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: fortnightly focus – Term 1
2. Engaging learning environment: fortnightly focus – Term 2
3. Responsible behaviour: zero or 1 exit per student per term
4. Excellent attendance: > 92% attendance rate

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

We are approaching the half way mark of term 2, 2016. This means our Cycle 3 (Weeks 1 – 5) attendance awards will be printed and distributed next week.

Students participate in a range of assessment tasks throughout the school year and their Semester 1 written report will be the next school – home update, towards the end of this term. The report details academic achievement, and the basis for these results includes excellent attendance and

PLAYTIME OPTIONS
Playing well is a skill. It’s about taking turns, getting along, decision-making, including others, playing by the rules, burning energy in productive ways, learning to lose, showing initiative… so many life skills!

Kippa-Ring students of different ages can choose from a wide variety of activities on different days of the week…

- Adventure playgrounds – a range of developmentally appropriate play spaces
- Sand pits; sand toys
- Soccer, tag football
- Technology - Resource Centre, library activities
- Lego construction
- Lots of covered areas to sit, talk, read, play cards etc
- Hop scotch, giant snakes and ladders game, giant chess set
- Hand ball – many courts to choose from
- Shoot some hoops – basketball
- Dance in the hall
- Skipping – individual and group

Congratulations to all our students who make positive use of ‘play time’, every school day.

PLANNING ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Families who intend to enrol in 2017 can now fill out a Waiting List form. This is for children enrolling in any year level, from Prep to Year 6, 2017. Prep students need to be born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012.

Just call in at the office or send a note, and we will provide the appropriate enrolment materials. Of course, enrolment is also available through our school website. Enrol early and we then have the opportunity to communicate directly with you, in relation to Information and transition sessions. If you have friends or family considering 2017 enrolment, just ask them to contact us now.
NAPLAN TESTING — 10 to 12 May
Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are taking part in NAPLAN testing from 10 to 12 May. NAPLAN testing provides schools with an opportunity to identify any areas where students may need assistance and covers the learning areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. NAPLAN test results will be released later this year. Visit www.nap.edu.au for more information.

YOU CAN DO IT! – PROGRAM ACHIEVE
We will commence our school wide focus on the You Can Do It! – social and emotional program next week. The 1st focus area / Foundation... is CONFIDENCE. Students learn CONFIDENCE by a range of behaviours...

- Trying to answer difficult questions
- Sharing new ideas; displaying initiative
- Seeking solutions to problems; not getting stuck on the problem
- Introducing themselves to someone new; helping them feel comfortable in a new school environment
- Speaking clearly and having good eye contact
- Accepting praise, with a simple “Thank you!”
- Taking responsibility for personal organization.

QUALITY BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS @ OUR SCHOOL

- Students have the RIGHT TO LEARN in a safe, supportive environment.
- Teachers have the RIGHT TO TEACH, encouraging all students to engage in learning and do their best on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, a few students believe they can exist outside the rules and expectations of our school community. This has resulted in a 10 day suspension, and a 20 day suspension. Every student needs to ‘own’ their behaviour and make smart choices on a daily basis.

Every day, we acknowledge the quality work ethic and excellent behaviour of the vast majority of our students. The support and high expectations of parents / carers, is an essential element in maintaining quality standards. When students see that parents and teachers are partners in learning, they clearly know and understand what is expected; and the inevitable consequences of poor decision making. It is obvious that repeat offenders will face stronger consequences.

Students must meet the school standards... safe, respectful, co-operative, responsible learners. Common sense needs to be common practice.

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

TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE – STUDENT ABSENCE ALERTS
- Our school’s text messaging service is in action.
- To notify the school of your child’s absence, you can send through a text message to 0429 314 309. (Please note the change of number.)
- When using this service, please remember to state your... 1). child's name 2). Class 3). Date 4). Reason for the absence.
- “Unexplained” absences and late arrivals will be generated automatically, and sent to the nominated parent via a text message, asking for an explanation.
- Excellent attendance, including “on-time” start every morning... is everyone's business!
- We can also use this service to broadcast important messages.

DATE CLAIMER – SCHOOL CAMP 2016
⇒ Year 5 and Year 6 school camp: Camp Moogerah, Cunningham Highway, near Aratula
⇒ Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th September, 2016.

For students to participate in the annual school camp, it is essential that they are well prepared. School camp must not be the first time that a child has spent time away from home. Every child needs some pre-experiences of sleep overs, staying with family friends or relatives... to build confidence and comfort.

We alternate our camp program; one year bush, the next year beach. School camp is a massive undertaking and is often the highlight of each student’s year. It is a huge commitment for school staff, which is greatly appreciated. Early advice of 2016 camp dates is part of our plan to ensure students are well prepared in advance of the event. Students must also display excellent behaviour, to achieve the potential to participate.
Best wishes, Alan Brooks—Principal & Rebecca Campbell—Deputy Principal

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### Term 2, 2016

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### SPORT DATES

- Interschool Sport Round 1
- District Cross Country
- School Athletics Carnival
- Interschool Sport Round 2
- School Swimming Program
- **Fridays 26th Feb – 13th May**
- **Wednesday 18th May**
- **Friday 15th July**
- **Fridays 19th Aug – 4th Nov**
- **Monday 28th Nov – Friday 2nd Dec**
R.D.P.S.S. Cross Country 2016

All Redcliffe district schools are invited to send representatives to compete at the Redcliffe District Primary School Sport Cross Country to be held as per the information below.

Venue: Pine Rivers Park, Gympie Road, Strathpine
Date: Wednesday 18th May 2016
Times:
- 9:40 Course orientation and walk
- 10:30 10 years Girls 2000m
- 11:00 10 years Boys 2000m
- 11:30 11 years Girls 3000m
- 12:00 11 years Boys 3000m
- 12:30 12 years Girls 3000m
- 1:00 12 years Boys 3000m
- 1:30 Presentations
(Please note: these times are approximate only)

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.

School Photos

School photos were delivered to your child’s classroom on Thursday 5 May. If, by chance, your child has not yet received theirs, please contact the Office either in person, between 8.30am and 3.00pm, or by telephone - 3897 5333.

Photos of our Senior Leaders, Band & Strings Captains etc are currently on display in the Office foyer. These photos can be ordered online or via a payment envelope @ $17.00 per photograph. Please see the ladies in the Office, to collect your online order forms or payment envelope.

payments must be made before Wednesday 25th May 2016.

Parents & Citizens Association News

NEXT P&C MEETING

Come along and join us for the next general meeting on Wednesday 18th May, from 5.30pm.

Meetings are held in the Resource Centre, so enter via the staff car park. These meetings are valuable ways to have your say and to have positive input into our school community activities. If you haven’t come along before, please do… you will be most welcome!

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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS from Carmel Bennett - Tuckshop Convenor

- Opening Hours: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday ~ 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 can purchase a bundle of 20 “tuckshop” bags for $2.00
- Some items will start to become unavailable due the “Smart Choices Program Guidelines.” Potato chips are one of those items. We have cleared out the majority of them, but still have some in stock. When these are sold, there will be no more chips available. Please understand the removing chips from the Menu is not our choice. We have to comply with the new guidelines. For now, the menu is still the same, but please keep an eye out for the new menu; coming soon.
- Slushy Flavours ~ Raspberry
- Home Baking ~ Vanilla/Coconut muffins @ $1.00 each
- ***Special Offer*** Coming to the Tuckshop for a limited time ~ “Olaf” Ice-cream @ $1.50 each, until sold out. Don’t miss out on this treat!
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS from Carmel Bennett - Uniform Shop Convenor

- Open: Monday and Tuesday mornings, from 8.30 to 10.30am.
- Library Bags are available at the Uniform/Bookshop for $7.00 each.
- With the weather starting to cool down, we are clearing out our old style of jumpers and jackets.
  - Jackets are now $20.00 – (No Size 8)
  - Jumpers are now $10.00 – (Size 14 Only)
- New style Jumpers are available for purchase @ $30.00

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 to place your online orders for the Uniform shop.

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.

Year 6 Graduation News

On Tuesday 31 May, the Graduation Committee will be organising a “Footy Meal Deal,” with proceeds going towards the Year 6 Graduation evening.

Cost: $6.00
Includes: Hotdog, packet of chips & popper

Order forms will be sent home with your student, very soon.

Book Fair

Book Fair is coming... very soon!

- In week 6, we will be holding a “MONSTER BOOK FAIR”
- Reading is so much fun, you’ll get Goosebumps!
- Look for more details coming home this Friday!

Students will have the opportunity to create their own monster, to submit in the competition for fabulous prizes.

Life Education Van

Between Thursday 26th May – Thursday 2nd June, all students have been invited to participate in The Life Education Van at Kippa-Ring State School, as part of our school Health program. This is a major Kippa-Ring State School initiative, with the substantial subsidy offered for every child.

The aim of the program is for students to make smart life choices for a healthy future. Each year level will have a different health focus and on completion of the visit each student will receive a student workbook to complete follow up activities in the classroom.

Any parents wishing to visit the mobile classroom, are encouraged to attend a special PARENTS & VISITORS PROGRAM in the Life Education Van, on Thursday 25th May at 9:15am.

- PREP – Clued Up
  The children help Harold investigate the disappearance of his friend Cockey. Through being detectives and problem solving the mystery, they learn about friendship, healthy food choices, safe and unsafe living and co-operation.

- YEAR 1 – Harold’s Surprise
  Harold and the class are invited to possum’s party in the park. On the way they become aware of and develop appreciation of their bodies, discuss the importance of healthy food choices and exercise, safely in the environment and identify how people grow and change.

- YEAR 2 – Harold’s Heroes
  The children join Harold’s superhero team to make the world a safer, healthier place for everyone. Throughout the mission they discover the importance of clean air, safe use of medicine and safety in the environment.
**YEAR 3 – Harold’s Diary**

The children are invited to read Harold’s Diary as he shares stories relating to bullying, feelings, developing coping strategies, safety with medicines and the importance of making healthy food choices.

**YEAR 4 – Mind Your Medicine**

The children develop an understanding and gain information on legal drugs, their effects on physical development and their potential for harm. The program encompasses risk-taking, responding to pressure and recognising harmful situations.

**YEAR 5 – On the Case**

The class identify social, personal situations and consequences that may place young people at risk from alcohol. This includes physical, social interaction, as well as social pressures and influences. Students will discuss, compare and develop strategies to avoid the harmful consequences of alcohol misuse.

**YEAR 6 – Think Twice**

Students identify social, personal situations and consequences that may place young people at risk from alcohol. This includes physical development, social interaction, as well as social pressures and influences. Students will discuss, compare and develop strategies to avoid the harmful consequences of alcohol misuse.

**SUBSIDIZED COST = $3.00 per student.**

(*Actual cost = $9.00. This valuable program is heavily subsidized by the Moreton Bay Regional Council - $4.00 and Kippa-Ring State School - $2.00*)

Payment and permission form to be returned to the Office by Friday 20th May. **NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE WORKSHOP.**

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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative and is celebrating its 11th anniversary in 2016. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning.

The reading period for Prep - Year 9 students is 16 May - 26 August. For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below. Experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

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The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 9 students to read 15 books, rather than 20 books, acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books, that may take them longer to read. Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability.

All students in Prep to year 2 have been registered in this challenge. Their recording forms will be sent home this week. Any student wishing to participate in years 3 – 6, is more than welcome. They will need to collect their **recording sheet** from the Resource Centre.

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**International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

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Each year Kippa-Ring State School sponsors a number of students in the **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**. ICAS is a suite of independent skills-based assessments organised by the University of New South Wales.

ICAS provides schools with a unique opportunity to measure student’s achievements in a range of subject areas and caters for students at all achievement levels in both primary and secondary school. The assessment dates are set nationally and students undertaking the tests will be supervised at school on the allocated date.

This year we are sponsoring a number of students from **Years 3 to 6 in the Science, English and Mathematics** assessments.

Students have been selected by their academic achievement data, and the school has paid their entry fee of $8.80 per test. Students who have been selected to participate in the tests, received a letter last week congratulating them on their selection, and advising them of the tests they will be participating in.
ICAS TEST Subject | Official Sitting Date
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😊 Science | 31 May
😊 English | 2 August
😊 Mathematics | 16 August

Following the tests, achievement certificates will be awarded to all participating students at a range of levels:

1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
3. Credit to the next 25% of students
4. Merit to the next 10% of students
5. Participation to all other students.

If you would like more information about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au). We look forward to some wonderful results from our talented students.

‘Surfing the Pages’

‘SURFING THE PAGES’

At Kippa-Ring State School, we are committed to providing quality educational opportunities that meet the needs of all our students. Each term, a different year level is offered the opportunity of participating in our reading program... ‘Surfing The Pages’, as an alternative before school program aimed at enhancing literacy skills.

From Tuesday 3 May, **Year 2 students** are invited to share a story with a teacher each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning from 8:15 to 8:40am. This story sharing will be held in ‘F’ block, next to the Blue Room, in our special ‘Surfing The Pages’ reading room. There will be an announcement each morning at 8:15am, to remind students to go to the ‘Surfing The Pages’ room. **Hope to see you there, Year 2!**

**Chappy’s News with Scott Devine**

😊 **SUPA Club** which is a fun, caring Christian group for grades 5-6 will begin in week 8 of term two, on the 1st of June and will run on every Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm – 4.00pm in June.

😊 **Kidsgames** will be running in the school holidays on the 27th to 29th of June at Clontarf Baptist Church in the mornings e.g. 8.00am-12noon. These events are fun, safe and very cost effective from families and if your son or daughter is interested in this event please speak with Scott at School. Scott would like to invite a few Kippa-Ring SS students to this event, especially SUPA Club students or students involved in the chaplaincy program already.

😊 Finally I just want to thank the Parents and citizens association for their continued support of my Chaplaincy role at the school, and I’m working hard to support the students, staff and parents.

**Ladies High Tea**

An afternoon filled with excitement and compassion

When: Saturday 21 May @ 2.00pm

Where: Redcliffe Uniting Church
Cnr Anzac Ave & Richens Street, Redcliffe

Cost: $20.00 per person

Please contact Joy Godfrey on 3880 4518, or Kaye Devine on 3284 0710 for tickets.

A fundraiser for our Chaplain
Playgroup News

KIPPA-RING STATE SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

😊 Fridays ~ 8.45am to 10.15am
😊 Performing Arts Room
😊 Our membership continues to grow.

We have had lots of fun playing with educational toys, playdough, writing on whiteboards, doing our obstacle course, making music and creating something each week to take home. Spread the word about this great opportunity... Parents & staff as partners in learning!

Community News

YELLOW RIBBION – ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The week of 03 May to 10 May 2016 is Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week where the community is encouraged to acknowledge those who work on and around roads. Every day, thousands of emergency first responders risk their lives protecting motorists. Whether it’s the police, ambulance, fire & rescue personnel or RACQ’s patrol and tow truck operators, they all depend upon the awareness of passing motorists to keep them safe.

Message from Stuart Gardner - Manager Road Safety SEQN

School crossing supervisors contribute to Transport and Main Roads’ positive profile in the community. They have an extremely important role - to promote road safety among young children and educate them on how to use a supervised crossing. This Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week, we say thank you to our School Crossing Supervisors! School Crossing Supervisors play a vital role in keeping our children safe. They improve the safety of travel to and from school for students in the city as well as regional and remote areas, whether they walk, cycle or travel by bus or car. In hot, cold or wet weather, the supervisors are there, ensuring children are kept out of harm’s way. School crossing supervisors are the unsung heroes of school road safety.

Clontarf Beach State High School

Invites you to our

OPEN AFTERNOON

Tuesday 17th May 2016 3:30pm – 6:30pm
3:30pm - 6:30pm - Junior Secondary on display
3:30pm - 4:15pm - Guided tours of our school facilities
4:15pm - 5:15pm - Principal’s Welcome:
The First Year of Junior Secondary

Sausage sizzle, displays and great entertainment
Book your enrolment interview
Find out more about our great school at
www.clontarfbeachhs.qld.edu.au

See you there!