

Kippa-Ring State School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 1: 27 January 2016



Happy to be at School
in 2016



STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

Ph: 3897 5360

- ☺ *I'm on time every day.*
- ☺ *I arrive by 8.30am.*
- ☺ *I make the best of every school day; no early departures.*
- ☺ *I have my books and gear ready.*
- ☺ *I follow the class and school rules.*
- ☺ *I make positive play choices.*

SCHOOL FOCUS

I live the school rules.

I am...

- *co-operative*
- *a responsible learner*
- *respectful*
- *safe.*

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Alan Brooks

Principal

Rebecca Campbell

Deputy Principal

Lynne Ryan

Business Services Manager

Principal and Deputy Principal News *by Alan Brooks & Rebecca Campbell*

At Kippa-Ring State School, our 2016 explicit **School Improvement Agenda** is...

1. **Successful learners**
2. **Engaging learning environment**
3. **Responsible behaviour**
4. **Excellent attendance.**

Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Members of the Kippa-Ring State School Community,

Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2016 school year. We trust the Christmas and New Year season went well for you and your family.

We welcome our **Prep** students, starting their educational journey. They were so well prepared and confident. When we visited early morning, students were engaged in quality learning activities. Thanks to all the parents who supported a successful start!

Welcome also to new students in **years 1 – 6**, and their families. We look forward to your child being oriented to our school, with support from staff and their in-class buddy.

To all our continuing students, welcome back! We look forward to building on your knowledge, skills and experiences of previous years.

Every class has prepared a **Class Newsletter**, sharing key information about the focus for learning and ways in which parents, as partners in the educational experience, can support quality teaching and learning. Every class has prepared and published their **Class Management Plan**. This important poster clearly describes expectations, positive recognition and our system for managing inappropriate behaviour. Setting and sharing rules, procedures and expectations is a key goal during week 1.

School staff at Kippa-Ring worked on **Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Monday 25th January**, participating in a range of important professional development, training and planning. Based on these 4 days, we have an excellent start to the 2016 school year. Activities included...

- 4 year Strategic plan, Annual Implementation Plan 2016, Performance Development Plans (Teachers), School goals and targets, Code of conduct / ethical standards, Student protection training, Asbestos awareness, "You Can Do It!" social and academic skills program, Health curriculum, Art & Science of Teaching (ASoT) focus, Shared planning in year levels
- Student learning goals, Independent reading procedures, Maths games, Student medical conditions, student portfolios, Individual class newsletter, Classroom management plans

Class lists were displayed in the senior covered area from 9.00am, Thursday 21st January 2016. Final teacher allocations for the 2016 school year are based on student enrolment on Day 8. Only students present are counted, or students whose parents have given notice that they are still away on holidays etc.

SCHOOL WORKS

We are pleased to advise that additional **works projects** have been recently approved for our school. The allocation of **\$72,600** has been provided from state government funds.

A major project that we have recently completed is the complete renovation of the reading courtyard, behind the library. This is now a more versatile space, with a large roofed area, and multiple entry points.

Other works are planned for 2016. This includes improved speed and connectivity for school technology. We also plan to relocate the staff room to increase library space (and space for parent sessions). Part of this process includes relocating the principal's and deputy principal's offices to the ground floor.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE - NEW AWARDS

Excellent attendance is a goal for every student, every school day. To emphasize the importance of quality attendance, we introduced **book awards at assembly**. This is a random draw each week, based on excellent or significantly improved attendance. In this way, we are recognizing the strong relationship between **excellent attendance** and **successful learners**.

- ☺ We look forward to so many students being recognized throughout the year. Our school goal is > **93 % attendance rate**. Excellent attendance is the standard for making the most of each day of learning.
- ☺ **Attendance certificates** will be issued every 5 weeks, for students achieving 95 – 100%

Parents have a responsibility to notify the school of any student absence. This is recorded every school day.

HONOUR BADGES

Our **School Wide Positive Behaviour** reward program recognizes students who do their best and display quality interpersonal behaviours.

The student **honour badge** recognizes excellent achievement across the range of school activities. These students 'live' the school rules and do their best every school day. This is a specially made badge, presented to individual students at the end of each school year.

Criteria for achievement

- ✓ *During class activities and outside / offsite activities, lives the **4 school rules**... "I am...*
 - *a responsible learner*
 - *co-operative*
 - *respectful*
 - *safe."*
- ✓ Excellent behaviour, effort and attitude: zero or one exit or detention each term
- ✓ Positive response to warnings, thinking chair or corrective options
- ✓ Uses the "High 5" strategy
- ✓ Attendance > 95%; no pattern of late arrivals or early departures
- ✓ Excellent work ethic including homework, neatness, completion etc
- ✓ Shows school pride by wearing the correct school uniform.

Students who achieve this standard have the habits and skills to build on to be even more successful learners.

INVESTING FOR SUCCESS (IAS) - 2016

State schools use *Investing for Success* funding to support students, particularly those most in need, to achieve improved outcomes at all levels of schooling. This initiative will enable schools to identify the aspects of their students' achievements requiring the most support and direct resources to make the most positive difference across 2016 and 2017.

Each school's agreement outlines how the additional funding will be invested in **2016**, to improve student outcomes and school performance.

The anticipated *Investing for Success* funding for our school (2016) is **\$212,765**. This will be used to provide...

- ✓ Additional **Speech Language Therapist** time. An increase from 32 days per year to 120 days per year! (**An increase of 375 %!**)
- ✓ Additional **Guidance Officer** time. An increase from 1 ½ days / week to 2 days / week! (**An increase of 33%!**)
- ✓ Additional **Teacher Aide** time to support Prep classes.
- ✓ Additional **Teacher Aide** time to support reading groups.
- ✓ The introduction of a **Positive Behaviour Coach** (Teacher), 2 days per week, to support excellent behaviour, manage our new "**You Can Do It!**" program and co-ordinate programs focused on students who need to make better behaviour choices. All students will benefit from this important initiative.
- ✓ Staff participation in "**You Can Do It!**" training. Provision of "You Can Do It!" resources for every class in the school.
- ✓ "You Can Do It!" is a respected program that identifies the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing, and have positive relationships.

We will be introducing the "You Can Do It!" program throughout the school, with focus activities and a great reward scheme.

The 5 Foundations of the program are... **Confidence (academic, social), Persistence, Organization, Getting Along and Resilience. 12 Habits of Mind** support and foster the 5 Foundations, including **Accepting Myself, Taking Risks, Being Independent, I Can Do It, Giving Effort, Working Tough, Setting Goals, Planning My Time, Being Tolerant of Others, Thinking First, Playing by the Rules and Social Responsibility.**

Best wishes, Alan Brooks – Principal and Rebecca Campbell – Deputy Principal

CLASS AWARDS

Being a member of a team is an important skill. The word "TEAM" can be broken up to mean "Together Everyone Achieves More!"

To promote cohesiveness, unity and social responsibility across classes, we have awards at Assembly. From week 3, we will publish the 'winning' classes, sharing this important TEAM recognition activity.

Class of the Week Awards	LOTE Chinese	Health & Physical Education	Performing Arts	Tidy Classroom
Week 2				

 <h2 style="text-align: center; color: yellow;">SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS</h2> <p style="text-align: center; color: yellow;">"Striving... Learning... Achieving Together"</p>			
Week 1	Tuesday 26 January Wednesday 27 January		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Day – Public holiday 1st student day of 2016 school year – Welcome Back!
Week 2	Monday 1 February	2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly: School Hall
Week 3	Monday 8 February	2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly: School Hall
Week 4	Monday 15 February Tuesday 16 February	2.15pm 5.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly: School Hall P&C Annual General Meeting – Resource Centre
Week 5	Monday 22 February Thursday 25 February Friday 26 February	2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly: School Hall District Swimming Carnival Interschool Sport commences – Year 5 & 6
Week 6	Monday 29 February Friday 4 March	2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly: School Hall Interschool Sport – Years 5 & 6
Week 7	Monday 7 March Tuesday 8 March Friday 11 March	2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly: School Hall School Photo Day Interschool Sport – Years 5 & 6
Week 8	Monday 14 March Wednesday 16 March Friday 18 March Saturday 19 March	2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly: School Hall Extreme Science Van – Year 4 Interschool Sport – Years 5 & 6 Regional Council elections – voting in School Hall
Week 9	Monday 21 March Thursday 24 March Friday 25 March	2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly: School Hall Last day of term 1 Good Friday – Public holiday
Term 2, 2016			
Week 1	Monday 11 April Friday 15 April	2.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1, Term 2 Assembly: School Hall Interschool Sport – Years 5 & 6

Date claimers: (Advance notice) Confirmed the dates for **Life Education 2016**.

- The whole school program will run in Term 2 Weeks 7 and 8: 26th May to 2nd June 2016.
- Sex Education / Human Relationships program for the Year 6's will be Term 3, Week 9: 7th September.
- Further details and costing will be shared closer to the program dates.

School Policy *Organization / Reminders*

SMOKING BAN IS 5 METRES AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes within five metres of school land is banned. This applies before, during and after school hours, and on school holidays and weekends. Please be conscious of making at least 5 metres space, near gateways.

MOBILE PHONES / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students with **mobile phones** must ensure their security. They are for emergency use only and are **not to be used as toys, to be shared or to take images**. They must be signed in every morning. Students who do not follow these procedures, lose the option of bringing them to school.

There is no reason to bring other **electronic devices** to school. They are for home use, not a distraction at school. Parents are also advised to carefully monitor their children's use of **home internet**, both from a personal security point of view and ensuring only appropriate, legal forms of communication are engaged in. Do you know when and what your child is assessing in communication and data?



From the Office / School Procedures

- **PAYMENTS** are received on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday** from **8.30am - 10.00am**. Payments can be made at the Office via Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS, or by Direct Debit into the School account and now by BPoint.
 - **Kippa-Ring State School**
 - **BSB 064-166**
 - **Account 00090032**
 - If using the Direct Debit option, please remember to use your **student's name** or **EQ ID** as a reference.
 - When using the **BPoint** option, please note that **only one invoice can be paid at one time**. For example, Interschool sport & Life Ed cannot be paid in one transaction. **Each invoiced amount must be paid separately**.
- **STUDENT BANKING** Day is **Tuesday**. If you would like to receive application forms to set up an account, please ask at the Office. Please make sure your child's Deposit Books are handed in to the Office before school (by 8.40am).

STAFF COMMITMENTS

All staff have a range of work and personal commitments. With scheduled meetings before and after teaching time, professional development activities, playground and bus duties, classroom preparation etc etc, it is important that parents and carers who wish to meet with staff make an appointment. This values both your time and that of the staff member. This fosters positive communication and mutual respect.

Obviously, there are times for informal conversations 'on the fly'. Sometimes, these will result in setting a meeting time for a more extensive conversation, at a mutually convenient time.

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR KIPPA-RING STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ELIGIBLE SIBLINGS

We are now able to offer you FREE dental treatment on a regular basis at the Kippa-Ring School Dental Clinic for ALL of the eligible children in your family.

Consent/medical history forms are being sent home soon with your child, so please complete these and return to the School office if you wish your child's teeth to be checked.

Appointments will then be issued and sent home with your child.

If your child has a toothache please contact us by ringing the:-

- ☺ **Oral Health Call Centre on 1300 300 850**
- ☺ Please note that a PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN will need to be present at the appointment for the necessary paperwork to be completed. Also, it is essential that you bring your child's CURRENT MEDICARE CARD with you.



Look forward to seeing you soon!

From the Office – School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY FOR 2016 is **TUESDAY 8TH MARCH**. Order forms and information will be send home in Week 2. Orders and payments need to be received before the Photo Day. This can be done either by ordering on line or dropping your completed order form to the Office.

Please see the Office if you have not received information home about Photo Day by the end of Week 2 (5th February).

Parents & Citizens Association News

- ☺ The Annual General Meeting (2016) will be held on **Tuesday 16th February**, from 5.30pm in the Resource Centre. All welcome. Enter via the staff car park. All welcome!
- ☺ Start the New Year with support of this important school team.
- ☺ We would love to see you involved, either at meetings or as a valued volunteer. We are seeking parents/carers to join the 2016 P&C Executive and / or support P&C activities. Please consider!

TUCKSHOP NEWS from Carmel Bennett - Tuckshop Convenor

- 🌈 Welcome back for 2016! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday. Tuckshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.25am to 1.50pm. Please remember to have your orders placed by 9.00am to ensure your child's food has plenty of time to be prepared. You will find a copy of the Tuckshop Menu and Pricelist on the Kippa-Ring State School website under forms and documents and also on the Kippa-Ring State School P&C Facebook page. You should receive a copy with this newsletter
- 🌈 Parent volunteers are always welcome in the Tuckshop. If you can help, please see Carmel in the Tuckshop.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	
Thursday 28 th	Nicole
Friday 29 th	Wai
Wednesday 3rd	Help needed
Thursday 4th	Nicole
Friday 5th	Wai

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS from Carmel Bennett - Uniform Shop Convenor

- 🌈 Opening times are Monday and Tuesday mornings from 8.30 to 10.30am.
- 🌈 New style jumpers have arrived for winter.
- 🌈 Text books are here and if you have already paid for one on your booklist, it will be delivered to your child's classroom next week.

Uniform Price list

❖ Polo Shirts	\$35.00
❖ Shorts	\$20.00
❖ Bucket Hats	\$15.00

- ☺ Every student must **bring and wear their school hat** every day. This sun smart, responsible behaviour supports a good habit.
- ☺ It is essential that students have their hat on ready to go at the start of their **HPE (Phys Ed) lesson** every week. Please check that your child is bringing their hat every school day. Also check that the hat is clearly 'named' for easy identification.

SCHOOL HATS POLICY / PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT POLICY – Letter to Parents / Carers

Students who do not turn up to lessons with the **appropriate gear** will receive this letter, posted home. It is essential that every student is ready for every lesson. Student's Name: _____. Due to the Sun Safe policy of both Education Queensland and Kippa-Ring State School, (Workplace Health and Safety and Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment), it is a requirement that **broad brimmed hats** be worn for all outdoor activities, and that appropriate clothing and footwear is worn.

Your child has been unable to participate in their **Physical Education lesson** ____ times this term, as they have been unprepared for the lesson in the following manner....

- No **hat** (using community hats is not acceptable, due to health risks)
- Inappropriate **footwear**
- ❖ Please ensure that your child is prepared for future PE and Sporting activities, as learning and assessment (Student Semester report) will be affected by the above situation.
- ❖ Your support of this important school standard is appreciated.