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

1. Successful learners     fortnightly focus
2. Engaging learning environment   fortnightly focus
3. Responsible behaviour   zero or 1 exits per student per term
4. Excellent attendance   > 92% attendance rate

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

SMART START – TERM 1 ATTENDANCE

Every day, we check every student’s attendance, twice per day. A review of Term 1 attendance shows our best result ever! This is measured in 5 categories...

😊 95 – 100%
😊 90 – 95%
😊 85 – 90%
😊 Less than 85%
😊 Overall attendance rate / all students.

Congratulations to all the students who received an Attendance Award for 95 – 100% attendance. Your positive focus and excellent attendance has lifted our school’s results. This is a source of celebration! Students need to be at school by 8.30am, every day, for an 8.35am start.

It is essential to reduce late arrivals from a few families. Poor attendance, including late arrivals and early departures, reduces the opportunities for successful school life. There is a strong relationship between poor attendance habits and poor learning and social outcomes. Every student deserves the best outcomes from school time; excellent attendance is essential.

😊 FOCUS FOR IMPROVEMENT = FRIDAY ATTENDANCE... no early departures.
😊 We are currently following up any families with poor attendance patterns. This seriously disadvantages individual students, who struggle to keep up with their important learning activities.

TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Our school’s text messaging service is now up and running. To notify the school of your child’s absence, you can now send through a text message to 0429 314 309. (Please note the change of number.) When using this service please remember to state your child’s name, class, the date and the reason for the absence.

"Unexplained" absences and late arrivals will be automatically generated and sent to the nominated parent via a text message, asking for an explanation. We can also use this service to broadcast important messages.

PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our valuable Parent – Teacher interviews will be scheduled for week 2 of term 2. Please use this opportunity to meet and discuss your child’s Term 1 progress, and goals for Term 2. This sharing of information covers 1. Academic results 2. Effort 3. Attendance 4. Behaviour 5. Student goals, and the needs and interests of individual students. The 2-way conversation builds strong, positive relationships.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
3897 5360

TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE
0429 314 309

SCHOOL FOCUS:
Week 7 & 8
REGULAR DISPLAYS OF CURRENT WORK
😊 Quality examples on show.
😊 Work recognizes values, expectations and celebrates excellence.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM
Alan Brooks
Principal
Rebecca Campbell
Deputy Principal
Lynne Ryan
Business Services Manager
We know that parents + teachers as partners in learning support successful students. We look forward to building on the progress to date, with a strong commitment to further developing our School Improvement Agenda in Term 2.

**POLLING BOOTH – VOTE AT KIPPA-RING STATE SCHOOL**

On Saturday 19 March, our School Hall (Korsch Street entry), will be open as a polling booth. Voting will include Council elections and the state government referendum. Year 6 parents and students will run a Sausage Sizzle during the morning. This fund-raiser will be the initial activity in support of Year 6 Graduation activities. A roster will be distributed to Year 6 families; please help when you can.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Current year 6 students, Kristy-Lee Deeks, and a former Kippa-Ring student, Jai Jackson, are performing in ‘Mary Poppins’ at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre from the 4th of March to the 20th of March. The show is receiving excellent revues. Congratulations!

_Best wishes, Alan Brooks – Principal & 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. Congratulations to the following...

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**School Policy Organization / Reminders**

**STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES – TERM 1**

- 10 March  _Shave for a Cure_ – Crazy Hair Day – _Gold Coin Donation_ to this charity, already registered
- 16 March  _Anti-bullying Day_ – Wear Orange, Sausage Sizzle, Drinks etc – Funds raised will go towards the Student Council
- Support your Student Council activities.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

| Week 7 | Thursday 10 March  | Friday 11 March  |  Share for a Cure – Crazy Hair day – Gold coin donation: Student Council activity  
|        |                    |                  | Interschool Sport 
|        |                    |                  | 8.45am – 10.15am: Playgroup |
| Week 8 | Monday 14 March    | Wednesday 16 March | 2.15pm Assembly: School Hall  
|        | Thursday 17 March  | Friday 18 March  | Anti-Bullying day: wear orange, Sausage Sizzle and drinks. Funds raised support Student Council activities  
|        |                    |                  | 3.00pm: Year 6 Graduation Committee meeting, Resource Centre  
|        |                    |                  | Extreme Science Van – Year 4  
|        |                    |                  | Interschool Sport  
|        |                    |                  | 8.45am – 10.15am: Playgroup  
|        |                    |                  | Local Government Election day – Year 6 Graduation Committee sausage sizzle |
| Week 9 | Monday 21 March    | Wednesday 23 March | 2.15pm Assembly: School Hall  
|        | Thursday 24 March  |                  | Extreme Science Van – Year 5  
|        |                    |                  | Easter Bonnet Parade – Prep to Year 2 – 9.30am in Hall  
|        |                    |                  | Last day of Term 1 |
SPORTING DATES FOR 2016

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REDCLIFFE DISTRICT TRIALS – (Students need to be high performing to participate)

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From the Office / School Procedures

- **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).

- **CONTACT DETAILS** – Please notify the Office immediately once your contact details, or those of your child’s emergency contacts change. It is important that we have updated information on your child as soon as it happens, in case of sickness or an emergency. “Change of Details” forms are available at the Office.

- **MEDICATION** – Due to changes through Education Queensland, all medication including Panadol, Nurofen etc, must be prescribed by a doctor and have a chemist label stating the child’s name and dosage, before it can be administered at school.

  For children requiring Asthma, Anaphylaxis or Diabetes medication, an Action Plan must also be supplied. Please notify the Office or the First Aid room ASAP if there are any changes to your child’s health/medical conditions.

Parents & Citizens Association News

The **Annual General Meeting** (2016) of the Kippa-Ring State School Parents and Citizens Association was held on **Tuesday 16th February**, from 5.30pm in the Resource Centre. At the meeting, a Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were elected. We are still seeking nominations for the position of **President** (2016). 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. Membership forms are available from the office foyer. These can be completed in advance of the next meeting and are tabled as part of the agenda.
The next P&C General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 15 March**, from 5.30pm.

**P & C Facebook Group** – Don’t forget to become a member of our Kippa-Ring State School P & C Facebook group. You will find out here first about all the great stuff happening at the school and with the P & C. Stay up to date, sell second hand uniforms and connect with other parents, staff and community members of our school.

**P & C FUNDRAISER ~ Pie and Bake Drive**
Our first fundraising activity for 2016 is a “Pie & Bake Drive”. This is your chance to order some delicious pies and baked goods to enjoy over the Easter Break.

An order form was sent home to the youngest in the family with the last newsletter, and is also be available on the school website.

Your orders must be submitted with your payment (cash preferred), either to the Tuckshop or Uniform shop, by **Monday 14 March 2016**. **No late orders** can be taken after this date. Extra order forms will be available from the Office, Uniform Shop or Tuckshop for outside orders.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS from Carmel Bennett - Tuckshop Convenor**

- Please remember to have your orders placed by **9.00am** to ensure your child’s food has plenty of time to be prepared.
- **Interschool Sport** has started, so please note for any Year 5 or 6 students that are participating in interschool sport, no hot food or ice blocks can be ordered for second break. Those students that stay at school can still order as normal.
- Due to new changes and updates to the “Smart Choices Program,” and in accordance with the National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines, there will be some big changes to the Tuckshop menu. These changes will take affect at the beginning of Term 2. Please keep an eye out for the new menus.
- You can purchase a bundle of 20 “tuckshop” bags for $2.00
- **Home baking** this week is: - Banana & Coconut muffins @ $1 each
- **Slushee 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.
- Library Bags have finally arrived. If your child had one on back order, their library bag has been delivered to their classrooms.
- **Please note**: We are still waiting on our delivery of headphones and chair bags. For those who ordered through the booklist, these items will be delivered to your child’s classroom once we have received them.
- Size 6 shorts have finally arrived, but we are still waiting on the size 4 shorts to be delivered.
- New style jumpers have arrived for winter, so we are selling our school jackets at a discounted price to make room for the new stock. Jackets are now $20.00.

**Uniform Price list**

- **Polo Shirts** $35.00
- **Shorts** $20.00
- **Bucket Hats** $15.00
- **School Jackets (old stock)** $20.00

**SUN SMART HAT POLICY**

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.

**BREAKING NEWS!!!** You can now order Uniforms and Textbooks **online**! We now have the ability for parents to place online orders. You need to use a valid credit or debit card for your order to be processed.

Orders will be sent home with your child on the day we receive your order (or the day after in busy periods) and you will be emailed a receipt. Please visit: [http://bit.ly/24m4get](http://bit.ly/24m4get) to place your online orders for the Uniform shop.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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😊 **Thanks to our volunteers.**
Kippa-Ring State School Student Council

Presents

“Crazy Hair Day”

Thursday 10th March

Wear your hair in a wild & wacky style. Colour it to match a rainbow.

*Gold Coin Donation – with all proceeds going to “Shave for a Cure”*

(All colouring and styling must be done at home)

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**NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE**

Kippa-Ring State School Student Council will be supporting the initiative and helping our school recognise “Australia’s National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.”

All students are asked:

- to wear **“ORANGE”** on Wednesday, 16 March 2016
- Make a pledge on our Kippa-Ring State School pledge wall
- Celebrate taking a stand together, with an orange bunting flag
- Buy a sausage sizzle & can of Fanta to support the Kippa-Ring SS Student Council. Order forms were sent home on Tuesday. Please return to the Office before Friday 11 March.
- Join us for a dance spectacular, in the quadrangle at first break.

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**Can you help?**

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

We are looking for donations of uniforms (shirts & shorts), in a reasonable condition and in small sizes, preferably sizes 4 – 8. If you can help, please drop them to the Office. It will be very much appreciated.

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**Easter Bonnet Parade**

**Easter Bonnet Parade Invitation**

- Parents and Guardians of...
- Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students
- are invited to attend our
- **Easter Bonnet Parade**
- **Wednesday 23rd March**, at **9.30 am** in the **School Hall**.
- We will be singing and dancing, and maybe having a surprise visitor ????
This term you'll find the Chaplain doing a variety of different activities that will show 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. Students meet Scott in the Year 5 / 6 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.**

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**DATE CLAIMER – ANZAC DAY STREET MARCH – REDCLIFFE**

Each year, our school participates in the ANZAC Day street parade at Redcliffe. The march, on **Monday 25th April** (Public Holiday), starts at the roundabout, at the end of ANZAC Avenue. We would love to see a strong representation of students at this important occasion. Please mark your calendar.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Are you looking for employment in a dynamic and exciting environment?  
Do you enjoy empowering young people and supporting them to make positive change in their lives?

The Redcliffe Area Youth Space (the Youth Space) is looking for expressions of interest from relevantly qualified and experienced individuals to join its Get Set for Work team in 2016. The Redcliffe Area Youth Space is a not for profit community organization supporting young people aged 10 to 24.  
We run a series of education and training programs, social welfare programs, activities, community events, and crime prevention projects.  
The Youth Space is seeking to employ a full time (38 hrs/wk) Program Coordinator and a Project Worker to support young people between the ages of 15-19 to overcome their barriers to employment.

The successful applicant will have:
- The ability to work flexibly both in their practice approach, within a team and autonomously
- tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline and/or at least five years’ experience as a Youth Worker;
- positive notice blue card for work with children and young people;
- a current driver’s license and reliable vehicle.

For a position description and further information, please contact **(07) 3283 8769** or e-mail **info@redclifeyouthspace.org**. To apply please submit a one page letter outlining your Expression Of Interest that incorporates your interest in the position and the organization and a copy of your resume by close of business Thursday, 10 March 2016.