



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

EVERY FRIDAY	NUDE FOOD FRIDAY
29 TH March	P&C School Disco
29 th March	Camp Fees to be paid
30 th March	Good Friday - Holidays
16 th April	Student Free Day
17 th April	Return to school
17 th – 20 th April	Tallebudgera Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hasn't this term flown by! It seems like just yesterday we were starting back at school, and here we are at the end of term 1.

Just a reminder that the first Monday back after the school holidays is a pupil free day.

Kia Ora State School has a very proud tradition of student leadership. To be recognised as a student leader, students must;

- * consistently follows the school rules
- * display exemplary work habits across all subject areas
- * be a positive role model for all students
- * wear our school uniform with pride
- * Model appropriate behaviours whilst travelling to and from school

During the student leader speeches it was refreshing to hear students speak about our school and to hear the students enthusiasm and pride that they have for our school. Well done student leaders.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.



At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad

you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

3. Ask your child what they want to do, and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

Have a happy and safe Easter break.

Kind Regards Damian

YEAR 5 – 6 CLASSROOM NEWS

In the 5-6 class we have finished off our English assessment for the term. This week I will be taking in samples of work to moderate with teachers from other schools. With the term almost over we are turning our attention to next terms NAPLAN assessment, and we have been working in class to ensure we are prepared for Naplan in term 2.

In maths both classes have been learning about fractions. The year 5's have been learning about fractions being a part of a whole and also looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and time specifically am and pm. The year 6's have been

looking at adding and subtracting fractions and have also been exploring time as in timetables.

CAMP: Our first week back we will be away on camp. Our camp goes for 4 days and 3 nights. This will be the second time we will have been to Tallebudgera in the last two years. Please ensure that all permission and medical forms as well as payment are received by the office prior to everyone going on Easter break. We are sending home another copy of the medical form in the case that you have misplaced the original.

Kind Regards Damian and Jackie

YEAR 2 - 3 - 4 CLASSROOM NEWS

Our classroom has been a busy one, as students complete assessments in English, Maths and Science. Year 4 are completing a brochure about an animal or plant life cycle while the other students have been working further on grouping animals and considering features and sub-groups. In Maths, students have continued completing their 'Show Me' tasks. As part of the Gympie Mathematics Alliance, I will be attending a moderation day with teachers of the same year levels. We compare and discuss these 'Show Me' tasks and what the answers children give indicate about their understanding. In English, the students have been constructing persuasive texts, using paragraphs, topic sentences and supporting reasons. I think they will be glad when all work has been done. I think I will too!

As this is our last newsletter before the holidays, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope you get to have some family time. Just a reminder about Raffle tickets and donations for the raffles- these will need to be in sooner so that the items can be organised into prizes. Thanks to everyone for supporting our KOSS Easter Raffle.

Regards Mrs Mac (Tracey McWilliam)

YEAR PREP - 1 CLASSROOM NEWS

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the term. It feels as if we only started back at school yesterday. I'm very proud of the amazing bunch of prep students we have, they have all settled into school very well and work hard every day. The year one students have also settled back into school well.

There will be assessment occurring this week and next week so please ensure your child is at school unless there is a valid reason.

There will be no homework for the year ones next week and homework will resume again in week two of next term.

The prep photo appeared in the Gympie Times yesterday – our school made the cover of the insert! It was a pity two of the preppies were away on the day the photo was taken but it's great to see three of the smiling faces of our preps. Each student who appeared in the photo will have a copy of the paper – it is a great souvenir of their first year at school.

It has been great to see most of our class have been participating in Nude Food Friday. Our school cleaner, Mrs Yates, recently commented on the small amount of rubbish that is in our classroom bins. The students, and you the parents, are definitely making a difference in reducing the amount of one use plastic, making for a healthier environment and healthier children due to less exposure to plastic on their food. We have actively been recycling paper and food scraps go into our compost tumbler. Every bit helps I think.

Our wonderful teacher aide, Mrs Heather Dickson, will be taking some much deserved long service leave in terms two and three. We will certainly miss her in our class but we wish her all the best for her holiday.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the Easter break. I hope that you have a safe and happy time with your family and loved ones and I look forward to seeing you again in term two.

Kind regards, Thea Politanski

TUCKSHOP

Please ensure that your child's order has been handed in to the office by Tuesday 9am. Stocks are low due to the approaching school holidays so to ensure that your

child receives their desired lunch, their orders must be in on time.

P & C DISCO

THURSDAY 29th MARCH 6 – 9pm

Please note that this disco is an alcohol free event and is for primary school children only.

Looking for year 5/6 parents to help out at the disco on the night.

We need people for:

- Door and entry
- Canteen
- Selling of glow in the dark products
- General supervision of outdoor area
- Pack up at end of night.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

P & C NEWS

Due to the school holidays and the year 5 and 6 camp, our next P&C meeting will be held on the 8th May at 5:30pm. If you have any items that you wish to discuss at the next meeting, please send the details to the P&C Secretary, Debbie Turner, to add to the agenda. All agenda items need to be emailed to Debbie by midday on the 4th May.

Please email your agenda items to debnkel2009@hotmail.com

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Unfortunately we still have a number of outstanding accounts that need to be finalised by the end of term. Please forward your payment.

FREE DRESS AND FUN FOOD DAY

Fun Food and Free Dress Day. Camp Fundraiser. Thursday 29th March. See flyer for further details.

UNIFORMS

Uniform Sales: The uniforms will only be sold on Monday afternoon from 3:15 - 3:30 and Wednesday from 2:30 - 3:30. Alternatively, you can send money and what items you require to school with your child and they will be sent home. Please note that left facilities are unavailable for uniform purchases.

EASTER RAFFLE

Donations of Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated to help with this year's Easter raffle. Tickets have been sent home last week. Please ensure that you return your tickets and money asap for your chance to win some yummy chocolate! Proceeds will go toward Student Council Projects.

STUDENT COLLECTION

Please ensure that if your child is not going home via their usual method of transportation please contact the school. If we do not hear from the parent/s, we have no option but to send them home as per the usual arrangements.

NUDE FOOD FRIDAY

WHOLE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

The whole purpose of this initiative is to reduce the amount of rubbish we generate at here at our school. If students have a waste free lunch box they will be given a token. The tokens received will then go into a draw to be held at the end of term.

Each Friday, students are encouraged to bring a waste free lunch.

BOOK FAIR

What a great response to the book fair. Our school was able to purchase \$300+ worth of books for our library courtesy of the funds received from the sales.

EYE SPY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the students that have recently received an Eye Spy certificate. Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.

