

NEWSLETTER



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Dates To Remember

Mon 25th March

Thai Students' Welcome

Mon, Tues and Wed 26th - 28th March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 27th March

Warrawong Wildlife
Sanctuary Incursion

Tuesday 3rd April 7pm

Parents and Friends
Meeting

Term 1 ends

Friday 13th April 2pm

Pupil Free Day

Term 2 – Week 1
Monday 30 April

Right Bite

Daily fruit and lunch on
Thursdays

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Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to the staff and parents who so generously volunteered their time on Saturday 17th March for our Polling Day barbeque. We have raised more than \$200 profit so far and have a few more cans of soft drink that we hope to sell.

Our new web site is well underway and we hope to be able to launch it by the start of next term. It is shaping up to be a very professional site that is easy to navigate. This new website will allow us to upload newsletters, photos and policies with ease.

Our Right Bite program has continued to receive funding for this term and students are enjoying the opportunity to try different foods for lunch on Thursdays as well as establish the healthy eating routine by eating fruit daily.

Staff and students are all looking forward to our four Thai students' arrival on Sunday 25th March. They will be with us until Tuesday 10th April and will be based in Ms Johnson's class. The students are all aged between 10 and 12 years of age. We will be having an incursion on Tuesday 27th March with Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary visiting our school with a variety of native Australian animals. Our school will cover the cost of the incursion using funds we receive from hosting the Thai students.

I would like to thank the members of our Governing Council for their hard work and commitment. Governing Council meets twice per term and we had a meeting on Tuesday 20th March. Non committee members are most welcome to attend any meeting but do not have voting rights. Our meetings for Term 2 will be on Tuesday 8/5/18 and Tuesday 12/6/18.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Easter and I hope to see you all back at school on Tuesday 3rd April for the last nine days of term. The term ends on Friday 13th April with early dismissal at 2.00pm.

Jill Gurner
Principal

This Page created by Mrs Zalac and Students of Room 1

In Room 1 we have been learning all about the weather. We have made different types of clouds, learnt about the water cycle and made rainy weather characters.



Attendance

At Kersbrook Primary we are passionate about teaching and learning. We value each and every student and we want them to do well and enjoy their learning. We want students to be here every day unless they are ill or have an important appointment. Remember, we are here to help if you want to discuss any issues around attendance or anything else.



Common sense tells us that students’ attendance at school affects achievement! Consistent attendance means that students are aware of what is going on in class. Often class themes and activities are conducted over a number of days. When students are in attendance they remain in the loop and feel included as they work together over the whole of the week.

School Card – You might now be eligible!

Eligibility criterion has changed for School Card this year, so please check via the following link:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

If you do not want to apply on-line, please speak to Lynn our Finance Officer as she is happy to help with forms and any other questions.

Eligibility for School Card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2016-2017 financial year being within the following School Card income limits:

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$57,870	\$1,113
2	\$58,903	\$1,133
3	\$59,936	\$1,153
4	\$60,969	\$1,173
5	\$62,002	\$1,1937
Each additional dependent child	\$1,033	\$20

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Calendar Term 1

TERM 1 2018					
9	Monday 26/3/18	Tues 27/3/18	Wed 28/3/18	Thurs 29/3/18	Friday 30/3/18
	Parent Teacher Interviews this week Mon - Wed Thai students arrive 25 March	Warrawong Sanctuary Incursion	Room 1 hosting Assembly 9am Playgroup Sporting Schools Tennis	Right Bite Lunch Sporting Schools Tennis	Good Friday
10	Monday 2/4/18	Tues 3/4/18	Wed 4/4/18	Thurs 5/4/18	Friday 6/4/18
	Easter Monday		Playgroup 9am Sporting Schools Tennis	Right Bite Lunch Sporting Schools Tennis	
11	Monday 9/4/18	Tuesday 10/4/18	Wed 11/4/18	Thurs 12/4/18	Friday 13/4/18
		Thai students depart	Playgroup 9am		2pm Pick Up
TERM 2					
1	Mon 30 th April	Tues 1 st May	Wed 2 nd May	Thurs 3 rd May	Friday 4 th May
	Pupil Free Day		Playgroup 9am	Right Bite Lunch	
2	Mon 7 th May	Tues 8 th May	Wed 9 th May	Thurs 10 th May	Fri 11 th May
	Start Smart Financial Literacy		Playgroup 9am	Right Bite Lunch	Mother's Day Sunday
3	Mon 14 th May	Tues 15 th May	Wed 16 th May	Thurs 17 th May	Fri 18 th May
			Playgroup 9.30am	Assembly Right Bite Lunch	National Walk to School Safely Day
4	Mon 21 st May	Tues 22 nd May	Wed 23 rd May	Thurs 24 th May	Fri 25 th May
			Playgroup 9am Nat Simultaneous Storytime	Right Bite Lunch	
5	Mon 28 th May	Tues 29 th May	Wed 30 th May	Thurs 31 st May	Fri 1 st August
	National Reconciliation Week		Playgroup 9am	Right Bite Lunch	

Happy Easter!



Pencil Grip and Learning Letter Formation



Encourage your child to hold her pencil in a way that allows her hand and fingers to move freely and easily when writing or drawing. General guidelines for a good pencil grip, as shown in figure 2, include:

- ▶ the pencil is held in a stable position between the thumb, index and middle fingers
- ▶ the ring and little fingers are bent and rest comfortably on the table
- ▶ the index finger and thumb form an open space
- ▶ the wrist is bent back slightly, and the forearm is resting on the table
- ▶ the pencil is held about 1–2 cm from the tip.

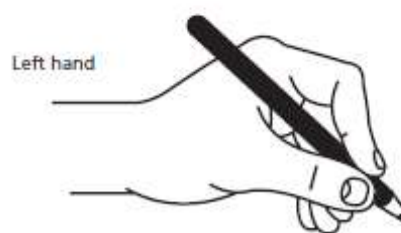


Figure 2: A good pencil grip.

It is important to develop your child's pencil grip as early as possible. This ensures no bad habits and allows the child to write freely and fluently.

If children are not struggling with their pencil grip, it frees up the ability to concentrate on translating the sounds they hear into making their shapes on a page.

Good pencil grip sets children up well to start the process of writing which builds new neural connections in their brain.

Community Forum Kersbrook

Wednesday 28 March 2018

Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial Park

Glover Street, Kersbrook

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Refreshments from 6:00pm

Join the conversation! Hear from Council about key projects and put forward your point of view on matters that are important to your community.

Community members are invited to submit expressions of interest to present at community forums. Email your expression of interest to mail@ahc.sa.gov.au or phone (08) 8408 0400 by 21 March 2018.

For more information about community forums and a list of dates for 2018, visit the [Community Forum webpage](#).