



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Week 6 Term 1 2014

Cattle Judging

Our team performed very well at Newcastle Show last week, under difficult circumstances.

The weather was extremely wet and much of the student's time was spent in the cattle sheds rather than out in the arena. Judging and workshops were held in the shed. It was crowded but our students managed to move around the cattle and organise their placings and identify the differing traits of each beast. They were very quick to begin talk preparations after the judging finished and this was very commendable.



The bulls were the subject of the oral presentations. Isabella Farrelly and Jago Lambert spoke as individual competitors and Brock Burgess spoke on behalf of his team.



Each student spoke clearly, stating good points and paced themselves well. Even at this stage we were very proud of the whole team. At the conclusion of the orals Jago had picked up 1st place individual in the primary section and Isabella 3rd place. The team of Brock, Jago and Nicole gained a 2nd placing in the teams competition. James Standen and Murray Quigley along with Isabella made up our second team and they performed very well and encouraged and supported their peers.

Congratulations to the whole team for an excellent showing.

Again thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and moral support, as always, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

This Friday our team travels to Gresford to compete - fingers crossed.

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FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

Just some little reminders

- ◇ Please do not send your child/children to school before 9:00am as there is no student supervision before this time. Students who travel on the bus are asked to sit quietly on the seats of the library verandah until the supervision begins.
- ◇ Parents/Caregivers, when picking up your child/children from school in the afternoon, please meet them in the school grounds or at the gate. Children should not cross the road unless accompanied by an adult.
- ◇ Students are not to bring ipods etc. to school.

Weekly Assemblies

3.00pm. start

- Friday 14th March will be hosted by Yrs. 1/2/3
- Friday 4th April will be hosted by K/1.


Kinder Enrolments for 2015

If you have a child that will be starting school in 2015 or you know of one—please contact the office to record your child's name on the Kindergarten list.

Teacher Parent Information Night – Thursday 13th March

This night has been developed to enlighten parents on DET and school priorities, strategies to assist students while at school and to open up the forum for questions as well as the two way trade of information. We hope you can join us for this session. This would be an ideal venue to raise options for further information sessions/workshops throughout the year.




Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way


...to create a tasty arvo snack

Try this quick, tasty banana toastie recipe to add some fruit to your kids' arvo tea.

Ingredients

1 small egg, beaten
1 tsp orange juice
1 tsp caster sugar
4 slices multigrain bread

1 banana, sliced
1 tbsp sultanas
Pinch of cinnamon
1tbsp reduced-fat ricotta cheese




Method

1. Combine egg, juice, ricotta and sugar.
2. Add banana, sultanas and cinnamon and mix.
3. Place two slices of bread on the sandwich maker, divide mixture over the two slices, top with remaining slices of bread
4. Toast until heated through and egg is cooked. 1 serve of fruit. Serves 2.

Yum! Simple + delish!

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



Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have **ANY** child that was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

**ACT NOW!
DEADLINE
JUNE 2014**

Twelve Chartered Accountants ABN 61 712 659 747
www.twelve.com.au Principal: Derek Nolan CA



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Swimming for Sport Tomorrow

School Uniforms

A winter school uniform order will soon be placed with our supplier. Order form is coming home today with this newsletter. Please place your orders in the **blue** box located in the school office.

We have sample uniforms in the office available for sizing.

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

SOCCKER

Many thanks to Mr. Joe Tonon who has put up his hand to coach our school soccer team this year.



Soon the team will be selected and training will start. Hopefully the draw for the statewide knockout will be available and we will know who and where we will play our first game.

'GO KIRKTON!!!'

Talking and Listening

The wellbeing of our children is always the number one priority for families. A growing concern for educators is speech and language problems exhibited at times by children. These challenges at times can effect student achievements at school. The following is a simple overview-

Speech - at a glance

- ♦ Children develop their talking and listening skills at different rates.
- ♦ Most kids have the skills needed for talking in their first language by the time they're five years old.
- ♦ If you are worried about your child's speech talk to their teacher or your doctor.
- ♦ If your child needs a speech pathologist, working in partnership with them will give your child the best support.
- ♦ Share any results your child's speech pathologist gives you with your child's teacher.

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children's language development. If you're worried about your child's speech development or their teacher has concerns, the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally.

Talking and listening

- ♦ Difficulty producing sounds in words and sentences.
- ♦ Not being able to express words meaningfully.
- ♦ Difficulty in using socially acceptable ways of interacting.
- ♦ Lack of fluency, such as stuttering.
- ♦ Problems with the voice such as a harsh rasping sound.

If your child is yet to start school, a good first step is to have a chat with your child's preschool teacher or with your doctor. Ask them if your child's speech or language skills are appropriate for their age and developmental progress. Take with you to the consultation your child's [Personal Health Record](#) (known as the Blue Book). This record of your child's health and development will provide a lot of relevant information.

If your child is at school, talk with their teacher about how your child is coping in the classroom, and whether they have any concerns about your child's speech or language skills. This could be followed up with a visit to the doctor.

Help for speech problems

Your child's teacher is a good source of information and help for you and your child. Schools can help with many language difficulties that kids experience. In some cases they may suggest you talk with your doctor.

Your doctor may recommend a hearing test. Children learn language by hearing speech, so any problems with hearing need to be identified. This may be followed by a referral to a speech pathologist for an assessment of your child's speech and language or a referral to another relevant specialist.

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Speech pathologists are professionals trained in communication, its development and disorders. They work with children individually, in pairs or in groups, in Community Health Centres and in private practice. By assessing children's speech and language skills, they can identify types of communication problems and the best way to treat them.



Some ways of fostering language development..

- ♦ Using nursery rhymes to let them hear the rhythm and flow of our language;
- ♦ Singing simple songs with them and using call-and-response activities;
- ♦ Using body language in songs, stories and in everyday activities; (shrug your shoulders, shake your head etc)
- ♦ Name objects as you both look for them and.....
 - set out a common set of objects and have children name them and discuss different attributes (size, colour, weight, shape);
- Naming and touching body parts through active rhymes, games and song;
- Grouping and naming pairs or objects that go together;
- Have a riddle box- the children love to guess the answer.
- ♦ Introducing new words through - stories;
- Looking at magazines together and discussing them;
- Undertaking neighbourhood walks or trips;
- Lotto games; (homemade or commercial)
- Discussion of environmental print (signs etc).
- ♦ One to one conversations -
- Model correct pronunciation and grammar;
- (***** Don't always correct your child, simply restate their words using the correct language. They will learn slowly but surely*****);
- Model the correct way to describe spatial concepts - up, down, over, under.....
- Engage in conversations about their likes and dislikes;
- Model complete sentences; model listening and responding to each other;
- Model questioning and answering.
- ♦ Engaging in conversations about everyday occurrences;
- ♦ Telling simple stories which involve the children responding;
- ♦ Read favourite stories over and over and then let your child tell them to you.
- ♦ Ask a lot of open ended questions (questions which will cause them to think and which require more than a yes or no answer - e.g. How did you make that picture/ model?)
- ♦ Play with your child and talk as you play - In the house/outside;
- Using objects you have found to stimulate imaginative situations;
- Fill a box with objects and ask the child to tell who might own them (e.g. a pizza wheel, spatula, fake pizza ingredients, pizza pan) then play with them;
- ♦ Model using words with sounds your child has a problem saying.-
- Play word games using sound;
- Each time you hear a word with a specific sound, you both repeat it;
- Notice when the sound is used correctly; do not notice incorrect usage.

(www.meddybemps.com)

Calendar

7/3/14	Swimming for Sport All students Cattle Judging—Gresford Show Cattle Judging Team
11/3/14	P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the School Library
12/3/14	Young Teen Talk Year 6 only
13/3/14	Parent and Teaching Information Night 5:30pm in the School Library
14/3/14	Swimming for Sport All students Assembly Hosted by 1/2/3
21/3/14	Swimming for Sport All students Welcome Disco
24/3/14	Parent Teacher Interviews
26/3/14	Parent Teacher Interviews
27/3/14	Parent Teacher Interviews
28/3/14	Swimming for Sport All students
30/3/14	Masters BBQ
4/4/14	Assembly Hosted by K/1
8/4/14	School Photo Day P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the School Library



**UNIFORM SHOP
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Greta Branxton Soccer Club

Anyone interested in playing soccer?

We are still taking some registrations for 5 -11 year olds .

We are also in great need of 12, 13,14, 15 & 16 year old players, as well as Men's over 35's Saturday & women's Sunday players.

If you are interested go to

www.gretabranxtonfc.com

or call Lauren on 0428773002.

Register ASAP so as you don't miss a spot.

Holiday Fun

SINGLETON STRIKERS FOOTBALL CLINIC 2014

Monday to Wednesday 14th to 16th April, 2014.

Cost: \$130.00 per child, Second child in a family pays \$110.00.
Third and subsequent child pays \$90.00.

Included in this cost is 9 Hours of Professional Coaching under the direction of Singleton Strikers First Division Team Head Coach, Scott Baillie.

Each player will also receive an Admiral playing shirt & shorts, a Nike Football, a cap, a drink bottle, fruit and a lunch pack each day (including a fruit drink), and chances to win vouchers from local business & A League Merchandise (including a signed Jets Shirt & Ball).

PLEASE NOTE - NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED - IT'S A FUN FILLED THREE DAYS OF FOOTBALL SKILLS, LEARNING AND GAMES

Where: Howe Park, Boundary St, Singleton.

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm (please arrive by 8:45am for a warm-up)

Ages: 5 to 17 years

For more details visit

<http://www.singletonstrikers.com/2014clinic.html>

or email us at 2014clinic@singletonstrikers.com



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Kirkton Public School P&C News

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th March @ 6.30pm

Welcome New Families Disco

Save the date: **Friday 21st March**. Bring along a plate to share for supper and your Hawaiian leis for a fun family night. We would love to see everyone there.

Easter Raffle



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 P&C meeting on Tuesday night.

Library Bags

There are 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.



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

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

Masters BBQ

We will be holding a fundraising BBQ at Masters, Rutherford on Sunday 30th March. If you are able to help us out on this day it would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help out please indicate on the slip below with your name beside the time you are able to help and place it in the P&C box in the office.

Masters BBQ – Sunday 30th March

9-10am	
10-11am	
11-12pm	
12-1pm	
1-2pm	
2-3pm	
3-4pm	

Information from the Department of Education & Communities (DEC)

When lunch comes home.....again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

To find out more go to:

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain

Resources for Parents

School A to Z has a wealth of practical resources for parents and carers on attending a NSW public school.

www.schoolatoz.com.au

Apple Slinky Day - every Wednesday

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