Hello Friends and Families!

Welcome to our new school year in a brand new decade! It is wonderful to see all our returning students back, and we wish a very, very special welcome to our brand new preppies Chace, Xzavier and Israel. We are also very pleased to welcome new students, Malakii and Tyrone, and their family to Kennedy State School. We have been very busy learning our school rules and routines. Teaching and Learning is well underway and we have made a start on all our English, Maths, Science and History units of work.

Staffing

Mrs Kaurila and I return to the classroom as your children’s teachers this year. Mrs Kaurila will be here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We welcome Mrs Kate Mason as our PE teacher for the first part of the term while Mr Catarossi is relieving at Silkwood State School as Principal. Mrs Mason is a very experienced PE teacher and has also been a teaching principal. It is great to have Mrs Mason join our staff.

Miss Kathy and Miss Renee have returned as our wonderful teacher aides and Mrs Paton, business manager, and Miss Ngareta, admin assistant, have returned to run our office.

New Cubby House

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How lucky are we? The children have been enjoying their brand new cubby house, very kindly donated by Mel, daughter of Kerry and Pete who won it in the Cardwell Men’s Shed Christmas Raffle. Thank you very much, Mel and everyone at the Men’s shed. I’m sure it will have many years of loving use here at Kennedy.

2020 School Leaders

Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to nominate for school leadership positions. Interested students have brought home nomination paperwork today. Candidates will deliver their speeches on Parade next Wednesday 6th, February. We have also called for nominations for student council representatives from students in Years 4-6. Our 2020 school leaders and student council reps will be announced the following week on parade, Wednesday, 13th February.

Principal’s messages continued over page....

Calendar Of Events

| Jan   | 31 | Little Gliders’ Playgroup returns 9 –11 am |
| Feb   | 6  | Student Leadership speeches on Parade    |
|       | 7  | Cassowary Coast (South) 9-12yrs Swimming Carnival (nominated students only) |
| Mar   | 29 | SSS Cross Country Carnival @ Murray River Upper State School |
| Apr   | 3  | Easter Bonnet Parade                   |
|       | 5  | Last Day Term 1                         |

Little Gliders’ Playgroup every Friday 9-11 am
Principal messages continued...

Booklist requirements

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their stationary and books, and fixed up for their child/children’s workbooks at the office. All students require the workbooks for their lessons and we would appreciate prompt attention to this matter. The approximate cost is $55/child for workbooks. We understand that back to school is an expensive time for families. You are very welcome to come and arrange a payment plan with Anna, our business manager, or with me. All applications for payment plans will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Homework

Homework will begin next week. This year, students will all have home learning tasks. This will involve reading each evening for ALL students, a maths page from “Step it up” for older students and sight words for younger students. It is expected that all students will complete their reading and home learning tasks. Reading daily will help to ensure your child’s reading enjoyment and progress just zooms.

All homework supports the curriculum we are teaching in class and is in no way intended to make life difficult for families. Should you or child experience difficulties with homework, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

More details about setting up a homework routine and our homework expectations will follow next week.

Tuckshop

We hope to have our “tuckshop” back up and running in a few weeks time. To make tuckshop a success, we will require some parent/friend volunteers to help co-ordinate tuckshop and prepare the meals. Could you or someone you know spare some time on a Friday to help? Volunteers who are not parents or guardians will need to hold a volunteer Blue Card. We can help you to organise this. This included grandparents and adult siblings.

Please do let us know if this is something you could help with. We would like to get a roster together in the near future. Thank you!

Absences

Please remember to contact the school each time your child needs to be away. An explanation of an acceptable reason means that your child’s absence can be recorded as authorised. Acceptable reasons include illness or severe weather events. If you do not provide a reason or the explanation is not acceptable, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Examples of unauthorised absences include being away for shopping trips and birthdays.

If you do not notify us when your child is away, you will receive a text message from us by 10 am. A prompt reply is very much appreciated.

Thank you everyone for helping us to follow these mandatory departmental requirements and policies.

Communication

We can be contacted on the school phone number 40666555. As our office hours are limited, the phone may no be answered so please leave a message.

Messages are checked each break and straight after school. Please read the newsletter and keep an eye on the “Calendar of Events” on the front page to keep up to date with everything that is coming up. Important messages will be sent via SMS on the school mobile number.

Our Facebook page is sporadically updated with various news worthy events but is not used to post photos of children or post routine messages or information.

We believe that schooling is a team effort and we value your thoughts and opinions on what’s happening at school. It is very important that you bring any concerns to my attention straight away.

You are welcome to pop up to the classroom before school or catch me at the gate at 3 pm. If I am unable to devote my attention to you, we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Thank you for reading this rather lengthy first newsletter! I am looking forward to a wonderful year of teaching and learning in 2020 with you all.

Warm regards,
Jo McCullagh
Principal

Right: Cassowary Coast Mayor John Kremastos presents Principals from MRUSS, CSS & KSS with the Cassowary Coast Australia Day award for the song “Super Southern Schools This is where I wanna be”
Office Hours
Our office hours are 8.30—3.30 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please come in for all your general enquiries, uniforms and payment related matters during these times. Miss Ngareta is in the office on Fridays for general enquiries as well.

Parade Timetable Change
We have made some slight changes to our timetable. Parade will now be held on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. Our agenda for parade includes singing the national anthem, important messages, awards, birthdays and, on varied occasions, sharing of class work and achievements. Families are always very welcome to attend our parade.

Fruit Break Routine Change
We will continue to have a quick break from our lesson at 10 am for fruit break. This year, all children need to bring a piece/serve of fruit or vegetable of their own to have for fruit break. Tinned and dried fruit are perfectly acceptable. We won’t be serving the fruit on shared plates this year. Please ensure the fruit/vegie is as “ready to eat” by your child as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about fruit break, please do not hesitate to pop in and see me.

Class Timetable

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Precious Preps of 2020

Students of the week
No students of the week were presented this week.

End of Term 4
Principal’s Award: Clayton

Welcome Malakii & Tyrone

KSS birthdays!

Happy Birthday!!
Gage, Roman and Malakii (absent)
Community Notices

Little People, Big Worries
An informative workshop on anxiety and other big feelings experienced by young children.
This workshop provides parents with insight into what happens in the body when people experience anxiety and how to support children in managing their big feelings.

Date: Wednesday 5th February 2020
Time: 10am – 11am
Venue: VPG 158a Edith Street Innisfail
To register please contact

VPG Innisfail
158a Edith St, Innisfail
P.O. Box 1394 Innisfail 4860
Phone: 5405 321 408
Email: jolene@vginc.com.au

Triple P Positive Parenting Program
TULLY
4 Session Group for Parents with 0-12 year olds

Session 1
Tuesday 4th February 2020
9.30am – 11am
What is Positive Parenting
Why do children behave as they do?

Session 2
Tuesday 18th February 2020
9.30am – 11am
Goal Setting / Development
Teaching new behaviours

Session 3
Tuesday 3rd March 2020
9.30am – 11am
Managing and responding to Misbehaviour

Session 4
Tuesday 24th March 2020
9.30am – 11am
Planning ahead
Putting it together

Helping you undertake the most important and rewarding job in our community-raising the next generation
Cost: Free
Location: Tully Support Centre, 1st floor
Bookings essential—To register please phone
40617285 or 40683004
e-mail: Maxine.tullysupportcentre.com.au

Early Communication

Communication Development
Wednesday 12th February 2020
9:30am-11am
To register please contact

VPG Innisfail
Email: jolene@vginc.com.au

Well Women’s Clinics
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)
Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Contraceptive, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.
Tully Hospital
Cardwell CBHC
Thursday 20th February 2020
Friday 21st February 2020
Ph: 4226 4812
Ph: Women’s Health Nurse - 0428 781 421
or: Cardwell Clinic - 4066 8533

STORYTIME AND PLAY AT CARDWELL LIBRARY
EVERY TUESDAY MORNING
10:00 – 12:00 AM
DURING SCHOOL TERMS

Rhymes, stories, songs, craft
Come and join the fun.
All children up to school age welcome.
Stay for morning tea and a chat

Cardwell Library
Queensland Government
Cassowary Coast Libraries