



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Term 3, Week 2

Achieve With Pride

24th July 2014

Pioneer Statue

Our School Captains represented our school last Friday at the unveiling of our newest statue in Singleton – representing the early pioneers of the district. A good crowd (very warmly dressed) gathered at the Singleton Civic Centre to view the unveiling. The creator, Ms Tanya Bartlett was present and spoke to the crowd. The display was organised by the Singleton Art Group who have for many years organised and run the Singleton Art Prize – with help from Rotary.

It was a splendid sculpture and should be a positive attraction for Singleton.

FLORA -Harley and Mr Yeti go visiting

Our first set of carers for our resident gorillas were selected last Friday. Jesse Gallegos and Ella Hughes were the students drawn from the myriad of tickets. Hopefully they have had a nice time with their new friends. Harley and Mr. Yeti will be back at school on Thursday to ready themselves for their next visit. The new carers will be drawn out during the Yr. 4/5/6 assembly on Friday.

As the tickets were prepared it was really pleasing to see that many children had multiple tickets. That shows what really responsible students we have!

Calendar of Events

July 28—August 1

- Education /Bookweek

July 25th

- Music Stars commence
- Assembly 4/5/6

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

Family picnic, Book Parade, Book Fair: Thursday July 31st

We are celebrating Education and Book-week 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.

Canberra Excursion: 18th –22nd

August A reminder payment for this excursion is due by Friday 8th August. Cost is \$500.00 per student. A medical form has been sent home to be completed and returned to school.

MUSICA VIVA *Sounds Baroque*

Date: Tuesday 29th July

Time: 9.30am Cost: \$7.50

A permission note has been sent home, please return to school with payment ASAP.

Assembly Roster for Term 3

Friday 25th July	4/5/6
Friday 8th August	1/2/3
Friday 29th August	K/1

Helpful hints

This is the first section from a website I came across – RIF (reading is fundamental) These points have some ideas you may wish to try (I like the one relating to fighting kids and the glass door or window).

44 Proven Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Their Children Do Better in School

***Making Time Count**

1. Put specific times on your calendar each week when you will spend time with your children. During that time, focus your love and attention on your child.
2. Use car time to talk with your children. There's no phone or television to interfere. No one can get up and leave. And kids know they really have your ear.
3. Plan to eat at least one meal together as a family each day.
4. Look for things to do together as a family. Get everyone involved in choosing how to spend your time together

5. Try giving children television tickets. Each week, each child gets 20 tickets. Each ticket can be used for 30 minutes of TV time. Any tickets remaining at the end of the week can be cashed in for 25 cents each. Parents can still veto a certain program, of course.
13. Help your child discover their roots by talking with family members during holiday and other visits.
14. Constantly look for ways to tell your children what you like about them, and that you love them. There is no age limit on this. "When I do something well, no one ever remembers. When I do something wrong, no one ever forgets." Those words were written by a high school dropout.

***Reading to Your Child**

6. Try relaxing your family's bedtime rules once a week on the weekends. Let your children know that they can stay up later, as long as they are reading in bed.
15. Let kids overhear you praising them to others.
7. Help your child start a home library; paperback books are fine. Encourage your child to swap books with friends. Check used book stores. Give books as gifts.
16. Try "King/Queen for a Day" for good report cards.
8. Want your children to be good readers? Let them see you read.
17. Help kids learn from problems, not be devastated by them. Many parents don't ever use the word "failure." They may talk about a "glitch," a "problem," or a "snag." But even when something doesn't work out as they'd planned, successful people try to learn something from the experience.
9. Try holding D-E-A-R times at your house. "DEAR" stands for "Drop Everything and Read." During DEAR time, everyone in the family sits down for some uninterrupted reading time.
- *Discipline**
10. With young children, try reading to them during bath time.
18. In good weather, put two angry kids on opposite sides of a strong window or glass door. Provide each with a spray bottle of window cleaner and a rag. Then let them "attack." Their angry words will turn to laughter...and your window or door will be clean!
11. Use the "Rule of Thumb" to see if a book is on your children's reading level: Have them read a page of the book aloud. Have them hold up one finger for each word they don't know. If they hold up four fingers and a thumb before the end of the page, the book is probably too hard for them to read alone. But it might be a great book to read aloud.
19. Try role playing to eliminate constant fighting. For five minutes, have the fighters switch roles. Each has to present the other person's point of view as clearly and fairly as possible. Odds are, they'll start laughing and make up. Better yet, they may come up with a compromise solution that both parties like.

*** Building Self-Esteem**

12. Have children make a "book" about themselves, with their own illustrations and wording. "A Book About Me" is a great way to help your child see themselves as "somebody."

20. For better discipline, speak quietly. If you speak in a normal tone of voice, even when you're angry, you'll help your child see how to handle anger appropriately. And if you don't scream at your kids, they're less likely to scream at each other or at you.
21. Try a "black hole" to keep toys and other belongings picked up. All you need is a closet or cabinet with a lock—the "black hole." When something is left out that should be put away, it gets put into the "black hole" for 24 hours. Once a favourite toy or something your child needs is locked up for 24 hours, there is greater incentive to keep it where it belongs. This works best when the whole family participates.

***Solving School Problems**

22. Try looking over children's study materials and making up a sample quiz as they study for upcoming tests.
23. Visit your child's school in a time of peace before major problems develop.
24. Make report cards a positive experience. Preparation: Ask, "What do you think your report card will tell us?" Getting ready is helpful. Perspective: Understand that a report card is just one small measure of your child. A child with poor grades still has plenty of strengths. Positive action: Find something to praise. Focus on how to improve.
25. Be aware that your attitudes about school affect your child. If you hated math, be careful not to prejudice your child.

NB. A reminder before any damage or heartache occurs -

Toys should only be brought to school if they are a news item.

ATTENTION PARENTS INTERESTED IN SENDING YOUR CHILDREN TO

***The Song Room 2014 Creative and
Performing Arts Camp:***

**Date: Monday 11th August &
Tuesday 12th August**

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm each day

Venue: Kurri Kurri Tafe

**Transport: Bus which will be provided
free of cost each day**

This two day intensive performing arts experience explores music making through percussion and song, drumming and dance.

Music Making: students will create and perform group music compositions on tuned and untuned percussion instruments.

Song Making: Songs and storytelling will provide students with a valuable group choral experience that incorporates part singing and live accompaniment.

Drumming: Djembe drumming circles build beat competence, rhythmic facility and confidence. Students will have a lot of fun learning and performing drumming rhythms with louds and softs, breaks and calls.

Hip Hop Dance: 'Teach me how to Dougie' Students will be introduced to hip hop steps and learn some great dance moves with simply choreography to help develop your inner swag!

On the second afternoon, at 2pm, parents are invited to join in a celebration of the camp as the students put on a performance displaying the talents they have learnt over the course of the two days!

***THIS SONG ROOM CAMP IS TOTALLY
FREE TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN.
THOSE INTERESTED PLEASE LET THE
SCHOOL OFFICE KNOW TOMORROW
AS NUMBERS ARE REQUIRED NOW.***

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS—MILBRODALE



FLORA
FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

Kirkton Public School P&C News

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th August @ 6.30pm

Please come along if you can, up for discussion will be our up coming fundraisers including Cinema Under the Stars in Term 4.

Silent Auction

Our auction is now up and running. Everyone should have received a catalogue. There are more copies in the office if needed. To participate all you need to do is complete the bidders registration in the back of the book, return it to the box in the office and you will be issued with a bidding number and ready to start bidding. Many of the items are on display in the office foyer, please drop in and have a look. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask or email carmo2228@yahoo.com.au

Aluminium Cans

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

Coming up this term:

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

**Don't forget
canteen
tomorrow.**

Upcoming Events



July 25
Canteen

August 1
Canteen

August 8
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**

Kirkton P&C Silent Auction

Highest bids as at 23.7.14

Item no	Description	Highest bid	Bidder no
1	Bliss Beauty Hot Stone Massage		
2	Hunter Electrics call out and 1hr labour		
3	SuperStrike Bowling Family Pass	\$20.00	02
4	10x bales Lucerne hay	\$50.00	04
5	Self Guided Audio Tour of Maitland Gaol		
6	AJ's Beauty spray tan and \$30 credit		
7	\$20 voucher at Branxton Pet World		
8	TNT Special Memories photography voucher		
9	2 course dinner for 2 @ Infuzion Restaurant	\$65.00	04
10	\$50 voucher Remedial Massage	\$30.00	02
11	Newcastle Jets signed soccer ball		
12	\$50 Voucher @ Ken's Kitchen		
13	Sports Power Pack and voucher		
14	The Maritime Centre Family Pass A		
15	The Maritime Centre Family Pass B		
16	Pamper Pack @ Alley Kats Hair Studio		
17	Tyrrells Wines Pack		
18	2x Turkish Beach Towels		
19	5x movie passes to Majestic Cinemas		
20	Sydney Roosters Poster Pack		
21	8 inch android tablet		
22	\$25 credit at Pure Essence		
23	Race night Package at Pacers Restaurant	\$50.00	04
24	Painters Pack and Hardware voucher		
25	\$150 credit @ Valley Truck Parts		
26	Signed Manly Sea Eagles football		
27	\$50 custom framing voucher		
28	\$50 voucher @ Royal Federal		
29	Stihl whipper snipper + accessories		
30	\$50 EVVIVA Jewellery voucher		
31	2x half hour riding lessons @ Sterntaler Equestrian	\$30.00	04
32	Phoenix card and paper pack		
33	Signed Newcastle Knights Jersey	\$50.00	04

CANTEEN Please note:

Not available: frozen yoghurts or frozen ice cream cups



FENCING

As most have noticed we now have steel fencing in specific areas of our school grounds.

Earlier this year all schools had inspections of the trees in their grounds. An arborist made decisions about the state of our trees.

Those trees fenced off have been deemed 'high risk' and will be removed.

As our main walkway has been barricaded please use the driveway entrance if you are entering the school.



Apologies for any inconvenience.

FOR SALE

1. size 8 school jacket—new

Never been worn. \$30.00

Please contact the school office if you are interested!!

TO GIVE AWAY

*** Lemons and mandarins

Located in the school office foyer!!!!



Life Education Van—Healthy Harold

Date: Tuesday 5th August 2014

Cost: \$9 per student

A permission note is attached to today's newsletter.

Harold Merchandise products will be available if anyone is interested. We will send a copy of the available items home with the newsletter next week.