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.

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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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2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“Striving... Learning... Achieving Together”

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Term 2, 2016

| Week 1 | Monday 11 April | • Day 1, Term 2 |
|        | Friday 15 April | • 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.
TUCKSHOP NEWS from Carmel Bennett - Tuckshop Convenor

- 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. Extra copies are displayed at the Tuckshop.
- Parent volunteers are always welcome. If you can help, even occasionally, please see Carmel.
- You can purchase a bundle of 20 “tuckshop” bags for $2.00
- **Home baking** this week is: - Blackcurrant & Pineapple
- **Slushie flavours** this week are: Blackcurrant & Pineapple

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS from Carmel Bennett - Uniform Shop Convenor

- Opening times are **Monday and Tuesday** mornings, from 8.30 to 10.30am.
- **Please note:** Any items that were placed on back order on your child’s booklist should have been delivered to the classrooms last week. Chair bags, library bags and headphones are still yet to be delivered to us from our suppliers. We thank you for your patience and understanding.
- New style jumpers have arrived for winter.

**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 Photos**

Kippa-Ring State School photos will be taken on **Tuesday 8 March**. Payment/Order envelopes were given to students last week. For the convenience of our school community, **Advancedlife** have introduced on-line ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure on-line Web Portal. **Please note: Photos can still be purchased using the envelope.**

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code: **N6N GYN 8HE** (A full set of instructions can be found on the pack of the order flyer.) The order code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by Advancedlife. All online orders must be placed on, or before, the 7th of March. Once orders are closed, a LATE FEE will apply.

Sibling/Family envelopes are available from the office. These can be ordered online or via the envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photography day, **on-line orders for Sibling/Family photos will be cut off at midnight, the day before (7 March)** the photos to allow a list of students the require Sibling/Family photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered via the envelope up until the day of the photos.

Kippa-Ring State School Playgroup

Returning Friday 19 February
8.45am – 10.15am
Free activities for all ages
- Little Mozarts Music Program
- Craft Activities
- Outdoor Obstacle Course
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 Peewees.

To Register, go to [www.peninsulapower.com.au](http://www.peninsulapower.com.au)