



# Kirkton Public School

## Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 7

Achieve With Pride

13th March 2014

### Cattle Judging

Last week we visited Gresford Show and competed in the Junior Judging Competition. Again the Cattle Judging Team did us proud with their efforts, discussions and behaviour.

The students this time had to judge 3 classes - steers, cows and heifers. Every time they have competed this year there has been a little 'trick' to the judging which is in turn educating them very well. The 'Overjudge' was excellent. He didn't mince words and shared a huge amount of relevant and easily understood information with all competitors.

A very good day was had by all. Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend.

Result - Isabella Farrelly earned enough points through her judging and answering questions about the stock to gain the opportunity to address the crowd. The 'orals' are used so that the students can explain why they placed the cattle as they did. Isabella did a marvellous job, using a good blend of technical terms, clarity and good pacing. She won the Primary Junior Judging section. Top job!!!!

### Calendar

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
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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

**PARENT AND TEACHING  
INFORMATION NIGHT  
TONIGHT 5:30PM  
IN THE LIBRARY**



# Swimming for Sport Tomorrow

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FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Along with the Newsletter there will be a note indicating the time for parent interviews. These need to be sent out now so that parents can make arrangements for the day and especially if there will be a change of time needed. Please contact the school as soon as possible if the time slot doesn't suit.

## Library News



Today we are sending home an application form for the Singleton Library. Besides the books we think of when we

hear the word library they offer many services to their members without having to leave the comfort of their homes.

There are numerous online reference materials that we cannot, as a small school, afford to purchase.

We would like to take advantage of this up to date information that is suited to our children's levels for the research we do here at school and at home.

You can also download three songs a week as well as e-books and audios. We have attached an application form for the library, for each child.

The library requires a parent or caregivers signature for people under 16.

I will organise to take these to the library on Friday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Adults are most welcome to join as well. There are also some great databases on the site for the use of high school students. Have a look at:

<http://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/index.aspx?NID=1321>

Marjorie Maxwell

## PSSA Tennis

Congratulations to Nicole Searles for representing Kirkton Public School at yesterday's Regional PSSA Tennis Competition held in Newcastle. Nicole was successful in gaining a place in the first five, however just missed out on making it into the State team. We're all very proud of your efforts Nicole!



Thank you  
to our  
"Mower Fairy"

## School Fees

School fees for 2014

\$20 per child

\$40 per family

Family Invoices have been sent home.

Apple Slinky Day - every Wednesday

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## Young Teen Talk

Some of our senior students participated in our annual 'Young Teen Talk' seminar yesterday at Singleton Library.

This was a hugely valuable day as the facts and realities of what will be happening physically, emotionally and mentally to our children over the next few years is explained with humour, respect and professionalism.

These are always difficult subjects to discuss but getting the correct information from a professional and being supported by family will enable the students to progress through these changes with more confidence and understanding.

Many thanks to the parents who were able to transport the students.

## School Photos

Tuesday

8th April



All students should wear their **NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM** on this day

- ♦ Payment for all of your children's orders can be placed in one envelope, however each child requires their own envelope on photo day to ensure their order is placed and processed. Please place envelopes in the **blue** box in the office before photo day.

Payments can be made by cash or cheque

- ♦ Orders are not processed unless they are paid for. Orders can be placed and paid for after photo day. Please contact MSP Photography direct to do this.
- ♦ Family photo envelopes are available from the school office. These photos are for school aged students attending Kirkton Public School only.

Single Parent families can place multiple orders for children by collecting an extra order envelope from the office and placing the multiple orders in that envelope. Please label these envelopes eg. Mum's copy or Dad's copy etc.

## 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.

## Weekly Assemblies

3.00pm. start

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

## School Uniforms

A winter school uniform order will be placed with our supplier on **Wednesday 26th March**. Please place your orders in the **blue** box located in the school office before this date.

We have sample uniforms in the office available for sizing.

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

## Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at School

We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional guitar and keyboard tuition to students starting in Term 2, 2014. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia's leading provider of school music tuition. Music Stars provides:

- Group guitar and keyboard tuition
- Caters for all grades & music levels
- Weekly 30 minute sessions
- Convenient! Lessons at school!
- Very Affordable! \$110 per term
- 70% less than out-of-school lessons + early bird & family discounts available
- End of year reports and certificates
- Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons**

## Registrations Close Soon!

Please register online via [www.musicstars.com.au](http://www.musicstars.com.au) Fortnightly and monthly payment options are available. If minimum numbers are not met the program will not be able to run.

## More Information

If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

**Phone:** 1300 889 179

**Email:** [info@musicstars.com.au](mailto:info@musicstars.com.au)

**Web:** [www.musicstars.com.au](http://www.musicstars.com.au)



**HARMONY DAY**

29 March 2014

Singleton Public Library 9.30am - 11.30am

Storytellers in national costume  
Music & crafts  
International morning tea

**FREE**

In the park 11.30am - 2pm (near Gym & Swim)

Barbecue (gold coin donation)  
Jumping castle  
Games & activities  
Performances by local musicians, dancers & singers

**FREE**

For more information contact Wendell Peacock on 02 6578 7215

Singleton Council Familylight YMCA

**EVERYONE BELONGS**  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

to make shopping fun

Grocery shopping is an important time for kids to learn about storage, selection and preparation of fruit and veg.



Try these games next shopping trip to challenge your kids' fruit & veg knowledge:

1. **Play fruit & veg 'I spy'** - name a colour and get your kids to find all the fruit and veg they can in that colour.
2. **Fruit or veg of the week** - let your kids select a new fruit or veg to try for that week. Brainstorm together what meals you could create with this new ingredient.
3. **If you're stuck for variety** - set your kids a challenge to pick a furry fruit, an odd coloured veggie or a veggie that grows in the ground.

Try different ways of approaching fruit and veg: you'll be surprised at the difference it makes to your child's eating habits.

For more information visit

[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)

or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)





## Kirkton Public School P&C News

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April @ 6.30pm

### Welcome New Families Disco

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm. Please bring a plate for a shared supper. All welcome.

### 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.



### Canteen



Welcome Kylee Lane as our new Canteen Coordinator. Thank you!!!! Thank you!!!!!! We anticipate on having canteen up and running on Fridays in Term 2.

### Uniform

**Uniform Shop open Tuesdays 2.30-3.30pm**

At this stage there is not enough interest in adding the jersey to the winter uniform. The navy winter jumper is currently in stock in the office and available for purchase.

## Upcoming Events



### March 21

Welcome Disco

### March 30

Masters BBQ

### April 8

P&C meeting @ 6.30pm

### April 13

Sacred Tree Markets

### 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.

Sock colour has been decided as navy for boys and white for girls.

**Skorts** are to be purchased by families from stores such as Target, Big W etc... The school will not be stocking these.

**Winter Uniform** - an order is being placed before the end of this term. Please complete an order form with payment to ensure your child has uniforms ready for winter.

Uniform order forms are located on the P&C table in the office for your convenience.

**Winter Tunic** – there are some second hand tunics available for purchase. If you would like to look at these please see Joan Black (Tuesdays 2.30-3.30).

### **Kirkton P&C Market Stall**

**Market day: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**



The market group are seeking donations of plants, produce, arts, crafts etc.. for the stall. Also seeking volunteers to assist with the stall on this day. Please see Klyee Lane for more information.

Marie Shearer is working on a project for the stall in making door stops. She is seeking donations of medium sized stuffed toys with a flat sitting surface in good clean condition. Please see Marie if you can assist with this.

### **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.

### **Masters BBQ**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Helpers still needed.

**P&C Minutes**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Meeting opened 6.35pm**

**Present:** K. Mercieca, K. Lane, N. Black, J. Black, M. Shearer, C. Gallegos,  
M. Douglas, J. Tonon, J. Padgett, J. Spellman

**Apologies:** Tanya Still, Noel Lambert, Denise Lambert, Karen Farelly

**Previous minutes**

**Moved:** Kylee Lane                    **Seconded:** Cathy Gallegos.

**AGM amendments**

**Vice President: Kylee Lane   Moved:** Joan Black   **Seconded:** Cathy Gallegos

**Appointment of an auditor for 2014:** Jennifer Spellman   **Moved:** Marie Shearer   **Seconded:**  
Cathy Gallegos

**Cheque Signatories for 2014:** Kristen Mercieca, Tanya Still, Joe Tonon, Shelley Mitchell.   **Moved:**  
Marie Shearer   **Seconded:** Kylee Lane

**Business Arising**

- **Welcome Disco** – DJ: Adam Thiecke  
Shared supper at 6pm followed by music.  
Hawaiian theme: Leis to be made by Kylee Lane, any other decorations welcome.  
P&C to sell: Drinks \$2, glow products \$2-\$4, ice blocks \$2
- **Masters BBQ**, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Purchase par boiled sausages from 21<sup>st</sup> Century meats at Rutherford.  
Onion to be purchased by P&C and given to Kylee Lane and Joan Black to slice for BBQ  
Cans of drink have been purchased.  
Kristen to check with Masters if we are able to sell cakes as well.  
Bread to be purchased from Woolworths on the morning of the BBQ.  
NSW Food Authority Food Business notification completed.
- **Uniform** – Jersey, socks, skorts.  
Jersey – not enough interest at this stage. Still plenty of the current jumpers in stock to sell.  
Socks – white for girls and navy for boys.  
Skorts - parents to source their own if they wish for their child to wear them.  
Second hand winter tunics to be sold.  
Uniforms to be paid for up front when ordering, unless prior arrangements have been made with Mr Douglas.

## Correspondence

### In:

- NSW Government – New principal classification to come into effect in 2016, each school will still have its own P&C.
- Canteen brochures – given to Kylee Lane.
- P&C magazine – on P&C table in school office for public view.
- Fundraising brochures- Cadbury
  - Majestic Cinema movie tickets – purchase end Term 2 or 3.
  - Mother's day brochures
- Confirmation of Public Liability insurance for Disco.
- Buy a Bale Gold Coin Day– supporting farmers, details to be confirmed with Mr Douglas.
- Parent feedback note.

### Out:

- Notification of event (Disco) to P&C Federation.
- Disco Invitations to families.

## Reports

- Principal
- President
- Auditor – Jen Spellman
- Treasurer
- Uniform
- Sustainability, to be known as Kirkton P&C Market Stall

## Agenda items

- **Gumball**  
Joe has opened dialogue with organisers and explored possible avenues for P&C involvement. To be considered in Term 4 for 2015.
- **Can recycling**  
Joe has obtained and cashed some aluminium cans from Gumball.  
A can recycling bin is going to be placed at the school for families to place their cans in to them be recycled with money going to Kirkton P&C. Notification will go in the newsletter once this is up and ready.
- **Fundraising and events timeline for 2014**  
Term 1 – Welcome Disco, Masters BBQ and Easter Raffle.  
Term 2 – Mother's day stall and Pie drive.  
Term 3 – Father's day stall, silent auction and chocolate drive.  
Term 4 – Cinema under the stars and Christmas concert.



- **Easter raffle**  
Raffle tickets to go home in books of 10 tickets with extra tickets available from the office. Families to contribute prizes.  
Dependant on the number of Easter eggs brought in there is to be several prizes made up to spread the winnings among the school families.  
To be drawn on Easter Hat Parade Day. Date to be confirmed.
- **Mother's day stall**  
Gifts to be purchased from Mother's Day Fundraising catalogues, use gifts left over from last year and families may also donate gifts if they wish.  
Aim for a supply of 2-3 gifts per student.  
Prices- \$2, \$3, \$5
- **Canteen**  
Coordinator- Kylee Lane  
Canteen to operate on Friday's beginning in Term 2.  
Menu and canteen area to be seen to.

#### **General business**

- Sustainability group to become Kirkton P&C Market Stall. Next market day is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Seeking donations of produce, craft, plants... Please see Kylee Lane for more information. Volunteers are also needed to assist on market days.
- Working bee – Mr Douglas to create a list of jobs to be done. A date in Term 2 to be decided.
- Market Stall – Marie is making door stops using stuffed toys with a flat sitting surface filled with river pebbles. These can be sold at the market stall. Donations of medium-large size stuffed toys with a flat sitting surface are needed, in good clean condition.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm**

**Meeting closed 8.51pm**



You are invited to celebrate the

# Kirkton Public School Welcome New Families Disco for 2014

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Kirkton Public School

From 6-9pm

Please bring along a plate for a shared picnic supper at 6pm

Theme: Hawaiian. Get out your grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts and leis!!

Available to purchase will be cold drinks, tea, coffee, ice creams, glow  
products and more.

This is a non alcohol event.

We would love to see everyone there.

