

KAWUNGAN COURIER

Helping Each Other Achieve Excellence

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

P&C

Last Monday marked the end of Jodi Bryan's tenure as President of the Kawungan State School P&C. This is a remarkable contribution that Jodi has made to our school community and has left an amazing legacy that she should be very proud of. In a fitting tribute to her contributions to our school, a seat has been installed outside the uniform shop in her honour. Thank you Jodi!



A huge thank you to Michelle Harris (outgoing secretary) and Richelle Allen (outgoing uniform shop convenor) for their incredible dedication to the P&C.

Congratulations to the following parents who were voted into leadership positions at last week's AGM:

President	Alyson Lewis
Vice Presidents	Chelsea McKeown & Tamara Shepherd
Secretary	Sophie Shore
Treasurer	Kerry Staunton

We wish Alyson and her team all the very best for 2020.

COVID-19

As you would be aware, the situation around COVID-19 continues to unfold on a daily basis. As the situation evolves we are monitoring and reviewing our school operations and events to ensure we are working in line with the most up to date advice received from Department of Education.

I would like to assure you that the safety of all our students, our staff and the community remains our top priority. The Department of Education will continue to work closely with Queensland Health and all other government agencies to ensure the welfare of our school communities and to provide you with advice and information as the situation continues to change.

Queensland Health is leading the response to COVID-19 in Queensland. They should always be your first port of call for accurate, up to date information. I would encourage you to become familiar with the COVID -19 health updates available on the Queensland Health website.

On Sunday 15th March, the Prime Minister made a number of announcements regarding increased national measures to support the response to COVID-19. The purpose of these changes is to slow the spread of virus in our communities and reduce the impact of this outbreak on our health service.

International Travel

The Federal government has imposed a self-isolation requirement on all international arrivals, regardless of whether you are an Australian citizen or otherwise. If you have returned from overseas from midnight 15th March onwards, you will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival in Australia. Queensland Health provides clear guidelines on what self-isolation means on the Department of Health website. This self-isolation can be enforced under the Public Health Act.

Social Distancing

The Federal government has also implemented measures to restrict mass gatherings of more than 500 people. You may have already noticed changes to some of our school activities such as assemblies, sports days and other incursions and excursions. These measures are our proactive response to advice from Queensland Health. It is important that you continue to send your child to school. Schools are doing a great job of promoting health and hygiene with students and staff and will continue to play an important part in ensuring the continuity of our public services. However, if your child becomes unwell or shows flu-like symptoms, please keep them home and don't expose others to illness.

During these unprecedented times, we are continuing to remain focused on delivering a high quality education to your children and working to ensure the ongoing safety and wellbeing of our community members.

Please note the following updated list of postponed events due to the current health situation:

- Strings Workshop – Thursday the 25th March postponed.
- All representative school sport programs, including district, regional, state, national, interstate and international competitions, are cancelled until further notice from 17th March 2020.
- Year 5/6 Gala Day cancelled
- Commonwealth Bank has temporarily paused school banking (Dollarmites) until Term 2.
- Year 1 Easter Hat Parade cancelled
- Year 1 Waste and Recycling incursion cancelled

Again, please be assured that we will keep you updated on any impacts that COVID-19 has on the operations of our school over the coming days and weeks.

Mark Jones
PRINCIPAL

P&C NEWS

The Kawungan Lunchbox



"Helping each other to achieve healthiness"
EFTPOS available.
Open Tuesday – Friday from 8:15am

A reminder that orders close Friday, 20th March for the Lunchbox **Easter Treat Deal**.

Thank You Kawungan

After 10 years on the P&C, and with 8 of those years being President, I have decided to start a new chapter. Kawungan has been a second home and the P&C like family. Thank you Richelle Allen, Michelle Harris and Kerry Staunton for helping me lead the charge and always with a smile. I have been very blessed to have had so many amazing volunteers work alongside me, and I will cherish the many great memories that were made. I am so proud of all of our achievements and hope the fun, hard working and positive vibe we foster will always welcome you with open arms.

A special thanks to my pink ladies...you have done



me proud and from our Lunchbox Ladies, admin, office ladies, teaching staff, groundsman, cleaners, volunteers and everyone in between...thank you for

believing in me and most importantly for your friendship. Please remember to lend a much needed hand when time permits, smile at those that look like they need a friend and if you think a volunteers hands are full...you should see their hearts ♥Thank you from the bottom of my heavy but happy heart.

Jodi Bryan x

AGM

Thank you everyone for braving the rain and making it to the AGM. Please make welcome the new executives for 2020. Alyson Lewis, Chelsea McKeown, Tamara Shepherd and Sophie Shore. Thank you also to everyone that took a position on our team. We have an exciting year ahead. Let's do this!

School Banking

School banking is temporarily on hold until term 2. Sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Uniform Shop

Open Monday and Friday 8:30-9:30am
EFTPOS available. All sports shirts, hats and music uniform arrival information will be updated via our school Facebook page. We may experience some delivery delays so please be patient and kind with our Uniform Shop volunteers, as this is beyond our control. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL NEWS

Principal's Awards

"Striving to Achieve Excellence"

PK	Katoa, Dominic
PA	Jake, Ava
PW	Sophie, Lucinda
PU	Gula, Sienna
PN	Ava, Indigo
1K	Ariana, Layla
1A	Margaret, Harper
1W	Elodie, Laura
1U	Chloe, Harper
1N	Cody, Cleopatra
1G	Elijah, Charlotte
1/2S	William
2K	Alex, Lochy
2A	Lucas, Poppy
2W	Flur, Capri
2U	Lukas, Layla
2N	Poppy, Lucy
2G	Oaks, Mila
3K	Hayley, Adam
3A	Koby, Caitlin
3W	Ethan, Alice
3U	Guinevere, Blake
3N	Tia, Layton
3G	Sienna, Olivia
3/4S	Riley, Logan
4K	Declan, Chloe
4A	Lilly, Josh
4W	Kiana, Breony
4U	Ayva, Tyler
4N	Mitchell, Summer
5K	Charlie, Molly
5A	Flynn, Tolita
5W	Ruby, Tahī
5U	Murray, Mia
5N	Mia, Kiera
6K	Matilda, Lily
6A	Macy, Amarlie
6W	Caelan, Monique
6U	Sammy, Chlo
6N	Kailee, Tobey

Checking in with 3N & 3G

In Science we have been learning about heat and how it can be transferred. We learned how to read digital thermometers, so we could measure the temperature of water. In one experiment, we tested different types of cups to see which cup was the best at keeping hot water warm. We discovered the thermal cup was the best because it had two layers

of plastic which acted as an insulator to keep the heat in.



MUSIC NEWS

Music Levies

Music Levies are now due and should be paid by Week 10 Monday 30th March. You should have received an invoice. Contact Mr Gillard if you did not receive an invoice or if you have difficulty paying.

Music Uniforms

Forms to purchase the music uniform are due by Week 9 Monday 23rd March.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair News

The winners of the Bookfair competition were Ebony (1K), Breony (4W) and Madison (5K). Congratulations girls.

Thank you to all the families who supported our Bookfair. Thanks to you all, we received around \$300 in books and merchandise and approximately \$1700 to spend on purchasing more quality books for our library. There is also the wonderful bonus of all your children reading and enjoying books. Many thanks and happy reading.

PE NEWS

Fun Run Training

Fun run training is happening Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:15am. Meet Mrs Robertson at the tree closest to the Health room.

Jump Rope for Heart



We had a fantastic week of skipping last week and our 3 Jump Off sessions for grades 4, 5 and 6 were fantastic. Thank you to the school and house leaders for running these sessions and parents and family members who came along in support.

Well done to those students

who were wearing red on Friday in support of this cause. As a school we raised \$400 from the gold coin donations, well done! This brought our total for Jump Rope for Heart up to \$3100! This means we reached our target, well done Team Kawungan!



CHAPPY CHAT



Well, what a topsy-turvy term this has been! Who would have thought at the beginning of the year that we would be facing a virus on this magnitude right now? If you're anything like me

I'm sure you are so tired of hearing about toilet paper, washing hands and COVID 19. However, the reality is, we need to be vigilant, sensible, do the right thing and look out for others. It's so sad that at a time like this people have become selfish and silly, instead of supportive and caring. Let's put aside our human greed and be there for each other! The right thing to be stocking up on now is Vitamins, Garlic, Immune Boosters and lots of fruit and veg. If you are aware of anyone who needs support right now, please do not hesitate to ask.

On a sad note, we have had to stop our visits to Masters Lodge. We will miss them terribly but we know it's the right thing and it's only temporary.



We have started a girls program called SHINE. This is a wonderful program looking at one's self-worth, strength and purpose. The girls so far have had some special moments. Remember: We are all valuable and originals. That makes us worth so much. This week we are having a hairdresser come in and talk about hair care and one-of-a-kind is beautiful.

I trust you'll all have a good week and stay calm. If you do choose to self-isolate, maybe now is a good time to learn a new skill. Watch a you tube tutorial on how do to something. Use your time wisely.

Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday. (Ann Brashares)

Blessings
Chappy M

COMMUNITY NEWS

Helping Hands Kawungan Care

Helping Hands Network operates in the Kawungan State School hall/grounds. We pride ourselves on providing your child/ren with fun, play-based learning experiences before and after school as well as during the school holidays. Whether your child attends the Kawungan OSHC daily or only occasionally, each visit is an exciting and engaging adventure. Contact our Kawungan coordinator, Mac on 0429 836 879 or email kawungan@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au to make an enquiry. Brochures are also available at the school office.

