

# Keppel Sands State School



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## From the Principal

17 February 2017

Hello Everyone,

### **Parking**

Due to limited parking with our wonderful increase in numbers, staff who arrive at school before 8am will be trialling parking in the school grounds. The gate will be locked at 8 am to ensure no cars are moving on school grounds when our students are present. The P&C are writing a letter to local Council to request additional parking at our school.

### **Swimming**

Due to an overwhelming positive response to our swimming survey, we will be running an additional swimming program for the last six weeks of term 1. Please return permission forms attached to school by Wednesday next week.

### **Responsible Behaviour Plan**

Keppel Sands is committed to providing a safe, respectful and disciplined learning environment for students and staff, where students have opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their lifelong wellbeing.

We are committed to ensuring that we move forward as a school and continue to focus upon our key school improvement areas of student achievement and attendance. With a strong focus upon student improvement in literacy, numeracy and attendance, this Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students is designed to facilitate high standards of behaviour so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school and community.

Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

- Be safe
- Be responsible
- Be respectful.

Our key school statement which covers personal safety as well as property security:-

#### **“Hands off”**

Under this rule, which even the Prep students can remember, students learn not to invade other’s personal space which includes touching, verbal invasion or just being too close in the vicinity of another. It also covers touching, taking or damaging another’s belongings.

Staff will be focussing on this message with all students in the next few weeks.

## Prep Photos

The Morning Bulletin will be here to take photos of our Prep students for the paper on Wednesday 22 February. Please make sure full uniform is worn.

## Automated Absence Messaging

Parents/Caregivers are advised that towards the end of term the school will be using Mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS) to send text messages to parents notifying unexplained absence.

Parents will be informed by mobile phone Short Message System (SMS) each time their child is away from school. At Keppel Sands School, student attendance is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful. To improve our attendance procedures, we will be informing parents/caregivers about any unexplained absences for their child. The school expects parents/caregiver to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent.

## Breakfast

Breakfast is held each Friday from 8.30am to 8.45am. Please note that there will be no cooking after clean up commences at 8.45am. We had yummy scrambled eggs on toast today. What will it be next week?

## Keppel Kitchen

We will advise when Keppel Kitchen will begin.

## P&C News

Uniform Prices – Polo Shirts \$25.00, Hats \$8.50, Winter Jackets \$35.00



**The AGM has been set down for Wednesday March 8 at 1pm in the office. A General Meeting will follow this.**

Thank you those helping out with Wednesday Night Raffles. Karen Rout regularly does our raffles and is has been great to have Corey Masters and Veronica helping on some nights to share the load. If you would like to purchase tickets prior to Wednesday night, please see Kathleen at school before 9am. If you can assist, please see Karen or Moira.

## DATE CLAIMERS

Thursday	23 February	Rugby League Skills Lesson
Thursday	02 March	Rugby League Skills Lesson
Wednesday	08 March	P & C AGM – 1pm followed by the General Meeting
Thursday	09 March	Rugby League Skills Lesson

*Save a great weekend,*

**Moira Mackenzie**

Principal

Community Notices

**BOYS can play too!**

Did you know that boys can play in our competitions from the ages 8-12yrs as outlined in the Netball Australia Junior Policy. If you have a boy who would like to play netball, they can join a team or sign on as an individual to be placed into a team. We would like to see our male participants grow.

Games are on Tuesday afternoons starting from 4pm through to 7pm.

Registration cost: \$95  
Weekly team fee applies

Email: [capcoast.netball@bigpond.com](mailto:capcoast.netball@bigpond.com)  
Website: <http://www.capcoast.qld.netball.com.au>

An illustration of three stylized, black, rounded figures playing netball. One figure is in the foreground, jumping to catch a ball. Two other figures are in the background, one is running and the other is standing. The background is a simple landscape with a blue sky and a yellow sun.

## P - 2 Classroom News

### English

Our stories are coming along great. The children have been working hard this week on coming up with a problem that their characters have to overcome and they are fantastic. I am looking forward to seeing how their stories end. Once the students have finished writing their stories, we will display these in our room for everyone to read and can be taken home at the end of the term.

### Science

In science this week, we looked at Bearded Dragons and what they need to survive. We learnt that they eat bugs such as crickets, super worms and woodies and that they really like salads and some fruit. We also learnt that the lizards need two types of light to keep them healthy. I am looking at getting special permission from Education Queensland so that we can have these wonderful animals in our classroom so that we can learn so much more from them.

### Design Technology



The students in P-2 made toothbrush squid in design technology this week. We read a story called Garbage Guts and it was about animals who mistook rubbish in the ocean as food and wound up being sick from it. This is working towards our ultimate goal of making our own model of a polluted ocean. The students really enjoyed making these and are looking forward to making a jelly fish next week. Please get your children to bring a plastic bottle of some description early next week so that we can make these and add them to our classroom display.

**Show and tell** - A roster went home at the beginning of the week showing what day your child will be able to bring their show and tell. Next weeks topic is My Favourite Book.

See you all next week

Mrs Brady, Ms Julie and Miss Kathleen



### Communication

Students are now sharing some work completed in class on their class stories. This week we continued to look at Mindset and particulars how neurons in our brain connect to learn new things. This video can be viewed on the class story. Students also continued with their stories, this week watching a video about obstacles.

### Curriculum

#### English

Students have been looking at different parts of speech and punctuation this week. The year three and four group have been studying how the use of different verbs gives us more understanding of how a character is feeling at a particular stage of the story.

#### Mathematics

This week students have been investigating Chance and Data. In particular they have learned different ways to collect data, record data and then the different types of graphs that can be used to represent that data.

#### Grip Leadership

Our year six students went to a Grip Leadership workshop this week with Ms Julie. They participated in activities that stimulated their thinking about how they can lead our school this year.

#### Consistency

Students have been reminded this week of our 'hands off' policy to keep all students safe. This is important to remember, even in play Mr R and Ms Mackenzie

