



# Kirkton Public School

## Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 3

Achieve With Pride

15th May 2014

### NAPLAN

It is the final day of NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) today, rounding the assessments off with Numeracy.

I must commend Yrs. 3 and 5 for their effort and very positive attitude towards this set of assessments.

NAPLAN can be quite daunting but the atmosphere of 'have a go' and attack them as you would any assessment task has held the students in good stead. Results will not be available until later in the year. Teachers have had a scan through most assessments and have ideas of where we can assist students.

I would like to thank the other students who didn't do NAPLAN for their ability to cope with changes in routine and also for their consideration of those doing the assessments.

### STAFF

Lots going on.....

We have a new School Counsellor, Mrs. Susan Peake, who works out of Rutherford High School; Mrs. Rebecca Standen has joined us for a time to support those with specific needs. Staffing in this area will again change as there will be a swap in case loads with people going to and fro, so both Mrs. Standen and Mrs. Urquhart (who has been visiting us for some time) may be placed elsewhere.

Our lovely ladies in the office have had 'differing faces' for a while – with both Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Lambert filling in for Shelley who has been away on special leave.

Finally Mrs. Walter will be taking some well-earned long service leave starting from 3rd June till the end of term. Miss Liz Ede will be filling in for Mrs. Walter. Miss Ede has filled in for us many times and is well aware of how the school and in particular K/1 operates.

### Calendar of Events

#### May 16th

- Wacky Hair Day

#### May 20th

- ICAS Computer Skills

#### May 21st

- GRIP Leadership Conference

#### June 4th

- ICAS Science

#### June 10th

- P & C Meeting 6.30pm

#### June 13th

- Athletics Carnival

#### June 17th

- ICAS Spelling



### CANTEEN

REMEMBER TO PLACE AN ORDER FROM OUR YUMMY MENU



FLORA

FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

## School Assemblies

There is an assembly this Friday and it will be conducted by Yrs 4/5/6. Everybody is welcome to attend.



Week 3 16<sup>th</sup> May Yrs 4/5/6  
Week 6 6<sup>th</sup> June Yrs 1/2/3  
Week 9 27<sup>th</sup> June Yrs K-1

## Stewart House Donation

The Stewart House envelopes need to be returned this week with a minimum donation of \$2 if you wish to enter the draw to win \$4,000 worth of travel.

Your donation to this worthy charity which helps lots of needy school children in NSW is very much appreciated.

## Wacky Hair Day



**Tomorrow Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Do your best to come along to school with the wackiest hair ever!!

Our School Council is holding this day as a fund raiser to support the Cancer Foundation so please don't forget to bring along a donation.

## Student Reports

Our student reports this term will have a slightly different format. We are utilising the SENTRAL program. This is an adjunct to DEC programs. Sentral has a multitude of facets to aid us in record keeping, planning and most areas of school management. We have been utilising the attendance sector this year. Students, on entering the classroom, tap a picture with their name under it; this pops and disappears. This automatically records their presence at school and is electronically entered in the official roll. Student reports will be sent home in the last week of term.



## Uniform For Sale

1 2nd Hand Girls Winter Dress Size 5  
1 Kirkton Overcoat (near New) Size 6

Still available for inspection in the office. If there are any K/Yr1 students who don't have a winter parker yet it is worth a look. Cost \$20



## Music Stars program

This program began last Friday. Although there were some initial teething concerns we are hoping for a smoother implementation this week. If you do have any concerns please contact the organisation directly either by phone or e-mail. We have a large number of students enrolled in this program utilising guitars and keyboards.

## Attention Infants Parents

After a couple of toilet accidents of late, it might be wise to pack a spare pair of underpants in your child's school bag. The spare pants we used to have at the office have all disappeared.

## Impetigo!!!! (school sores)

Impetigo is around at the moment so please keep a close eye on your children, this is an extremely contagious problem.

If there is any chance that your child has Impetigo please, contact your doctor immediately for treatment and advice. You will need to keep your child at home until the doctor gives the all clear.

**Time from exposure to illness - 3 days**

**Symptoms** – small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp. (but can occur elsewhere at times)

**Do I need to keep my child at home? –**

**YES** - until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered – Doctor can give correct direction on this.

**How can I prevent spread? –** Careful hand washing.... (Doctor can supply extra strategies).



L to R

Brock Burgess, James Standen, Isabella Farrelly, Murray Quigley, Nicole Searles & Jago Lambert

## Cattle Judging

Our Cattle Judging team had a 'hit out' at Singleton last Friday. They performed very well. Three students gained enough points to participate in the orals (explaining why they placed the stock in their specific order). James, Isabella and Brock all spoke very well – clearly and to the point. A special mention to James Standen who spoke very well in his first oral presentation while battling poor health. James received an individual Encouragement broad ribbon; Team 2 gained a team Encouragement broad ribbon and Team 1 grabbed second place. The school as a whole also were presented with the Schools Encouragement Award. To top this off and to go with the School Encouragement broad ribbon the Team earned \$250 to go toward its Cattle Judging program.

## School Bus

Our school bus will no longer drive up Kirkton Road to drop children off. This is not on its official route. Hunter Valley buses are going to employ a new vehicle monitoring system which will put a stop to this. Children who live along Kirkton Rd will be dropped at the intersection with Standen Drive.

If there is a need we can petition the bus company, local member, Transport NSW or the transport Minister.

Records of any incidents after students are dropped off the bus should be recorded and retained.





## Kirkton Public School P&C News

**Next meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June @ 6.30pm**

### Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to all that helped with the stall and we hope all of the mums enjoyed receiving the gifts that their children took great delight in choosing for them.

### Kirkton P&C Market Stall

**THIS WEEKEND - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

All help and donations of items to sell are always appreciated.

### Recycling Drop off afternoon

We will be holding a recycling drop off afternoon at school on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 12-3pm. If you have any aluminium cans or old car, truck, tractor batteries laying around you are welcome to drop them at the school during this time ONLY.

### Pie Drive

At the recent P&C meeting it was decided that we will be using Thompson's Pies this year. Order forms are attached to the newsletter. Orders need to be returned by **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** and our delivery date for orders is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**.



As a major fundraiser this year we will be holding a silent auction. It will run as a progressive auction and you will have 4 weeks to bid on items. More details to come on the process. We anticipate that the auction bidding will begin at the start of Term 3. We are now seeking items/ vouchers etc... to be donated for the auction. We already have some exciting items for the auction and we are asking that if you know of any businesses or people that would like to donate to our auction that would be fantastic.

**Don't forget canteen tomorrow!!!!**

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



### Upcoming Events

**May 16**

Canteen

**May 18**

Sacred Tree Markets

**May 23**

Canteen

**May 30**

Canteen

**May 31**

Recycling drop off

**June 6**

Canteen

**June 10**

P&C Meeting

**June 13**

Athletics Carnival Canteen

**June 20**

Pie drive delivery  
Canteen

### 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: car-mo2228@yahoo.com.au

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

## Amanda's Party: A Live Play

It can happen to anyone, at anyone's house. A happy party goes badly, the police are called, the solicitor is needed, and the court is involved.

Join the talented students from St Catherine's College for a live performance of their originally written, produced, directed reality awakening play at the Library.

**Wednesday, 28 May, 2014**  
**6pm to 7.30pm**

## Family Friendly Guided Bushwalks

Our next guided bushwalk will be conducted in Mt Royal National Park (50kms north of Singleton) on **Saturday 17th May 2014**.

Join our 3pm afternoon bushwalk and/or 6pm evening spotlight walk. Suitable for families. Each walk is 2 hours in duration. This is an opportunity to see world heritage rainforests and rare wildlife. Conducted in association with National Parks Association of NSW. Free, but bookings are essential. Contact Martin & Jan Ph:65711208  
info@calli.com.au www.calli.com.au

## For Parents [www.juniorcitizen.org.uk](http://www.juniorcitizen.org.uk)

This is an interesting site for young people as it sets out many aspects of safety in a very basic, sensible way, supporting ideas with pictures to get the message across. This site covers topics such as –

Dog Awareness, Home Safety, Farm Safety, Risky Rubbish, Playing Safely, Stranger Danger and many more. **Worth a look!!**

## Parent/Carer Volunteers

**ALL volunteers** at our school now 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](http://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.

## Canteen update

Chocolate milk is now available @ \$1.50

## Also

Chicken Crackles can be purchased individually @ .50cents per crackle, the salad is included.



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

If Christmas in July means:

A holiday celebrated largely by non-Christians for the purpose of enjoying Christmas-style foods, decorations and traditions without the stress of the holiday in December.

We'd like you to come and enjoy great food with us at Jerry's Plains School of Arts Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014 starting at 6 for 6.30pm sit down dinner.

RSVP with payment of \$30 per head due by 5 July 2014 to Kaye Atfield on 6576 4168 or Judith Hadley on 6576 4114.

## ICAS Test Sitting Dates

Computer Skills	Tuesday 20th May
Science	Wednesday 4th June
Writing	Monday 16th June
Spelling	Tuesday 17th June
English	Wednesday 29th July
Mathematics	Tuesday 12th August

**KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION**  
**13th May 2014**

**MEETING OPENED:** 6:32pm

**PRESENT:** J Black, N Black, K Mercieca, M Shearer, J Tonon, K Lane, M Douglas,  
D Lambert, T Still.

**APOLOGIES:** J Watkins, K Farrelly, L Searles, J Mayo, N Lambert, J Padgett.

**MINUTES** Moved: J Black, Seconded: M Shearer

**BUSINESS ARISING**

Mothers Day Stall - good response from school community, children had a choice of approximately 500 gifts to choose from and each child was able to purchase at least 2-3 items.

Recycling - 31st May 2014 a drop off point at school will be organized for those in the community to drop off cans, car/truck batteries, brass/copper/lead waste to be taken by J Tonon to recycling to raise money for the school.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

IN : Pie drive forms from both Thompsons and Singleton Heights Bakery  
Cabury chocolate fund raising choices.  
Hunter Tennis information to school for possible lessons.

OUT : Letters to the community for donation to silent action.  
Certificates of appreciation to Gum Ball for can collection and to people who have to silent action so far.

**PRINCIPLES REPORT**

see attached

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Thank-you to parents who catered food for the Staff Development Day at School. Your efforts were much enjoyed and appreciated.  
Thank-you to Kylee Lane to the success of the school canteen. We have had very positive feedback from both children and parents.  
Thank-you to all wrappers of the Mothers Day gifts - this day was also a huge success.

## **KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION**

**13th May 2014**

Thank-you to the School community for a very positive vibe felt and participation in events, this has been commented upon around the school.

The year to date we have been involved in Welcome disco, Easter Raffle, Masters BBQ, Sacred Tree Markets, Recycling, SSD Catering, and Mothers day Stall.

Things to come include Pie Drive, Silent Auction, Chocolate Drive, Working Bee, Fathers Day Stall, Cinema Under The Stars and who knows what else....

### ***TREASURERS REPORT***

BALANCE 1st April \$1330.17  
30th April \$2297.19

INCOME \$2046  
EXPEND \$1091.21

Sacred Tree profit \$230  
Cans profit \$400 (to date)  
Mothers Day profit \$150  
Easter Raffle profit \$404

### ***CANTEEN***

Canteen has been very successful so far, thank-you for all the support.

Pies and sausage rolls are still the most popular items.

Frozen yogurts are also a big hit - two more flavours will be added to menu. Choc milk which hasn't been available but requested several times will be sourced from newcastle and also added to menu.

Nice to see many children trying new items from the menu and making healthy food choices.

New ideas for the Canteen include maybe meal deals, theme days, lower price of wraps to encourage more sales and a kids competition for a naming of the canteen.

It needs to be encouraged on canteen days of no sharing of money or food.

21st june Kylee is away and volunteers to run canteen for this 3 week period is sought.

### ***UNIFORMS***

New jumpers are in stock

Uniforms are only to be sold on Tuesdays at this stage as Shelley is away from office.



## **KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION**

**13th May 2014**

### **MARKET GROUP**

Great support for last months markets. Next markets this weekend. Any donations are greatly received. Items that sell well are home crafts and produce. Anyone who can spare time to assist with the stall please see K Lane or J Padgett.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

CANTEEN AND MENU PRICING - Parents and Children happy with this.

SILENT AUCTION - Kristen is gathering Items over this term with a view for the Auction to be commenced over the beginning of next term running over a four week period. This will be open for both the school and larger community.

70 letters have been sent so far to various businesses.

If anyone has any businesses they would like to approach kristen has a letter explaining it all for them. Please ask if you would like a letter...

PIE DRIVE - A choice between Heights bakery or Thompsons Bakery.

Thompsons has a larger choice of items which may in turn make greater sales. 10 items will be chosen with a three week period for people to place their order.

WORKING BEE - a date will be chosen for a sunday in term 3.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN - Need to discuss with Mt Pleasant how much sold last year.

A roster needs to be made for parents to help participate to run this event.

M Shearer has volunteered to make Pumpkin soup.

Items to be sold include lollies, chips, bakery items (pies, sausage rolls), soups, homemade cakes, biscuits, ? pizza, ?hotdogs. Any ideas will be gratefully received.

RODEO - this weekend in Braxton.

Cans to be collected for school fundraising

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

No general business to present.

**MEETING CLOSED 7:33PM.**



## Supplied by Thompsons Pies

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact ph no: \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders to be returned by: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**Pie Drive Collection Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**From:** Kirkton Public School

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