

# Keppel Sands State School

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Term 2 Week 7

**Hello Everyone.**

Finally the work on the school grounds has begun. The school fence is almost complete and looks so much better since the wire has been replaced.

Attendance at our school is on the rise. We are up from 89% in Term 1 to 91.5%. This steady increase is fantastic news for learning at Keppel Sands State School. I am pleased that the students are showing such a strong commitment to our school. This week we have something special to celebrate, close to 100% attendance !!! A record for our school this year!!!

Finally after such a long time we have the Australian flag flying at Keppel Sands State School. As Michael and Mr R raised the flag Tuesday morning, I felt a huge surge of pride and satisfaction that we could celebrate being part of such an amazing country with all the other schools around Australia. Today we held our first parade in front of the flying flag. Still to come is the special ANZAC garden in front of the flag poles.

**Keppel Sands Website:** If you need to catch up on Newsletters you have missed they are now available on the Keppel Sands State School Website. Coming up on the website soon will be our school annual review. Our Great Results Guarantee school commitments for 2015 are also available on the website now.

**Athletics Carnival:** Notes about Athletics Carnival go home today. The date is 18 June. Parents are asked to take students to Farnborough State School. As yet plans about tuckshop are still underway. We will find out more about that early next week.

**Parent and Community Reading Workshop:** Next Tuesday we will run a Parent and Community Reading workshop at Playgroup. Parents will be invited into the classroom while students and kindy kids are outside working together during playgroup time. All community members from Keppel Sands, Coowonga and Cawarral are invited to attend.

**Brekky Club:** Next week we will hold a special Brekky Club for parents and kids and Playgroup families are invited to attend. We will kick off at 8:15 am and continue until 8:45am. Snags, and toast and coffee, tea and milo will be on the menu!!!

**Cookbook Recipes:** The launch of the first cookbook will be the afternoon/evening of the school sleepover. We would ask all parents to bring along a plate of savoury food to share with parents and students. Cookbooks will be on sale on the evening and various places around town, (including the school) after Friday 19 June.

**Sporting Schools:** Keppel Sands State School is applying for Sporting Schools Grant. This grant application is requesting funds to sponsor a popular sport during school sports program. This would be a fantastic opportunity for students to continue their skill development. The Golf Program we have had this term has been wonderful and it would be excellent to continue to grow the students physical skills.

**Tucker Time:** Remember to place orders by for Tucker Time by next Wednesday at the latest.

**Sleep over:** Make sure you put the Keppel Sands State School 'Sleepover' on your calendars for Friday 19 June. A note about the sleepover will come home next week. We are hoping for as many students as possible. There will be no cost to families but there will be a note and permission note about this for parents to sign.

**School Banking:** Banking is being collected each Tuesday. Emma Hames has the relevant forms if you wish to discuss joining up with Commonwealth banking for your child/ren. The Com-

Students built a model Keppel Sands House as part of their technology work this semester.



Maths time in the classroom.





Lining up ready for class.

**Coles Community Garden Grant:** Despite the efforts of our dedicated P&C, we have missed out on the Coles Grant. There are more grant rounds as the year progresses. We will continue to apply for these important grants to further the Gardening Club at the school.

**Casual Cleaner :** Mrs Wendy Reimers will be taking Long Service Leave from 13 July to up to and including 11 August. A casual cleaner at Keppel Sands State School is required during that period. The casual position is for 22 hours per fortnight. Hours are from 1:00pm—3:15pm. If you are interested in applying for this casual position please send in a resume and a cover letter by 3pm Friday 12 July. A Blue Card is required.

**Community Disco** The Community Disco was a fantastic event for the Keppel Sands Community. Shae and Karen did an amazing job and all the kids had a blast, the big kids too!!! There might even be another disco event on the horizon soon. Keep an eye out for more news about this in the newsletter.

**Playgroup:** The numbers at playgroup just keep growing. The idea for school based playgroup is well researched and supported in Early Years Educators. Mrs Julie Petith does a fantastic job of setting up and working with the children. We are keen to register playgroup at our school. We are just looking for a parent or two who would be happy to help get this organised. Please speak to Julie if you are keen to keep playgroup growing and going.



Take care

Playing in the beautiful weather.

*Louise*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### June 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Week 7	2 Banking Playgroup	3	4 Doug Gardiner Golf	5	6	7
8 Public Holiday	9 <b>Community Brekky 8:15am</b> Playgroup Parent Reading Workshops	10 Orders Due Tucker Time  <b>2016 Camp meeting 3:15pm</b>	11 Show Holiday	12 Tucker Time	13	14
15	16 Banking Playgroup	17	18 Small Schools Athletics Carnival Farnborough SS	19 School sleepover Cookbook Launch	20	21
22	23 Banking Playgroup	24 Tucker Time Orders	25 <b>26 Storey Tree house Excursion</b>	26 Last day of Term Tucker Time	27	28
29	30					