



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 1

Achieve With Pride

9th October 2014

Welcome Back!!!!

A very warm welcome to all our families, as we begin the last term of the year. Term 4 is historically a very hectic term but we look forward to the many activities and challenges it holds for us. Many activities are planned for students with the Song Room Concert – 'True Colours' being held at the Singleton Civic Centre in conjunction with other schools who have benefited from the Song Room program. Students will again be experiencing the skill and enjoyment of Music Viva. Raw Art group will stimulate our students for a day with art activities. Swimming for sport and intensive swimming will also soon be with us. Nominations and voting for 2015 School Captains will be carried out soon. And of course, our annual concert and presentation preparations.

Our P&C also add to the enjoyment of this final term with a variety of functions including another Cinema Under the Stars evening – Looking forward to this!!!

The staff also has many tasks to perform above and beyond preparing lessons and teaching our students. Evaluation of teaching strategies, resources and content of lessons will be continued as well as the update of student performance which will be communicated to parents via the Semester Two Report. A three year strategic plan needs to be developed and be linked to the criteria set by the Department's Schools excellence Framework. Our Annual School Report needs also to be finalised as well as a multitude of administrative tasks. Staff complete the year with 2 Staff Development Days after students begin their Christmas break.

Calendar of Events

October 11th

- Working Bee—9:00am start

October 14th

- P&C Meeting—6:30pm

October 16th

- 2015 Kindergarten Orientation

October 23rd

- 2015 Kindergarten Orientation

October 27th

- Song Room Performance — Singleton Civic Centre

October 30th

- 2015 Kindergarten Orientation

November 1st

- Cinema Under The Stars

November 6th

- RAW Art Educational Program

November 7th

- Swimming for Sport—Branxton Pool

November 10th—21st

- Intensive Swim Program

November 11th

- P&C Meeting—6:30pm

FLORA

FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

School Planning

A new system for school planning has been introduced this year. It is quite different in its focus. It stems from a shared school community vision for our school, the reasoning for this vision and the development of pathways for getting there.

As usual we will be seeking ideas and perspectives from our community, therefore in the near future a simple survey will be forwarded to you to complete. The results of these will allow us to better develop a shared direction for our school, develop a more relevant 3 Year Strategic Plan and also to improve other aspects of our function.

The key features of the new planning system are –

- ♦ the need to identify 3 strategic directions that will drive ongoing growth and development of our school;
- ♦ the determination of the purpose of each strategic direction before considering what will be achieved or how this may be undertaken;
- ♦ recognising the importance of working with students, staff and the community in building a shared understanding and vision required to achieve sustained growth;
- ♦ the development of a systematic focus on planning involving regular and routine monitoring of the effectiveness of the plan;
- ♦ recognition of changing conditions in school allowing for ongoing adjustments to ensure the plan reflects real school scenarios.

⇒ Step 1 – The school engages with its community to create a shared long term vision for school function;

⇒ Step 2 – The school develops and publishes a Three Year Strategic Plan;

⇒ Step 3 – School designs and implements an annual process for monitoring and evaluating the school plan.

Although many of the strategies and processes in this new planning scheme are the same or very similar to what has been employed before it is the redirected focus or perspective that varies. By focusing on long term ambitions this new approach has the potential to deliver fundamental change.

2015 Enrolments

At this stage we have a possible 58 students enrolled for next year. We are very pleased to be further away from the lower end of the fifties as this may put a teaching position at risk. Although great to have more students this again brings about awkward numbers in some grades so that when we look to create classes we can see that there could be an imbalance. At times we have been able to keep our individual grades together and sometimes we have split a grade. In the recent past Yr.4 have been split across two classes and this year it has been Year One. These recent divisions have been quite positive. There are always pros and cons for whatever organisation we employ but the basic ideal is to create the best learning environment for each child. As we move through the term and our numbers are confirmed to a greater degree we will develop classes in collaboration with the parent body so there are no surprises and all can have the opportunity for input toward the organisation of classes.

School APP

Our new Smartphone School App should be LIVE in a couple of weeks. This App will be available for Apple and Android networks.

Kidsmatter

The staff will be updated this term in component two of our KidsMatter training. They will also be developing specific lessons along with appropriate resources to be implemented immediately in 2015. The lessons will be based on the program 'Bounce Back' which focuses on wellbeing and resilience.

We have a school action team which comprised of staff and parents – however, a number of parents had to withdraw for very substantial reasons. Therefore we are looking for volunteers to join this team so that a thorough two way communication of what Kidsmatter is about and how we are trying to assist the students to become more robust and resilient in everyday life is being carried out – and also what our community needs from us to further their understanding and also to communicate their ideas to benefit the students.

If you are interested please contact Mr Douglas

Working Bee This Saturday

A number of activities have been planned for this Saturday. Much pruning, clearing and some chain-sawing – along with a general tidy up of school grounds. If you are able to help dispose of off-cuts please pop in with ute, truck or trailer.

Also decoration of the playground with cement painted designs will also be carried out. So if you have a steady hand or flair with paint please make yourself known to Ms Maxwell on the day.

Cake Stall

A huge thank to all those who helped create such delicious delicacies for last terms cake stall and also to all those who so generously purchased to assist the Student Council to raise funds for the school.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Swimming for Sport

The dates for our Swimming for Sport Program are Friday 7th November Friday 28th November & Friday 5th December. Permission notes are being sent home today.

Statement of Accounts

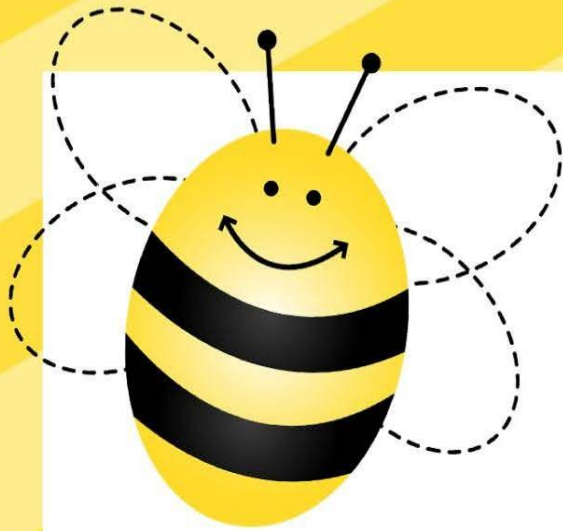
Each term the school sends home Statement of Accounts. The invoices were printed on 8th October, so please disregard if you have made a payment since. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

Presentation Night



**This year's
Presentation Night
and
visit from Santa
will be held on**

**Friday, 12th December.
Commencing at 6:00pm**



WORKING BEE

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Kirkton Public School

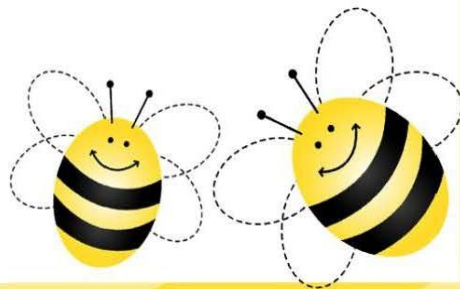
This Saturday

9:00am Start

WHAT TO BRING

- Safety Gear eg: Gloves footwear etc....
- lunch and drinks
- chainsaws, hand saws, hedge trimmers, paint brushes
- Chalk Line Marking Tool (if you have one)

**For the safety of everyone
there can be NO children on
the school grounds on this
day.**



Road safety



Road safety around your child's school

Your child's safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools.

Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.



Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?
Join in by visiting safetytown.com.au.



Transport
for NSW

Centre for Road Safety

Kirkton Public School P&C News

Next meeting: Tuesday 14th October @ 6.30pm

Working Bee – THIS SATURDAY- 9am Start



If you are able to spare any time on Saturday morning please call in to school and lend a hand. There will be some general maintenance, painting etc...happening. For the safety of everyone there can be NO children on the school grounds on this day. We appreciate your cooperation with this and any help you are able to give is always appreciated. Don't forget safe footwear, gloves etc.. We hope to see you there.

New Kinders Orientation Day Morning Tea

Thursday 16th October.

The P&C will be providing a morning tea for the parents of kindergarten students for 2015. If you are able to assist with providing something for morning tea it would be very much appreciated.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has been selling chocolates and has returned their money. Could all outstanding money please be returned as soon as possible.

Cinema under the stars – The Lego Movie

Saturday 1st November Gates open 5.30pm

Come along for a fantastic evening. There will be pre show entertainment, jumping castles, stalls, bbq, raffles, competitions and much more. Come dressed as your favourite Lego character for your chance to win a prize.

Students are welcome to be involved in Lego model competitions and colouring competitions. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Upcoming Events

October 10

Canteen

October 11th

Working Bee

October 14th

P&C meeting

October 16

Kindergarten
Orientation Morning
Tea

October 14

P&C meeting

October 17

Canteen

November 1st

Cinema under the
stars

November 11th

P&C meeting

Minutes and Agenda

P&C minutes can be found on the school website.

Agenda items can be placed in the P&C box in the office or alternatively emailed to:
carmo2228@yahoo.com.au

The agenda will go home in the newsletter prior to each meeting.

Canteen tomorrow
No chocolate moosies
available tomorrow –
sorry!

Uniform Shop
open Tuesday's
2.30-3.30pm

P&C minutes
Tuesday 9th September 6.30pm

Meeting opened - 1837hrs

Welcome - J Black, N Black, D Lambert, K Lane, J Watkins, M Shearer, M Douglas, J Tonon, T Still, K Mercieca

Apologies J Padgett, N Lambert

Minutes Moved-J Black Seconded - N Black

Business Arising

- **Silent auction**
Has concluded. Raised \$1590. Received excellent feedback. Nice to try something different to the usual fundraisers.
- **Cinema Under The Stars**
NSW Big Screens – sending latest movie list, checking if Lego Movie will be available then. Date 1/11/14
ABC Jumping Castles – available. 1 or 2 castles?
Coffee Van – Forage Espresso interested. Need to confirm details.
Entertainment – Hunter Valley Physie have agreed to come
Tickets & advertising – to be printed. Prices – \$25 family , \$8 single adult entry.
Food – ice blocks, lollies, chips, drinks, Cadbury chocs (if some left), bbq -Lions offered to run and give donation to school,(looking like the easiest option). Any food needs to be able to be sold at a later date through canteen or at Presentation night, also needs to be quick to pack up in the dark.
Raffle- bbq grill donated to use as raffle prize. Maybe also use some remaining cinema tickets.
100 club- 100 numbers, \$2 per ticket, \$100 prize winning number and \$100 to P&C.
Cupcake Stall – ask parents to make some to sell at a cupcake stall. All profit.
Glow products – purchase some to sell, remainder can be sold at Presentation night.
Lego model comp \$1 entry, Lolly guessing comp, Lucky dips
Will put a list of jobs in the newsletter and ask for helpers to jump on a job.
Art/ craft display – possibly Lego display?
Market Group – set up their stall.
Working With Children Checks – suggested for those involved in events involving children.
Sponsorship – will seek further sponsorship from local companies to assist with costs of the event.
P&C Notification of event – to be done.
- **Cadbury Fundraiser**
We received 72 boxes. A box has been given to each school family (except for 3 that chose to opt out'). People have commented that they were very appreciative of being given the opportunity not to receive chocolates. Selling well, money already coming in. A list is being kept in the office to track boxes. Anticipated profit is \$1500, excellent money for a fundraiser that is very simple to execute.
? whether a prize should be awarded to the biggest seller? Possibly a certificate of achievement could be given to all children selling chocolates...

Correspondence

In – Glow products brochure, Sympathy return thanks from Shelley Mitchell

Out – Final Silent Auction Certificates of Appreciation.

Reports

- Principal
- President
- Treasurer income : \$3219.91 Expend \$3217.11, Current balance \$5157.64
- Canteen- Ithica has provided the school with a free box of lasagne and pizza to trial... We have changed providers of pies to Thompsons as they are able to provide a low fat option and fresh at date of purchase, Branxton primary school are helping us with delivery of this item.
- Uniform - brand of jumper has changed recently with a slightly different logo noticed.
- Market Group - next market 21/9/14, helpers needed.

Agenda items

Kinder Orientation Days

- Thursday 16th October
- P&C to provide morning tea for parents.
- Uniforms to be displayed. Uniform ordering and sizes will be done at the office with Shelley so that she can organise payment and collection of items.

Working Bee

- Sat 18th October (2nd Sat Term 4)???. Sort jobs at October meeting. Date not appropriate for a majority of people, can a different date be allocated?
- 9am
- BYO snacks and drinks
- List of jobs from Mr Douglas.
- No children – OH&S and machinery moving around.

General business

Canteen

- Term 4 roster to be put in the newsletter.
- Kylee to train up helpers.

Uniform

- Check there is a good supply of small sizes available for the new kinders.
- Uniform was set out in the school handbook very explicitly to avoid any confusion about styles and choices.
- Stock count to be done of any uniform still owned by the P&C. School to purchase any remaining stock so that from 2015 all uniform money is paid direct to the school.

Majestic Cinema Tickets

- Still some available.
- Will promote it in the newsletter again.

Next meeting - Tues 14th Oct 2014

Meeting close - 1940hrs

KIRKTON KRAFTS

In conjunction with: Kirkton Public School P & C

Volunteers Needed!

We are in URGENT need of volunteers to help out at the 'Kirkton Krafts' market stall at the Sacred Tree Markets, Branxton.

This year we are also introducing a Christmas gift wrapping station at the Nov & Dec Market days. If you are able to spare a couple of hours to either help with some Krafty Christmas wrapping, help sell our gorgeous handmade items whilst raising money for our fabulous school, it would be greatly appreciated 😊

Next Markets:

Sunday October 19th

Sunday November 16th

Sunday December 21st

Krafters who are able to Sew, Knit or Crochet etc....
and NON Krafters are always welcome!

Supplies needed for upcoming Markets:

Paper towel rolls (not toilet paper rolls)
Material (unused doona covers and/or pillow slips)
Unwanted photo frames (with glass in place if possible)
Buttons
Zippers

Please feel free to see either Kylee Lane, Jen Padgett or Katie Taylor if you are able to help out in any way or have any Krafting items to donate.....HAPPY KRAFTING 😊

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Featuring THE LEGO MOVIE

Presented by Kirkton P&C
Major Sponsor: Coal and Allied

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2014
GATES OPEN 5.30PM - SCREENING AT 7.30PM
AT KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
797 STANDEN DRIVE LOWER BELFORD.

\$25 PER FAMILY OR \$8 PER PERSON.
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE GATE OR FROM KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRE SHOW ENTERTAINMENT BY HUNTER VALLEY PHYSIE, LEGO DISPLAY, JUMPING CASTLES, STALLS, BBQ, DRINKS, LOLLIES, AND MUCH MORE.

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE LEGO CHARACTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE.

BRING ALONG A PICNIC BLANKET AND ENJOY A UNIQUE MOVIE EXPERIENCE UNDER THE STARS.

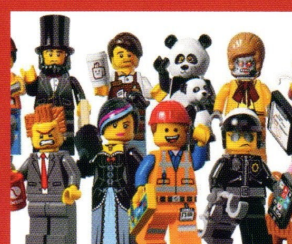
For more information: School 65747152
P&C President Kristen Mercieca 0407344196



LEGO DISPLAY



JUMPING CASTLES



DRESS UP TO WIN!!



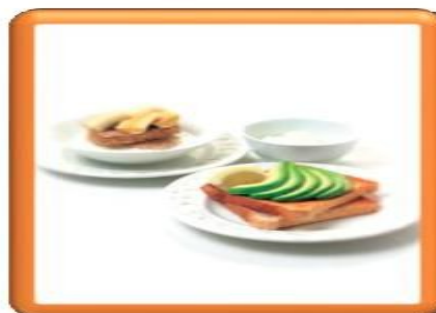
Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add fruit and veg to brekky

Try our winning breakfast ideas at home:

- Serve your toast with a sliced avocado and/or tomato
- Create a breakfast pizza with a wholegrain muffin, mashed pumpkin, chopped vegies and melted cheese
- Blend bananas and frozen raspberries with a handful of baby spinach, add a cup of reduced fat milk, honey and unprocessed bran for a fruit smoothie
- Simply slice some banana or strawberries onto your regular breakfast cereal



For more information visit
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or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

