30 April 2014

Message from the Principal, Mrs Jody Stehbens

Parent teacher Interviews Year 1-7

All teachers from Years 1-7 (Prep had interviews in Term 1) will be having Parent Teacher interviews in Week 2 Term 2, 28th April – 3rd May 2014. An information sheet and timetable has been sent home for you to indicate your preferences. If you haven’t received it, please contact the school.

Possible topics for discussion at the interviews:

- Discuss how your child is progressing with their goals.
- Update of overall student achievement so far. Core areas of English and Mathematics and Science
- Discuss needs/concerns of the student’s achievement
- Talk with the teacher about possible ways to support your child at home
- Attendance / Late Arrivals and Early departures
- Student participation in learning
- Any another questions that you may have

I encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity to check in with your child’s teacher and talk about your child’s learning and development.

If you have made a time and are unable to make the appointment, please ring the school office so the teacher can be notified. Thank you.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will participate in NAPLAN testing on Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May 2014.

Students will undertake the same tests on the same days. They have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy.

National test results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning across Australia.

NAPLAN is only one of the many assessment tools that schools use to monitor students learning.

At Kruger State School, teachers and teacher aides have been supporting all children in both test preparation and in small group targeted learning in literacy and numeracy.

Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Children can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

Parents with children in Years 3, 5 & 7 will receive additional information about the 2014 NAPLAN Testing this week.

Staff Changes

Mrs Judy Stower our Special Education Teacher has retired after 7 years at Kruger. It was Judy’s wish that she go quietly. However, I must acknowledge her dedication, skills and positive attitude as she worked with our students. Judy is looking forward to some relaxation and expanding her role as a grandmother.

Kerri Davies is leaving us on Friday 2nd May 2014 to embark on a new career. She has taught Year 4 in 2013 and Year 6 this year. Kerri has been a dedicated and supportive teacher to her students. I’m sure our best wishes go with Kerri for her new career.

Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted this week and I know many parents have already booked a time with Ms Davies. As Ms Davies is only here until the 2/5, any parent wishing to have an interview and are still to book a time will need to do so ASAP.

Christina Ott will take over Ms Davies’ Year 6 class. Ms Ott has been part of our Kruger Team, teaching Year 4 for most of 2013 and is very familiar with Kruger’s programs and processes. We are very fortunate that Ms Ott is available and we anticipate a very smooth transition between teachers.

Greg Moller, our Janitor Groundsman, has been on leave while involved with his cricket commitments. Greg has now decided
to resign from his position at Kruger to continue with his other interests in sport. We thank Greg for his long term position as JG as well and his commitment to training various school sports teams. Greg also played a large role in the development of our Kruger Crocs Team.

Lee Bates will join James Mc Murtrie as our second Janitor Groundsman. Lee has been acting in the role and we are very pleased to have him with us permanently.

Additional Computer Lab

We are presently setting up an additional computer lab in our library. With the assistance of our Deputy Principal, Mr Smith, we have another facility in the school for students to engage with computer technology. We have a lab in the hall and another lab in Block 2. This extra facility will enable students to have access to labs more often.

Electronic Devices and other valuables

Just a gentle reminder to all families that electronic devices, and other valuables, including toys, should be kept at home. We are unable to take responsibility for loss or damage. Our school policy for mobile phones is that students hand them in at the office on arrival at school and collect them as they leave in the afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Balls on the School Roof

Sporting equipment is available to students at lunch time. If students choose to bring their own equipment and it lands on the roof, we are unable to retrieve it. Under Work Place Health and Safety Regulations, our janitor groundsmen are no longer permitted to climb onto our school roof. Even our gutter cleaning has to be done by approved contractors with safety equipment.

School Watch – Phone 131788

Thank you to members of our community who contacted School Watch. It assisted with a couple of incidents on the school grounds during the holidays.

clothes and talking about time and shapes can familiarise them with mathematics.

Ensuring that your child feels confident talking to you and their teacher about their school work will enhance their opportunity to thrive in the 21st century.

What numeracy skills will your child learn at school?

In the first years of school, children learn through hands-on activities. Your child’s teacher will identify what they already know and can do, and will extend their knowledge and skills through new and challenging situations.

An important aim of the Preparatory Year is to build on your child’s previous experiences with new and different learning opportunities at school. Your child will explore fundamental aspects of mathematics such as ‘how many’, mass, length, size, shape, sequence, order and patterns.

In Years 1 to 3, children use mathematics in increasingly complex and unfamiliar situations. Children will explore larger numbers and learn different ways to identify, describe and record their observations and findings. They may use symbols, words, diagrams or pictures, maps, models and flow charts to describe information.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress, please contact your child’s teacher.

Please click on the link below to have access to the Fact Sheet for Numeracy Prep to year 3:

Important Dates

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Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme 2014 - Prep to Year 7

Years P – 3 $100.00 per year
Years 4 – 7 $60.00 per year

The Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme forms have been sent out to parents. Please ensure the agreement form is completed, signed and return with a deposit to the School Office as soon as possible.

Please note: outstanding Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme funds must be fully paid to be eligible to participate in 2014.

Our Website www.krugerss.eq.edu.au has the Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme Forms for 2014 for you to access. Once you have entered the Website, select Support and resources (top far right), Forms and documents (Left), Documents (bottom left). Select Resource and textbook hire scheme documents (Yellow folder). Now you can select the appropriate year level form for 2014.

Centrelink Deductions for the Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme is now available. If you wish to participate, please complete a Centrelink Deduction form at the office and we will fax it directly to Centrelink.

We ask that the Centrelink Form be sent though our office to ensure that monies are correctly deducted from your account.

Please advise the office as soon as possible if you have already sent the form to Centrelink.

Physical Education 2014

Some provisional date claimers for the year are as follows;

Central Districts Cross Country – May 2nd at Woodcrest College

Season 1 Sport (Girls’ and Boys’ Rugby League, Girls’ and Boys’ Soccer and Netball)
Gala Day 1 – May 30th, Gala Day 2 - June 6 and Gala Day 3 – June 13th
Senior Athletics Carnival – June 18th - at Kruger State School

Season 2 Sport (Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball, Boys’ and Girls Touch’ and Boys and Girls AFL)
Week 1 – August 1st, Week 2 – August 8th, Week 3 – August 15th and Week 4 – August 22nd
Central District Athletics Carnival – August 4th and 5th

Season 3 Sport (Boys’ and Girls’ Tee-Ball, Boys’ and Girls’ Softball and Cricket)
Week 1 – October 17th, Week 2 – October 24th, – Week 3 – October 31st , Week 4 – November - 7th and Week 5 – November 14th
Junior (Prep – Year 3) Sports Day and Cross Country will be in Terms 3 and 4 respectively, with final dates to be arranged.

As quotes for Mid-Year and Summer Sport are yet to be finalised, a rough guide to the costs are as follows:

Winter Gala Days will be $19.50, Mid-Year Sport @ $30 - $34 and Summer Sport @ $35 - $42.

Students playing rugby league this year are advised that the safety guidelines recommend students wear a mouth guard while playing and training. We thoroughly recommend that these guidelines are followed for student safety. The school has a limited supply of mouth guards for sale if any student needs one. These can be purchased at the office for $5.00 WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

In physical education classes, students will be learning the following;

Year 7 – European Handball, Golf, Badminton, Athletics, Volleyball and Softball
Year 6 – Badminton, Golf, Lacrosse, Athletics, Volleyball and Softball
Year 5 – Hockey, AFL, Basketball, Athletics, T-ball and Netball
Year 4 – Hockey, Touch Rugby Union, Basketball, Athletics, T- Ball and Netball

I look forward to another very productive and rewarding year.

Yours in sport

Gavin McLeod

P&C & Tuckshop News

P&C

The P&C and Student Council School Disco will be held on Friday 23rd May 2014. Pre-sold tickets will be for sale only (No tickets available on the night of disco). Theme and details will be advised in a flyer and sent home with your child soon.

Tuckshop News

If you have a large order, please supply two paper bags or you can purchase them from the Tuckshop for 10 cents each. All orders are to be placed before 9.30am.

If, for some reason, your child doesn’t have lunch, we will supply a sandwich with the following tasty spreads (Jam/ Vegermite). The Tuckshop will then send an Invoice home for the value of $2.00.

Uniform Shop

Operating Hours

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3 month Lay-By Available (payable with small deposit) must be paid in full before uniforms are released.

Please Note: No uniforms will be sold in the mornings, so please don’t get upset when we refuse to serve you.
Math Books & Stationery Supplies

As we know our students love the subject Maths, we are catering for their love of this subject. We have a stock of 10mm grid books for the following Grade Levels 4-7. Price will be 70 cents each (cheaper than the Newsagents).

They will be in stock right through the year; also we will have the following in stock as well:

- Spare Pencils
- Rubbers
- Pencil Sharpeners

Student Banking

Money, Money, Money

Student Banking has commenced again, so please drop off bank books to the Tuckshop any time of the day. There are new prizes available, so when you reach your 10 tokens... SURPRISE TIME... If anyone needs information regarding banking, please call in and talk to FLO (Tuckshop Convenor).

We are hoping to reach 250+ children banking this year. (Minimum banking can be 20 cents a week). But boy, the money soon adds up.

Everyone please get behind the P & C and Support your Children Education. Hope everyone has GREAT year.

Florence Scott
(Tuckshop Convenor)

School Watch during School Holidays

School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding schools against vandalism, theft and arson.

We depend on students, parents and all members of the community to:

1. LOOK
2. LISTEN and
3. REPORT

DO NOT take any further action

Phone 13 1788
Or phone your local police.

Donations of Preloved Kruger SS Uniforms

We are in great need of preloved Kruger SS uniforms to be held at the office for emergencies. If you have any uniforms available, we would be grateful if you could please donate them to the school. We would appreciate donations of clean uniforms, any sizes, as some student may need to change into these uniforms if required. Thank you for your assistance.

Head Lice

It has come to our attention that we currently have a number of cases of head lice in the school.

Some parents in each class are being very responsible by checking and treating their children regularly, but this is only effective if EVERY child is checked and treated, as well as other members of the family.

The Health Department advises that it is the parents’ responsibility to detect and treat head lice infestations.

Teachers and Child Health Nurses are not expected to do head inspections as this is not part of their duties.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND TREAT PROMPTLY IF YOU FIND EGGS (NITS) OR LICE.

In the event that it comes to our attention that a child has head lice, we need to act in accordance with departmental policy. This requires us to contact parents to ask for prompt attention to treatment. Children who have head lice do not need to be excluded from school if correct treatment has been recently applied.

School Safe – Ipswich City Council

Your Child’s Safety is our Priority!!

Ipswich City Council proactively monitors parking at schools to help improve your child’s safety.

Council’s ‘Safe parking at Schools’ initiative aims to ensure people park safely and legally, improving community safety through education of your school community rather than focusing on enforcement.

The initiative also includes the use of Patrolling Officers, Automatic Numberplate Recognition camera cars and remote movement activated cameras to capture parking offences.

Safe and legal parking is generally located within 300m of a school.

Please drive and park safely around your school –
It’s your child’s safety.

Council works with your school though the Healthy Active School Travel program to encourage families to walk and cycle to and from school and improve health and road safety. For more information about safe travel routes contact your school or contact Ipswich city Council on (07) 3810 666.

MiYoga

Does an 8 week mindfulness yoga program, “MiYoga”, enhance cognitive functions such as attention, physical strength, behaviour and emotional control in children with cerebral palsy? MiYoga incorporates a family centered approach to therapy by inviting a caregiver to participate alongside their child. We will also want to see if MiYoga can relieve caregiver stress and improve parent child relationship.

We are looking for children with diplegia or hemiplegia cerebral palsy, aged 6-16 years old, who can walk independently or with a gait aid (GMFCS I-III) and one of their caregivers.

For more information please see flyer attached and webpage: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/miyoga/index.html?page=home
Hassle-Free Mealtimes Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

Are you experiencing problems with your child’s eating and mealtime behaviour?

Eating and mealtime problems in children are common and can be improved. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research regarding the effectiveness of a brief parenting seminar for parents who are concerned about their child’s eating, and you can be involved!

The Hassle Free Mealtimes Triple P program involves attending a one-off 2-hour group session, which will provide parents with information and helpful everyday tips and strategies for dealing with problem eating and improving their child’s mealtime behaviour.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 5-year-old child and are concerned about your child’s feeding and mealtime behaviour, we would love to hear from you!

Hassle-Free Mealtimes Triple P has already been trialled successfully in a longer format. The current study hopes to provide support for brief group-based parenting interventions so that more parents can have access to parenting advice. Results of this study will be made available to participants.

Visit this website to get involved:
http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/mealtimes/DrAlinaMorawska

Kirstyn Laurie and Kyla Reid

For more information about the study, please contact:
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Honours Student
Parenting and Family Support Centre
School of Psychology
University of Queensland
Phone: (07) 3365 9186
Email: kirstyn.laurie@uqconnect.edu.au

Triple P - Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P - Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study.

Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes for more information.

Sensory Movie Day - Ipswich

“Sensory Movie Day” is an Inclusive event for families with special needs. Children are free to move around flap or stim. Lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those little escape artists. Siblings and extended family are welcome to this no judgement screening.

Please find attached our 2014 Calendar, with an amazing line-up of movies. Birch Carroll & Coyle - Ipswich City have tickets on sale now for the year’s line-up. Tickets are a crazy $6 each, children 2 years and under are free and companion I.D. Cards are accepted. Individual Caption devices are available on request for hearing impaired members... There is also a Medi Popcorn & Drink combo for $5.00.

IPSWICH – United Parents

Programs and Services

Have you heard the buzz about Ipswich UP?

Join us to connect Ipswich parents together through activity groups, social networking, and links to community services. Some of our most popular sessions include farm visits, baby music sessions, messy play days, facilitated playgroups, and ‘Upschool’ our very own themed ‘out and about’ group for 2-5 year olds.

Keep up to date following us on Facebook, or requesting to receive our weekly email update.

Contact Alana on 0428387838: admin@IpswichUP.com
www.IpswichUP.com