Principal and Deputy Principal News  by Alan Brooks & Rebecca Campbell

At Kippa-Ring State School, our 2016 goals are…
1. Successful learners
2. Engaging learning environment
3. Responsible behaviour: zero or 1 exit/detention per student per term
4. Excellent attendance: > 92% attendance rate

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

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Each year, a number of our students participate in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). The third set of results has revealed even more outstanding SCIENCE outcomes! Congratulations to the following award winning students…

😊 Top 1% in Australia – Rakshikaa Muttucumaroe (Year 5) – High Distinction
😊 Top 3% in Australia – Elliot Bishop (Year 4) - Distinction
😊 Credit Awards: Stephen Forrest (Year 4), Lola Nickson (Year 4), Tahu Davis (Year 6)
😊 Merit Awards: Ethan Botha (Year 3), Dengetta Sonter (Year 4)

STUDENT PARTICIPATION
Every day, it’s a celebration when 100% of students are present in their class. This ensures maximum teaching and learning time. What a difference that makes! No late arrivals or early departures also makes a significant difference… every day, every hour, every minute counts!

😊 Cycle 7 is the first 5 weeks of Term 4: Tuesday 4 October – Friday 4 November.
😊 Students with 95% or better attendance, have been presented with their Attendance Award.

KIPPA-RING STATE SCHOOL – THE FACTS
Did you know… that students at our school have enrolled from Hercules Road State School, Humpybong State School, Bounty Boulevard State School, Kallangur State School, Lawnton State School, Moreton Downs State School, Deception Bay North State School and Scarborough State School, as well as schools further afield, inter-state or internationally?

⇒ Out of catchment students = 42.3% of our school enrolment!

WE ARE A WINNER IN THE PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations! Kippa-Ring State School has been selected as a winner in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge lucky draw for schools that achieved a 100% completion rate.

Please find attached 15 x $20 online vouchers via individual URLs (valued at $300 in total) for use through online book retailer and Premier’s Reading Challenge sponsor, Booktopia (www.booktopia.com.au).

More than 165,000 Queensland children and students from 900 schools and 414 early childhood centres participated in this year’s challenge, reading more than 2.2 million books. This is a record breaking result for the program, now in its 11th year. (Special thanks to Mrs Charmaine Bowering, who co-ordinated our entries.)
This year, you can access a convenient online ordering system through Office Max for our 2017 student book packs. This method saves you time spent waiting at the bookshop in queues to order and collect your child’s stationery supplies.

In a few clicks, your back to school supplies can be ordered well before the new school year begins. Ordered stationery will be delivered to your home address, via Australia Post’s eParcel service. If you do not have access to a computer or internet, and would like to order your child’s 2017 Book Pack online, please contact the Office or see Carmel in the Uniform Shop on Mondays, or in the Tuckshop – Tuesday to Friday.

Your child’s “2017 Book List” was delivered to classrooms with the previous Newsletter. Please check your child’s bag. Additional copies are available now; don’t miss the order deadline.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
We are currently having a range of facility improvements carried out across the school site. One major activity is the construction of two offices (Deputy Principal and Principal) and a staff room at ground level. This will be carried out by remodelling a double classroom space. This work will then free up a large extra space in our library. We are also upgrading the library courtyard, to produce a more versatile learning space.

Also, keep an eye out for our new You Can Do It! Signs... These are brilliant, super-sized visual reminders of our Program Achieve focus. See them soon, in the playground, hall and other key places.

As a commitment to our students and their broad education, our school supported participation in the 2016 Life Education program to the value of $354.00. This is yet another way that we provide excellent value to our school families.

ADVANCE NOTICE – SCHOOL CAMP 2017
The 2017 school camp for Year 5 and Year 6 students will be held from Wednesday 13 – Friday 14 September @ Camp Currimundi, on the Sunshine Coast. We are maximizing the school camp notice, so families can plan and save, well in advance. This is our ‘beach’ camp, following our ‘bush’ camp this year. All students must have some away from home / sleepover etc experience, before participating in school camp.

COMMUNICATION
Our final school newsletter will be published in Week 9: Wednesday 30 November. A special one page edition will then be published with each student’s report pack, in the final week (Week 10) of term. For your information, the report pack will include...

😊 Student report
😊 Special edition newsletter
😊 Positive initiatives @ Kippa-Ring State School
😊 Parent “Tip Sheet” – Why stories are important
😊 2017 School calendar

KEY DATES TO NOTE

⇒ Tuesday 6 December – Last school assembly
⇒ Thursday 8 December – Class parties
⇒ Friday 9 December – Last school day for 2016
⇒ Monday 23 January – 1st school day of 2017

Thought of the Week: The Family Peace Foundation maintains one of the most effective ways for adults to strengthen families is to spend at least 8 minutes a day of warm, loving, focused attention with each child.

Best wishes, Alan Brooks – Principal  Rebecca Campbell – Deputy Principal
## SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Parents and Teachers as Partners in Learning

| Every week... | ⇒ Mondays: Assembly 2.15pm @ School Hall | ⇒ Fridays: Playgroup 8.45 – 10.15am @ Performing Arts room |

### TERM 4, 2016

| Week 7 | Friday 18 November | • Swimming Payment due  
Please send Payment & Permission/Medical Forms to the Office |
| Week 8 | | |
| Week 9 | Monday 28th Nov – Friday 2nd December  
Tuesday 29 November  
Friday 2 December | • School Swimming Program x 5 days  
Daily swimming lesson – Years 1 to 4 only  
• Community Carols ~ School Hall – 6pm to 7.30pm  
• Final Play Group morning for 2016 – Thanks to the great team and supporters! |
| Week 10 | Monday 5 December  
Tuesday 6 December  
Wednesday 7 December  
Thursday 8 December  
Friday 9 December | • Year 6 Graduation Evening – Redcliffe RSL  
• Year 6 Graduation Assembly – School Hall, from 9.00am  
• Year 6 Excursion – Chermside Water Park  
• Class Parties  
• Last day of 2016 school year |
| 2017 | Monday 23 January  
Thursday 26 January  
Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 September | • DAY 1, 2017 SCHOOL YEAR  
• Australia Day holiday  
• Year 5 and Year 6 Camp @ Currimundi – Sunshine Coast |

## From the Office / School Procedures

**OFFICE PAYMENTS** are receipted on...

- ✔ Tuesday, Wednesday and 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:** 0009 0032

⇒ 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 Education” cannot be paid in one transaction. **Each student and each invoiced amount must be paid separately.**

**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.

**TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE**

- 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 are 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 about school events / activities.
You Can Do It! Program

**YOU CAN DO IT! TERM 4 FOCUS = GETTING ALONG**

We continue our school wide focus in every classroom, every day with the “You Can Do It!” – social and emotional program. This term, our whole school focus is on... **GETTING ALONG.**

😊 **What is Behaviour-Specific Feedback?**

Behaviour-Specific Feedback is when we provide the young person with feedback that is specific to the desired behaviour, as opposed to making general statements such as “Great job” or “Good boy / girl”.

In the You Can Do It! Program, Behaviour-Specific Feedback provides the young person with a statement that conveys information concerning the Foundation being covered. Feedback is most effective when it is offered immediately following the desired behaviour and contains both positive recognition and information regarding the Foundation being demonstrated by the young person. Behaviour-Specific Feedback can be used in the class, playground or home setting.

**Some examples of Behaviour-Specific Feedback for Getting Along are:**

😊 “You talked things through”
😊 “Your classmate really appreciated your help”
😊 “That was great the way you talked things out”
😊 “You are working well together”
😊 “I like the way you thought before you acted”
😊 “I appreciate how well you get along with everybody”
😊 “Helping others with their work helps you learn more”
😊 “Following rules as you do helps make our classroom a great place to be”
😊 “You co-operated well”
😊 “Thank you for letting your classmate join the group”
😊 “ Doesn’t it feel good not to get too angry?”
😊 “Thank you for waiting until the other person finished talking”
😊 “I bet **** really appreciated it when you helped her / him”
😊 “You really worked well to solve that problem”

**YOU CAN DO IT! CHARACTERS – HELP US LEARN AND PRACTISE GREAT SKILLS.**
P&C MEETING OPPORTUNITY
The next General Meeting of the Kippa-Ring State School Parents & Citizens Association has been postponed. It will now be held in the Resource Centre from 5.30pm, next Tuesday 22 November. All welcome; enter via the staff car park.

TUCKSHOP NEWS from Camel Bennett - Tuckshop Convenor
- Opening Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday ~ 8.25am to 1.50pm
- First Break ~ 10.50am to 11.20am; Second Break ~ 1.30pm 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. Please use two separate bags when ordering for both breaks.
- You can purchase a bundle of 20 “tuckshop” bags for $2.00
- As the school year gets closer to the end, parents please make your children aware of the fact that some tuckshop items will not be available as we run our freezers down to near empty. I would really appreciate this, especially for those children who are quite particular about what they eat.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS from Carmel Bennett - Uniform Shop Convenor
- Open: Monday mornings only, from 8.30 to 10.30am.
- For ‘preppies’ starting next year, we now have size 2 shorts in stock.
- New style zip up jumpers are available @ $30.00. They proved very popular this winter.
- Bucket Hats @ $15.00 each. Every child needs their hat every day. Please check they are clearly ‘named’.
- We have new style bucket hats in stock! Reversible with house colour and house name @ $15.00 each
- Broad brimmed hats @ $10 each. Only a small number in stock.
- Interschool Sports socks (Year 5 & 6) @ $5.00 a pair – make the school teams look great!
- You can now order Uniforms 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.

2017 CLASS BOOKLISTS – ORDER NOW!
This year, we have access to a convenient online ordering system through Office Max, for our 2017 student book packs. This method saves time spent waiting at the bookshop in queues, to order and collect your child’s stationary supplies. In a few clicks, your back to school supplies can be ordered well before the new school year begins.

Ordered stationary will be delivered to your home address, via Australia Post’s eParcel service. If you do not have access to a computer or internet, and would like to order your child’s 2017 Book Pack online, there are places available for you to access a computer such as the local library, and internet kiosks at the local shopping centres.

We can also help you at the Tuckshop, but you must have a Visa/MasterCard debit card or a credit card, unless you have spoken to Carmel previously. Please be sure to read the details of online ordering on the letter attached to the front your child’s book list.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Tickets for the Evening event on Monday 5 December at the Redcliffe RSL, are currently on sale at the Uniform/Bookshop on Monday mornings (8.30am to 10.30am) and the Tuckshop Tuesday – Friday Mornings @ $10.00 per ticket (Graduating student is free). There is a limit of 3 tickets per family, due to the seating capacity at the venue. No reserved seating.
⇒ Ticket sales close at 10.00am on Monday 21 November.

The Morning Event, which is the “Graduation Assembly” will be held in the Hall at 9.00am on TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER, and the excursion to the “Chermside Water Park” is on WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER.

Permission notes for the Year 6 Water Park excursion will be sent home with students very soon. Please keep an eye out for these.
Playgroup News

Last week, Kippa Playgroup had a story time session with Gina from the Moreton Bay Library. It was lots of fun and included stories and songs. All our children received a bag with a picture book, CD of Nursery Rhymes and other goodies. Thank you Gina.

There are only two more Playgroup days for 2016. The last one on Friday 25 November will be a celebration and lots of fun. The children will need old clothes (maybe a change of clothes) hats, sunscreen and a water bottle as we will be doing outside activities that may be messy before our music and craft.

>> Playgroup will resume on Friday 24 February, 2017 <<

Swimming Program

Students in Year 1 to Year 4 at Kippa-Ring State School participate in a 5 day “Learn to Swim / Swim to Survive” program at the Redcliffe Dolphins Aquatic and Fitness Centre, from Monday 28 November to Friday 2 December.

Students will receive 5 X 45 minute lessons over the week. The lessons cater for all students at all levels of swimming confidence, from those students who have a fear of swimming, to those who are quite proficient. A hired bus will transport students to and from the facility.

Each child will receive a complimentary swimming cap, which needs to be worn at each lesson. Goggles are not required, but can be worn if desired.

A ‘Certificate of Achievement’ will be handed to all participating students once all lessons have been completed. As this is a compulsory Education Queensland activity, students will be required to produce a medical certificate or letter outlining valid reasons to exempt them from this activity.

Please return your child’s Permission & Medical forms and payment of $45.00, or part payment of $22.50 to the Office, now.

Surfing the Pages  ~ Jayne Shannon (Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy)

😊 This is the last week for “Surfing the Pages” for 2016.

A BIG “Thank-You” to all the parents who have supported this program by having their children participate throughout the year.

A special ‘Thank-You’ to our Prep students and parents who have been attending this term. We have enjoyed sharing some wonderful stories together.

“Surfing The Pages” will run again from Week 3 in Term 2 2017 and will be offered to our year 2 students for that term.

Jayne Shannon ~ Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy
Kippa-Ring State School

*Presents*

**Community Carols**

Tuesday 29th November

6pm ~ 7.30pm

At the School Hall or Year 2, 3, 4 Shed

(Weather dependent)

*All Welcome*
Would you like to be a Host Family to an AFS exchange student arriving in February?

Are you ready to get an unforgettable experience, get to know another culture, make a lifetime friendship by adding a new member to your family from different country? If your answer is YES, then log on to our website www.afs.org.au/host and get to know our amazing students arriving in February.

We have students from a variety of different countries eagerly awaiting any kind of information regarding their future host families who will host them here in Australia for the length of their program. If you believe you can be such host family for 5 or 11 months, then please contact the Hosting Coordinator at the AFS National Office: on 1300 131 736.

BEAUMONT CARE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY FAIR

![Beaumont Care Christmas Community Fair Poster]

2nd December 2016
111 George St, Kippa-Ring

SCHOOL WATCH

YOU CAN HELP!
Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security

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