



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 4

Achieve With Pride

19th February 2015

WE HAVE RETURNED!

Yes, the office is back in business as usual. We would like to give a very warm welcome back to Kirkton P.S. to Mrs. Lambert who is relieving Mrs. Mitchell while she is recuperating from a small operation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Isaac Standen, Declan Shearer, Tala Padgett, Will Still, Blaik Schmidhauser and Ardan Walsh who will now join our School Captains as the Kirkton Student Council for 2015.

They will be meeting next week to go through the expectations, commitment and roles of the council and begin to plot their years activities. Looking forward to it!!

Coal Festival

Next week we will be looking to fill teams to represent our school at the Hunter Coal Festival on Saturday 14th March at Singleton. We will be looking for teams in tug-o-war, Captain and Tunnel Ball and a coal and spoon relay.

The street parade has been cancelled due to the works going on all along John Street in Singleton so Civic Park will be the venue. Times and other activities for families will be forthcoming as soon as we have the information.

If your child is unable to attend the day please let the school know so we don't include him/her in any of the teams.

Calendar of Events

February 20th

- Zone Swimming Carnival
(Qualifying students only)
- Cattle Judging—Maitland Showground
- **Assembly—hosted by 1/2/3**

February 27th

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

March 4th

- Winter Netball Trials –Yrs 5 & 6 Girls

March 6th

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

March 10th

- Young Teen Talk—Yr 6 Students

March 11th

- P&C Meeting

March 13th

- Swimming for Sport - All Students
- **Assembly— hosted K/1**

March 14th (Saturday)

- Coal Festival

March 27th

- **Assembly— hosted 4/5/6**

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Cattle Judging

A diminished Cattle Judging Team (because of the Zone Carnival) will be facing the challenge of their first event of the year at Maitland Show this Friday. For many in the team it will be their first experience of this type. The students have worked well during the past weeks learning the attributes of cattle, what to look for when judging as well as a 'new language' related to this task.

We will have eight students representing our school at this event. All students will be competing as individuals. We are allowed one team of three students for the team competition – the scores from these students will be compiled, averaged to gain the placings.

After judging each class of stock (heifers, bulls, steers) and answering questions about them student scores will be tallied by the officials and those with the highest scores will be asked to do an oral presentation - setting out why they placed the animals of one class in that particular order.

Hopefully the weather is kind to us and we have a great and comfortable day.

Thank You

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to assist in the classrooms. If they haven't already the teachers will contact you to determine times that suit and organise your activities.

We appreciate your support and time.

upper Hunter PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival Representatives

The Following students will be representing our school at the Upper Hunter Zone Swimming Carnival tomorrow.

Blaik Schmidhauser, Jago Lambert, Connor Folbigg, Ethan Standen, Ella Hughes, Asha Lane, Madalyn Campbell, Lexie Taylor, Millie Standen, Caitlyn Schmidhauser, Darcey Taylor and Chloe Black.

Good Luck we are already proud of you!!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The interviews will be conducted in the meeting room in the Administration building.

Yrs. 4/5/6 will be a three way interview which includes parents, teacher and the student to discuss matters relating to the student's schooling. (The interview can be arranged so that any delicate matters can be discussed without the student being present – after the main session of the 3 way interview). If you do not wish your child to part of this interview at all please contact Mr Douglas.

Interviews for term one will be held on the following dates –

Mrs. Walter – Wednesday 18th March

Mr. Douglas – Thursday 19th March

Mrs. Loss – Friday 20th March

A hard copy of the proforma will be coming home today with each student as well as electronically so parents/caregivers can indicate times that may be more suitable for them to attend the interviews. Please complete and return these forms ASAP so we can develop a schedule. Once we have slotted people into times there will be a communique to inform you of your specific appointment. Early in the year is an ideal time to 'nut out' any concerns, make joint plans to help support the education and wellbeing of your child.

Look forward to seeing you here.

Student Information Sheet –2015

It is standard procedure in schools to update their student information each year. This keeps our records up to date and makes you, (the parent) more easily accessible to us should your child become sick or injured at school. Please complete the blue student information sheet for **each child** and return it to the school office at your earliest convenience.

Parent Information Session

As stated in last week's newsletter the replies from our mini survey implied that information may best be imparted through the newsletter rather than an information session at school.

Items arising from the survey –

Bus eligibility – this is always a tricky one as we have no designated 'school bus' for our school.

All Kindergarten—Yr2 students are eligible for a bus pass.

Usually, for older students, if you live within a distance of approximately 1.6km of the school you are not eligible for a bus pass. However, because there is no safe passage/walkway to school your child may be eligible. To determine this, it would be best to talk with the bus company.

We do have forms at school which you can fill out and we can send it on for you.

(NB – a parent, whose efforts we appreciate greatly, is involved in communications relating to the bus service so if anything definite comes from these we will forward the information on).

Sport – Major sporting aspects for this year will be the swimming, cross country, athletics competitions. Also there will be Netball Gala Day. We are looking to bring in a sporting program for a term or greater part of, but discussions are still underway, Jump Rope for Heart will again be undertaken this year. Some students may undertake winter trials – usually older ones to try to make teams that enter state wide competitions. We will also have our small schools' netball team, soccer (girls and boys) teams and our school mixed soccer team which will be participating in PSSA state-wide competitions.

As you can see there is a lot happening. Other opportunities may be undertaken.

Excursions – We are always mindful of the costs for excursions. The amount of out of school activities, visiting shows and programs can mount up. The probable major excursions for 2015 would be – **K-3 Hunter Zoo; Yrs. 4-6 Bathurst- Jenolan- Caves-Blue Mountains.**

Other out of school experiences may occur in relation to opportunity, set events (e.g. visits to Singleton Library, Alpha Show held at Singleton Heights, leadership conferences for students, small schools days NAIDOC etc).

Music Lessons – last year we had a private company tutor some students in music. Although this was happening at school it was run by the company. From parent and student feedback there were a number of negatives with this experience. This company was again looking to go again in 2015 but didn't get enough takers.

We continue to look for alternatives that will enhance the students' interests as well as suit parents and fit into school function.

The **Song Room** was an outstanding success last year. However, they have gone through restructures mainly brought about through changes in funding. What they were able to offer this year wasn't suitable for our school which we were all very disappointed about. Hopefully when/if their programs are more suitable to our school we can get back on board.

There are many programs and organisations out there in the wide world but we need to ensure that they are suitable for our school community, our funds are being utilised effectively and the service being provided is catering for the needs of our students and families as well as being in balance with our core business which is education.

It's very important also to take into account the financial burdens of families. We try to soften the financial 'blow' for families through subsidising and even fully covering some events or part there of. Please if there is ever concerns over finances and events contact the school and we can work things out.

It would be a real shame if a student missed out on an opportunity just because of money.

In General -

Items that are usually raised in the Parent information sessions –

*Please have your child's name on ALL his/her belongings;

*Ensure a 'healthy lunchbox' is brought each day – don't overdo the processed/ packaged goods (we have counted up to five packets in a single lunchbox); nutritious food extends the endurance and the engagement of students in their work;

*for drinks- water only in their drink bottles – students are usually allowed to take their drink bottles into class with them;

*routine for school/homework assists students coping especially when they begin to get tired later in the term – it will also assist you in your time management;

*a family calendar is a good idea to have up at home so all can share and see what is coming up;

*your child can take responsibility for things at a very young age – being prepared for school – pencils ruler etc, putting own lunchbox in the bag – and taking it out, bringing home and returning notes, fulfilling responsibilities (homework) , they can critique their own behaviour (their choices) – great for their independence.

*communication – a most important aspect. If you have a concern, approach the teachers to discuss it early. Third parties or second hand information is not always the best idea, work together with the staff to solve the problem not to blame;

* the story you get from your child at home will be the 'truth' as they perceive it or wish to convey it!?? – However, there is usually more information to be gathered, some ideas realigned – discussing the matter in a proactive, courteous manner will help everyone involved and bring about a more positive solution.

*****We value and respect our families and will do our utmost to do the best for them and our students – a positive partnership will benefit all. *****

Library Borrowing Days

Years K/1 & 1/2/3 borrow on Tuesday.

Years 4/5/6 borrow on Wednesday

Each child will **need a bag** with their name on it. A plastic bag is fine.


The date for Kindergarten to start borrowing has been revised to next Tuesday 24th February

Year 7 2016—Expression of Interest

Thank you to those families who have already returned these important forms. If you have a student starting Yr 7 next year you need to complete the Expression of Interest form indicating which High School you would like them to attend. This is the first step in the process of enrolling your child for High School.

Kirkton Public School's App

Don't forget to download our School App to receive travel and other notifications, provide absentee notes, access the newsletter and the school calendar. Our App can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store just search for **Kirkton Public School Skoolbag**.


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to put healthy treats in your kid's lunch.

This delicious **Blueberry + Banana bread recipe** is fruit-filled and tasty!


Ingredients
olive or canola oil spray
3 ripe bananas, peeled
1/4 cup raw sugar (60g)
1/2 cup reduced-fat milk
2 eggs
2 cups self-raising flour
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 cup frozen blueberries



Method
Preheat oven to 220°C and spray a 20 x 10cm loaf tin with oil - line base and sides with non-stick baking paper. Mash bananas in a large bowl. Add sugar, milk and eggs and mix with a fork until well combined. Sift flours and cinnamon on top of mixture. Mix ingredients together until just combined, taking care not to over-mix, then gently fold through blueberries. Spoon mixture into prepared loaf tin and smooth the surface. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean from the middle.

Hint
When cool, slice and freeze individual pieces in snap lock bags and keep for up to 3 months. Send to school as a healthy treat!

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



Statement of Account

Statement of Account may include School Contributions, fees for excursions and visiting shows. Payments can be made in instalments at the Office.

School Contribution is the voluntary scheme that all public schools operate. At the P&C AGM Kirkton Public School set their fee for 2015 at \$25.00 per student and \$50.00 per families. The money goes toward providing the everyday teaching resources need in classrooms.

Cross Country – Students have begun to slowly improve their fitness with runs in the school grounds. We will develop these to a greater extent leading up to extended runs down the road as we have done in past years.

This is a fitness regime for all students not just those who are keen cross country athletes. More information and forms will be sent home soon regarding our training.



Hunter Valley Physie Club

PHYsIE develops good posture, strength, fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and balance through dance. Our national choreography curriculum is age-appropriately designed to teach the relationship of music to movement, rhythm and musical interpretation. We provide a new syllabus and music every year and run annual competitions for teams and individuals.

Classes for girls 2yrs - Ladies. Brantton, Matland & Singleton. Check us out at www.huntervalleyphysie.webs.com or email huntervalleyphysie@gmail.com



Year 1/2/3

I love our school community because....

everyone helps each other. I am nice to people and play with them. If someone is alone I will sit with them. Alyssa

there are lots of nice people that care about you at our school. Riley

my friends are nice to play with and talk to. I also learn from my teachers. I think that my school community is awesome. Will

I learn stuff and we get to borrow stuff. Raoul

you learn new things. People play nicely and it's very easy to make friends at our school. Also when you get hurt, bullied or fall over, there's always someone to help. Tala

we have fun. Jasper

you get to learn stuff you didn't already know and you can make heaps of friends.

Darcy L

I have friends that are nice and there are lots of nice and fun people here. I come to school to learn. Brody

I have friends that are fun to play with and I like maths. Madison

you get to make friends. You can learn and have fun at our school. Felina

I learn at school. I have fun with people and I like helping them. Lachlan

my friends are there. My teachers teach me and my friends are nice people and they are fun too. Darcy M

if I get hurt or sad my friends make me feel happy and safe. That's why I like our school community. Caitlyn

I meet nice people there and make friends. I get to learn and people help each other there. Millie

when someone gets hurt their friends help them. Jemma

the teachers help us learn things and because people are nice to me. Kiara

people play fairly and friends help you when you are hurt. I get to learn at school and have good friends. Colby

if someone gets hurt, someone will always help them. Corey

SAMPLES OF ARTWORK FROM 1/2/3 CLASSROOM



A SNAPSHOT OF ART FROM 4/5/6



Kirkton Public School P&C News

Next meeting: NEW DAY !!!!!!! Wednesday 11th March

Meetings will now be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the library.

Welcome Disco

On **Friday 13th March**, starting at 6.30pm we will be having our Welcome Disco. Everyone is encouraged to come along. There will be a free "Hot Dog" Dinner provided for everyone at 6.30 followed by our DJ playing some tunes and lots of dancing and fun. The P&C will have available on the night some drinks to purchase or families are welcome to bring along their own refreshments. Please remember that our school is a **NO alcohol and NO smoking area**.



Cake Stall

We need our baking helpers!!!!
We will be holding a cake stall at the school on **SATURDAY 28th MARCH** whilst the school is being utilised as a polling location. Baking can be

brought to school on Friday and stored in the P&C fridge or can be dropped into school on Saturday morning.

Baking ideas: cupcakes, biscuits, cakes, loaves, cake pops etc....
They will need to be packaged, wrapped and clearly labelled with ingredients listed on them. If you are able to spare some time to help on the stall on the Saturday morning please let us know.

Upcoming Events

13th March
Welcome disco

28th March
Cake Stall

13th May
P&C Meeting

10th June
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.

Free cricket clinics for primary students

Friday 20 March, 2015

9:30am - Howe Park Cricket Oval

11:30am - Broke Public School

Learn from former Australian Test Players:
Greg Matthews, Terry Alderman, Peter Sleep, Jimmy Maher and others.

Children are asked to wear sunscreen,
hat and bring their own water.

Further information or to register contact your
school or call Singleton Visitor Information and
Enterprise Centre - Phone 6571 5888



SINGLETON NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

PO BOX 523 SINGLETON NSW

W:www.singletonnetball.com

E: singletonnetball@hotmail.com

Our winter season starts soon and now is the time to start organising your team!!!!

.... **Don't have a team !!!!!**

Email the association and we will try our best to find a team for you.

Competitions are available for anyone turning 7 years of age up to 50 +.

If you are turning 5 this year we have an activities programme for girls and boys called

"net set go" This is a great way to learn skills in a safe and fun environment.

TEAM NOMINATIONS will be held on **Wednesday 18th February**

so start getting organised now and don't miss out !!!

We do have some other things happening in the coming weeks:

Trials for our **Open representative team** will be held on

Thursday 5th February from 6pm.

Anyone 18 years or older this year is welcome to trial.

We have a **foundation coaching course** on **Sunday 15th February**.

If you are interested in attending the course and want further information is asked to contact the
association at singletonnetball@hotmail.com


Our **12 years and 13 state age representative teams**

each require a player for their teams. Girls aged 12 or 13 in this calendar year are welcome to attend the

trials on 5th March.

More detailed information can be found on

our website - www.singletonnetball.com

You can also like us on facebook 

Keep an eye on the website and if you require further information on anything please email us.

See you in 2015 !!!!!



GRETA BRANXTON FOOTBALL CLUB (SOCCER)

2015 PLAYER REGISTRATION

5-17 years Junior Mixed Saturday Teams
+ under 5/6s girls only team with enough interest

Men's All Age Saturday
Over 35's Friday Night & Saturday
Women's All Age Sunday

Players turning 5 years in 2015 are eligible to register.

**ALL REGISTRATION THIS YEAR IS TO BE
COMPLETED ONLINE at**

www.gretabranxtonfc.com

FEES:	5yr - 7yr	\$ 75.00
	8yr-11yr	\$100.00
	12yr - 18yr	\$165.00
	Seniors	\$210.00 (+\$5/week fees)

Completing online rego papers and online payment means you no
longer need to come to a rego day.

Registration/ info day

14th Feb (9-11am) & 17th Feb (4-7pm)

at Miller Park Sport & Recreation Club.

Registration closes 28th FEB

However first in best dressed policy applies to filling teams

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Looking for a FUN and FREE day out for you and your kids?

The Hunter River DGA and Jack Newton Junior Golf are hosting a fun come and try golf day at

Singleton Golf Club

Date: Sunday 15th March
Time: 8.30am-12.30pm

Prizes
For kids aged 6-12 years
(Parents are welcome to join in the fun too)

All Equipment Supplied
No Experience Required
Free Lunch Included
completely Free of charge

Register your interest with Zig by 11 March on 4934 5311 or e mail: hrdga@bigpond.com

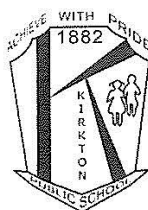
Rock up for a day of fun, food, fresh air and exercise!

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Dear Parents

Interviews are for 15 minutes in the teacher's classroom. Please indicate your **three preferred times in order of preference**, for the teacher or teachers you wish to see.

If you need a time outside of these, please write your request below or phone the office.

The times are:

8.30am	8.45am	9am	9.15am	9.30am
9.45am	10am	10.15am	10.30am	
10.45am	11am			

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11.45am	12.00pm	12.15pm	12.30pm	12.45pm
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Lunch

2pm	2.15pm	2.30pm	2.45pm	3pm	3.15pm
3.30pm	3.45pm	4pm	4.15pm	4.30pm	

Mrs Walter
Wednesday 18th March

Mrs Loss/Mrs Mercieca
Friday 20th March

Mr Douglas
Thursday 19th March

1. _____

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Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____



Kirkton Public School
Student Information - 2015

Student's Name:

Year: D.O.B.: Age:

Parent's Name/s:

Address:

Phone Numbers: Home:

Mother's work: Mobile:

Father's work: Mobile:

Name & number of person/s to call in an emergency if above not answering:

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Name of doctor:

Doctor's phone number:

Address of doctor's surgery:

Medicare number:

Any known allergies:

Does your child suffer from Asthma and what treatment is required:

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Any other information:

I give permission for the staff to administer Panadol if required. YES / NO

I give permission to call the doctor or ambulance if needed. YES / NO

I give permission for my child to be photographed for publication in
The local newspapers and newsletters approved by the school. YES / NO

I give permission for my child to use the Internet at school. YES / NO

I give permission for my child to have their photograph published
on the school website, for example, in the school newsletter. YES / NO

Signed: Parent/Guardian Dated: