Dear Parents / Caregivers,

What fabulous weather we have had over the holidays. Welcome back to the last term for 2015, it has already started well and will be just as busy as ever. I have attached the term calendar to outline what we are expecting for the term, why not pop it on the fridge to help keep up with what we are doing. Keep your eye on the newsletter for any changes and add them to the calendar.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Hayes for organising the Erebus race team visit to our school, I hope you caught us on WIN news again with another great story about the terrific things that happen at Kelso PS. The drivers were great to listen to and shared lots of information about their motorsport career. Don’t forget to cheer for the Mercedes drivers as they race around the Mount.

As the sun shines this term teachers will be insisting on students wearing their school hats. As all children have been given a school hat they must wear it to be out in the playground under our hot sun. Children without hats must remain in one designated shade area. Lets all be sun smart together, keep an eye out for the fluro broad brim hats all teachers are wearing. We're all sun smart.

Thankyou to everyone for keeping our carpark safe by not parking out of the marked bays. Please also be aware of the disabled parks and leave these available for those in our school community who need to access them. We have members of our community with disabilities and the greatest respect we can give towards mobility is to ensure these parks are available for people who not only require them but have a legal right to park there.

Please remember that children must attend school all day, everyday and that every absence is impacting on your childs learning. All appointments and personal events need to be kept to outside of school hours. I do understand some specialist appointments may need to be in school time, however dentists, regular doctor visits and visits with family are not justifiable absences. I appreciate your efforts to ensure excellent attendance of your children.

Saturday 17th October 2015 is the schools first fete in many years and the P&C have put in a lot of work to make this happen. I encourage you all to come along and have a fun day out. With your support these type of events will grow into bigger and better ones year after year so we are hoping to have a strong turn out from our community. See you there!

Lance Cooper
Principal

Don’t Forget :
No Hat - No Play in the sun
School Banking

Please DO NOT PARK in Disabled parking spaces unless you have a permit visibly displayed.

Future Events
Mon 12 Oct Stage 2&3 Visit from State Library
Sat 17 Oct KPS Fete 9am—2pm
Fri 30 Oct Day for Daniel
9-12 Nov Narrabeen Camp
Fri 13 Nov Grandparents Day & Pet Expo
1S Class News

1S had a very busy and exciting Term 3. We went on an excursion to see Spot the Dog and we went for a ride on the steam train. 1S celebrated Book Week by dressing up as their favourite book characters. We had a visit from the police to talk to us about their job and their role as a ‘worker in the community’. We were also lucky enough to have George Rose visit our classroom to talk about his career. 1S also joined in the NAIDOC week celebrations by doing some wonderful artworks and baking yummy cupcakes. We are looking forward to all of the fun things that are happening in Term 4.
**KELSO PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FETE**

taking place on 17th October at 9am.

The P&C are currently planning an exciting event for the whole family.

If you are able to volunteer on the day please contact the school on 6331 1577.

We are also offering members of the public the opportunity to hold their own stall for a small fee. This can be arranged by contacting the school.

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**Support Unit Eisteddfod Performance**

On Monday the 14th of September most students in the support unit went to the Eisteddfod. We boarded on the bus and it took us to BMEC. We performed ‘Unconditionally’ by Katy Perry in front of our family and friends. Some of us played the bongo drums, others were ribbon dancers and the other students were singers. We had to wait backstage for our eisteddfod performance. When we were ready to perform we had to wait three or four minutes for the music to come on. Miss Reedy and Raelene had to get our medals because we went to swim school. We had fun performing!

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**Smart Start Program (Kinder Transition) for 2016**

All children who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2016 need to be enrolled now. If you have a child who will be starting school next year or know of a child that will be, you need to collect an enrolment package from the school. You will also need a copy of their birth and immunization certificates.

Kelso Public School Transition Program is commencing on Friday 28th August and will run every Friday morning from 9.30am to 11am for 10 weeks.

Every Friday morning all new kindergarten children and their parents will meet at 9.30am in the Hubb room. Here the children will be met by the Assistant Principal of Early Stage 1, Kinder Teachers and Annette Myers from Centre Care who will be running the play group.

The ten week program will be a wonderful learning time for you and your child. We will introduce you to Kelso Public School and the learning environment of Kindergarten. During the sessions your child will be happily engaged in learning activities with our Early Stage 1 teachers. This experience will help your child to feel comfortable and familiar with our school context. The weekly experience will assist your child to have a smooth and happy start to school.

While your child is happily learning we ask that you remain at school and attend the parent information sessions. We have devised a series of information sessions to support you and your child with the smooth transition into school.

This will enable you to become more familiar with Kelso Public School and its programs and meet other parents in a relaxed social environment.
Bathurst and District Junior Touch Football Competition

We are looking for Boy, Girl or Mixed Junior touch football teams. Divisions include Under 10’s, Under 12’s, and Under 14’s. Under 16’s play as a junior team in the senior competition.

Venue: To be held at Learmonth Park from 4.30 pm each Monday for 30 minute games.


Nominations period – Opens 14 September to 19 October 2015 – Team registrations can be completed online at: bathurst-touch-football.asn.au

Cost: $260 per team. Please note there is minimum of six players (usually ten player sides). For under 16 teams playing in the Senior Competition nomination fees are $570.00 per team.

Coach: Each team requires a Coach/Manager who can also referee. The cost of the referee course is free. Those persons wishing to do the referee course should contact David Weekes (0439321568).

Age: Age divisions are based on players turning that age during 2015. For example, if you turn 12 in 2015 you can play in the Under 12’s division.

More Information: contact Gerard Lang – Competition Coordinator on 0427 223 410.

Where the Wild Things Are

Kids, Behaviour & Families: 0-12 years

Julie Hollitt

Educational Development Psychologist, Counselling Psychologist

Julie is an educator of over 25 years experience across primary, secondary and tertiary settings. Julie is also endorsed by the Psychology Board of Australia as an Educational & Developmental Psychologist. Her work has spanned diverse contexts and populations. Julie currently consults and provides professional development to educational and child-focused welfare organizations with a particular interest in “why this behaviour, why now”.

Raising children requires a lot of energy and courage. It’s hard to know as parents/carers whether what we expect of them is appropriate. No-one really teaches us the things that children are capable of understanding and doing at different ages/stages. It’s easy to fall into the trap of expecting more from them at certain ages than they can deliver emotionally or intellectually.

THIS PRESENTATION LOOKS AT CHILDREN FROM 0-12 YEARS OF AGE TO HELP US:

1. Know what to expect at different ages, different stages.
2. Understand social skills and abilities at different ages.
3. Figure out “Why this behaviour and why now”.
4. How to work with different personalities.
5. Understand styles of management and our relationship with our kids.
6. Explore exceptions to the rules.

The presentation will include Question and Answer time.

Date: Monday, 12th October 2015  Time: 6pm – 9pm
Where: Bathurst City Community Club, 29 William Street, Bathurst  Cost: Gold Coin Donation

For bookings phone Centacare Bathurst on 02 6331 8944 or email reception@centacarebathurst.com.au

Closing Date: Friday 9th Oct 2015