Dear Parents, Students and Kindon Community

Welcome to Term 1 2015! The hectic flurry of the commencement of a new school year is abating as we have passed Day 8, our Census Day for student enrolments. From our Census Day data, our school staff allocations for teacher and teacher aide hours will be made. We are expecting to know this important information this week, then our weekly schedules with teachers and teacher aides can be finalised. Until 2015 allocations are received, we continue with 2014 allocations.

It is good to be getting back into the School Newsletter groove, letting you know what is happening at our school and how we are all going. This semester we are trialling fortnightly newsletters, due each second Wednesday. As all of our parent community is online, it is not planned at the present to print any paper copies. At the end of this term a survey (no names required!) will be sent out to gauge your views on the content and focus of the newsletters. This will be your opportunity to tell us what works well for you and perhaps what you’d like more (or less) of. The P&C will be invited to contribute news in their own segment of the newsletter.

Thursday is a very exciting day for us; it’s the first time we share a day of learning and play at Yelarbon State School. The program for the day sees our Year 4 students joining in with Instrumental Music (learning guitar) with our Year 1 student starting on Languages Other Than English (LOTE), where French is taught. Following that there is a day of the P - 2, 3/4 and 5/6 groups alternating between LOTE, Music and HPE. There are also some sessions of teaching English and Maths where Ms M and Mrs Robertson have the chance to perform in front of a larger audience! It will be a fantastic day where students also have the opportunity to interact in bigger groups within the classroom as well as in the playground. Cameras are being taken - watch this newsletter!

The Kindon State School Play Group has commenced. It was great to welcome the younger members of our school community. The group meets at school every Tuesday, from 9 - 11am. Mrs Robertson and Mrs McClymont have some wonderful activities and resources, along with their combined vast experience, to share with the group. If you are interested in a great time for your young person and a social time for yourself, please don’t hesitate to come along!

Dale Minchenton

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**Calendar of Events**

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Principal: Ms Dale Minchenton P&C President: Mr Ben Montgomery Teachers: Mrs Terese Robertson, Mr Del Jensen (Music), Mr Jock McClymont (Supply)

Teacher Aides: Mrs Jayne Anderson, Mrs Kerri Glasser, Mrs Sally Lahey, Mrs Jenny McClymont

Administration: Mrs Sally Lahey Cleaner: Ms Sandra Tuckwood Groundscare: Ms Amy Krause

Bus services: Mr Greg Lahey & Mrs Michelle Sehmish-Lahey

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Civics and Citizenship

This is the first time that this subject area has been taught separately from Studies of Society and the Environment (SOSE). Students in Years 3 and 4 are learning that Civics is knowing about things such as

Being an active and informed citizen:

Citizenship is about doing

Next we move on to how this all works in practice, with the topic being “Participating in my community”. We’re expecting some great ideas.

In Science, this term sees students learning what constitutes a living thing, and that living things can be distinguished from non-living things. They justify groupings of living and non-living things according to observable features, and recognise once-living things. They investigate lifecycles and examine relationships between living things and their dependence on the environment. They have grouped objects based on observable features (practicing on grocery items! Yes, it is science!) then moving out into our school grounds and collecting safe samples after learning about tracks, scats and signs.

A photo-montage of some of the students’ digital collection.
Community News

MACINTYRE ZONE
BASKETBALL TRIALS

Date: Tuesday 10th MARCH
Time: 3:30pm – 4:15pm
Venue: St Mary’s Sports Centre
Cost: $3.00 per student (to be paid to your school)
What to bring: Water Bottle

NRL Game Development
Central Division
Educating through Rugby League

Petero Civoniceva, Rugby League legend, will be at Kindon State School at 2pm Tuesday 17th February, as part of the game development team.

Commemorate this occasion with us at Kindon State School this year.
More information later this term.
Help Needed!

All “keyed-up” for Jazz on the Hill!  13th June 2015 at Ogilvie.
Talk to the P&C and the ICPA about how you can help!

Do you have time to help us apply for this grant?

Our vegie garden beds are crying out for topsoil and vegie seeds!
I’m sure it would be a great candidate.
Please call the school if you can help!

Coles Garden Grants – Applications now open!

The Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants program is offering 250 grants of up to $1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds and communities.

Coles has sponsored the grants program since 2008, and has seen a broad range of projects come to fruition, including vegetable gardens, composting and worm farms, Indigenous bush tucker gardens and green walls.

These projects encourage students to learn about sustainability and caring for the environment in a hands-on manner.

All primary schools, secondary schools, kindergartens, day care centres and youth groups are eligible to apply for a Coles Junior Landcare Garden grant.

Applications close on 27 March 2015 – click below for more information.
Helping Year 7 and 8 students settle into high school

A very warm welcome is extended to our history making Year 7 and 8 students. Their arrival at our school has been eagerly anticipated and we look forward to making their high school years a rewarding and enriching experience. This is an exciting time for our incoming students and we will continue to support them to make a smooth transition to high school.

To help both parents and students, a range of tips and resources are available online. There are useful tips such as getting to know your new school, getting organised, practical study and note-taking tips, how to make friends, staying safe online and keeping happy and healthy.


Queensland Education Accord
Our 30-year vision for education in Queensland

Have your say on the draft Education Accord
Public consultation continues on the draft Queensland Education Accord.

You are encouraged to have your say on the 30-year vision for education in Queensland by completing the online survey.

For more information visit the Queensland Education Accord website.