19 February 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS JODY STEHBENS

Smart Start for Kruger Students

Kruger is off to a successful start for the 2014 School Year

All Kruger, students have been involved in our Smart Start Programs which aim to set students up for success academically, behaviourally and socially for the year ahead.

Teachers have been revising school work from last year, testing students to know where they are at in their learning in the basic areas of literacy and numeracy, so that our programs can aim to fill the gaps in students’ understandings.

I thank the Kruger Team for a very smooth and professional beginning to the school year.

Our Enrolments

Our enrolment numbers have increased considerably for this time of the year. Our Day 8 numbers were 979. This is approximately 40 more students than this time last year. Our School Enrolment Management Plan is in place now and many families were disappointed as they did not live within our Zone and so were unable to enrol their children at Kruger.

All schools in Queensland are staffed and resourced according to the Day 8 enrolment count. Our numbers were more than we predicted, so I am currently in discussions with regional staffing personnel about getting extra teachers to reduce the class sizes where they are significantly over suggested numbers.

Great Results Guarantee

Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to continue to support our students and improve their outcomes. Our leadership team, teachers and support staff are now working to develop our school plan with strategies, programs and support resources to improve our students reading, writing, maths, grammar, punctuation and spelling. More information will be available at the P&C meetings.

Remember Every Day Counts at Kruger

Come to School Every Day - Be On Time for Lessons - Stay All Day

We are very focused on improving all students’ results. For your child to have the best chance of success at school, they need regular attendance, be at school on time and stay all day. Our first bell rings at 8.20 am: this is a signal for all students to move to the class waiting area and prepare for the school day. The 8.25 am bell is when the school day begins. The roll is marked and students begin the first lesson. If your child is not here on time, it is very disruptive to their learning and to the other students in the class, as students walk in during the lesson and disturb the lesson flow.

Students who arrive late (after 8.30 am roll call) need to go to the office to receive a late slip. This process was trialled in Term 4 last year and was a great success. It means that teachers do not have to stop the lesson, open up the electronic roll, mark the student present and then return to the lesson.

It is also important that students stay at school until 2.30p.m. Leaving early means they miss school work and often have gaps in their understanding. This causes problems in following lessons.

It is a State requirement that all student absences are explained by parents/carers and the reason for the absence recorded. If your child is absent from school, please notify the office by phoning the Absence Line on 3814 9360.

Please Be Safe around our school -

I ask for your cooperation on a few safety issues that have arisen already this year.

PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS:

1. The school grounds are for Staff parking only. Parents are not permitted to drive into the school grounds to either drop students off or to park.

CROSSING AT THE CROSSING

2. Our students are expected to cross at the crossing at the front of the school where the Crossing Supervisor is on duty in the morning and afternoon. Many students under supervision of their parents are crossing at the roundabout. This encourages students without parents to follow and causes serious safety concerns for us. Students are instructed to cross at the crossing at all times. I ask you to reinforce that your child uses the crossing when arriving and leaving school grounds.

HALL CAR PARK & DROP OFF ZONE

3. The bottom car park near the hall. The signs in this carpark clearly indicate that there 2 distinct areas – one is for parking and the other is a drive through/drop off zone…. 
Parents who park in the drive though /drop off zone make it very difficult for other parents to collect their children. This is also causing traffic congestion on Kruger Parade.

I ask for your cooperation and consideration in these important safety areas.

Parent Information Sessions Years 1 - 7

Parent Information Sessions are planned in the next few weeks. These sessions will give you an opportunity to meet the teacher, hear about what your child or children will be working on this year and ask any questions about the year level that you may have.

2 New Teachers for Kruger

With the large growth in the school, we have been allocated 2 new teachers. We will have an extra Prep and Year 7 class. Prep interviews will be but back a couple of weeks to allow for the transition of students into the new Prep class.

**FOCUS ON - KRUGER STATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AGENDA FOCUS FOR 2014**

Kruger State School Vision and Values

- high expectations for student success in learning
- learning programs that are inclusive and differentiated
- respect for difference

through our mantra of Be Safe, Be Respectful, Best Effort and positive partnerships

**2014 Focus Areas**

- Use of Kruger State School Class Data Profiles & One School for recording, tracking and regular analysis of student data to inform teaching and learning, with a particular focus on Reading and Number.
- The Explicit Instruction of Vocabulary, with a particular focus on Mathematics
- Implementation of Kruger State School Management and Operations Framework
- Development of KSS Community and Partnership Agreement

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**Kind Regards**

**Jody Stehbens**

**Principal**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

21st Feb – Badge Ceremony (Year 4-7) 9.30am
24th Feb – Year 2 Excursion – Payment Due
27th Feb – Year 2 Excursion
27th Feb – Year 6 & 7 Shirt Payment Due
07th Mar – Whole School Parade 1.30pm
10th Mar – P&C Meeting AGM 6.00pm
21st Mar – Cross Country (Year 4-7)
04th Apr – Season 1 Sport (Gala Days) - Full Payment Due
04th Apr – Last Day of Term
22nd Apr – Term 2 Commences
25th Apr – Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
02nd May – Central District Cross Country
16th May – Ipswich Show Day
23rd May – Season 2 Sport (Gala Days) Full Payment Due
30th May – Sports Gaia Day 1
06th Jun – Sports Gaia Day 2
13th Jun – Sports Gaia Day 3
18th Jun – Senior Athletics Carnival

**RESOURCES & TEXTBOOK HIRE SCHEME 2014 FOR 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 that 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 through 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**

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to the new students, parents and guardians to our school. We look forward to another productive and fun year. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are refreshed and ready to go.

Some provisional date claimers for the year are as follows;

Senior Cross Country (Year 4-7) – March 21st at Kruger State School
Central Districts Cross Country – May 2nd at Woodcrest College
Season 1 Sport (Girls and Boys Rugby League, Girls and Boy’ 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.

Trials for Winter Gala Days (Season 1) will be held in the next couple of weeks. Students should see coaches for further details. Mr Pei, Mr McMurtrie and Mrs Fleming-Keyes will be coaching boys rugby league, Ms Ferguson will coach girls rugby league, Mr Gall and Mr Hamilton will be coaching the boys’ soccer team. I will be coaching the girls’ soccer teams and Miss Baills and Miss Wilton will be coaching netball. We will have a sport trial session on February 21st at school. Good luck to all students during the trials.

As quotes for sport are yet to be finalised, a rough guide to the costs are as follows:

Winter Gala Days @ $22 to $26, Mid Year Sport @ $30 - $34 and summer Sport @ $35 - $42.

Please note that this is just an estimate at this stage and costs may change when details are finalised. To be eligible to represent our school in a sporting team, parents are reminded that a down payment for the Resource Scheme levy must be made prior to April 4th (Last Day of Term 1).

To help with organisation, district draws and bus booking etc we need to have teams organised prior to sporting nominations being called for by sports convenors. This will determine the number of teams we will have representing our school and hopefully prevent us having to pull teams out of competitions after draws and fixture lists have been drawn up. Therefore, we will be asking that full payment for Season 1 Sport be received by April 4th (with only students who have paid a down payment on the School Resource Scheme levy being eligible to play) and full payment for Season 2 Sport being received by May 23rd (with only students who have paid the full amount for the Resource Scheme levy being eligible to play). If you require a payment plan, please see the office as soon as possible.

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
Welcome back to another busy year, with exciting challenges happening already. We have started off with creating a new Tuckshop Menu with some trendy new items e.g. Chicken Gravy Rolls, Fish Burgers...Yummo! Also with some of the food items tasting so yummy, some of the prices have increased slightly but still very affordable.

Please remember 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/Vegemite). The Tuckshop will then send an invoice home for the value of $2.00.

UNIFORM SHOP

Operating Hours

| Monday | 2pm to 2.30pm |
| Wednesday | 2pm to 2.30pm |
| Thursday | 2pm to 2.30pm |

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
FUNDRAISING
We are off and running with our First Fundraiser for the year.
That’s right it’s the P & C MONSTER RAFFLE, so get your wallets out and support your children and the school. If we can sell all these raffle tickets, the school will make over $20,000.00, which will enhance your student’s education.
Please Note: These tickets are a legal document, which means they must all be accounted for, so please return all Sold and Unsold booklets back to the Office or Tuckshop.

Monster Prizes:
1. 3 Nights @ Zagame’s Paradise Resort – Gold Coast, with $150.00 credit to spend at the Resort (2 Adults and up to 6 Children) (Valued @ $960.00)
2. LG LED 39” (98cm) Television and LG Blu-Ray Player (Valued @ $658.00)
3. LG Mini System CD 500W (Valued @ $299.00)
4. Movie Tickets (Valued @ $100.00)

Tickets only $2.00 each or Book for $20.00
Raffle will be drawn on the 1st of April 2014. Return all butts and unsold tickets to Kruger State School by the 27th March 2014. Winners will be notified by phone.

So please support us in making this a successful first fundraiser. If you need more tickets please come and see me in Tuckshop. Parents, please remind children to be very careful going around the neighbourhood.

Next School Fundraiser is Family Portraits, where we encourage all families to book in ASAP. They have been booked for the 23rd and 24th of August, as it gets closer, we will send out information with your children.

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. (Minimal banking requires 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)

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 DENTAL VAN SERVICE AT KRUGER SS
West Moreton Oral Health provides a free dental service, including general dental treatment, as well as general advice and referral letters to school aged children between the ages of four years until they complete Grade Ten. A team of highly trained and skilled clinicians and support staff provides this service.
The West Moreton Oral Health Service is available at Kruger State School. Please contact the School Oral Health Service on 1300 763 246 if you have any concerns about the health of your child/ren teeth.

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
You may also contact the MiYoga study co-ordinator: Catherine Mak (Psychologist and Yoga Teacher)
Email: c.mak@uq.edu.au
Ph: 3646 5539 or 3646 5361
WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB

DID YOU MISS OUR SIGN ON DAY???

If you missed our Sign On Day, you still have an opportunity to sign up to play junior basketball (U8-U18).
Please contact the club on 0450 105 252, westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com or www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au ASAP to become a basketballer at Falcons.

JOIN THE FALCONS NEST AND SOAR ABOVE THE REST!!!

BLACKSTONE UNITED WELSH DRAGONS

Blackstone United Welsh Soccer Club - come and sign up! It’s a great way to exercise, have fun and make new friends.
Blackstone United Welsh Soccer Club has teams for those aged 5 upwards.

Sign on days: Saturday 1 February 2014 – 9am until 12pm
Saturday 8 February 2014 – 9am until 12pm
Free sausage sizzle!!
Address: Soccer ground at 6 Thomas Street, Blackstone.

SCOUTING FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

START THE ADVENTURE!

JOIN SCOUTS IN 2014

Scouting Family Fun Day
Cameron Park, Booval
Saturday 8 February
10.00 am - 2.00 pm
For more information, come to our
FAMILY FUN DAY
or contact your local group
Moreton Region Headquarters: 3281 6756
Queensland Scout Centre: 3870 7000

SPRINGFIELD UNITED SOCCER CLUB SIGN ON

Springfield United Soccer Club
Sign On
3rd & 10th Feb 2014
Spring Lake Ovals
Summit Drive
Springfield Lakes
5pm-7pm
More info
Pye Augustine 0410739178
email:- info.sufc@gmail.com

SENSORY MOVIE DAY - IPSWICH

“Sensory Movie Day” is an Inclusive event for families with special needs. Children are free to movie 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 years 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.

Our next screening is “Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2" at 2pm Sunday 23rd February.

YOUNGER SPORTS - INDOOR FOOTY AUSTRALIA

Young Sports is an exciting Multi-Sport program for children from 3-10 years of age which introduces children to 9 popular sports. We also have created a new game, Indoor Footy, which is an indoor version of Touch football for children up to 12 years of age. We are starting both programs at the Ipswich Indoor Sports Centre this term. For more information please do hesitate to call.

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