



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Term 3, Week 1

Achieve With Pride

17th July 2014

Term 3

Welcome back to all our students and families!

Hopefully the strong winds have abated and calmer weather will prevail.

There will be lots happening this term for both students and staff but as always our focus is on student wellbeing and learning.

Education week will be celebrated across the Singleton Learning Precinct at Singleton High School on Tuesday 29th July. The local schools come together to acknowledge and to share in our educational successes.

A quick list for just some of the activities for this term-

July

18th – Captains to Singleton Civic Centre for unveiling of pioneer sculpture;

22nd – NAIDOC celebrations at Milbrodale

P.S. **(bus will be leaving at 9:15)**

29th – Musica Viva; Education Week Celebrations at SHS;

August

1st – Zone Athletics; Jeans for Genes Day;

5th – Life Education Van;

15th – Netball Gala Day;

18th – 22nd Canberra Excursion for Yrs. 4/5/6
Excursion for Yrs. K-3 (being planned);

September

3rd – Gresford Art Carnival

5th – Bike Education Day;

12th – Alpha Show

Mixed throughout these will be activity days organised by our student council.

Calendar of Events

July 18th

- Tennis Program
- Captains to Civic Centre 11am

July 22nd

- NAIDOC Day K –6 Milbrodale PS

July 29th

- ICAS English
- Musica Viva

July 31st

- Family Picnic/Book Parade/Book Fair at 1.30pm
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August 1st

- Zone Athletics Carnival
- Jeans for Genes Day

August 5th

- Life Ed

August 12th

- ICAS Maths

August 15th

- Netball Gala Day

August 22nd

- Premier's Reading Challenge Finishes

August 18th—22nd

- Canberra Excursion

FLORA

FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

WE HAVE NAMES !!!!!!!



Our new friends now have names. The student Council have given their stamp of approval.

Mr Yeti and Mr Harley are looking forward to visiting your home in the care of your child.

A review –

Mr Yeti and Mr Harley are tokens of our school's appreciation for your child following and displaying the principles of FLORA – (friendship, learning, opportunity, respect, achievement). FLORA awards are given out during the term and the recipients' names are recorded. Each Friday (where possible) the names are placed in a hat and two are drawn out. These two people will be the carers for Mr Yeti and Mr Harley until the following Thursday when they need to be returned to school in preparation for their next visit.

While in their care the students may add something to the gorilla's persona – earring, pirate patch ring.....; or they could take photos of the gorilla enjoying their stay – riding the horse, on the motor bike, skate boarding, watching TV.(Keep them safe!!!!) Hopefully our students will enjoy their time with their new friends.



Canberra

Yr. 4/5/6 will begin their preparation for their Canberra excursion. Not only will they be learning about our government systems but they will need to be looking after their health and fitness. The days at Canberra are filled with exciting but draining activities. Good food, good sleeping habits, a little extra exercise and packing early will assist in an enjoyable trip (accompanying parents – that includes you as well!!!).

On day one of the excursion the students will be able to stretch their legs after the long trip with a journey through the War Memorial. What a great way to start their adventure!

Pyjama Day

A very colourful day was had at the end of last term when the Student Council organised a pyjama day. The students were all excited and very well behaved and we thank them for their behaviours, enthusiasm and the coin donation.



Staff Development Day

There is a lot happening across the DEC at the moment and aspects of these will be communicated at a later date. Staff reviewed and updated the many facets of child protection in relation to our vocation. We also re-examined the Disability Discrimination Act and the DEC disability Standards which are directly related to the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a disability (this was communicated to you previously along with an 'opt out' permission notice for data collection). Staff also completed online training in this area during their holiday break.

We also- renewed our 'Sun Smart Policy' this has been developed in conjunction with the Cancer Council;

- Prepared for the coming events on the calendar ;

- Looked at next steps to initiate in specific programs

- and furthered our research with SENTRAL (administration program) to support recording and retrieval of data to enhance our work output and the communication with parents in regard to student achievement.

I would like to thank the staff for their input on the day and for working well past the designated 'knock off' time.

FLORA

FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

Assembly Awards from last term

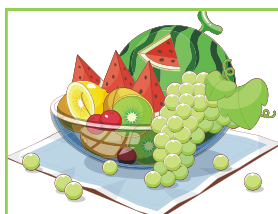


Congratulations to the following students who received an award. Keep up the good work.

Will Still	Excellent recount writing
Jayde Elderton	Great application in maths
Ethan Standen	Improved sentence writing
Ethan Smith	Interesting scientific news
Millie Standen	Excellent effort in all areas
Lexie Taylor	Extra effort learning her tables
Brock Burgess	Thoughtfulness and kindness to a classmate
Drew Standen	Working hard learning sounds, songs and actions for Jolly Phonics
Jorja Burgess	Trying hard to improve spelling and sentence

The following students received awards for having a healthy recess.

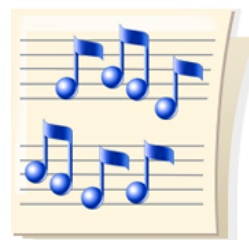
Nicole Searles
Isabella Farrelly
Codey O'Connell
Jayde Elderton
Madison Bailey
Harrison Browlee
Lexie Taylor
Caitlyn Schmidhauser
Blaik Schmidhauser



Music Stars Term 3

Lessons will be continuing on the same day and time this term.

Start date will be Friday 25th July.



Canberra Excursion: Reminder

Payment for this excursion is to be paid by Friday 8th August. Cost is \$500.00 per student. Sent home today is a copy of the Itinerary and a medical form to be completed and returned to school.

NAIDOC Day Tuesday 22nd July

Please ensure you have returned the permission note to school as this excursion is for all students K—6.

MUSICA VIVA **Sounds Baroque July 29th 9:30am**

Hercules

If you think you need a tux, binoculars and a grasp of the Italian language to appreciate opera, you haven't seen Sounds Baroque in action. Hercules is a mini opera that combines a variety of styles to bring the familiar Greek legend to life, and it is the perfect introduction to the genre. Through drama, song and comedy, Sounds Baroque presents a classic morality tale using authentic baroque instruments, rap, rich costuming and modern language. Hercules is bound to captivate and entertain our students with its sheer originality of concept and blend of styles. Never before has music education – or opera – been this much fun. Opera, rap and Greek mythology together at last!

Education/Bookweek July 28-August 1

We are celebrating Education and Bookweek together this year. The Bookweek theme is "Connect to Reading".

We will be having our Family picnic, Book Parade, activities and Book Fair on Thursday, July 31st.



We invite families to bring a healthy lunch and eat with your child/children at 1:30 on Thursday. At 2pm the children will get dressed in their Book Parade costume and we will start activities at approximately 2:15pm followed by the Book Fair. Our Book Fair is with *Central Book Suppliers* who have a wide range of books at very reasonable prices. The children will have an opportunity to view the books beforehand.

We ask each child to choose a book character and carry that book with them for the parade. If you need some ideas we have thousands of books in the library, with very simply dressed characters. Please come in with your child and have a look.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge will need to be completed and recorded online by Friday, August 22. K/1 are completing their challenge in class. K/1/2 must read 30 books, (or have them read to them), 25 from the list and 5 choice books. 3-6 need to read 20 books, 15 from the list and 5 choice books. If we all complete the challenge we are planning a movie and popcorn day. Happy Reading! The link below has all of the details for the challenge and the student logon page.



<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Kirkton Public School P&C News

Welcome back everyone.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th August @ 6.30pm

Sacred Tree Markets

This Sunday 20th July. All helpers welcome.

Canteen – Tomorrow

Thank you to Marie Shearer and helpers for providing canteen to our students while Kylee is away.

Aluminium Cans

Don't forget to bring your cans in and place them in the bins provided for recycling.

Coming up this term:

- Silent Auction
- Chocolate Drive
- Working Bee
- Father's Day Stall

**Don't forget
canteen
tomorrow.**

Upcoming Events



July 18
Canteen

July 25
Canteen

August 1
Canteen

August 12
P&C meeting

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 go home in the newsletter prior to each meeting.

**Uniform Shop
open
Tuesday's
2.30-3.30pm**