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,

COMMUNICATION
This is our final, regular school newsletter for the 2016 school year. We take this opportunity to wish our Year 6’s a smooth transition to their respective secondary schools. Also, to the families who have been with us and are finishing this connection… thank you for your interest and support for the duration of your stay.

2017 class lists will be displayed in the senior covered area from 10.00am, Thursday 19th January 2017.

⇒ If you know of any families who have not yet enrolled, please advise them to do so now.

If any students in Prep – Year 5 (2016) are leaving, please advise the school office. The accuracy of our class lists is totally dependent on up to date information from parents. Final teacher allocation for 2017 is dependent on Day 8 student enrolment.

STUDENT REPORTS – SEMESTER 2, 2016
The individual student report pack will be distributed next week (Week 10) and will include…

😊 Student report
😊 Special edition newsletter
😊 Positive initiatives @ Kippa-Ring State School
😊 Parent “Reading Tip Sheet” – Why stories are important
😊 2017 School calendar – to assist your future planning.

CONGRATULATIONS – PAST STUDENTS CONTINUE SUCCESSES
Our school has representatives attending a range of secondary school activities throughout the year. This can include the induction of student leaders and awards evenings. Many past students continue to achieve high standards in their secondary school life. These include…

😊 Katie Harris – Highest Academic Achiever – Year 7 – Congratulations!
😊 Leo Verecchia – Highest Academic Achiever – Year 8 – Congratulations!

KIPPA-RING STATE SCHOOL – THE FACTS
Each year, parents, students (Year 5 & Year 6) and staff have the opportunity to participate in the School Opinion Survey. We had a great response from parents this year, with many more participating.

All state schools participate in the surveys. The responses highlight areas of success and areas to focus on for improvement. Here is a snapshot of our school results.
Did you know... that the TOP 5 results from our 2016 School Opinion Survey were...

😊 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS – TOP 5 RESULTS

1) I can talk to my child’s teachers about my concerns.
2) The school is well maintained.
3) Teachers at this school are interested in my child’s wellbeing.
4) My child is making good progress at this school.
5) My child likes being at this school.

😊 STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS – TOP 5 RESULTS

1) My teachers expect me to do my best.
2) My teachers encourage me to do my best.
3) I am encouraged to use computers and other technologies at my school for learning.
4) My teachers motivate me to learn.
5) My teachers challenge me to think.

😊 STAFF SURVEY RESULTS – TOP 5 RESULTS

1) Staff at this school are approachable.
2) I have the necessary skills to do my job effectively at this school.
3) Staff at this school have good team spirit.
4) This school encourages me to take responsibility for my work.
5) I enjoy working at this school.

HONOUR BADGES

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour reward program encourages students to do their best and display quality interpersonal behaviours.

The student Honour Badge recognizes excellent achievement across the range of school activities. These students ‘live’ the school rules and do their best every school day. This is a specially made badge for Kippa-Ring State School, presented to individual students at the end of each school year.

😊 Honour badges and certificates will be presented at Assembly, from 9.00am on Tuesday 6th December. This assembly also recognizes our Year 6 student graduates. Parents, family members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Honour Badge - Criteria for achievement

- During class activities and outside / offsite activities, lives the 4 school rules... “I am...”
  - a responsible learner
  - co-operative
  - respectful
  - safe.”

- Excellent behaviour, effort and attitude: zero or one exit or detention each term
- Positive response to warnings, thinking chair or corrective options
- Uses the “High 5” strategy
- Attendance > 95%; no pattern of late arrivals or early departures
- Excellent work ethic including homework, neatness, completion etc
- Shows school pride by wearing the correct school uniform.

Congratulations to each student who achieves this standard. You have the habits and skills to build on to be an even more successful learner.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

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, library and other key places.
STUDENT LEADERS – 2017
Year 5 students who completed their Leadership Passport within the set time frame are eligible to nominate for 2017 Student Leaders positions. The voting process for School Captains and House Captains will be undertaken in Week 3, Term 1, 2017. School Captain nominees will deliver a speech in the Hall and voting will follow. Voting for House Captains will be undertaken, once School Captains have been determined.

The Year 6 – 2017 student t-shirt design will be selected before the end of the 2016 school year. Orders will be taken early in Term 1, 2017.

ADVANCE NOTICE – SCHOOL CAMP 2017
The 2017 school camp for Year 5 and Year 6 students will be held from Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 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.

POLICE CO-OPERATION WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS
Mr Brooks and other school principals from the Redcliffe / Deception Bay area, participated in a recent meeting with senior officers of the Queensland Police Service, at the Redcliffe Police Station.

Discussion included... drug education, Adopt a Cop procedures, truancy by students and consequential crime, parking around schools – a major issue with fines being issued (don’t expect a warning), aggressive behaviour by adults, the QPS daily alert scheme, proactive / preventative strategies.

This was a highly productive meeting and well worth participating in.

KEY DATES TO NOTE – see also “School Calendar of Events”
⇒ Tuesday 6 December, from 9.00am
   Last school assembly: Year 6’s + Honour badge presentation
⇒ Thursday 8 December – Class parties
   Students can come in free dress this day.
   They need to wear a sun smart hat (no caps), appropriate clothing and regular footwear.
⇒ Friday 9 December – Last school day for 2016
⇒ Monday 23 January – 1st school day of 2017

Thought of the Week: “Initiative is doing the right thing, without being told.” – Elbert Hubbard

Best wishes, Alan Brooks – Principal   Rebecca Campbell – Deputy Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Parents and Teachers as Partners in Learning

Term 4, 2016

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**Week 10**

- Monday 5 December
- Tuesday 6 December
- Wednesday 7 December
- Thursday 8 December
- Friday 9 December

**2017 Important Dates...**

- Monday 23 January
- Thursday 26 January
- Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 September

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- **Monday 23 January**
  - **Day 1, 2017 School Year**
  - **Australia Day Holiday**

- **Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 September**
  - **Year 5 and Year 6 Camp @ Currimundi – Sunshine Coast**

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**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**

 لتحقيق التواصل، يمكنك إرسال رسالة نصية عن **الغياب** أو **بمجرد وصوله** إلى **0429 314 309.**

(حدّد 번호를 변경하십시오.)

⇒ **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**

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

"You Are The Key To Your Success, "YOU CAN DO IT!"

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.**
In 2016, we began the “You Can Do It!” Program, a social emotional program that is used to teach young people a set of skills that can be used both at school and at home, to help them to be successful and happy. These skills have been taught through explicit teaching, puppets, visual reminders around the school, purposeful language, positive behaviour-specific feedback and active participation. Below are two photos of how one class has tracked their success throughout 2016.

1PM created a ‘Success Tree’ in April (Picture 1), where students have placed different objects when they have reached a milestone or have had success with a new task. Picture 2 was taken this week and it is a wonderful visual reminder of all of the successes that have occurred in 1PM in 2016. Thank you 1PM for sharing your Success Tree and well done to all students, staff and our whole school community for such a positive start to You Can Do It! at Kippa-Ring State School.

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**Confidence**

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**Organisation**

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**Getting Along**

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**Resilience**

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**Persistence**

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**Connie Confidence**

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**Oscar Organisation**

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**Gabby Get Along**

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**Ricky Resilience**

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**Pete Persistence**

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**TUcSHOP NEWS from Camel Bennett - TuCshop Convenor**

**Opening Hours** for the last weeks of school are:

- Wednesday 30th November – Friday 2nd December – 8.25am to 1.50pm
- Tuesday 6th December & Wednesday 7th December – 8.25am to 1.50pm
- **CLOSED** for stocktake and cleaning – Thursday 8th December & Friday 9th December

First Break ~ 10.50am to 11.20am; Second Break ~ 1.30pm to 1.50pm

You can purchase a bundle of 20 “tuCshop” bags for $2.00

As the school year gets closer to the end, parents please make your children aware of the fact that some tuCshop items will not be available as we run our freezers down to near empty.

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**TUcSHOP ROSTER**

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A massive “thank you” to all my volunteers throughout 2016. I hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas. See you in 2017!

“Thank You” to all our parents, students and staff who support our Tuckshop. Merry Christmas 😊

**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](http://bit.ly/24m4get) to place your online orders for the Uniform Shop.

**OPENING HOURS FOR 2017**

- **Wednesday January 18th,** Thursday January 19th & Friday January 20th: 8.00am to 11.00am
- **Monday January 23rd** (first day of school): 9.00am to 12.00 noon
- Normal opening hours – Monday mornings: 8.00am to 10.30am

**2017 CLASS BOOKLISTS – ORDER NOW!**

**Parent’s Comment:**

"After placing the booklist order on a Monday evening, I found the whole process incredibly easy and very simple to use. Two days later, the full book pack had arrived, ready for the start of the 2017 school year.” – Shannon Musson

**ORDERING PROCESS:**

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.

**Chaplaincy News**

The chaplaincy service wants to show some appreciation for all the help we have received throughout this year. Without the communities support, the chaplaincy service at Kippa-Ring State School couldn’t serve the students and families we are called to help and support.

😊 **Thanks to the P & C for your financial support and endorsement of chaplaincy.** Your support provides vital hours so Scott and his volunteers can serve more effectively in our school running groups and especially SUPA Club.

😊 We want to acknowledge our committed volunteers who provide support in the school through one on one support especially Peter and Lin. Thankyou for your time, care and energy.
For our SUPA Club volunteers who serve the kids on Wednesday afternoons. This is such a wonderful group of volunteers and students who attend this group with 20 students regularly attending each week this year. Thankyou to those volunteers who tirelessly prepare afternoon teas, games, prizes and care for our students.

Our fabulous SUPA Club students enjoying their afternoon activities with our community.

Thank you to the staff at Kippa-Ring State School for supporting the chaplaincy service And for using the Chaplain and their volunteers to serve the needs of the school community.

Merry Christmas from the Staff at Kippa-Ring State School
HOLIDAY READING - SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

The best Australian books for kids.

Sometimes as a parent you may have trouble choosing a children’s book. One way to find the perfect book is to learn about what kinds of stories your child is interested in.

For younger children, there are a variety of audio books available to borrow at libraries and purchase at book stores. Your child can listen to the story as they learn to read. This will not only keep them interested, but help them recognise important words and letters.

Here are some titles of Australian classics to share with your child:

- *Blinky Bill* by Dorothy Wall
- *I can jump puddles* by Alan Marshall
- *The Muddleheaded Wombat* and *Playing Beatie Bow* by Ruth Park
- *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie* by May Gibbs.

Our school suggests the following stories and picture books for younger readers:

- *The Tashi* series by Anna Fienberg
- *Cool Bananas* by Christine Harris and Bettina Guthridge
- *Are You Hungry?* by Tina Burke
- *No Room for a Mouse* by Kyle Mewburn and Freya Blackwood
- *Nim’s Island* by Wendy Orr
- *One Blue Sock* by Emily Ballou and Stephen Michael King.

For older children:

- *Daughter of the Regiment* by Jackie French
- *Hating Alison Ashley* by Robin Klein
- *Two Weeks with the Queen* by Morris Gleitzman
- *Pigs Might Fly* by Emily Rodda

Remember to talk to your child to discover if he or she likes mystery or adventure stories or humorous books. This will not only make choosing a book easier, it will also make reading more enjoyable.

Community News

2017 BUS PASSES

As the end of the school year draws to a close we thought we’d send a quick reminder regarding 2017 bus passes. It would be appreciated if you could share with the wider community via school newsletter, school social media pages and perhaps even with the school community on parade.

Our office is closing for the Christmas period from Friday 23rd December to Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Bus pass applications will be accepted for processing from Tuesday 3rd January however bus passes will only be available for collection from Monday 9th January 2017. This includes new & renewal passes. We also have a handy blog on our website that outlines basic bus pass eligibility criteria http://www.kangaroobuslines.com.au/blog/your-quick-guide-bus-pass-eligibility

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AFS EXCHANGE STUDENTS – HOST FAMILIES

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.

Merry Christmas
Tis the Season for Safety

As the festive season fast approaches, we just wanted to share with you some safety tips.
To make sure that you and your loved ones are safe this Christmas remember…

😊 To buckle up.
😊 To avoid driving tired.
😊 To stick to the speed limit.
😊 Texting and driving is like driving blind.
😊 It is storm season, if it is flooded – forget it.
😊 To plan your night out - dry drivers we salute you.
😊 To check road conditions, call 131940 for the latest updates.
😊 To make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and safe to drive/ride.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe travels over the holiday period.