

KAWUNGAN COURIER

Helping Each Other Achieve Excellence



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Keeping In Touch...

Being Courageous

The value being discussed in classes this week is courage. Courage can take many forms and be applied to countless contexts in life. For our students at school, displaying the courage to step out of their comfort zone and attempt new learning is critical to their development. We all enjoy doing things that we are good at and tend to avoid those activities that we find difficult. I would encourage you to ask your children about the mistakes they make at school and congratulate them for stepping out of their comfort zone and attempting new learning.

GRIP Leadership Conference

19 of our school leaders attended a leadership conference on Wednesday in Maryborough at the Maryborough City Hall. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to work with student leaders from a broad range of schools across our local region and listen to some inspiring presenters.

We are looking forward to presenting these students with their leadership badges on school parade on Monday the 26th of February.

Car Park Update

As you would be aware, significant work has been undertaken in the Grevillea St car park. Further work to be carried out in this area includes some resurfacing of bitumen and the installation of a traffic island behind the angled parking. Thank you to parents for your patience as we wait for the final completion of this council project.

Air Conditioning Project

The first P&C meeting for 2018 was held last Monday evening. The P&C are channelling a lot of energy into installing air conditioning across the school. This is a massive undertaking but one that will ultimately lead to more comfortable learning environments for our students. Please keep your eye out for P&C fundraisers and lend your support to these. The funds that the P&C are able to raise will ultimately benefit all students at Kawungan.

The school has also established a separate fund exclusively for the purpose of supporting the P&C air-conditioning project. This is a deductible gift recipient fund, meaning that anyone wishing to make a donation is entitled to claim it as tax deduction. Anyone wishing to make a specific donation to this fund is asked to contact the office.

We are fortunate to have such a hardworking and dedicated P&C team striving for better outcomes for all Kawungan students.

Curriculum Corner * NEW*

Writing is a significant focus across our school in 2018. Our Head of Curriculum, Bernie Collins, has written the first of a series of articles on the approach we are taking to developing students writing skills. I would encourage you to read "Curriculum Corner" on page 3 of this newsletter and discuss it further with your child.

Privacy

Out of respect for the privacy of others and keeping in mind the ease with which images can now appear on social media, all parents are reminded to refrain from taking photos or video footage of Kawungan school students whilst they are at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Chaplain

We are delighted to welcome our new School Chaplain, Miriam Frangakis (Chappy M). Miriam will be at our school every Monday and Tuesday.



Mark Jones
Acting Principal

DATE CLAIMERS

February:

- 16 WBSS swimming nominations due
- 19 AFL Gala Day
- 28 U12 Softball/AFL Trials

March:

- 1 Jump Rope for Heart- Jump Off
- 6 U12 Touch/Basketball trials
- 12 P&C AGM
- 14 U12 Hockey/Netball/RL/Soccer/Tennis trials
- 23 Year 5/6 Gala Day
- 27 Easter Treat Deal
- 28 School Run for Fun

P & C NEWS

The Kawungan Lunchbox

"Helping each other to achieve healthiness"
Open Tuesday – Friday
EFTPOS available.



Look out for a fun Easter Treat deal coming up next month. Watch this space for details to come.

The Uniform Shop

New times as follows:

Monday and Friday: 8:30 - 9:30am

Wednesday: 2:30 - 3:30pm

Eftpos available.

This is run by volunteers so if you would like to help please let us know.

Consignments

If you have any Kawungan polos, sports or senior shirts, shorts or skorts with our logo on them that you would like to sell, drop them in to The Uniform Shop. We will take \$2 from each item sold and the rest is yours. It is a great way to help support our school and get some extra cash. Please pop in to The Uniform Shop and see one of our volunteers for details.

Parent Cafe

Join us each Friday 9-10am The Uniform Shop side door (the green one) for a complimentary cuppa and some morning tea. It is a great chance to catch up with old friends or make some new ones. Children under school age are welcome.

★★★ Community Kindness ★★★

A huge shout out to **FRASER COAST MOTOR CENTRE** and its new owners for the generous donation of a new fridge to the P&C room. We are very grateful for their support and send them a big Kawungan cheer!

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P&C Meetings and You

Thank you to the new faces who came to our first P&C meeting of the year. We value your time and input and your support is appreciated. Without new volunteers we simply will not be able to hold our fundraisers like discos and Mother's and Father's Day stalls. Please consider coming along to our AGM and showing your support **Monday 12th March 6:30pm** in the Resource Centre. Join in on the important conversations and feel good knowing YOU are making a difference. We also have chocolate if

that helps...lots of chocolate! Hope to see you there.

Easter Donations

Look out for our colouring in competition and Easter Raffle coming out next month. We are asking for Easter themed donations of chocolate, eggs or treats that we can use as prizes or in our raffle. Please drop them into The Uniform Shop or the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sports Shirt Orders

Please remember to place your orders by 16th March if you want a sports shirt. We cannot afford to carry extra stock and we can only order ONCE a year so please be sure to get those forms in as soon as possible. If you have sports shirts in good condition please consider selling them to us on consignment. Every dollar counts.

SCHOOL NEWS

iCan Play Program

We know the importance of physical activity so we run a free program called iCan play for all students. iCan play will commence for this term on 21st February. This program runs from 3-4pm on a Wednesday afternoon. Various sport development officers come in and work with the students. This term we have cricket, tennis and NRL. All students require a parent permission form to be completed and returned to the school. Forms will be sent home for P- Yr 3 students and Year 4-6 students teachers will have notes for students who request them. We encourage parents to stay for the iCan play session and participate if you wish.



Koala Joeys

Koala Joeys is a playgroup that is run on a Wednesday morning from 9-10:30am. We invite all families to attend this free event. Pack a snack for your child and come and meet some other families in the school. The program helps to develop children's fine and gross motor skills. The children engage in some singing and story activities. The group meets in the building near the Prep playground and will start on the 21st February.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS 'Demonstrating Manners'

Prep S	Charlie
PK	Indiana, Raine
PA	Charlotte, Chase
PU	Dylan, Khloe
PN	Max, Lucy
PG	Sunniah, Ethan
P/1M	Xavier, Lilly
1K	Alexander, Grace
1A	Nicholas, Tia
1W	Rubi, Caitlin
1U	Jacob, Ellexi
2K	Riley, Eloise
2A	Chanel, Dawson, Zac
2W	Mia Rose, Cade
2U	Piper, Riley
2N	Lilly, Kiana
2G	Vincent, Darla
3K	Jett, Ewan
3A	Cherry-Rain, Harlan
3W	Daniel, Aila
3U	Hugo, Kennedy
3N	Starsha, Axle
4K	Amarlie, Ebony
4A	Elizabeth, Nash
4W	Roman, Mia
4U	William, Lashara
4N	Rosie, Taj
4/5M	Tatum, Ethan
5K	Haylee, Jemal
5A	Nate, Bella
5W	Abby, Dominic
5U	Ellissa, Cooper
5N	Summer, Chloe
6K	Paige, Jake
6A	Georgia, Alan
6W	Makeeba, Lara
6U	Tayla, Lilly
6N	Phoebe, Kian
5/6S	Malakai, Marcus

MUSIC NEWS

Recorders

All students in Years 4,5 and 6 are required to have a recorder for classroom music. Please ensure that your child has one. They are available at the Uniform Shop for \$10.

Music Uniforms

All students in the following groups are required to wear the music uniform:

- Beginner Strings
- String Orchestra
- Concert Band (including Beginners)
- TC Singers
- Vocal Fusion
- Senior Choir

An order form was sent home on Monday. Spare order forms are available from the office or Mr Gillard. Order forms must be returned by Monday 5th March. Students without a uniform may find that they are not able to perform with their music group. Please visit the Uniform Shop ASAP to try on the various sizes. You may have found that your child has outgrown their music uniform and you will need to order a new shirt. The Uniform Shop will resell on consignment uniforms that are no longer needed.

CURRICULUM CORNER

A Bike and Sentences

As part of Kawungan's Explicit Improvement Agenda in 2018, we are focussing on improving students' ability to write well-constructed and meaningful simple, compound and complex sentences. Sentence structure is an abstract concept and can be very confusing, not just for students, but adults as well. To help students understand sentence structure (simple, compound and complex sentences), we are comparing sentences to the image of a bike to give students a concrete image of how sentences work. Over the next few newsletters, we will introduce you to the bike and show you how the different kinds of sentence structures work. This week we will focus on simple sentences.

Simple Sentences Part 1

A complete simple sentence has two parts, which is represented by the two wheels of a bike.



Who or what? What about it.

My dragon ate the teacher.

The first wheel tells us who or what the sentence is all about – my dragon. This is called the subject wheel.

The second wheel tells us more about the subject – ate the teacher. This is called the predicate wheel.

The two wheels are connected by the frame of the bike. We do not put a comma between the subject and the predicate.

My dragon, ate the teacher.

My dragon ate the teacher.

A complete simple sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop. The brake light at the back of the bike represents the full stop. A reader needs to know when an idea finishes, and a new idea is about to start. Without a full stop or brake light, our bikes or sentences would run into each other.

A simple sentence has only one verb or verb group. In our example sentence, the verb is 'ate'. The chain and pedal represents the verb, which is connected to the back or predicate wheel. The verb is what gives our bike power. Without a verb (or chain), our bike is not going anywhere.

In the next newsletter, we will learn how we can make the wheels of our bike more colourful by adding adjectives and adverbs to a simple sentence.

Bernie Collins (Head of Curriculum)

PE NEWS

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

Due to the large number of interested students we will be holding school trials during the term to select students to attend the Hervey Bay District trials. Those selected will receive an invitation to trial letter.

12 th Feb	School swimming starts (Years 2-6).
16 th Feb	WBSS swimming nominations due
19 th Feb	AFL gala day
28 th Feb	U12 HBDSS Softball and AFL trials
1 st March	(Jump Rope for Heart) Jump Off day
6 th March	U12 HBDSS touch and basketball trials
14 th March	HBDSS U12 hockey, netball, Rugby League, soccer, tennis trials.
23 rd March	Year 5/6 gala day.
28 th March	School Fun Run

AFL Gala Day

Kawungan has two boys and two girls teams currently training for the AFL

gala day on Monday 19th February. There will be Brisbane Lions players attending the gala day, students are allowed to bring along something they might like signed.

Jump Rope for Heart



Many of our 4/5/6 students have been having fun skipping in lunch breaks! Families of these year levels will receive information regarding Jump Rope for Heart this week. You can register online to receive the full benefits of the program and also participate in online fundraising. Simply follow the link that is on the letter you received.

Fun Run – Wednesday 28 March

If you are training already make sure you are only jogging/running early morning or late afternoon in this heat and not any longer than the distance you need for your race.

Some students and families have already been spotted at Hervey Bay Parkrun which is great. Mrs Robertson recommends only jogging your fun run distance and walking the rest. The school had 12 staff and 14 students there this Saturday having a go. Many made it in time for the Team Kawungan selfie at 6:45am under the covered area beside the announcing tree.

Year 3 Scooter Unit



Well done to all the Year 3 students for remembering to bring their helmets on Physical Education days. The scooter unit is running until week 6. Be sure to ask them about what a happy jump is ☺.

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.

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Multicultural Playgroup - Wednesday 9.30 - 11am

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