



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 8

Achieve With Pride

20th March 2014

KidsMatter

One very important aspect of implementing KidsMatter is the consultation process with the school community. As part of this process a survey (designed by KidsMatter) will be available for each parent/caregiver to complete while awaiting their Teacher/Parent interview. The results of the survey will enable our 'Action Team' to gauge the community's needs and views. The results will allow us to reflect on how we do things – what we do well, what we could do differently. Also it will form a basis for understanding the community's perspective, give us a solid starting point to effectively plan future actions, activities and experiences to enhance our students' wellbeing. We thank you for your consideration and participation in this survey.

Calendar

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
11/4/14	Last Day–Term 1
29/4/14	First Day–Term 2 for students

Working With Children Check

New volunteers at our school (eg our Kinder parents) need to apply for a Working With Children Check through the RTA before you can volunteer. This can be found on line at www.kids.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check where you will receive a number. Once you have your number please take this number to the RTA and the process will be completed there. The school will need to sight your certificate once you have it then it will be recorded on a register.



Swimming for Sport Tomorrow

FLORA

FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

Healthy Lunch Boxes.

In the coming weeks a small reward will be won by a student who has healthy ingredients in his/her lunch box. We have continued to stress the need for healthy eating through our newsletter, our Crunch 'n' Sip program and teaching and learning experiences. This reward is to encourage students to transfer knowledge into practice.



Let's hope healthy eating becomes a habit.

NB Although vegetables and fruit are promoted during Crunch 'n' Sip sessions it's very appropriate to have fruit/vegetables for recess and lunch as well. We have noticed that many students don't have fruit and it is replaced by packeted treats – not best to keep up the energy and concentration.

Parent Information Afternoon

Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend this session, your interest and support was greatly appreciated. I do hope you gleaned some useful information from this time. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to prepare and deliver their sessions.

We do try to improve what we do, and are at this time looking to change the format of this information session. I would be very pleased to hear from parents of ideas which can assist us in passing on information, helping you to understand what goes on at school – the expectations, variety of perspectives relating to schooling and how we may together enhance the school experience for 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.

Director of Schools Visit

We will be welcoming our new Director of Schools, Mr Bryan Campbell to our school this Friday. Bryan is a very experienced educator who will help support the schools in our area. He will be discussing his new role and expressing the expectations of, and support for our school to fulfil DEC priorities and to benefit our students. Also, the changes happening in education and their influences on school function will be discussed.



Easter Activities

Our Easter activities will be held on Friday 11th April.

Again we would be extremely happy for all to join us.

A draft program is as follows-

- 11.45 - Welcome
- Easter Hat Parade
- Egg Drop
- Easter Raffle Drawn
- 'Egg' Hunt
- Picnic Lunch with family and friends

We do hope you can join us.

This year instead of an egg decorating activity we have supplied the students with model bunnies for them to decorate and display on this day. They will be coming home tomorrow.



Apple Slinky Day - every Wednesday

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**

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 4th April will be hosted by K/1.

School Fees

School fees for 2014

**\$20 per child
\$40 per family**

Family Invoices have been sent home.

Assembly Awards

The recipients of awards are:

- Kinder/Year 1: Drew Standen - Trying hard with his handwriting
Corey Spiteri - Enthusiastic participation in all activities
Swae Howden – Excellent listening skills
Jorja Burgess—Being a responsible class helper
Jemma Elderton—Great effort recalling new sight words
- Year 1/2/3: Tala Padgett – Excellent writing
Darcy Mercieca - Working well in all areas
Max Spiteri - Great efforts in P.E.
Jordan Treacey – Improvement in all areas
- Year 4/5/6: Ardan Walsh - Continued improvement
Jesse Gallegos - Improved sentence writing
Blaik Schmidhauser - Positive attitude toward his work

Congratulations to our budding “Masterchef” Declan who entered his baking in the Land Cookery Competition category 12 years and under representing the Branxton Greta branch of the CWA. Declan’s tasty treats of Lemon Poppy Seed Muffins won first place at the Branxton Greta branch’s judging day. As a result of his win his entry went on to be judged at the Hunter River Group judging day held at Tocal where he won again! Our little Masterchef will now bake another batch of treats which will be transported to Griffith by his Grandmother Mrs Noeleen Bendeich for judging at State Level during the State Conference in May. This is the second time Declan’s baking has made it to State level and we wish him all the very best of luck!



Guessing Competition



The Student Council is holding a guessing competition, starting on 28th March and it will be drawn on 7th of April.

If you participate and have a guess you could win a jar of delicious lollies. Each guess will cost you 50c. Money raised will go to purchase of a needed item for the school.

GOOD LUCK GUESSING!!!!

Talking is Important

By Raising Children Network

Talking and listening to children does lots of important things. It improves your bond with them, and encourages them to listen to you. It helps them to form relationships and to build self-esteem.



The basics

Like so many other things, talking and listening can be done badly, just OK, or really well. And like any other skills, you get better with practice.

Good communication with children is about:

- encouraging them to talk to you – and listening so they can tell you how they feel
- being able to really listen and responding in a sensitive way to all kinds of things – not just nice things or good news, but also anger, embarrassment, sadness or fear
- focusing on body language and actions as well as words, and interpreting nonverbal forms of communication.

Some children need a lot of encouragement and positive feedback to get talking. Others will be desperate to talk to you when you're busy doing something else. This might mean stopping what you're doing and listening.

Top tips for talking and listening

- Set aside time for talking and listening to each other.
- Listen to your children when they want to talk, have strong feelings or have a problem.
- **Be open to talking about all kinds of feelings**, including anger, joy, frustration, fear and anxiety. Talking about feeling angry is different from getting angry, though. Learning the difference is an important step for a child learning to communicate.
- When talking to your child, try to remember how it was when you were a child and how you were generally attracted to those people who really listened to you. After all, **children think differently from grown-ups**. There are a lot of things they don't know and a lot of things they don't have the words to talk about.
- Let your child finish talking and then respond. When listening, try not to jump in, cut your child off, or put words in your child's mouth – even when your child says something ridiculous or wrong or is having trouble finding the words. Children appreciate this as much as grown-ups!

- **Use language that your children will understand.** Sometimes we forget that children don't 'get' everything.
- Watch your child's facial expression and body language. Listening isn't just about hearing words, but also trying to understand what's behind those words.
- To let your child know you're listening, and make sure you've really understood, **repeat back what your child has said** and make lots of eye contact.
- Show your interest by saying such things as, 'Tell me more about ...', 'Really!' and 'Go on ...'. Ask children what they feel about the things they're telling you about.
- **Avoid criticism and blame.** If you're angry about something your children done, try and explain why you want them not to do it again. Appeal to their sense of empathy.
- Work together to solve problems and conflicts.
- Be honest with each other.

If you talk and listen to your children from a very young age, you'll all get into habits that will be very useful once they're teenagers. An open relationship – where children feel comfortable talking about what they've been doing and with whom – will encourage children to tell you about the details of their life when they're older.




 Australian Government

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









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Nutrition Snippet


Cancer Council NSW

The simplest way

to get kids in the kitchen

Cooking in the kitchen is a great time to catch up with your kids, and get them involved in fruit and veg preparation. Try our top 10 tips for getting kids into the kitchen:

1. Washing vegies
2. Setting the table
3. Mixing the salad
4. Mashing potato
5. Putting toppings on pizzas
6. Choosing and adding fillings to sandwiches
7. Measuring frozen vegies before cooking
8. Picking fruit and veg from the garden
9. Unpacking shopping from the supermarket
10. Get older kids to help peel or chop fruit and vegetables



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



Kirkton Public School P&C News

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th April @ 6.30pm

Welcome New Families Disco

This Friday at 6pm. Please bring a plate for a shared supper. See you there!



Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home. If you need any more there are some in the office. Donations of Easter eggs to make up our prizes can be left at the office also.

Uniform

Uniform Shop open Tuesdays 2.30-3.30pm

Winter Uniform - A school order is being placed on Wednesday 26th March. Could you please have your orders in prior to this date.

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 13th 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 Kylee Lane for more information.



Library Bags

Available at the office NOW. Bags are \$15.

Masters BBQ

Thank you to all those people who have volunteered to help on this day. Your help is much appreciated.

Upcoming Events



March 21

Welcome Disco

March 30

Masters BBQ

April 8

P&C meeting @ 6.30pm

April 11

Easter Raffle

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

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



You are invited to celebrate the

Kirkton Public School Welcome New Families Disco for 2014

On Friday 21st 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.

