

KAWUNGAN COURIER

Helping Each Other Achieve Excellence

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Last week, Takoda Malone had the honour of performing traditional Butchulla dancing for Prince Harry. Takoda had the additional privilege of being chosen to present flowers to the Prince, testimony to the commitment that Takoda has displayed to his culture. We are all very proud of Takoda's achievements.



School Review

A team of 4 reviewers spent 3 days at Kawungan at the start of this week. The reviewers were here as part of our quadrennial school review, a 4 year review cycle that all state schools participate in.

Significant numbers of staff, students and parents were spoken to as part of the process. Later in the year we will receive a report detailing the findings of the review

and will use the recommendations to assist us with planning over the next 4 years.

National Championships



Recently Tyrell B competed for Wide Bay at the State Track and Field Championships for athletes with disabilities in Cairns. We are pleased to report that Tyrell received second placings in the 100 & 200m events! This result has seen Tyrell selected for the Queensland Team to compete at the National Championships in Melbourne later this year. An outstanding result Tyrell.

School Value

Our school value this week has focused on courtesy. A feature of our school is that the vast majority of students demonstrate courtesy on a daily basis as they interact with staff and students in a respectful and polite manner. Kindness, generosity and the use of manners are tremendous qualities to model and instil in our students.

School Disco

The second disco for the year will be taking place this Friday evening. A huge vote of thanks must go to the P&C for providing students with this amazing opportunity. We look forward to a great night!

Music Awards Night

We are excited to be celebrating the achievements of our music students at the Kawungan Annual Music Awards Night at the Brolga on Monday, 5th November at the Brolga Theatre, starting at 6:30pm. We are fortunate to have such dedicated music teachers that have instilled a passion for music in our students. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Jones
Principal

P & C NEWS

The Kawungan Lunchbox



"Helping each other to achieve healthiness"

Open Tuesday – Friday
EFTPOS available.

The Uniform Shop

As this year winds up and you start looking into new uniform for the kids, please remember we can help. We not only stock new uniforms but you can bring in your pre-loved items (please note we do not accept torn or stained uniforms) for us to sell on consignment for you. Polo's, senior shirts, choir, sports shirts, jumpers, etc are always in demand so why not make a little money and help out another family at the same time.

Disco This Friday

What an awesome response to our last disco for 2018. We can't wait to see everyone out having some fun on the dance floor. A big thank you also to all those amazing people who raised their hands to help out on the night. Looking forward to seeing you there!

World Teachers Day

Last Friday, the P&C provided a lovely morning tea for our teachers to celebrate their special day. We are truly blessed to have so many amazing teachers here at our beautiful school. On behalf of the P&C and all of the students, we would like to thank you for making our world a better place ♥ We love you!

Parent Cafe

Open every Friday in The Uniform Shop 9-10am. Come and join us for a complimentary cuppa. Everyone welcome, children under school age are welcome.

Crazy Hair Day

Get your thinking caps on ... Friday 23rd November is our Crazy Hair Day! Have some fun with your own hair or wear a wig and help us raise some money towards air conditioning. Please bring a gold coin and a smile ☺

SCHOOL NEWS

2019 Year 4 1:1 Device Program

Thank you to those who have already returned their expression of interest and deposit for the Year 4 1:1 device program for 2019. The program still needs some additional interest from parents/families to make both the laptop and iPad class viable in 2019. If you are interested in the program but have not yet returned an expression of interest and deposit, please do so by Friday the 2nd of November. The school will then

consider whether or not one or both classes are viable and advise families via a letter home.

Principal's Awards

"Being a Trustworthy Student"

PK	Deccy, Breez
PA	Tahlia, Alexander
PU	Khloe, Tahlia
PN	Lucy, Hayley
PG	Annabella, Kelvin
P/1M	Xavier, Jamira
1K	Mia, Layton
1A	Kate, Hayden
1W	Isaac, Kinci
1U	Sienna, Jacob
1/2S	Logan, Jett
2K	Riley, Lola
2A	Nicolle, Jai
2W	Scarlett, Mason
2U	Riley, Tahlia
2N	Eden, Kaycen
2G	Reuben, Skylar
3K	Ashton, Miah-Jade
3A	Jorja, Jett
3W	Kye-San, Ruby
3U	Hugo, Olivia
3N	William, Ella
4K	Emily, Amarlie
4A	Connor, Toby
4W	Payton, Lola
4U	Stefan, Tianni
4N	Lauren, Jestyn
4/5M	Kiarra, Ethan
5K	Akaysha, Chelsea
5A	Logan, Emily
5W	Tahlia, Ethan
5U	Tecoa, Breanna
5N	Maddison, Kylah
6K	Allie, Jarryd
6A	Shannon, Cruz
6W	Laura, Montana
6U	T'Arnee, Katie
6N	Phoebe, Josephine

Departing Families

We are currently considering arrangements for 2019 and it is important that we get an accurate prediction of

enrolment numbers. If your child/ren will no longer be attending Kawungan State School in 2019, please contact the school office as soon as possible to let the office staff know.

Spotlight on Year 2

This term, we have been investigating the lifecycles of many different living things. We are lucky enough to have class pets, which we have been watching as they change and grow! Did you know that a silkworm goes through a process called metamorphosis? It means they change shape from the beginning of their life into a completely different one as an adult. We have been keeping a silkworm diary and now we know that silkworms are not worms at all, they are caterpillars but we call them larva. We are eagerly watching as they shed their skins and grow bigger and bigger. They don't do much besides eat all day and night. They must get bored eating mulberry leaves! We cannot wait until they start to spin a silk cocoon, but it might be a few weeks yet!

Here are a few photos of our silkworms so far. Can you see how much they have grown?



MUSIC NEWS

Music Awards Night

Kawungan's Annual Music Awards Night will be held on Monday 5th November at the Brolga Theatre Maryborough at 6:30pm. Students should arrive at 6pm in order to get ready. Senior Choir, TC Singers, Vocal Fusion, Junior Choir, Beginner Strings, String Orchestra and Concert Band will all be performing on the night. Awards will be presented to the Most Outstanding Music

Students. More information in a note will be sent home soon.

Instrumental Recruitment

Forms for Instrumental Recruitment were due today. The next stage of recruitment will begin next Tuesday for strings and the following Monday for band.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Home Reading Helpful Hints

Reading is one of the most important skills children learn at school. They are taught a range of strategies to assist them to become 'good readers'.

Learning to read means children learn:

- Strategies for decoding and word attack skills (saying the words)
- Strategies for comprehension (understanding the words)
- Strategies for fluency and phrasing (the way you say the words)
- To read for a variety of reasons, including pleasure (making appropriate text selections)

These components are equally important as each other as they combine to develop highly competent readers.

Home reading is an essential part of our school reading program. It provides children the opportunity to practise the skills and strategies they are being taught at school, sharing their learning with their families and develop a love of reading and sharing books.

Here are some helpful hints to make home reading successful:

- During home reading time, turn off electronic devices and give each child ten minutes of your undivided attention.
- Before you read a book, set your child up for success. Reading is not a test! Reading time is only ten minutes so do some of the following: Keep the introduction short – one minute is enough. Talk about the illustrations and the title. Talk about any unusual words, read a page here and there as your child flicks through the book, discuss the characters. This is a short introduction, not an interrogation. If the book is already a familiar one, then this step is unnecessary.
- Find a reading time that works for your family. Limit the time and set the timer if reading in the past has always been difficult. It is better to have an enjoyable 10 minutes than a laborious 30 minutes where everyone is left feeling frustrated.
- At the end of the 10 minutes, ask questions that encourage discussion, for example: What was your favourite part? Tell me about the characters. What do you think will happen next? What did you think

about that setting? What do you like/ dislike about this book?

DO'S



- ❖ READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY
- ❖ LOOK AT THE BOOK BEFORE READING
- ❖ DISCUSS THE BOOK AFTER READING
- ❖ READ THE BOOKS MORE THAN ONCE
- ❖ GO THROUGH SIGHT WORDS EVERYDAY
- ❖ ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO USE THE READING STRATEGIES WHEN THEY COME TO A WORD THEY DON'T KNOW.
- ❖ ENCOURAGE AND PRAISE YOUR CHILD FOR THEIR ATTEMPTS.
- ❖ SHOW ENJOYMENT WHEN READING WITH YOUR CHILD - MAKE IT A SPECIAL SHARING TIME.

DON'TS



- ❖ READ ALL THE BOOKS IN ONE LONG SESSION
- ❖ HAVE YOUR CHILD READ THE BOOK BY THEMSELVES WITH NO SUPPORT
- ❖ COVER THE PICTURES
- ❖ TELL YOUR CHILD UNKNOWN WORDS
- ❖ FOCUS ON WHAT THEY DID WRONG
- ❖ RUSH THROUGH READING AS IT IS BEDTIME AND THEY ARE TIRED
- ❖ READ BOOK IN THE CAR ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL

PE NEWS

Below are the significant dates for sports and HBDS this term.

02/11	Swimming carnival permission and payment due \$2 if being dropped off at pool. \$5 if travelling by bus.
16/11	Swimming carnival

Swimming Carnival

Swimming carnival notes went home last week with payment and permission due back this Friday. We encourage caregivers to drop off and pick up students from the pool because of the volume of students participating. There will be some buses available for those who can't be dropped off at the pool.

Timing for 50m events for the swimming carnival has begun at swimming lessons this week and will continue into next week. Students who don't compete in the 50m events will have the opportunity to compete in the 25m races which also receive ribbons. Kickboards and noodles will be available for students who are less confident in the water.

CHAPPY NEWS



I trust you've had a good couple of weeks. It feels like so much is happening and time just keeps going.

I had the amazing privilege of attending a conference last week on the Neuroscience of anger and the brain. We also looked at the addiction of social technology and what that does to the brain. Wow, if you want to help your kids develop and protect their brains jump onto Dr Mark Milstein's website and do some

research. You won't be sorry. This is something everyone should be investing in.

Thank you so much to everyone who has brought in their Christmas boxes. This is an incredible cause, just to bless people with the simple pleasures in life that we take for granted. I trust you had fun and please know your box will impact someone somewhere. Maybe when you open your Christmas presents you will think of those who will be receiving presents for the very first time. Thank You.

We will be kicking off our social skills and resilience programs this week. If you have not returned your child's consent form yet please do so.

Thank you, have a good week and enjoy the beautiful weather. By the way, I know there are a number of new students in our school. Welcome and I hope you are settling in well.

Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. (Albert Camus)

Chappy M

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kawungan School Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)



At Helping Hands we are growing in numbers and we want your children to come and join in the fun. We run before and after school programs as well as catering for vacation care and pupil free days. You don't have to use us all the time. If you are running late from work, held up at an appointment or for any other reason a quick text is all it takes to have your children in the session you need. We also take bookings for children on regular days. We also cater for shift workers whose shifts change every week. We provide breakfast and afternoon tea every day. We have a variety of activities available on a daily basis including art, construction and ball games. To find out more please come and see us or email kawungan@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au. Hope to see you here. Phone: 0429 836 879.

DATE CLAIMERS

2 nd November	Disco (80's theme)
5 th November	Pancake week
5 th November	Music Awards Night
10 th November	Prep 2019 Open Day
16 th November	School Swimming Carnival
23 rd November	Crazy Hair Day
30 th November	Prep Grandparents Day