Welcome back to 2012, a new year a new beginning and the start of a great year. I am looking forward to a fantastic year, we have already made some exciting changes to our classes and their structure. We have new programs for the children, details in coming weeks and we have plans to offer more for our families.

This year one of our priorities is to work closer with parents and as always parents will be made welcome in the school. This will involve some courses, meetings and training as well as class involvement. This will be in addition to new programs run in the HUB (old SACC room).

Having said that please remember all parents must come to the office and sign in when entering the school. This includes dropping children off and picking them up, lunches, clothing or other items. Additionally we ask all parents to please wait outside the building at home time so as not to distract children still in class. This applies to all corridors and office spaces, including the front office.

Our parent teacher evening will be Wednesday 15th February for all classes. This is an important time to meet your child’s teacher and see what is planned for the year ahead. This is not a time to talk specifically about your child, however teachers will be only too happy to organise a time to meet with you.

Another of our policies is attendance. As you know attendance is required, by law, on time, all day everyday — UNLESS ‘genuine’ illness. I will be following this up very closely and remind all parents that you must sign any late children in, not the children themselves. In today’s newsletter are some graphs about just how much school your child might be missing. Also in today’s new look newsletter is a term calendar with as much detail on it as we know today. Please keep this handy, pop it on the Fridge and update it as details come to hand. I hope this is helpful to you all.

Have a fantastic year and remember we can’t fix it if we don’t know, so please talk to us about anything that is bothering you before it gets too big.

Kind regards,

Lance Cooper
Principal
**STUDENT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2012**

**Kindergarten**
This is a general list that all Kindergarten teachers would appreciate families providing for their children. Some of these items will be collected by your child’s teacher and kept in the storeroom.
Each child is asked to supply the following items.
1 school hat that is clearly labelled with your child’s name.
1 large A4 sized pencil case.
1 library bag
3 large boxes of tissues.
3 rolls of paper handtowel

**Stage 1  Years 1 & 2**
Each child is asked to supply the following items.
1 school hat that is clearly labelled with your child’s name.
1 large A4 sized pencil case.
1 library bag
3 large boxes of tissues.
3 rolls of paper handtowel
1 paint smock (or large shirt)
1 packet of textas in a small pencil case

**Stage 2  Years 3**
roll-ups – crayons  scissors  rubber  2 glue sticks
coloured pencils  textas  5 lead pencils  pencil sharpener
ruler  2 boxes of tissues  2 paper-towels  white board markers
A4 booklet or scrapbook for homework

**Year 4 as above plus**
blue pens  red pens  highlighters  plastic folder
document wallet  library bag  handtowels  thumb drive

**K/6N & 2/6K**
thumb drive  coloured pencils  blue pens  lead pencils
scissors  glue stick  sticky tape  highlighter
diary 99¢  ruler – flexible  library bag  white-board marker

**Stage 3  Years 5 & 6**
These are the requirements needed by your child to start the school year in 2012, all labelled please.
homework book – A4 size (no plastic pockets)
1 document wallet A4  lead pencils  coloured pencils  sharpener
blue, red & black pens  textas  ruler  erasers
glue stick  geometry set  dictionary  tissues
hand towels  thumb drive  1 library bag  1 large pencil case

**P & C News**
The P&C will be holding it’s Annual General Meeting next Wednesday 8th February 2012.
Where:   Kelso School Library
Time:    7.00 p.m.
All positions are vacant and open for election.
All parents, carers and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend.
NUT FREE ZONE

A note to new parents and a reminder to existing parents that our school is a nut free zone.

UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS

If there are any changes to details relating to your child (eg: Addresses, Phone Numbers, Emergency Contacts, Emergency Situation Information etc). Please return any changed details to the school as soon as possible to ensure our records are kept up to date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS / PHONE NUMBERS / FAMILY DETAILS

Children: ........................................................................................................ Classes: ..............

The changes to my details are:

Address: ........................................................................................................

Phone Numbers: Home:.................................................. Work:.......................... Mobile:..............................

MEDICATION

My child: ................................................................. Class: ........ Needs the following medication:..............................................

Date/s to be given ........................................ Dosage........................................ Time/s..................................................

MEDICAL / ALLERGY ADVICE (INCLUDING ASTHMA)

Details of my child/ren’s medical conditions and allergies (including asthma) are:

Name: ................................................................. Class: ........ Medical condition / Allergy: ..............................................
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Treatment needed (if medication is required this must be enclosed with this slip, along with instructions, by parent/ caregiver):
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CUSTODY ISSUES

Are there any custody issues relating to this student? ..............................................................

YES / NO

The school must have copies of legal documentation in regard to these matters to be able to act accordingly.

Parent/carer Name: ............................................................... Signature: .......................................................... Date: .................
KELSO PUBLIC SCHOOL
SWIMMING CARNIVAL
9th February 2012

Notes and money need to be returned to school by Monday 6th February 2012

ALL STUDENTS 3-6 EXPECTED TO ATTEND

(Any absence on this day must be genuine and accompanied by a note of explanation)

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Kelso Public School Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 9th February 2012 at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. The carnival is open to all children in years 3-6 and 8year olds in year 2 who can swim across the big pool.

Participants will travel to and from the pool by bus. The morning session will commence at 9.40am with timed PSSA events. The middle session commencing at approximately 11.45 am will include novelty events and short races. The last session of the day will start at approximately 1.30pm with the relays and medleys being held.

To ensure the smooth running of the carnival, we require the support of parents to assist on the day. Please complete the form below if you are able to help. Cost will be $7.50 (bus fare $2.00, pool entry $2.50 and $3.00 pool hire fee) or $5.00 if your child has a season ticket.

Please fill in the permission form below and return with money to your child’s teacher.

Students will be required to bring recess and lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, swimmers and towel and if possible should wear their house colours.

Cheryl Fearn Lance Cooper
Organiser Principal

I give permission for _____________________________ to attend the Kelso Public School Swimming Carnival to be held on Thursday 9th February 2012 at the Bathurst Aquatic Centre. I am aware that the children will be travelling to and from the pool by bus.

My child can swim 25m_______ Incapable of swimming 25m________

Special needs of my child that you should be aware of are: (eg. Allergies, medication – please provide details)

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Please find enclosed $.................... Season Ticket No: …………………

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

I, ___________________________ am able to assist the staff on the day.