

Kippa-Ring State School Newsletter

Term 1, Week 3: 10 February 2016



STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

Ph: 3897 5360

Please Note: The schools text messaging service is currently unavailable. Apologies for any inconvenience.



☺ **"I'm on time; every day.
I arrive by 8.30am!"**

SCHOOL FOCUS: Week 3 & 4

APPROPRIATE NOISE LEVELS

- **Silent time, quiet time and busy time – when appropriate.**
- **Our class has a visual prompt to indicate which noise level is expected.**

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,

SMART START – LESSON #1

Question: What is the 1st priority for students to make a **smart start** each school day?

Answer: Be on time! **This means being at school by 8.30am** for an 8.35am start... every school day.

The result is no late arrivals, no late slips, no stream of students through the front office, no interruption to the vital time when teachers are setting up students for a successful morning session, no confused, anxious start to the day, because "I" arrived late.

☺ Being on time is a habit for life. Let's all work together to ensure all students have a smart start every day!

PARENT – TEACHER SESSIONS

We were pleased to welcome parents and carers to our Parent – Teacher afternoon, yesterday. This is a valuable opportunity to establish good communication and to discuss mutually beneficial ways of supporting each student's learning, at school and at home.

STUDENT LEADERS – 2016

Congratulations to all Year 6 students who completed the "Leadership Passport" activities in 2015 and continued on as candidates for additional leadership responsibility this year.

School Captains, Alexia Oakey and Adam Tullett were elected at the end of term 4, 2015. Last week, further voting was undertaken by students in Year 4, 5 and 6 and school staff. **House Captains** are...

- **COOK** **Manaia Scott-Downer, Rahul Chand**
- **FLINDERS** **Kristy-Lee Deeks, Zjackron Tighe**
- **KENNEDY** **Isabel Botha, Logan Currey**
- **MITCHELL** **Brooke McConachie, Bailey Robinson**

CLASS ORGANIZATION – YEAR 2

Each year, schools throughout Queensland are allocated class teachers based on **Day 8** enrolments. Day 8, 2016 was Friday 5 February. Our enrolment in Year 2 classes was 16, 19 and 20. This is well below teacher / student ratio. As a consequence, we needed to amalgamate the 3 classes into 2.

☺ The continuing classes are **2D** (Ms Dickens) and **2M** (Mrs McCulloch and Mrs Mastorgio).

Ms O'Gorman, who was on a teaching contract, has been transferred to another school. We wish her all the best and thank her for her time with us this year, and in the past.

☺ **2D** and **2M** remain in their current locations. They will also be able to access neighbouring learning spaces.

Students from **2'O** have been allocated to **2D** and **2M** to provide the best balance possible. This also minimizes change. We commenced the changeover on Monday 8 February. We look forward to students settling quickly and enjoying their learning spaces and excellent teachers. No other class changes are necessary.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child's requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the *Administration of medication at school record sheet*. N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.

"YOU CAN DO IT!" - 2016

"You Can Do It!" is a highly respected program that identifies and supports 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**.

This year, we are introducing the "You Can Do It!" program throughout our school. Ms Powell and Mr Brooks will be undertaking facilitator training. The training is delivered by Professor Michael Bernard, the author of the program.

↪ 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.**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

☺ School Photo Day for 2016 is **TUESDAY 8th MARCH**.

☺ This is a very big day and we look forward to all students being on time and very well presented.

Order forms and information were sent home in Week 2. Please see the Office if you have not received this important information, so you can decide your photo order preference. The school does not handle money. The process is explained in the school photo envelope / order form. Please note the clear timelines for orders.

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 extended to emphasize... **"Together Everyone Achieves More!"**

To promote cohesiveness, unity and social responsibility across classes, we have class 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 3	6MD	4R	-	1P

School Policy *Organization / Reminders*

SMOKING BAN IS 5 METRES AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS / DOGS ON SITE

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.

Please also be aware that **dogs are banned from school grounds**, based on state government regulations.

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. How do you know when and what your child is using media for?

NEW SCHOOL CLOSURES WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The Department of Education and Training has launched a new website which provides detailed information on closed educational facilities (including state, non-state schools and early childhood education centres) during a disaster or emergency event. Visit

<http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/>.

Social media items



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DET's new school closures website provides info on closed educational facilities during disaster & emergency events <http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/>.

 <h1 style="text-align: center;">2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS</h1> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Striving... Learning... Achieving Together"</i></p>		
Week 3	Wednesday 10 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instrumental Music "Welcome & Information Evening": School Hall @ 3.15pm
Week 4	Monday 15 February Friday 19 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Assembly: School Hall 8.45am – 10.15am: Playgroup
Week 5	Monday 22 February Thursday 25 February Friday 26 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Assembly: School Hall District Swimming Carnival Interschool Sport commences 8.45am – 10.15am: Playgroup
Week 6	Monday 29 February Friday 4 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Assembly: School Hall Interschool Sport 8.45am – 10.15am: Playgroup
Week 7	Monday 7 March Tuesday 8 March Friday 11 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Assembly: School Hall School Photo Day Interschool Sport 8.45am – 10.15am: Playgroup
Week 8	Monday 14 March Wednesday 16 March Friday 18 March Saturday 19 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Assembly: School Hall Extreme Science Van – Year 4 Interschool Sport 8.45am – 10.15am: Playgroup Local Government Election day
Week 9	Monday 21 March Thursday 24 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.15pm Assembly: School Hall Extreme Science Van – Year 5 Last day of term 1
Term 2, 2016		
Week 1	Monday 11 April Friday 15 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day 1, Term 2 2.15pm Assembly Interschool Sport

- **PAYMENTS** are receipted 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 8.50am).

MEDICAL UPDATE – STUDENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Requirements for students at risk of anaphylaxis

If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, it is important for you to provide the school with your child's emergency medication and their **ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan**, completed by your doctor.

This Anaphylaxis Action Plan provides the instructions for the school to administer your child's medication in an emergency, which is specific to respond to their health condition.

2. Requirements for students at risk of asthma

If your child has asthma and requires assistance to administer their medication, it is important for you to provide the school with your child's emergency medication and their **Asthma Action Plan**, completed by your doctor. An Asthma Action Plan provides specific instructions for the school to administer your child's medication.

Please note that if your child requires assistance in an asthma emergency, staff will provide Asthma First Aid.

3. Providing medication to the school

Before you provide the school with your child's medication, check the **expiry date** to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period. It is also a good idea to take a note of the expiry date so that you can replace the medication before it expires.

Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been **prescribed by your child's qualified health practitioner**. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student, only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

School staff are bound by these regulations. We appreciate that all parents acknowledge and co-operate with these rules.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). If you can't provide the medication in person, contact the school to determine the easiest and safest approach for the school to receive the medication.

When your child's medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

Thank you for your assisting the school in keeping our students safe and healthy.

Parents & Citizens Association News

- ☺ The **Annual General Meeting** (2016) of the Kippa-Ring State School Parents and Citizens Association will be held on **Tuesday 16th February**, from **5.30pm** in the Resource Centre.
- ☺ All executive positions become vacant and we are looking for parent nominations and involvement in 2016. All welcome.
- ☺ Start the New Year with support of this important school team.
- ☺ The P&C has valuable roles in discussing school policies and procedures, encouraging social and fund-raising activities, managing sub committees, and a range of practical decision making opportunities.
- ☺ 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!
- ☺ An important decision will be: **"What is the best day / time for P&C meetings, to maximize participation?"**
- ☺ Your input will be appreciated.

This term you'll find the Chaplain doing a variety of different activities that will show the students that they matter and they are important.

- 🚩 **Chappy room** - Scott will have a small group meeting on Mondays and Fridays at first break, for students who need some time to build new friendships in a safe and supportive environment.
- 🚩 **SUPA Club** - Is a fun, safe afternoon activity where students have the opportunity to learn more about God, ourselves and how to get along with others. This is a free activity which runs from 3.00pm - 4.00pm at the Resource Centre in the month of March, on **Wednesday afternoons**.
- 🚩 **Kickstart program** - This will run most **Mondays** all year round for students who enjoy sport and exercise. The students will meet Scott in the undercover eating area at 8:00am, for 30 minutes of exercise before class, to get the brains ready for learning. Scott will also share briefly each week a positive value, related to sport like... teamwork, communication, persistence, listening to the coach, goal setting.

Book Club News



Our school is again participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Twice a term, a Club catalogue will be sent home by the class teacher, with a different selection of books offered. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites that are inexpensive.

It is easy to order. Just look over the catalogue with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form in the middle of the catalogue, and return the order and payment to the office by **Monday 15th February** for the first issue.

The books will arrive around two weeks after the order has been placed with Scholastic. Each order helps earn free books and materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order.

Owning your own books is something special! This is a great way to encouraging the joy of reading, with students involved in the selection process.

Community News

POSITION VACANT ~ School Crossing Supervisor

A "casual" position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Kippa-Ring State School, up to five days per week in all weather conditions. Hours are 1.25 hours per day on a rostered basis, with the pay rate @ \$28.18 per hour.

Some pre-employment conditions apply. Further details in the application pack, which is available at the School Office.

*** Applications close: **19 February 2016**

REDCLIFFE LEAGUES HOCKEY CLUB

Have you thought about playing hockey? We have a fabulous program, Hook in2 Hockey, which runs for 4 weeks in February and introduces children from the age of 4 to our great sport. Your sign on will include a FREE Stick, Stick Bag, Ball, Shin Pads, Whistle and Australian Hockey Jersey - everything you need to join in the fun straight away! Apart from this program, we also have Boys and Girls teams starting from U7's. We would love to hear from your family. **Contact:** Lynne Somerville 0417 758 107 for more information.



PENINSULA POWER SOCCER SIGN ON



Peninsula Power Football Club is looking for players for the 2016 Season.

- 12+ years mixed competitive teams
- 6 – 11 years teams
- 3 – 5 years Peeweets.

To Register, go to www.peninsulapower.com.au