



Kirkton Public School

Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 6

Achieve With Pride

5th March 2015

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The teachers have completed their schedule for the interviews and have tried to comply with each families time requests. Your allocated time has been recorded on a bright yellow note and sent home with your child today.



Bike Riders

We currently have some students riding their push bike to school which is a nice healthy mode of transport. Please be aware of these young road users and drive past at a cautious speed if you see any riders or walkers. Remember parents if you dress your child in a high visibility vest and escort them along the road this should help keep them safe.



Calendar of Events

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**
- Cattle Judging— Gresford Showground

March 14th (Saturday)

- Coal Festival

March 27th

- **Assembly— Hosted 4/5/6**
- Zone Cross Country



Swimming for Sport
Tomorrow

ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO!!!

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Healthy Canteen

Our canteen will be open on Wednesdays for the rest of Term 1. You can order your child's lunch each Wednesday until the end of Term 1. Choose your favourites from the Menu included in this Newsletter.

Please Sign our Visitors Book

When you come to visit /volunteer at our school it is important to come via the front office and **sign in**. We are responsible to know who is on the school grounds and to advise our visitors on how to respond in the case of any emergency. So it would be much appreciated if you would drop in and inform the office staff what you are doing and sign the visitors register.

It's a Mad World Performance

This performance will be held in our school grounds tomorrow. Our students have the opportunity to see this very entertaining performance! If you haven't yet returned your permission note and payment please do so first thing in the morning cost of \$9.00 per student.

Student Information Update—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. We have had limited response to these forms so please ensure you complete a form for each student and return it to the Office.

A Report from our Debating Team

Last Friday James, Lauren, Jago and Asha went to debate at The Australian Christian College, Singleton. The subject was 'Renewable energy sources should take the place of coal' and we were the Negative Team. The two Teams had a great debate and we only lost by one point. It was great fun and we all learned a lot. We hope to do it again sometime.

Cross Country

Students have begun to slowly improve their fitness with runs in the school grounds.

The older students have now extended their running onto the road which will help them improve their fitness further and help the teachers notice those students who should be considered to represent the school at the upcoming Zone Cross Country Carnival.

This should be considered a fitness regime for all students not just those who are keen cross country athletes.

Thank you to those parents who gave up their time to help supervise the road run this week. If you have any time to spare in the mornings your help with road supervision would be much appreciated. We will be continuously running (allowing for rest days, school functions and weather).



Latest Bus Information

Possible changes to afternoon bus travel

Mrs. Katie Taylor has been researching possible reorganisation of bus services of an afternoon hoping that this would benefit those east of the school and/or a number of other children.

It has been stated that a new schedule 'may be able to be put in place!!!!!!'

The proposal needs to be approved by the Singleton Depot Manager who then lodges an application with the transport department who give the final approval. This process can take a couple of weeks and without promising anything, the new schedule "should" be up and running by Term 2. (if all parties agree)
The school will be contacted directly (if this goes ahead) with a 'Live Date' so parents can be notified.

A detailed outline of the proposed new afternoon schedule for parents follows; parents can view this in view to consider using this service. It includes the various routes, time bus changes for KPS kids.

Feedback from parents about which families WOULD intend on using this service would be appreciated?

New bus services available for Kirkton Public School:

Afternoon Bus Service ONLY

Proposed date of commencement: Term 2, 2015 (21st April 2015, yet to be confirmed)

Bus Service	Time	Pick up	Destination	Schedule Route
30	4pm	Kirkton Public School	John Rose Oval Branxton	4:10pm - John Rose Oval Branxton. Children connecting to Buses 102, 223, 46 and 225 alight here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus 30 then continues up Clift Street /Bridge Street Branxton. Turns onto Hunter expressway and continues to Green Hills.
102	4:12pm	John Rose Oval Branxton	Elderslie/Stanhope	Bus turns left onto New England H/way and then left onto Elderslie Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drops off along Elderslie Road ending at the Chicken Sheds in Elderslie. (bus does NOT travel along Stanhope Road)
223	4:18pm	John Rose Oval Branxton	Rothbury/Hanwood Estate	Bus leaves John Rose Oval and continues up Clift Street and Bridge Street Branxton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus continues out to North Rothbury and Hanwood Estate. (Exact bustops are unknown at this time. Bus does NOT enter Hanwood Estate)
46	4:18pm	John Rose Oval Branxton	Miller Park/Greta	Bus leaves John Rose Oval and turns left onto New England Highway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus stops at the Miller Park Student bus stop (on New England h/way) to drop off kids who are connecting with Bus 225 (Dalwood Road – See below). Bus 46 then continues along New England H/Way to Greta along the following route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left onto West Street Right onto High Street and stops at the Tennis Courts. Right into Hunter Street Left onto Highway Right onto Nelson Street, Greta and drops kids off at the 'Top Shop'. Right into Anvil Street. Right into Wyndham Street. Left onto New England H/way. Bus returns to Singleton depot.
225	4:21pm	Miller Park designated Student Bus Stop (New England H/way)	East Branxton / Dalwood	Bus waits for students from Bus 46. Bus then continues up Dalwood Road, East Branxton. Stopping at various stops along the following route: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park between Tulloch Street and McMullins Road. Corner of Victoria Street and Dalwood Road. Right into View Street Left into Church Street Left into Grape Street Right into Middle Street Left into Middle Street Right into Dalwood Road Bus 225 then continues along Dalwood Road past Leconfield Road. Left into Fernhill Road, Dalwood (bus turns around at 'Bendeigh' Property and returns to Thornton Depot)

Many thanks to Katie for her efforts.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

These competitions are open to any interested student wishing to enter. We will advise all sitting dates for 2015 and then remind entrants of the dates as they approach.

ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program for schools in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing which enables schools to identify students' levels of academic performance. Schools and students receive comprehensive hard copy and online reports on their performance in each subject. Students also receive a certificate to recognise their achievement. More information is available at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas

2015 SITTING DATES AND ENTRY PRICES

Subject	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES*	SCIENCE	WRITING	SPELLING	ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS
Year Levels	Years 3–10 (Papers A–H)	Years 2–12 (Papers Intro–J)	Years 3–12 (Papers A–J)	Years 3–7 (Papers A–E)	Years 2–12 (Papers Intro–J)	Years 2–12 (Papers Intro–J)
Entry Price–student (3 or more entries per subject)	\$8.80 (incl. GST)	\$8.80 (incl. GST)	\$18.70 (incl. GST)	\$12.10 (incl. GST)	\$8.80 (incl. GST)	\$8.80 (incl. GST)
Entry Price –School (2 or fewer entries per subject)	\$26.40 (incl. GST)	\$26.40 (incl. GST)	\$56.10 (incl. GST)	\$36.30 (incl. GST)	\$26.40 (incl. GST)	\$26.40 (incl. GST)
Official Sitting Date**	Tuesday, 19 May 2015	Wednesday, 3 June 2015	Monday, 15 – 19 June 2015	Tuesday, 16 June 2015	Tuesday, 28 July 2015	Tuesday, 11 August 2015

Expression of Interest

Please indicate below if your child is interested in sitting for any or all of the subjects tested by ticking the corresponding box and we will advise the cost depending on the number of entries from the school.

Permission Note

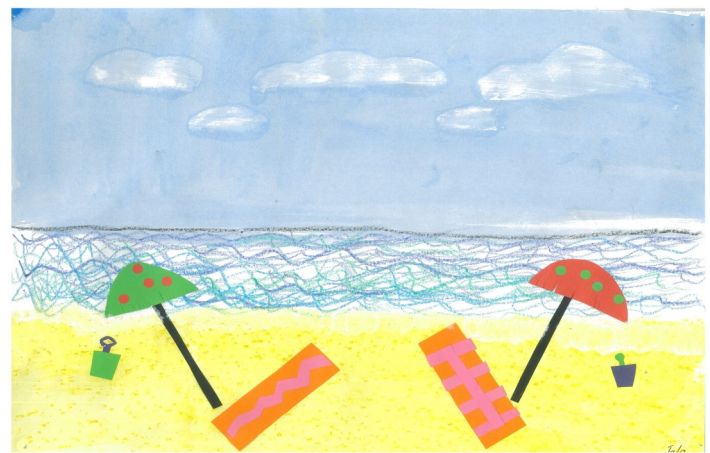
My child/ children _____ is interested in participating in the following ICAS Assessments.

SUBJECT	DATE	YES
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES	19/5/2015	
SCIENCE	3 /6/2015	
WRITING	15/6 - 19/6/2015	
SPELLING	16/6/2015	
ENGLISH	28/7/2015	
MATHEMATICS	11/8/2015	

FROM THE CLASSROOM !!

Sights of Summer

From 1/2/3



A Pot of Colour from 4/5/6



KIRKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL TUCKSHOP MENU

Red Light, Green Light, Eat Right

(g) GREEN Category foods should be the basis of our diet - choose these foods often.

(a) AMBER Category foods are higher in salt, energy and fat and should be eaten less often.

(r) RED Category foods are less nutritious and should not be sold day to day in Canteens.

HOT FOOD

(g) Beef Lasagne	\$2.50
(g) Macaroni Cheese	\$2.50
(a) Sausage Roll	\$3.00
(a) Meat Pie	\$3.00
(g) Chicken Crackles (each) with a salad of Carrot, Tomato and Cucumber	\$0.50

Sausage Rolls, Meat Pies and Chicken Crackles come with a free Sauce – please note this on the bag.

WRAPS

(g) Salad Wrap	\$2.50
with Mayonnaise	
(g) Chicken Crackle Wrap	\$3.00
with Mayonnaise	
(g) Roast Chicken Salad Wrap	\$3.00
with Mayonnaise	

The Salad includes; Carrot, Tomato, Cucumber and Lettuce

SNACKS

(a) Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.30
Mango or Raspberry	
(a) Moosie	\$1.00
Chocolate, Blue Moon Or Strawberry	
(g) Icy Tubes	.70c
Assorted flavours	

DRINKS

Drinks returning in term two

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P & C News.....

Kirkton Public School P&C News

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th March. All welcome.

Canteen

Don't forget canteen is on Wednesday's this term.



Welcome Disco: Friday 13th March, 6.30pm.

- Free hot dogs.
- Drinks available.
- Everyone welcome.



Easter Raffle

The P&C are again having an Easter Raffle with the prizes to be drawn on the Easter Hat Parade Day at the end of the term.

We are seeking donations of Easter eggs, boxes of chocolates, baskets etc... to make up our prizes with. Each family will also be provided with a book of 20 raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each and need to be returned to school by 1st April. If anyone would like more tickets to sell there will be extra booklets in the office.

Cake Stall: Saturday 28th March

Baking can be brought to school on Friday and stored in the P&C fridge or can be dropped into school on Saturday morning. Cakes will need to be packaged, wrapped and clearly labelled with ingredients listed on them. Thank you.

Can Recycling



Don't forget you can drop your cans off at school in the bins provided for recycling.

Upcoming Events

11th March
Canteen

11th March
P&C Meeting

13th March
Welcome disco

18th March
Canteen

25th March
Canteen

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.

P & C Minutes...

Kirkton Public School

P&C AGM MINUTES

10th February 2015

Meeting opened: 6.38pm

Present: K. Mercieca, J. Tonon, T. Still, K. Lane, M. Douglas, K. Taylor, N. Black, J. Black, D. Lambert, N. Lambert.

Apologies: J. Watkins Tonon, M. Shearer, N. Lambert, J. Padgett

MINUTES

Moved J. Black

Seconded D. Lambert

PRESIDENTS REPORT See Attached

TREASURERS REPORT

Books have been Audited by J Spellman

The year commenced with a total of \$2036.84

The year finalised with a total of \$4443.27

\$7300.00 was donated to the school by the P&C for 2014

Moved J. Tonon, Seconded K. Lane

ALL POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT.

NOMINATIONS:

President: K. Mercieca

Vice Presidents: J Padgett and K. Lane

Secretary: T. Still

Treasurer: J. Tonon

Moved: K. Lane

Seconded: D. Lambert

Meeting Closed: 6.45pm

P&C Minutes

Tuesday 10th February 2015

Welcome - Meeting opened 6.46pm

Present - K Mercieca, J Tonon, T Still, K Lane, M Douglas, K Taylor, N Black, J Black, D Lambert, Nola Lambert

Apologies - J Watkins Tonon, M Shearer, N Lambert, J Padgett

Minutes

Moved: N Black

Seconded: J Black

Business Arising – Nil

Correspondence

In - Fundraising brochures, P&C News Vol 1 2015

Out – nil

Reports

- Principal - 14/3/15 Coal festival Games Saturday - School to be involved with interested children See attached report
- President - see attached report
- Treasurer - Balance 1/12/14 \$4564.75
Balance 31/12/14 \$4443.27
Balance 1/1/15 \$4443.27
Balance 31/1/15 \$4446.98
- Moved J Tonon Seconded D Lambert

Agenda items

1. Fee's

- 2015 Membership fee: \$0.50
Moved: D Lambert Seconded N Black
- School Fee's 2015: \$25 per child, \$50 per family
Moved: N Black Seconded J Black
- P&C Levy (per family) 2015: \$15
Moved: N Black Seconded J Black

2. Positions

Appoint sub group positions:

- Canteen Coordinator: K Lane & Rachael Perry
Moved T Still Seconded J Tonon
- Market Group Coordinator: K Taylor
Moved K Lane Seconded K Mercieca

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P & C Minutes (cont)

3. Auditor

- Appoint auditor: Jenny Spellman
Moved J Tonon

Seconded K Lane

4. Meeting days and times for 2015

- Wednesday 6.30pm 2nd Wednesday of month

Moved D Lambert Seconded K Lane

5. Uniform

All remaining stock to be given to school. Uniforms to be sold via Shelley.

Moved J Black

Seconded N Black

6. Sacred Tree Markets 2015

Gate – September

Stall – Now requires to be a black and white marque, with a tablecloth to floor level. P&C to purchase this if required.

7. Canteen

Day/s – Fridays only

Menu - ?party pies to be added. K Lane will check with suppliers.

8. Welcome Disco

- Dates: Fri 13th March
- Time: 6.30-8.30
- Food: Share plate or bbq sausages (at home) on bread (no charge)
- Sell: drinks, glow sticks
- Theme: no theme

9. Cake Stall

- 28th March Election – Cake Stall
Set up 8am, finish midday or when sold out.
Send out info and help request in the newsletter. Helpers: T Still, M Shearer.

10. Fundraising for 2015

Term 1 – Easter raffle, Election Cake Stall, Disco
Term 2 – Mother's Day Raffle
Term 3 – Father's Day Raffle
Term 4 –

Ongoing – Recycling, Markets, Canteen

Others - Cadbury Choc drive, Pie Drive, Bunnings bbq, Cinema Under the Stars, Trivia night, Fun Run Calender, Recipe book.

General business

Funky Junk Flea Market Cessnock - ? schools to do BBQ, Is the school interested in doing this for fundraising?

Is selling fizzy drinks at school functions good for promoting healthy choices? Should we provide soda water/juice mix as healthier and cheaper choice?

We need to sell current stock to reclaim costs then to revisit what is ethical to school ideals.

Next meeting: 11th March 2015 @ 6.30pm

Meeting close: 7.36pm

P&C Agenda
Wednesday 11th March 6.30pm

Welcome

Apologies

Minutes

Business Arising

- Easter Raffle
- Welcome Disco – Fri 13th March
- Cake Stall – Sat 28th March
- Election Raffle

Correspondence

In –

Out –

Reports

- Principal
- President
- Treasurer
- Uniform
- Market Group

Agenda items

- Mother's Day Stall
- Fundraising for Term 2

General business

Next meeting: 13th May at 6.30pm

Meeting closed

Kirkton P&C Easter Raffle

Tickets \$1.00 each.

Drawn on Thursday 2nd April 2015

Could tickets please be returned by 1.04.15



Lots of prizes to be won!!!!!!

Donations of Easter eggs for prizes can be left at the office.

Thank you

Free cricket clinics for primary students

Friday 20 March, 2015

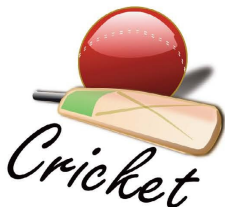
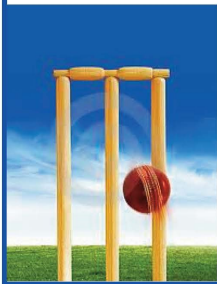
9:30am - Howe Park Cricket Oval

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



Sensory Movie Day Reading Cinema Maitland

"Penguins of Madagascar"

11am Sunday 15th March 2015

Tickets \$8each

Children 2 years and under are free
Companion I.D. card is accepted

For families with special needs,
Children are free to move, no seating
allocation.

Lighting on Dim, Sound Lowered.

Tickets available to purchase on the day

Siblings and extended family welcome

any questions contact: Channele at

sensory.maitland@hotmail.com



GIRL GUIDES
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*fun, friends,
adventure*

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!

At your local Girl Guide unit

For girls aged 6-17 years

Leadership opportunities for women 18 years and over



Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings -

Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

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