5 March 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MRS
JODY STEHbens

School Improvement Agenda

Guided Reading - LEAP

As part of our Smart Start Program in Weeks 1-3, teachers conduct benchmark testing to determine students’ learning strengths and weaknesses in English and Maths. From the analysis of test results, teachers adapt their teaching programs to target student learning strengths and needs.

Each Year Level has LEAP Groups - Students move to their needs groups for reading so that they can be supported or extended, according to their abilities in reading and comprehension. This means that they might have a different teacher from their class teacher for their LEAP class.

School Leaders, House Captains and Student Council Representatives

We have just had our Investiture/Badge Ceremony to formally recognise our School Leaders, Sports Captains and Student Council Representatives (Years 4-7) for 2014. This year saw School Leaders and sports Captains elected from Years 6 and 7 to take account of both Year 6 and Year 7’s starting in High School in 2015. This ceremony is an important occasion in our school calendar and many family members were present at the ceremony to see their children receive the badges. Students handed in their contracts, pledging their commitment to uphold school expectations and to carry out their responsibilities with diligence.

Students, staff and families gathered for morning tea after the ceremony. Thank you to families for supporting this important event.

Congratulations to the elected School Captains, Sports Captains and Student Council Representatives for 2014.

School Captains:

Sunday M, Naomi N, Braithen Q, David I and Ben P

Sports House Captains:

Blue - Junior L, Kate-Lyn P and Kullen P
Green - Hannah J, Aron N and Fletcher W
Red - Kaitlyn M, Ebony P and Ben G
Gold - Ofa V, Hannah H, Rainui T and Jonathon L

Student Council Representatives:

Year 4 - Cougar L, Alessandra B, Kenneth C, and Leilor S
Year 5 - Chloe A, Jenifer A, Hinckley S, Kimberly E & Sharon T
Year 6 - Mavrick R, Dora, M, John C and Telisha W
Year 7 - Renee H, Hollie M and Tinei I

Parent Information Sessions – Meet and Greet

Last week, many parents came to Year Level Parent Information Sessions. Teachers outlined Curriculum Content; C2C and the Back to Basics Kruger Curriculum; Cross Grouping in reading; Student Goal Setting; Use of ICT in the curriculum; Homework expectations; Student Management; Every Day Counts – Late Arrivals; Resource and Text Book Hire Scheme. Many parents attended these sessions and the feedback has been very positive.

I encourage all parents to keep in contact with your child’s teacher throughout the year.

Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting - Notice

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 10th March in the School Staffroom at 6.00pm.

Whole School Parade – Change of Date

Please note the change of date for our Whole School Parade – it is now Friday 14th March at 1.30pm.

Valuables and Toys to School

Just a reminder, all students should keep valuables and toys at home. If students need to bring mobile phones to school, they must be handed into the school office on arrival at school and collected at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to take any responsibility for these items if they ‘disappear’ or are lost.
FOCUS ON SUPPORTING POSITIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOUR
PREVENTING SMALL PROBLEMS BECOMING BIG PROBLEMS

This year we are focusing our teaching and response to ongoing negative behaviours towards others, by working with a new language of STOP, WALK, TALK. This new language also supports those students who stand by and watch these negative behaviours but do nothing to stop them from happening. We refer to these individuals as BYSTANDERS. They are part of the “audience” that stands by and watches other individual hurt other students – with words; their hands; and feet or non-verbal comments. In many schools across the state, this BYSTANDER behaviour is one of the main reasons small problems become a BIG PROBLEM.

Throughout 2014, our teachers will be teaching your children our 3 short, sharp and clear responses to remind all students of the appropriate RESPECTFUL and SAFE behaviours that are expected at Kruger SS.

- **STOP** (with the hand signal) tells students that the behaviour they are displaying is NOT OK! It reinforces that we as a school and as a student/friend will not allow this behaviour to continue.

- **WALK** (with hand signal) tells the students that if they continue then they are on their own and will deal with the consequences on their own. Students will be encouraged to walk away, turn their back and give no attention to the inappropriate behaviour.

- **TALK** (with hand signal) tells the students that they have been given chances to turn their behaviour around and they have not done this – so now staff members become involved in sorting out the problem. If the TALK word is used, it also tells the student that he/she has now made a small problem a BIG PROBLEM by not stopping the negative/inappropriate behaviour with their friends’ support.

**Process for Prep – Yr 3 Students**

Stop, Walk, Talk’

**Process for Yr 4-7 Students**

Enough Time-out Talk’

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

10th Mar – P&C Meeting AGM 6.00pm
14th Mar – Whole School Parade 1.30pm
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 Gala Day 1
06th Jun – Sports Gala Day 2
13th Jun – Sports Gala Day 3
18th Jun – Senior Athletics Carnival

**RESOURCE & 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 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 McMurry & 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 Bailis 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

Welcome back to another busy year, with exciting challenges happening already. We have started off with creating a new Tuckshop Menu with some tasty 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 that 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

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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

**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.

**SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS**

In January 1984 the Queensland Government, through Transport and Main Roads, introduced the School Crossing Scheme to reduce the risk of death or injury to children attending schools near Queensland’s busy roads.

The role of a School Crossing Supervisor is to:

- Assist children to safely cross roads.
- Monitor and report serious incidents and traffic violations within the ‘No Stopping’ areas at school crossings.
FREE HEALTHY LIVING TRIPLE P PARENTING PROGRAM

We are researchers from the University of Queensland currently offering a free Triple P program for parents of children aged 3 to 10 years. The Lifestyle Triple P Seminar Series is a new 3-week program for parents who want to learn how to help their child develop healthy lifestyle patterns. Parents learn how to use positive parenting strategies to establish their child’s healthy eating patterns and active lifestyle.

Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?

Raising healthy children is an important aspect to positive parenting. Your child’s physical health can affect their growth and development, their ability to participate in school, sport and other activities, and how they get along with other children. Children who eat well and stay active are more likely to develop into healthy adults. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a FREE Triple P parenting program to parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research.

Across three seminars you will learn strategies for…

- Managing both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
- Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
- Motivating your child to be more active
- Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life

Jessica Bartlett – Project Coordinator
Email: lifestyletriplep@uq.edu.au
Phone: 0424 321 086 (please leave a message)

WESTERN SPIRIT FOOTBALL CLUB – PLAYERS WANTED

Western Spirit Football Club still has some vacancies across most age groups, but in need of one or two more players to fill the following teams:

- Under 9 Girls
- Under 11 Girls
- Under 13 and 15 Boys
- Under 15 Girls

Under 6-7 Years Registration Fees only $150.00.

Player of all skills and abilities are invited to join Western Spirit FC in 2014 to pursue their football development in an engaging and positive sporting environment. Come along and see why so many enjoy playing at Western spirit FC!

For more information visit www.spiritfc.com.au or contact secretary@spiritfc.com.au.
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.

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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