Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for a very, very busy term 3. As an insert into today's newsletter is a calendar of events that will hopefully keep you up to date with all that is happening this term.

Congratulations and Good Luck

Congratulations are in order for a number of children and teams. Yesterday our softballers had their day in Orange and played very well. The boys played as a team and walked away with a victory match and a couple of losses. Well done.

Tomorrow Melissa Barnett is running in the NSW State Cross Country event, a huge achievement. Well done and the very best of luck.

Tomorrow also sees the girls playing soccer at Proctor Park and the Boys Touch Football is on Monday. We wish both these teams the very best also.

Thank you must also go to the teachers and parents involved on the day supporting, transporting and training. We greatly appreciate all their help.

Stamp Out Bullying Show

Next week we have a visiting performer coming to present an anti-bullying show. All of our children will benefit greatly from this as it is both informative and interesting. I expect all children to attend for the low price of just $4 each. Please pay by Tuesday.

Smart Start—Kindergarten

Our Smart Start program begins this term and I urge you all to collect an enrolment form for 2013 Kinders and tell your friends to do the same. Smart Start is free to attend, all we ask is for you to stay and attend the parent sessions. Details in following newsletters.

Welcome Teaching Assistants

This term we have four teaching assistants with us working with our classes. We welcome

Mr Mendes on 6F
Mr George on 3/4/5/6D
Miss Hayley on 1W
Miss Fitzpatrick on 2H

Please make them welcome as they are valuable members of our school team over the next few weeks.

Lance Cooper
Principal

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Future Events

**Term 3**
- Fri 20 July: Girls Soccer, Proctor Park
- Mon 23 Jul: Boys Touch Football
- Mon 30 July: Education Week
- Wed 1 Aug: Canberra Excursion
- Wed 1 Aug: Stamp Out Bullying Show
- Mon 6 Aug: Kelso Educ. Week Activities
- Fri 10 Aug: District Athletics Carnival
The last week of Term 2 was busy for 50. Early in the week, students made playdough. They copied the recipe and then followed their own recipes to make playdough in a variety of shades, sharing the processes of measuring, mixing, cooking and...cleaning up. The doughs were kept in sealed containers and segregated according to colour. As a Maths activity, the playdough was used later in the week to make various three-dimensional shapes such as cubes, triangular prisms and pyramids. The children could easily see from their newly-created shapes that each shape was different. For example, the triangular prisms had two ends that were equal in size and were clearly triangles. The other three sides were rectangles. They found the cubes were the easiest shapes to make and identify. On Thursday and Friday the children were able to manipulate the playdough into their own choice of shapes, enjoying the tactile and creative processes. They realized their dough had to be sealed at the end of each session to ensure it did not dry out and remained malleable enough for repeated use. On the last afternoon of term the dough was shared equally and children were permitted to take it home for their own use over the holidays.

Congratulations to all those in Year 5 who mastered their 8 times table. The challenge was to be able to say their tables in 25 seconds or less. The majority of the class managed this and are ready to defeat Mrs Di Falco’s class in a “table-off”! The class is going to revise and improve on their 4 times table during the first weeks of term 3. We spent quite a lot of time over the last few weeks of term on the multiplication and division processes and the children now realize the advantage of knowing their multiplication tables automatically. Parents and carers are encouraged to listen to their children practise their tables and help them gain automaticity.

There has been a significant increase in the number of children finishing their homework. Parents and carers are commended for this commitment: practise of skills learnt in the classroom such as spelling usually results in improved outcomes for the children. In the last two weeks of term most of our children completed marvelous homework projects on England and the United Kingdom and those posters are now adorning our classroom walls. Hopefully, this research will give our children some understanding of the host nation of this year’s Olympics.

Photo: Children from 50 enjoyed making and manipulating their own playdough. They were able to use their dough to make 3-D shapes as a Maths activity.
96 students have now received their Silver level.

The next level to work towards is Gold.

Gold Level students will receive a special certificate, 6 reward vouchers and a hand on the snake.

They will also receive a gold hand-shaped badge to proudly wear on their school uniform.

\textbf{Remember:} Students must have a “94 in the Door” Attendance Award in order to achieve Silver, Gold and Diamond levels. “94 in the Door” = up to 3 unjustified absences only per term

\textbf{We are a Positive Behaviour for Learning School}

\textbf{STATE CROSS COUNTRY TITLES}
Melissa Barnett will represent Western Region at the State Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek tomorrow, Friday 20th July.

Melissa will run 2km around the race track. It is a fantastic effort to reach this level and we congratulate Melissa and wish her all the best. Good Luck!

\textbf{PSSA DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL}
On 10th August the following students will be participating in the PSSA District Athletics Carnival. A separate permission and information note is being sent home today. We wish the following students all the best in their athletic events.

- Bethany Donaldson
- Cally Poxon
- Shannon Morgan
- Nioka Lucaas
- Tatiana Channells
- Shakayah Edwards
- Anna Coombes
- Sharay Wallace
- Logan Cunynghame
- Isabelle Thompson
- Jaxon Day
- Maddison McKellar
- Poorsa McPhillamy
- Angus Willshire
- Nick Kelly
- Jeremiah Wilson
- CJ Lowe-McKenzie
- Laura Powell
- Jack Doolan
- Hayley Banner
- Yollanda Merz
- Star Thompson
- Zailee Albon
- Sky Thompson
- Xavier Albon
- Angus Baker
- Eileen Cosgrove
- Shayla Lowe-McKenzie
- Jodi McFadyen
- Ashley Cosgrove
- Lizzie Doolan
- Amaru Lovett
- Cameron Hicks
- Sarah Booby
- Jayden Thornbury
- Will Barnett
- Thomas Frogson-Lyons
- Jack Macleod
- Lilee Bullock
- Lara Macleod
- Zac Glover
- Lani Young
- Sam Kelly

\textbf{JUNGLE DRUMS}
Mrs Cain, Mrs Watters, Mrs Beattie and Mrs DiFalco’s classes will be attending the Bathurst High Campus Musical ‘Jungle Drums’ on Tuesday 24th July. A separate note has been sent home. Money and permission note needs to be sent in by tomorrow, Friday 20th July.

Karen Cain
SMART START—KINDER TRANSITION
Smart Start Transition for children starting Kindergarten in 2013 will commence on Thursday 30th August between 9.30am and 11.15am. The program will run for 10 weeks on the same day and times. Parents are to remain with their child during Smartstart. If your child begins school next year please collect an enrolment form from the front office and return it as soon as possible.

Bathurst Tenpin Bowl “FUN”d Raiser Program
Bathurst Tenpin Bowl are once again running this rewarding program where $1 for every game bowled with this coupon will be donated to Kelso Public School. Vouchers from Bathurst Tenpin Bowl are attached with this weeks newsletter. Kelso Public School were presented with a cheque for $60 from the last time the program was run.

ENROL NOW FOR TERM 3 and have too much FUN!
The Go4Fun Program is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self esteem and confidence in children aged between 7 – 13 years old. All programs are fully funded by the NSW Department of Health and are FREE of charge to attend. The next program will be running in Kelso starting Term 3, 2012. Places on the Program are being given away on a first come, first served basis. Siblings between 7 – 13 years old are welcome to attend! *Please note a parent or carer must accompany each child to every session*
Contact Katrin Dixon - Health Promotion on 02 6379 1500 or 0408 410 133 or email katrin.dixon@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au or register by calling 1800 780 900

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

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL
All visitors to the school, including parents, grandparents and carers, must sign in at the office. If you need to speak to a teacher an appointment will be made for you.
No parents are to go directly to the classrooms. As this is a school safety issue we ask that you please adhere to these guidelines.