



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 1

Achieve With Pride

29th January 2015

Welcome back for another great year at Kirkton Public School.

Most of the students had a very wet day for their first day back, but they coped with this extremely well and settled quickly into routine. The sun came out today to warmly welcome our kindergarten students. We are very pleased to have Noah, Zara, Shelby Ann, Georgia, Imogen, Pip and Riley and their families with us as they begin their 'education adventure'.

At present the school office is a little battered and torn due to a freak storm on Christmas Day. Mrs. Mitchell has moved into the Principal's office and the front stairs is the best way to reach her.

Soon builders will be here to repair the office area and there may be a change in the way you can enter the school - so we will keep you posted.

This Friday (30th) will be our first visit to Branxton Pool. Kindergarten will remain at school. Our main focus for this day will be to prepare our students for next Friday's Small Schools Swimming Carnival at the Singleton Pool.

Swimming for sport/life skills will be held most Fridays this term, at Branxton Pool, to ensure our students have a very firm grounding in this very valuable skill and past-time. If any parent would like to assist please see Mrs. Loss or Mrs. Mitchell in the office.

****NB Helping out at school or school events –**

It is mandatory for anyone who works with children to now have a Working With Children Check. More information can be obtained from the office.

Calendar of Events

January 30th

- Swimming for Sport — Years 1-6

February 6th

- Small Schools Swimming Carnival

February 13th

- Swimming for Sport

February 20th

- Zone Swimming Carnival
(Qualifying students only)
- Cattle Judging—Maitland Showground

February 27th

- Swimming for Sport — All students
- Cattle Judging—Gresford Showground

March 6th

- It's A Mad World Performance
- Cattle Judging—N'Castle Showground

March 11th

- Young Teen Talk—Year 6

March 13th

- Swimming for Sport - All Students

March 20th

- Swimming for Sport - All Students

March 27th

- Zone Cross Country (Qualifying students only)

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FRIENDSHIP LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESPECT ACHIEVEMENT

Swimming for Sport

Our swimming for sport program will commence this Friday 30th January for **Years 1-6**.

Kindergarten will commence their swimming program on Friday 13th February.



Permission notes have been sent home. It is important that we receive a signed permission note advising that your child/children has permission to participate in this sporting program. If you haven't already returned your note, please do so, otherwise your child/children will remain at school.

Swimming Carnival



The Central Hunter Small Schools' Swimming Carnival will be held @ Singleton Pool on Friday 6th February 2014.

Information and consent notes will be sent home.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
8.45am until 3.45pm

Permission Notes

Some of the activities your child will participate in at school will require a permission note. It is extremely important that all permission notes are returned to the school before the day of the activity so transport and other arrangements can be finalised. The worst case scenario of not having permission notes returned is that your child will miss out on the activity.

If a permission note is mislaid and time is running out—a quick note from home, with your signature on it saying that you allow your child to attend the activity will suffice.

Students in older classes can assist parents and take some responsibility in ensuring their notes are returned on time. To make things a little easier for Parents and Carers, we now print all permission notes on **blue** paper. Please look out for these and return them to school. A blue covered box is located on the counter of the school office for all notes etc.

Student Attendance

It is important that your child attends school regularly if he/she is to benefit from the educational experiences and programs provided. Please note that it is a departmental requirement that all absences (for whatever reason) are explained - either by a note, via our APP, in person to the class teacher or the office - when your child returns to school.



Late Arrivals/Early Departures

If your child is late to school or will be leaving early, please visit the office to collect a yellow pass which should be given to your child's teacher.

Changes to Routine

If there is a change to your child's transport arrangements of an afternoon, please let both your child and school know. A quick phone call to the school office will avoid any confusion for both students and staff at 3:30pm.