



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Week 3 Term 1 2014

Central Hunter Small Schools Swimming Carnival

WE WON!!!!!!

Our students showed courage and a lot of school pride to take out both the Overall Pointscore and the Handicap Pointscore at last week's Small School's Swimming Carnival.

Kirkton Public School has won the "Overall Pointscore" Trophy 20 years in a row.

The sportsmanship and behaviour on the whole was excellent (as is expected).

All students who attended should be very proud of themselves.

We also greatly appreciate the presence of those parents who were able to attend to support the students and especially those who assisted on the day.

Please see over for individual winners.



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Small Schools Swimming Carnival

Juvenile Girl Champion Runner-Up	Jorja Burgess
Junior Girl Champion	Ella Hughes
11Years Girl Champion	Isabella Farrelly
Juvenile Boy Champion Runner-Up	Brody Elderton
Junior Boy Champion	Brock Burgess



Congratulations to all!

Teaching and Parent Information Night.

This evening will be held on Thursday 13th March at 5:30 in the Library.

This session will cover many areas of school life and will be a whole school approach, not just each class, although aspects of these may be covered in discussion.

Cattle Judging



Our Cattle Judging team will be competing at Maitland Show tomorrow. They have been working hard to understand the processes, terms and expectations for the event. It should be a very positive if a little anxious experience for them.

Good luck to all!

Parent/Teacher Interviews 24th, 26th, 27th March

This event will be an excellent opportunity for teachers and parents to exchange information relating to how your child is settling/coping this year, so far. We will be able to 'put our heads together' to develop common strategies to support them throughout the year.

The teachers will send out a form so that you may indicate your preferred time. We will try to accommodate. A second communique will be sent to indicate the actual time you have been scheduled. If this doesn't suit another time can be co-operatively arranged.

Statement of Account

Coming home today is a Statement of Account. These accounts may include School Contributions, fees for excursions and visiting shows. Thank you to those families who have already paid. Payments can be made in instalments.

School Contribution is the voluntary scheme that all public schools operate. During this week's P&C AGM Kirkton Public School set their fee for 2014 at \$20.00 per student and \$40.00 per families. The money goes toward providing the everyday teaching resources need in classrooms.



Swimming for Sport Tomorrow

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Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 21st February at the Singleton Swim & Gym.

The following students will be representing Kirkton Public School;

Chloe Black, Brock Burgess, Ella Hughes, Blaik Schmidhauser, Isabella Farrelly, Jesse Gallegos, Nicole Searles, Jago Lambert.

Mrs Loss will be attending on the day as The Small Schools Manager.

Permission note, together with relevant information is being sent home today. Students please remember to bring Permission noter and Medical form to school before Carnival day.

Good luck everyone!

Book Club



We have one Book Club a term. Please return order forms and money to Mrs Walter. Alternatively you can use Scholastic's online payment system.

Book Club for this term is due by **18th February.**

Thank you—*Mrs Walter*

**UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN
EVERY TUESDAY
FROM
2:30PM TO 3:30PM**

Volunteering at our school

If you are planning to volunteer in our classrooms for reading etc. you are now required to get a Working With Children check. This is free of charge for volunteers, but it does involve a process. Please check with Shelley in the office for further information.

Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Tennis Trials

Congratulations to Nicole Searles who attended these trials on Tuesday in Singleton. Nicole had a very successful day and competes in the Zone Tennis Comp on Friday in Newcastle. Well done Nicole and we all wish you luck in Newcastle.

Speed Zones

Parents/Carers—please take note of the speed zones leading up to the school and also at the school area. It is better to be safe than late to school.

Apple Slinky Day - every Wednesday

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P&C

Congratulations to our new Office Bearers & thank you to our outgoing Office Bearers for all you have done to support Kirkton Public School.

Please see attached P&C News.



Thank you to Mr Matt Swords (Mr Beh's Son-In-Law) for very kindly fixing our weed sprayer

Helping Your Children

There are many websites available to give a look into how to assist your child without being over dominant. Many events in a child's life both negative and positive build experiences and strategies that assist them in later life.

Websites which may provide some hints to enable you to assist your child while they are at school can be found at –

www.internet4classrooms.com/parents.htm

www.schoolatoz.com.au is also an excellent site. It covers many topics - Homework/study, Wellbeing (resilience is a good one).

Please also see attached information.

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to include all 5 food groups in a Lunch Box

A well packed lunch box will provide your kids with the energy they need to learn and play. Remember to include lunch box items from the **5 food groups**:



Breads and cereals: Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita. Or try pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Should be a lunch box staple as its high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly.

Vegies: Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or a cold zucchini slice.

Low Fat Dairy: Cheese slices, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.

Lean Protein: Include a variety of sandwich fillings: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein and fibre.

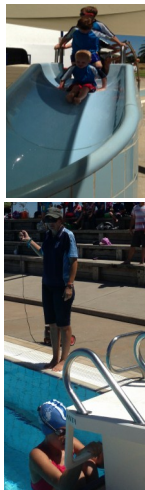
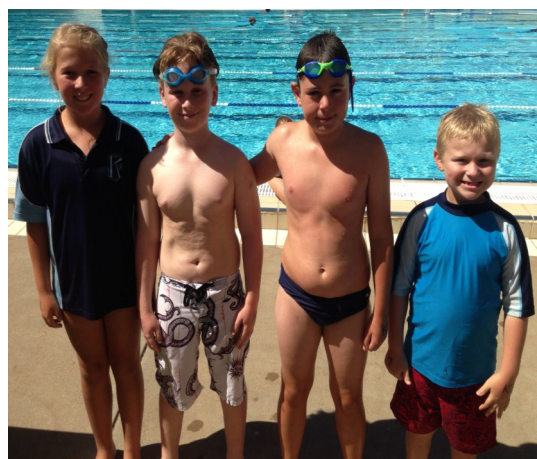
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Dates for the diary

14/2/14	Swimming for Sport All students Cattle Judging
21/2/14	Swimming for Sport All students Zone Swimming Carnival
28/2/14	Swimming for Sport All students
7/3/14	Swimming for Sport All students
12/3/14	Young Teen Talk Year 6 only
14/3/14	Swimming for Sport All students
21/3/14	Swimming for Sport All students
28/3/14	Swimming for Sport All students
8/4/14	School Photo Day

Swimming Stars!



P&C News

Firstly, thank you to everyone who could make it to our first meeting for 2014. It was great to see so many faces and lots of ideas for the coming year.

The Executive Committee for 2014 are:

President: Kristen Mercieca

Vice President: Jen Padgett

Secretary: Tanya Still

Treasurer: Joe Tonon

Sub-committees:

Uniform Co-ordinator: Joan Black

Sustainability Co-ordinator: Kylie Lane

Canteen Co-ordinator:

Meeting dates for TERM 1:

Tuesday 11th March @ 6.30pm

Tuesday 8th April @6.30pm

Minutes and Agenda Items

Minutes from each meeting will be able to be found on the school website, as well as regular blurbs in the newsletter about important events/days we have coming up. If you have something you would like discussed at a P&C meeting please drop a note into the P&C box in the office. A meeting agenda will go home prior to each meeting.

P&C Membership Fee

Membership is \$0.50 per member.

A *membership form* has been sent home to each family. If you require more, please see the office staff. These forms outline the role of the P&C and your role as a financial member. Please return your completed membership form and payment in an envelope and place it in the P&C box in the office. Thank you.

P&C Levy

This is a voluntary contribution and is to remain at \$15.00 per family for 2014.

Your contribution is much appreciated.

Canteen

We are still in need of a canteen coordinator. If any volunteers are willing to take on this position could you please let us know.

Uniform

All uniforms are now located in the School Office.

Joan Black will be at the office on *Tuesday afternoons from 2.30-3.30pm* if anyone wishes to try on any items and also for purchasing and ordering uniforms. Thank you Joan.

There is a 'rugby' style jumper on display in the school office. Further discussion will take place at the next P&C meeting as to whether this jumper is incorporated into the school uniform.

Fundraising

As in previous years, fundraising will be a major focus for the P&C, with the aim to support the school, staff and students where ever necessary. Some fundraising ideas suggested so far include; Chocolate drive, Pie drive, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, Silent Auction, BBQ's, Cinema tickets, Entertainment books and Cinema Under the Stars. We appreciate your help in any way with regard to fundraising.

Masters BBQ

Kirkton Public School is operating the bbq at Masters, Rutherford on Sunday March 30th. We will be seeking volunteers to assist on this day, even if it's only for an hour. A volunteer roster for the day will be sent home as it gets closer.

Welcome New Families Disco

The planning for our Welcome New Families Disco is underway and information will be sent home as soon as date and Dj are organised.

Easter Raffle

We will be conducting an Easter Raffle on the Easter Hat Parade day. We will be seeking donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday 11th March at 6.30pm** and we would love to see as many people there as possible.

We look forward to a fantastic year for the Kirkton P&C.

Kristen Mercieca
P&C President.