



## Kirkton Public School

### *Newsletter*

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# Week 5 Term 1 2014

### Student Safety

Over the last few weeks there have been reports from parents, staff and the public of cars needing to slow down drastically and in some cases actually stop as they attempt to pass our school in the afternoons. The reason for this has been children running across or close to the road.

**PLEASE** - once the children are picked up of an afternoon sit them in the car for safety;

- continue to instil in them knowledge of traffic safety, to be aware of the possibilities of danger and the expectations on them;
- be aware at all times where your children are;

Although this is not a busy road as such - it is very dangerous of an afternoon with so many cars parked blocking the view of cars that are leaving the school or approaching from either direction.

**An accident would be devastating for all -**

**even more-so when it could have been avoided.**



### Gonski

In December last year a Senate Committee was established to enquire into the development and implementation of the Gonski school funding arrangements - examining the Commonwealth's financial contribution, how funding will be distributed and arrangements for individual schools, how funding will meet student need and the extent to which school leaders are able to plan for it's utilisation .

So at this point in time school funding under the Gonski report is still unclear in its timeline, funding levels and also the avenues in which schools may utilise this funding. Schools have been asked to make recommendations to the present Senate inquiry. These recommendations are to describe the need for full delivery of this funding as well as to make clear those many aspects of schooling that won't be available to our students without this funding.

I will be sending this submission next week so if anyone from our school community has any inclusions they think are apt please see Mark or drop a note to the office.

# No Swimming for Sport Tomorrow

FLORA

FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

## Food at School

Parents could you please reinforce with your child that they are not to swap or share food with others. You know what your child is eating because you prepare or oversee the preparation of their food for school. Sharing food can lead to numerous problems the worst of which could be allergic reactions. So if you could assist - please reiterate the need to eat only their own food - even between siblings.

Also, near the end of last year and continuing into this year some students have been bringing lollies to school. There is no need for this. There are no positives for eating lollies at school but many negatives. Lollies are **NOT** to be brought to school. On the odd occasion there are lollies at school they are used for treats on special occasions and are strictly supervised by staff or P&C.

If you wish to discuss any of these matters please see Mr Douglas.

## Parent Information Evening

This evening will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30 in our library. The idea of this session is to share information, expectations and to clarify aspects of school life.

Individual students won't be discussed at this session, that will be more apt at the Parent Teacher Interviews later this term.

Some topics for discussion will be - healthy eating for students; useful websites; behaviour; parental concerns; KidsMatter/PBL; Syllabus 2014; parent questions hopefully answered ..... Please come with questions so that this session is of value to you.

We do hope that you can join us.

## Cattle Judging

Our Cattle Judging Team will be competing at Newcastle Show tomorrow.



This is usually a very good event. This year the day includes a workshop which will benefit the students.

This will be an inaugural display of our new shirts specifically designed for the team. Many thanks to Kyle & Karen Farrelly and to Darren Farrelly from Farrelly Constructions Services who have organised this 'uniform'.

Good luck to our team.

## Library Borrowing Days 2014

Tuesday: K-1  
Tuesday: 1/2/3  
Thursday: 4/5/6



## **\*\*NEWSFLASH\*\***

Kindergarten may start borrowing next week—Tuesday March 4th. Please bring a bag with your name on it to put your work in.

## Clean Up Australia/McDonalds

These two organisations have joined forces to promote 'Clean Up Australia 2014. (Its a pity that a day such as this is actually needed to remove litter from our environment)

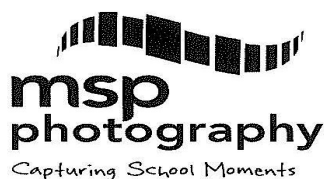
Yesterday representatives visited our school and presented our School Captains with a plant (dwarf Lilly Pilly) and a large drink tub which we can utilise to keep our students hydrated during events.

We thank them very much for these gifts and their promotion for Clean Up Australia is included in this newsletter.



## WANTED

We will be in need of a soccer coach shortly . Our school has once again registered for the small schools state wide soccer knockout and will begin training for this by the end of term. If anyone is interested in taking on the role please drop in and discuss this with Mr Douglas.



# say cheese

## School Photo Day is 8 April 2014

*Have your child's school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon *request*
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

**Please return all envelopes to school office before photo day**

**For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us**

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## Assembly Awards

The recipients of awards are:

Kinder/Year 1: Alyssa Smith - enthusiasm & application in class  
Declan Shearer - listening well & working hard  
Indigo Mayo – listening well & working hard

Year 2/3/4: Darcey Taylor – welcome to Kirkton  
Riley McKewen - fantastic work in Number  
Raoul Lambert - excellent work in all areas  
Connor Folbigg – achievements in literacy  
Ethan Standen – being a helpful & caring class member

Year 4/5/6: James Standen - consistent assistance  
Lexie Taylor - neat work  
Lauren McKewen - questioning to aid understanding

Ms Maxwell: Caitlyn Schmidhauser - for being a good friend to  
Kindergarten children



## Nutrition Snippet

# The simplest way

## to save time on midweek meals

Are you pressed for time when it comes to creating healthy midweek meals? Here are some quick and easy tips to take the hassle out of midweek cooking.



| Day One   | Day Two   |
|---|---|
| Cook a larger quantity of your favourite meat and vegetable stir fry. Refrigerate leftovers.  | Wrap leftover stir fry in shortcrust or filo pastry to create a 'pie'. Serve with extra vegies. |
| When cooking lasagne, double amount of mince & veg filling (add carrot, zucchini, sweet potato, corn, mushrooms), refrigerate extras. | Add extra filling from the previous night to spaghetti for quick spag bol.                      |
| Prepare extra vegies with a baked dinner & refrigerate leftovers.   | Heat leftover veg & add to a salad = warm roast vegetable salad.                                |

By planning your meals you can save time, money and do wonders for your family's health!

For more information visit  
[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)





## Dates for the diary

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| 7/3/14  | Swimming for Sport<br>All students   |
| 11/3/14 | P&C Meeting<br>6:30pm in the School Library  |
| 13/3/14 | Young Teen Talk<br>Year 6 only<br>Parent and Teaching<br>Information Night<br>5:30pm in the School Library |
| 14/3/14 | Swimming for Sport<br>All students   |
| 21/3/14 | Swimming for Sport<br>All students<br><b>Welcome Disco</b>   |
| 24/3/14 | Parent Teacher Interviews  |
| 26/3/14 | Parent Teacher Interviews  |
| 27/3/14 | Parent Teacher Interviews  |
| 28/3/14 | Swimming for Sport<br>All students   |
| 30/3/14 | <b>Masters BBQ</b>   |
| 8/4/14  | School Photo Day<br><br>P&C Meeting<br>6:30pm in the School Library  |

## School Fees

School fees for 2014

\$20 per child  
\$40 per family

Family Invoices have been sent

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

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**



8.45am  
until  
3.45pm

**P&C MEETING  
TUESDAY 11TH MARCH  
6:30PM  
IN  
THE SCHOOL  
LIBRARY  
ALL WELCOME**

**Hunter Animal Rescue**  
**8TH ANNUAL 10AM**  
**PETS PICNIC 3PM**  
**16.03.14 - SPEERS POINT PARK**

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**Free Family Event / Fun For All Ages**

## Kirkton Public School P&C News

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 6.30pm

### Library Bags

There are now some handmade library bags for sale in the office. There are a variety of designs to choose from so pop in and have a look. Bags are \$15. A special thank you to Marie Shearer for providing this service to our students. Your time and talents are much appreciated.



### Welcome New Families Disco

Save the date: **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. More information will be sent home next week.

### Easter Raffle



We will be conducting an Easter Raffle on the Easter Hat Parade day. We are now seeking donations of Easter eggs to make up our prizes. There is a box in the office for any donations. Thank you in advance for your help. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.

### Uniform

Uniform order forms are located on the P&C table in the office for your convenience. Winter uniform items can now be ordered.

There is a Rugby style jumper on display in the office. Please have a look at it so that you can share your thoughts on it with us at the next P&C meeting.

### P&C Membership and P&C Levy

Thank you to those people that have already completed their forms and paid their memberships and levies. Membership forms can be found on the P&C table in the office.

## Upcoming Events



### March 11

P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm

### March 21

Welcome Disco

### March 30

Masters BBQ

### April 8

P&C meeting @ 6.30pm

### 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](mailto:carmo2228@yahoo.com.au)

The agenda will be emailed to members prior to each meeting.