Dear Parents,

**Open Day**
Our Open Day on Tuesday was a real success. We were all thrilled to see how many parents and grandparents could come out and celebrate the great things our school does year round and at this special time of Education Week. We had some very high quality performances in our assembly showcasing the talents our children posses. Well done Kelso Public School, Public Education at its best.

**Absences**
All absences from school need to be followed up with a letter from home explaining the reason. Any time off not related to illness needs the schools approval BEFORE the absence. Any illness should be explained and serious enough to be home, not something very minor. Explanations of absences that say Family Matter, Family Issue or Family Business will all be considered as on unjustified absence. Please be aware these are monitored by our Home School Liaison Officer and you may find your child on a personalised attendance plan requiring doctor's certificates for all absences. Regrettably ongoing issues will be referred for legal action and DOC's investigation. Every minute counts, be on time and be here every day.

**Afternoon Dismissal**
Over recent months we have had many children not going home as directed by their parents and some very distressed parents calling us after school searching for their children. Just as important as quality teaching is ensuring the safety of our children. Consequently we are now leaving from the courtyard area as a school in groups to minimise children going the wrong way. As inconvenient for you as this may be please bear with us while we manage the safety and well-being of your children.

**District Athletics**
Our team head off to the district carnival tomorrow up against the other local schools. We have some very talented young athletes and we wish them all a very successful day. Good Luck everyone.

*Lance Cooper*  
Principal

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**Don’t Forget . . .**

**Future Events**

**Term 3**
- Fri 10 Aug  District Athletics Carnival
- Mon 3 Sept  Eisteddfod begins
- Mon 10 Sept  Swimming School begins
A France Day in 1/2D

This term, 1/2D have been completing a study on France.

Last week we had a French Day experiencing many aspects of French life. It was very exciting!

We made snails to eat.  
We made chocolate croissants. Yum!

We made French people.  
We sketched the Eiffel Tower.

The class enjoyed a French feast.  
We shared our French feast with Mr Cooper.
Preliminary planning has occurred following the return of parent surveys and the notification of a successful grant. The following activities have been planned for **Friday 30th August** at Kelso Public School from 10.45 am to 3.00 pm. We will have a whole School Assembly with guest speakers from Kelso High and Mudji Awards. A flag raising ceremony followed by sausage in bread. After recess student will participate in sport activities and workshops of craft, bush tucker, dance, story telling/reading, garden rejuvenation and sensory tubs. Parents with children will have a picnic lunch in the courtyard. Leaf dot painting in both halls will be the afternoon activities. The organisers of these events would appreciate some parent helpers for any of the listed activities including cooking the BBQ. If interested please leave your phone contact number at the school office or let Mary know ASAP. The staff and students of our school will appreciate the support.

**PSSA ATHLETICS**

This Friday 10th August, all eligible students will be representing our school at the next level in Athletics. A separate note has gone home on two occasions. Please ensure your child has plenty to drink, eat and if allowed money to spend at the canteen. Hat and coat are required. All students attending need to meet Mrs Cain, Mrs Daymond and Mrs Fearn in the courtyard at 8.30am on Friday morning.

WE WISH ALL COMPETITORS THE BEST OF LUCK!

A well deserved CONGRATULATIONS to Jayden Thombury, Tyrese Edwards and Eileen Cosgrove on their efforts in High Jump last week.

**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 Smart Start. If your child begins school next year please collect an enrolment form from the front office and return it as soon as possible.

**Bunnings Billy Cart Afternoon**

Come and learn how to build a billycart with your children from 5pm-6pm on 15th August. Then enter in your finished product on the 30th of August at our Bunnings Fathers Day Family Night. There will be prizes on the night for the most interesting billycart. It will be hands on and you can see Warren build one in the afternoon so you can learn how easy it really is. Contact Bunnings for more information (02) 6333 0200

**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.

**NUT FREE ZONE**
A note to new parents and a reminder to existing parents that our school is a nut free zone.
Dear friends & family,
I'm taking part in the Black Dog Ride 2012 and am aiming to raise money for Black Dog Institute, a cause that is close to my heart. 1 in 5 Australians will experience a mental illness, and more Australians died from suicide than on the roads last year. In support of my efforts, I would welcome any contribution, great or small, that you could make. Please visit my Fundraising Page: (www.everydayhero.com.au/allan_mobbs)

All donations to this site are electronically wired to Black Dog Institute and an automatic receipt is emailed to you immediately. Help me make a difference by making a small donation - Every small amount helps.

Thank you for your support.

Allan Mobbs
All donations over $2 are tax deductible

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**SHINE for Kids Bathurst** are currently seeking volunteer male and female mentors aged 18 years and over to assist children who have a parent in prison.

Mentors will be provided with three training sessions that are specifically tailored to enhance the mentor’s knowledge of issues faced, and how best to support children facing parental incarceration.

Training dates: 18th, 19th and 25th August

To find out more about Mentoring a child contact Rebecca Bucan. Tel: 6328 9903 or Mob: 0414 816 803

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**HJP HOP – JAZZ – MODERN DANCE CLASSES**
Classes cater for all ages from 4yr old to adult
Tuesdays & Thursdays From 4pm
For information and bookings Phone 6331 2191

**BOXING @ PCYC**

- **Junior Classes**
  - Mon & Thurs 5pm
- **Senior Classes**
  - Mon-Wed-Fri 6pm

All trainers are fully accredited and provide a safe and friendly environment.
Phone 6331 2191 for information and bookings

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**Get healthy! Get walking!**

**Join our Free Women’s Walking Group!**
A great way to meet other women & get fit at the same time

When: Mondays and Wednesdays at 9.30 am
Where: We meet at the Central West Women’s Health Centre, 20 William Street, Bathurst
Cost: Free – you will just need to register to participate
Bring: Your mother, your grandmother, your children, your pram, your friend, or just yourself!

Walking has many proven health benefits, including: increased self-esteem and energy, improved sleep, improved cardiovascular fitness, help with weight loss and muscle tone, decreased risk of osteoporosis, high blood pressure and diabetes, lower cholesterol levels, a great way to get out and meet people . . . . . .And it's free!

Phone reception on 6331 4133 to register