes, wings or long necks and tails.
- They have very sharp teeth and claws.
- Their growl is very loud.
- Dinosaurs are animals that lived a very long time ago.
- They eat different things.
- All dinosaurs have different colours and shapes.
- Dinosaurs have funny names.
- Dinosaurs are green and bumpy.
- Some of them even eat plants.
- Dinosaurs are really fast.
- They have long tails and some have spikes.
- Their growl is very loud.
- Dinosaurs are big and scary.
- They eat each other and they can run very fast.
- T Rex eats meat and Brontosaurus eat plants.
- Dinosaurs have very sharp teeth.
- Some like to eat meat and some like to eat plants.



BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Last week saw the whole school filled up with book characters and Australian characters as Kawungan celebrated Book Week 2016. The theme this year was Australia Story Country. Parents, staff and students all enjoyed the parades with four students winning prizes for their great costumes. Staff all dressed up for the occasion with the teacher-aides arriving as Gumnut Babies of all colours and the Prep aides dressing as Aliens in Underpants. Mr Boss-Walker was the squatter from Waltzing Matilda and entertained everyone with the story and song.

Thanks to all the people who made the day possible – the Admin team, our three judges, the Library staff, teachers, aides and grounds staff.

BOOKS OF THE YEAR

Younger Readers: "Soon"
Early Childhood: "Mr Huff"
Picture Book: "Flight"

RUG READING FOR BOOK WEEK

The whole school was out on the oval last week for Rug Reading to celebrate Book Week. The Years 5 & 6 students read picture books to the younger students all sitting on rugs on the oval. Everyone enjoyed spending time together reading and talking about books. These sorts of activities not only help boost reading skills, but also build community feelings within our school.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to wash sheets used for Rug Reading. Anyone who can wash 6 – 10 large sheets please drop into the library to collect your bundle. ☺

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub Issue 6 was sent home last week. This issue closes on Friday 2nd September at 9am. You can also order Bookclub 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.



HELPING HANDS KAWUNGAN CARE DANCE CLASSES

Work on your dancing ability with our hip hop

guru Steve.

Fridays at the hall at After School Care 3.45pm-4.45pm.

Starting Friday 2nd September 2016 for the rest of Term.

Normal After School Care costs. Price starting from \$4.27 (depending on CCB & CCR rates) Please come and see us for a quote.

It's free to enrol at Helping Hands, your child can just do the dance class with us or we would love to see you more often too!

Please Contact Helping Hands Kawungan Care on 0429 836 879 or

email: kawungan@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2017 – HERVEY BAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Hervey Bay State High School is currently processing enrolment requests that have been submitted for Year 7 students in 2017. Pre-filled enrolment forms, and enrolment agreements will be mailed out to parents/carers of these students in the coming weeks. There will also be a second enrolment afternoon in mid-term four for parents/carers and students to attend, in order to finalise their enrolment for next year.

If you have a student enrolling in Year 7 at Hervey Bay State High School and have not yet returned the enrolment request form, please complete the form and return it to Hervey Bay State High School's Administration Office as soon as possible.

Applications for APEX (Academic Programs of Excellence) in English, Maths, Science, Sport, Music and iExcel (Digital Technologies) are now open. Applications must be submitted by Friday 9 September. Information about enrolment (including the enrolment request form) and APEX is available on the Hervey Bay State High

School's website at www.herveybayshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments.

Please contact Sarah Brierley, Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary (sbrie11@eq.edu.au) for further information.

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