



Kelly's Plains Public School Newsletter

Term 4
Week 4
7/11/2018

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School Website: www.kellysplan-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Community of Schools

What is happening at our school?

Welcome to week four!

Can you believe we are almost halfway through term four! Thank you to everybody for working together as a team to achieve success. We have had another busy fortnight full of learning opportunities. We hope you enjoy reading about them.

Student Absences

If your child is sick or absent from school due to family commitments, please remember to inform the school so we can keep a formal record of explained absences. Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days. Any student absences that are not communicated to the school are deemed 'unjustified' absences. Please also remember a Principal has the authority to decline an explanation for absence. You can inform the school of your child's absence in three ways:

- A handwritten note explaining when and why your child was absent – handed to your classroom teacher.
- An email to the school email account explaining when and why your child was absent.
- A phone call to the school office explaining when and why your child was absent. Please remember our office is only attended on Monday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's. Please leave a message if your phone call is unanswered.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in ensuring reasons for student absences are communicated effectively and efficiently.

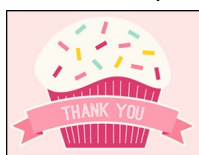
Snake Safety

Last week we discussed updated procedures to Kelly's Plains Public School's snake safety risk assessment. Students were informed to "follow the teacher's instructions" in the event that we see a snake at school. Please be assured teachers are trained to deal with a snake sighting or bite and have very strict procedures to follow. We apologise for causing any unnecessary alarm but feel it is important to be proactive and prepared. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the school during school hours.



Thank You Ms O'Hara

Last Friday we thanked Ms O'Hara for her outstanding commitment to Kelly's Plains Public School. She has been a true asset to our classrooms and playground and we wish to formally acknowledge her work at KPPS this year. She treated us to the tastiest sugar and dairy free cupcakes we have ever tasted. A true testament to her passion towards differentiating and supporting our differences as a Student Learning and Support Officer. We wish you all the very best and hope to work with you again one day soon.



YPEP

Accompanying this newsletter is a note further explaining our upcoming YPEP lessons. Please take to the time to read the important information and contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

YCDI! Program Achieve



Last week we started our first You Can Do It! Lessons. We were introduced to our new classmates: Ricky Resilience, Pete

Persistence, Gabby Get Along, Connie Confidence and Oscar Organisation. Students have been set challenges each afternoon to go home and teach someone something about our new classmates. Congratulations to Kalia Smith, who diligently made her new classmates into puppets at home so she could teach her family about the keys to success. Well done! We look forward to sharing more success stories as we continue to improve our social and emotional skills and achieve success.



Police Liaison Visits KPPS

On Monday 5th November, Constable Fiona McCormack visited Kelly's Plains Public School. She spent time with the Uppies and Lowies discussing school and community rules and how rules are designed to keep everybody safe. This lead into cyber safety rules:

- Only playing online games with people we know.
- Keeping our details and passwords private.
- Being kind and caring when using social media.

Please see the fact sheet attached for further information about how to help your child use the internet safely, responsibly and respectfully.

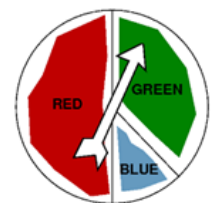


News from Mrs Gallagher

Last week the Uppies started a new History unit of work called 'Great Journeys'. Students started investigating *The Age of Exploration*. In groups, they created and performed soundscapes of a sea journey. Students have started to collate questions that they would like to have answered over the coming weeks.

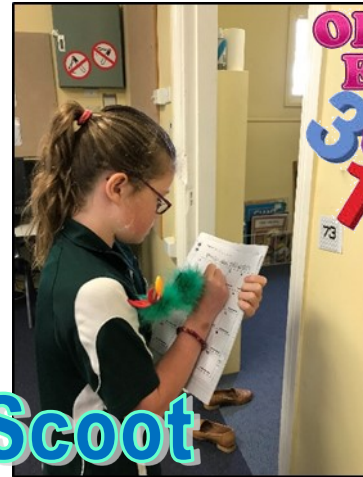
During Maths we brainstormed mathematical terms that are often used in probability. We experimented with chance concepts using colour wheels and predicted possible outcomes.

This term we will also be studying natural and processed materials through our Science unit, 'Material World'. We will start by discussing the properties and uses of materials in everyday life.



Odd and Even Number Scoot

To achieve whole number outcomes and assess student understanding in an engaging way, the Uppies participated in an activity called Odd and Even Number Scoot. The activity involved moving around the classroom, searching for numbers, using previously taught knowledge to decide whether it was odd or even and recording the answer. Congratulations to all students who worked with a positive attitude to achieve success.



Odd & Even Number Scoot

Visual Arts

In art the Uppies have explored a wonderful text called "Elmer". They then created an artwork using pastels and crepe paper wash to celebrate their differences. Ask them about it.





KIDS DISCO!

Proudly Supporting Camp Quality

Friday 7th December 2018
 Armidale City Bowling Club, Dumaresq Street



Tickets: \$8pp
 Drinks and snacks available for purchase

Time: 6:00 to 7:30pm

Ages: 5-13 years
 Adult Supervision— all with Working with Children Check

Theme: Christmas

Tickets may be pre-purchased from the Bowling Club, or on the night and must be presented at the door

BOOK NOW at the Armidale City Bowling Club, 02 6772 5666



2018 CALENDAR - TERM 4								
MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
November	4	5 Constable McCormack visits	6	7	8	9 11.30 Music Trio Remembrance Day Assembly and P&C Lunch	10	11
November	5	12	13	14 9.30-11.30am YPEP 1	15 Kindergarten Orientation Day	16 2pm CWA Afternoon Tea	17	18
November	6	19 9.30-11.30am Healthwise	20	21 9.30-11.30am YPEP 2	22 Kindergarten Orientation Day	23 P&C Lunch and Assembly	24	25
November / December	7	26	27	28 9.30-11.30am YPEP 3	29 Kindergarten Orientation Day	30	1	2
December	8	3	4	5 9.30-11.30am YPEP 4	6 Science Voyager Bus	7 P&C Lunch and Assembly	8 P&C Meet 6pm	9
December	9	10 Reports	11	12	13 Kellys Plains Presentation Day	14	15	16
December	10	17	18	19 Last day of school	20	21	22	23

Save the Date
for our
**Kelly's Plains Public School
Presentation Day**

**Thursday 13
December 2018**

See you there!

Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER
as a drink

Water is the best drink as it does not have any added sugar. Fruit juices, soft drink, sports drinks or cordials should not be given to your child every day as they contain a lot of added sugar. Tap water is the best choice. In most areas, tap water contains fluoride, which helps children to prevent strong teeth.

HOW MUCH SUGAR IS IN THAT DRINK?

BEST CHOICE (Lowest sugar)

GOOD FOR YOUR TEETH (No added sugar)

NOT THE BEST FOR YOUR TEETH (High sugar)

TIPS TO HELP YOUR KID DRINK MORE WATER

- Show children that you enjoy drinking water!
- Drink water with every meal.
- Take a refreshing bottle of water when you go to school.
- Flush water with your child's lunch.
- Encourage your child to drink water when they play sport.
- Limit buying sugary commercial drinks.

Source: Western Sydney Local Health District

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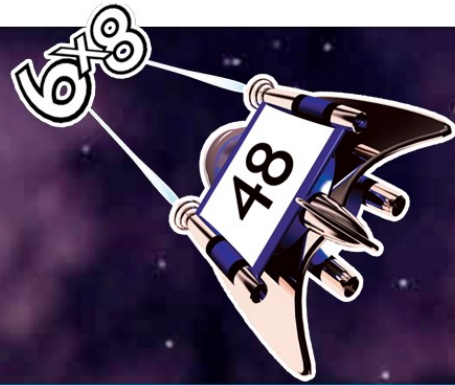
Kelly's Plains Public School Teaching Staff
 Principal: Mrs Rosh Mercer (Relieving)
 Teacher: Mrs Lauren Cotter



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The answer |

Have you heard about Math Invaders?

Intrinsically motivating

Simple progress reports are integrated with the user interface to show progress at a glance.



Space-age interface

Allows quick and accurate content selection.

Children learn best when they are having fun

The fast and furious Maths Invaders Online game engages and motivates students to master mental maths.

- Carefully sequenced to build mental maths ability step-by-step
- Little-by-little as skills increase the maths gets harder
- The children are having so much fun they don't even realise they are learning
- Players tackle 100s of questions in minutes

[Learn more about how Maths Invaders works on all devices...](#)

On Thursday 8th November, Jason Riley and his work colleague Graham, taught us how to use MATHS INVADERS!

This is a brilliant website that you can access at home. Your child will have a small slip of paper with login details. We look forward to hearing your amazing success stories about using this website before and after school.

Keep your kids safe online

Smartphones, tablets, laptops, mobile apps and social media; how we interact and communicate with each other has changed a lot. Your skills in rule setting, support, and guidance are vital when it comes to ensuring your kids enjoy positive online experiences and can help them navigate this ever evolving digital landscape.

What goes on, online?

Your kids' online world is as much a part of their life as school or friends, so it is vital that you understand the risks when giving them screen time.

Young people are increasingly exposed to an open and collaborative online culture, which allows them the freedom to explore a vast array of information; but this also opens them up to potential breaches of privacy such as intrusion into their social and family lives, identity theft, unauthorised access to personal information, and cyber-bullying.

So what does this mean?

It means that in this ever changing digital landscape you need to have an awareness of how to ensure safe practices online and teach your kids how to 'stay smart online'.

While a parent's involvement in the safe use of technology should start from a child's first use, parents continue to be a vital influencers when it comes to ensuring that young people practice responsible digital involvement and engage in online activities safely.

Digital education and communication is essential to the safety of your kids online. This will help instill confidence in them.

Help is a click away

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has a range of downloadable resources that can assist you in keeping your kids safe online, go to www.esafety.gov.au to find out more information.

Tips for effective Privacy online

To protect your kids against cyber-risk, teach them to be online savvy:

- > Remind them never to share their usernames and passwords with anyone;
- > Check the privacy settings of social networking sites with them to make sure they are only sharing their personal information with their friends;
- > Educate them about the security risks of sharing too much detail online and to remember 'stranger danger';
- > Get them thinking about the long term effects of their online behaviour – the cost to their reputation with friends, family, and even potential future employers;
- > Encourage them to **THINK** before they post; a digital footprint can last forever.

For more information

Contact the Information and Privacy Commission
GPO Box 7011, Sydney NSW 2001
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