



# KAWUNGAN COURIER

Helping Each Other Achieve Excellence

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

### Social Emotional Learning

In 2025 we will be teaching a social emotional program across the school called *Second Step*.

The Second Step program is designed to help children thrive and be more successful in school—ultimately setting them up to be thoughtful and productive adults.

We are looking forward to teaching lessons throughout the year that cover concepts such as empathy, emotion recognition and management, problem solving, impulse control, feeling calm, communication and assertiveness. Developing skills in these areas provides an extra dimension to education and will give students a framework they need to thrive in a world where emotional intelligence is critical for lifelong happiness, successful careers, and healthier relationships.

Keep an eye on the newsletter throughout the year as we provide you with insights into what we are teaching the students through Second Step. The central focus for lessons this week have focussed on the skills needed to be a successful learner.

### AFL Gala Day

Last Friday a large number of our older students participated in the Hervey Bay School Gala Day. We were delighted to be able to field 4 teams (2 boys, 2 girls) on the day and were very impressed not only with the way these students played but also the manner in which they conducted themselves and represented the school.

A huge thank you to Mrs Robertson, Mr Dalton, Mr Brain and also Mr Farrelly for the extra time spent preparing the students.

### OSHC Procurement Process

As mentioned last year, our current agreement with our OSHC provider has expired. The department requires that all OSHC provider agreements are competitively tendered with an invitation to apply (ITA) process. This approach is intended to maximise opportunity for providers and optimise outcomes for each individual school.

Please see attached survey to indicate your interest and provide feedback on key aspects of the service – suggested improvements for the future of the service (e.g. programming, activities, booking processes, menu etc.)

### NAPLAN

This March, students in Year 3 and 5 will take part in NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN assesses the skills of all students in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy.

NAPLAN tests help you to understand how your child is progressing in the fundamental skills of literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN is also an important tool in helping us to identify how our education programs are working and what needs to improve. Students will be participating in these tests from March the 12<sup>th</sup>. More information regarding NAPLAN can be found inside this newsletter.

## Clean Up Australia Day

Great to see Kawungan students supporting Clean Up Australia Day!



**Mark Jones**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## P and C NEWS

Welcome to Week 5! Already! What a flying start to the year we have had!

### TUCKSHOP



- Our Tuckshop is open Tuesday to Friday from 8.15 am.
- Please ensure your child's Qkr! profile is updated with the correct 2025 year level and class!
- Qkr! is the preferred ordering system. All orders must be placed before 8:30am each day. In case you miss this cut-off, you can order off our Qkr! late lunch menu only, and only up until 10am!
- Lunch orders will not be accepted over the phone.
- KSS hats are now available at the tuckshop.
- Please send small change in for ice-block purchases and only for your child. This is not only easier for your child, but helps tuckshop staff monitor multiple purchases (ice-blocks must be finished before the bell), and purchases for other students. Tuckshop and school staff would really appreciate your support with this.

## Preps & Tuckshop

Preps are now allowed to order tuckshop. The preferred way to place an order is through the Qkr! app. Make sure the profile is in your child's name, not yours, and also to select the correct class when setting up your account - this is essential for the Tuckshop to deliver lunch orders properly. If the details are incorrect, your child might miss out on their order. If you have ordered tuckshop for your child, please kindly inform the teacher in the morning before class starts too, so they are aware it needs collection.

## Pi Day

The Tuckshop has proudly joined together again with Maths extraordinaire, Mrs Shaw, to put on a genius menu for Pi Day, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on Qkr! for when orders are open – you won't want to miss out!

Orders close 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8:30am unless sold out earlier. Once sold out it will no longer be visible on Qkr!

## UNIFORM SHOP

- Recorders are in stock at the Uniform Shop, if your child still requires one – Year 4 to 6. Order via Qkr!, for just \$10, and it will be delivered to your child's class next day at latest!

# FUNDRAISING

## Run 4 Fun

The fun run is soon, Wednesday Week 9 – March 26<sup>th</sup>, and our Run 4 Fun Fundraiser has kicked off! Students should now have received their sponsorship booklets and can now create their profile at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au). There are big prizes up for grabs for even doing just that! Simply raise \$10 to unlock your first incentive prize. The more you raise, the more prizes you will receive. In addition to the prizes offered by Australian Fundraising, the P&C are also offering weekly incentives as we count down to the event! The top 10 *classes* that create the most profiles each week will be entered into a draw to win a class set of ice blocks. The top 10 *students* who raise the most funds each week will have a chance to win a \$10 tuckshop voucher. PLUS - Every student who raises more than \$100 will be entered into a draw for the chance to SLIME A TEACHER! And if we hit our fundraising target of \$25,000, we'll take it up a notch by sliming not just one, not two, but three teachers! Let's make this our biggest Run 4 Fun event yet!



## MEETINGS

The next P&C meeting, our AGM, is on Monday March 17th. We will meet in H Block, behind The Uniform Shop, at 6pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We are all volunteers who love to help raise money to improve the school for our children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the P&C directly at [pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@kawunganss.eq.edu.au).



Have a wonderful fortnight,

**Team P&C**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Information about NAPLAN

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NAPLAN tests help you to understand how your child is progressing in the fundamental skills of literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN is also an important tool in helping us to identify how our education programs are working and what needs to improve.

### You might hear your child talking about NAPLAN.

When your child comes home from school, they might mention NAPLAN. They might talk about NAPLAN activities they have done in class, including practice tests.

Students don't need to practise for NAPLAN. But we do want your child to be familiar with:

- the online test environment
- the device they'll use during the test
- the different kinds of questions, how they use their time and how they check their work.

So when your child talks about practice tests, they're talking about resources like the NAPLAN [public demonstration site](#). This site helps students to become familiar with the different kinds of questions they will see in a real NAPLAN test.

### Your child's welfare is the most important thing.

We do these activities to help your child feel safe, confident and capable. They will know what to expect and what they have to do. Students do not need to stress about NAPLAN. It's just one part of their school program, and we simply encourage students to do the best they can.

## NAPLAN is for everyone.

Across the country, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN. The online tests have many features to enhance the test experience for students with and without disability. We also provide adjustments and alternative test formats to allow students with disability to access the tests and show what they know and can do. Talk to us if you need more information.

## Have a go at the test yourself and contact us if you need to know more.

See what NAPLAN will be like for your child by visiting the [public demonstration site](#). Find out more by visiting the department's [NAPLAN page](#) for parents and carers.

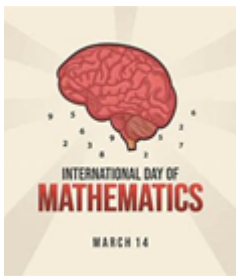
ACARA's student [privacy notice](#) on the collection of student information for NAPLAN is also available.

If you have any other questions about NAPLAN, please contact **Kawungan State School** on **07 4197 9111**.

We are excited that your child gets the chance to show their learning in NAPLAN this year.

## International Day Of Mathematics – Pi Day

Friday 14th March is International Day of Mathematics...aka Pi Day and Albert Einstein's Birthday.



In celebration of this special day, there will be Tuckshop specials, problem-solving challenges, art and other fun activities.

## Alyth Shaw- Curriculum Support

### Principal's Award Term 1 Week 2 "Demonstrating Manners"

PK	Amelia, Ethan
PA	Dheerav, Addie
PW	Elyse, Jaxon
PU	Leo, Emmersyn
PN	Dylan, Indie
1K	Marnie, Ivan
1A	Edward, Metis
1W	Adwaith, Charlotte
1U	Jack, Aubrey
1N	Madison, Daine
2K	Nirvana, Luke

2A	Janae, Oliver
2W	Jaxon, Scarlett
2U	Cedric, Mikayla
2N	Grace, Cooper
3K	Emma, Mikey
3W	Corey, Thomas
3U	Marshall, Caylie
3N	Skye, Jake
3/4M	Lincoln, Kyrie
4K	Nate, Courtney
4A	Kaedance, Jethro
4W	Olivia, Callum
4U	Dominic, Lily
5K	Amita, Levi
5A	Tarlai, Ava
5W	Tequile, Olivia
5U	Amity, Jac
5N	Madeline, Luke
5/6M	Nathan, Dylan
6K	Chloe, Maria
6A	Tahj, Aria
6W	Alex, Daviena
6U	Marley, Maddison
6N	Tahlia, Dale

### Principal's Award Term 1 Week 4 "Being Helpful and Kind to Others"

PK	Aviana, Jaxson
PA	Zarah, Amaiya
PW	Indiana, Wyatt
PU	Quinn, Trisha
PN	Max, Airlie
1K	Oliver, Aaliyah
1A	Aleah, Xander
1W	Alex, Ava
1U	Amihan, Zakary
1N	Ella, Joseph
2K	Cooper, Evie
2A	Isabella, Marnee
2W	Lachlan, Alina
2U	Olive, Hunter
2N	Vara, William
3K	Hudson, Frankie
3A	Matilda, Aiden
3W	Macy, Braydon
3U	Mikaela, Adam
3N	Isla, Billy
3/4M	Daniel, Daisy
4K	Aurora, Noah
4A	Aisha, Logan

<b>4W</b>	Lucas, Romy
<b>4U</b>	Brooky, Katie
<b>5K</b>	Blake, Sophie
<b>5A</b>	Abigail, Owen
<b>5W</b>	Vahn, Noah
<b>5U</b>	Theo, Sunnie
<b>5N</b>	Wynter, Izaac
<b>5/6M</b>	Alexis, Josephine
<b>6K</b>	Ollie, Pippa
<b>6A</b>	Jaxson, Chase
<b>6W</b>	Olivia, Corban
<b>6U</b>	Maggie, Margaret
<b>6N</b>	Mackenzie, Alijah

## PE NEWS

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

Sports Dates Term 1, 2025	
<b>03/03</b>	– 9's and 10's Boys and Girls <b>Futsal</b> PCYC
<b>04/03</b>	– 11's and 12's Boys and girls <b>Futsal</b> PCYC
04/03	– HBD boys netball trials
11/03	– HBD Basketball trials
12/03	– HBD softball trials
17/03	– HBD soccer
18/03	- HBD Hockey trials
19/03	– HBD 11/12's RL
20/03	– HBD Tennis noms due
<b>26/03</b>	– <b>School Fun Run</b> (whole school)
<b>28/03</b>	- <b>J'Maine Hopgood Cup</b>
<b>28/03</b>	– <b>5/6 gala day</b>

### 5/6 Gala day – 28/03

The 5/6 gala day is on 28<sup>th</sup> March, students begin training in the coming weeks. Notes will be sent home this week and are due back Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. If your child is playing Rugby League please ensure they bring their mouthguard to the training sessions and on the day. If your child is participating in soccer they require shin pads and long black socks (the school has some if you are unable to purchase).

The sports on offer are: Rugby League, girls Football (soccer) and boys Football, Touch Football, T-Ball.

### J'Maine Hopgood Cup – 28/03/25 (part of the 5/6 Gala Day)

Many students have signed up to trial for the J'Maine Hopgood Rugby League Cup. Thank you to Mr Rob Messer, Mrs Lynelle Badcock and Mr

Sean Ross for training our students, they will be choosing teams over the next few weeks for this. Students need to remember mouthguards.

### Fun Run (whole school) – 26/03

This will occur on Wednesday of the second last week of school, on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Training sessions will start on Tuesday and Friday mornings before school at 8:15am for any students in Years 3-6. These will commence week 7.

### AFL Gala Day

Well done to our students who competed at the AFLQ Schools Cup last Friday. It was great to see the hard work paying off with students playing so well and trying their best. Both our boys and girls team made the finals with the girls taking the win (congratulations!) and our boys narrowly missing out. Big thanks to our staff who have volunteered their time to train our students; Mr David Brain, Mr Tom Dalton and Mrs Lace Robertson. Also a big thank you to Mr Farrelly for coaching one of our boys teams for the day, we appreciate your time and effort. Thanks to the caregivers on the day also, it was great to see so much support. Thanks Mrs Bristow and Mrs Katie for assisting our school on the day also.

### Fraser Coast Futsal Competition – 03/03 and 04/03

Students have been training hard for the Fraser Coast Futsal Titles to be held next Monday (9/10's) and Tuesday (11/12's) at PCYC. Good luck to all students competing in this event. Big thanks to all the staff who have helped train our students Mrs Lace Robertson and Mr Tom Dalton.

**Monday** students are to be dropped off by 8am and picked up at 3pm.

**Tuesday** students are to be dropped off by 7:30am as the first round of games is 8am, pick up by 3pm.

Reminders:

- Shin pads compulsory (school has spares)
- Long black socks to cover shin pads
- Plenty of food and water bottle for the day
- Hat

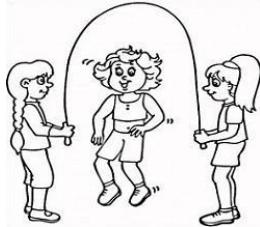
**Year 3** have been learning scooter skills this term. They have been getting fitter each week, some

telling Mrs Robertson that they are riding their own scooter more now too which is fantastic to hear.



**Year 4** have been learning long rope skipping, partner skipping and individual routines. They are getting fitter every session they put effort in.

**Year 5** have made group skipping routines to music. This has required team work and communication, many students have done very well with this unit.



**Year 6** have been learning a game called Tchoukball which is unlike any game they have played before. They have learnt a lot and improved their skills over the 6 weeks.

## FROM THE STUDENT LEADERS

### School Leaders Ceremony

On the 10th of February 2025, the School Leaders were presented their badges at a special leadership parade. Parents, grandparents and guardians were invited to attend and were given the honour of placing the leaders badge onto their child's shirt. It was a very special day for the captains, parents and students. All the new 2025 captains stood together and read an oath in unison. We pledged to serve

Kawungan and support all the principals, teachers and students in their academic, sporting and cultural achievements. After the parade, the P&C provided all the leaders and their parents with a delicious morning tea. The captains are extremely excited for a brilliant year!

**By Poppy**



### NED Show

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, we had two wonderful people come to our school, Sean and Ned! They showed our school how to 'bounce back up' and keep going. With the use of an awesome yo-yo



and magic tricks, Sean and Ned showed us that it is okay to have a bad day and to not let overwhelm you. They showed us how to bounce back!

Students then purchased Yo-yo's to ensure the show was delivered free to all our students. Lots of kids bought these funky yo-yo's! Ned showed people to **Never Give Up, Encourage Others, and Do Your Best.**

**By Thea & Imogen**



## GRIP Leadership Conference



On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> February, the twenty student leaders from Kawungan State School attended the GRIP Leadership conference at the Maryborough Town Hall. Many schools attended this event to gain leadership qualities for the upcoming year.

Throughout the day, we were taught lots of good skills and advice on how to become a great leader. We participated in games and activities that will build our confidence when speaking and representing our school.

We did a problem solving role play with Jack Nicholls as Kawungan's spokesperson. Other leaders from Kawungan such as Alexis, Imogen, Thea, Allyah, Evie and Michael played parts in other activities including the 'talent game' and 'loud noises'. Loud noises was a game like 'trivia'



that helped a lot with boosting our confidence. We also had an activity booklet that we filled out throughout the day.

The whole of the Maryborough Town Hall was packed as there were around 12 schools in attendance. The day was an enjoyable experience for all as it improved many of our leadership abilities.

*Written by – Ariana and Laura*



## CHAPPY CHAT



Wow can you believe it's week five already and I'm way behind in welcoming you all to 2025. My bad. However, I must admit I feel it's been a great start. I trust you'll have an amazing year and look back and say, "I grew in 2025!"



I'm so excited to be working with the beautiful students here at Kawungan again this year. As there are a number of new families to our school, let me quickly introduce myself.

I am Miriam (Chappy M), and I am the school Chaplain, both at Sandy Strait State School and here at Kawungan State School. My role at school is to be a friend to your child and to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to you as a family. I work on Mondays and Tuesdays



holding one-on-one sessions with students or running group programs. This could range between anything from helping students who are struggling with confusing relationships, peer-pressure, anxiety, self-esteem and confidence, family breakdown, suicide, bullying-including Cyber bullying, friendships, social and emotional skills, resilience, school engagement and so much more. I also have activities at lunch times for those who choose to participate - I call it creative and play therapy. (I love seeing the different grades intermingling and helping each other).

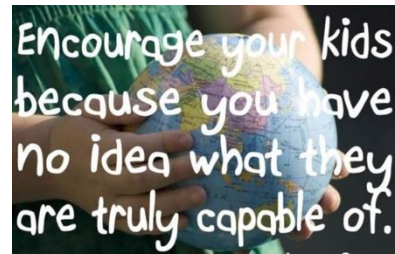
I have a Diploma in Youth Work, I've worked as a prep teacher in South Africa, but my passion is seeing children overcome life's challenges, knowing their value and worth as a person and making a success of their lives. If you have any concerns and would like to have a chat, please feel free to contact me at school. I would love to



support you or your child in whatever way I can. (I also have second hand school uniforms, and school stationery supplies for those who need – no judgement at all).

I do like to add some tips to the newsletter to help you as parents

do better – after all, none of us knows everything and we can all improve at whatever we do in life-including parenting.



### **Parent Tip #1 – Conversation Starters**

How many of you ask your child, “How was your day?” and just get a grunt? Mmm, I think most of us.

Why not ask instead:

- ✓ What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- ✓ What was something that made you laugh today?
- ✓ What was the worst part of your day? You could then ask, “Why?” and “how did you handle it?”

You may learn a lot more about your child and have some deep and meaningful conversations. Why not give it a go?

I trust term one will be a great one for you all.

**Chappy M**  
**(Miriam Frangakis)**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# COME & TRY AUSSIE RULES FOOTBALL

**Bay Power AFC, affiliated with AFL Wide Bay is recruiting boys and girls for U9s, U11s & U13s**

**Whether you're trying it for the first time or looking to build your skills, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved in a fun, supportive environment!**

Training commences Thursday 6 March 2025 4:30-5:30pm  
Season commences Term 2

Bay Power AFC is a family-friendly club based at Keith Dunne Oval, Urangan. New families are most welcome. FairPlay vouchers accepted.

For further information contact Junior Coordinator  
Jadan Fredericks 0450 324 660  
[www.baypower.com.au](http://www.baypower.com.au)

f Bay Power AFC Juniors



# Outside School Hours Care Attendance Survey

## Kawungan State School

The school is required to retender for the outside school hours care (OSHC) service, which is currently located within the school grounds.

Feedback from the school community is requested to inform how an OSHC service would operate at Kawungan State School.

Therefore, if you are interested in or if you are currently using this service, please complete this survey and return it to the school administration office by no later than:

Click or tap to enter a date. at 2:00pm

The survey may be returned via email: [enquiry@kawunganss.eq.edu.au](mailto:enquiry@kawunganss.eq.edu.au)

### *How many of your children (per year group) are likely to attend OSHC?*

Year Group	Number of Children
Prep – Year 1	
Year 2 – Year 3	
Year 4 – Year 5	
Year 6	

### *For these children, what is the likely attendance at an OSHC service?*

Using the table below, indicate expected child attendance as follows:

P = permanent attendance most or all of the time

O = occasional attendance only

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before school care					
After school care					
Vacation care					
Student free day					

***Based on your preferences, what opening hours would be ideal?***

Circle/highlight the preferred times.

Before School Care (opening)	After School Care (closing)	Vacation Care/Student Free Day (opening)	Vacation Care/Student Free Day (closing)
6.30am	4.30pm	6.30am	4.30pm
6.45am	4.45pm	6.45am	4.45pm
7.00am	5.00pm	7.00am	5.00pm
7.15am	5.15pm	7.15am	5.15pm
7.30am	5.30pm	7.30am	5.30pm
	5.45pm	7.45am	5.45pm
	6.00pm	8.00am	6.00pm

***Do/does your child/children have special needs or a disability, which may require additional support from OSHC provider personnel?***

- Yes                       No

***Do you have any other comments/suggestions?***