



Katunga Primary School

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Unwelcome Visitors to the School

Over the weekend we had some unwanted visitors to our school who broke off many of the coat hooks outside the classrooms. We have also had recent instances of horses being ridden in the school grounds and through the playground area. Children are encouraged to use the grounds at Katunga Primary School outside of school hours for their recreation. We often have families using and enjoying the adventure playground and kids skating and riding on the hard courts on weekends or after school. These positive activities are to be encouraged. It is in the interest of everyone in our community to discourage or report people who are in the school grounds with the intent to damage our facilities.



Winter Sports (Senior School)

Interschool sport for children in grades 5 and 6 is on again Friday 22nd May. The children will play football and netball at Nathalia against St Francis Primary School. All matches are scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm. Children participating will have an early lunch and will leave the school at 1:00pm and return to school by 3:15pm.

Missing Uniform Items

We have a few uniform items that have been reported missing and are not in the lost property basket. These clothing items would have been taken home inadvertently. Parents are asked to check their children's uniform at home and please return to the classroom or office any items that have been taken home by mistake. At this time of the year it is an easy mistake to make with children removing items of clothing and forgetting to place them in their bag to take home.

Please also remember to check the lost property basket next time you are at school, there is a pile of clothing that is not named or has the name of children who have left the school and we do not know who to pass this clothing on to.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Term 2, 2009

Friday	22nd May	Winter Sports v St Francis PS (at Nathalia Showgrounds)
Friday	5th June	Winter Sports v Numurkah (at home)
Monday	8th June	Public Holiday - Queens Birthday
Friday	12th June	Report Writing Day - Pupil Free Day
Monday	15th June	Parent's Club Meeting - 9:30am
		School Council Meeting - 7:30pm
Tuesday	16th June	Cultural Performance - King Arthur - in Nathalia
Friday	19th June	Winter Sports v St Josephs PS (at home)
Friday	26th June	Last day of term 2 - 2:15pm dismissal

Term 3, 2009

Monday	13th July	Term 3 commences
Friday	24th July	Winter Sports v. Strathmerton PS (at home)

Katunga Kids are Friendly Kids

Using Appropriate Language



Prep/1 Harkness	1/2 Patching	2/3 Hubbard	4/5 Knight	5/6 Kelly
Caleb Williams	Daniel Simpson	Max Hendy	Tristan Armitage	Jasmine Williams

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

The average absence per Victorian student is about one in every 13 school days. That means by the end of their schooling the average student has missed an entire year! Recent figures from The Department of Education suggest that only 40 per cent of students absent from Victorian schools on any given day are away for genuine reasons. These statistics are somewhat swayed by secondary school data; however absenteeism is still a concern within the primary sector.

Our school data is produced below:

Year Level	2007 Average Days Absent	2008 Average Days Absent
Prep	15.4	12.1
Year 1	17.1	16.2
Year 2	13.4	17.4
Year 3	11.0	13.4
Year 4	10.8	13.4
Year 5	8.6	9.6
Year 6	9.7	13.1
P—6 mean	12.2	13.5

The slogan we have adopted is, **“Be on time, be at school; that’s the rule.”** It is important for parents to understand that every day a student is away without reason, the absence is costing that child a learning experience.

We would like to see a decrease in our absenteeism rate at Katunga Primary School as our data indicates that we are ‘creeping’ more into the negative each year. While we know and expect that there are genuine reasons for students being absent, maybe as a school community we can reflect on our school data and the reasons why our school absenteeism rate is increasing. ‘Food’ for thought!

ABSENCE NOTES- PLEASE!

School attendance rolls are legal documents, and under Australian law schools must account for student absences. If your child is absent for whatever reason, the school requires a written note indicating the date and reason for the absence. We appreciate your support in allowing us to fulfil our legal requirements.

<p style="text-align: center;">KATUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL—ABSENCE NOTE (Please Print)</p> <p>Dear _____</p> <p>As the parent / guardian of _____</p> <p>Grade _____, I wish to advise that the absence on _____ was due to _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">KATUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL—ABSENCE NOTE (Please Print)</p> <p>Dear _____</p> <p>As the parent / guardian of _____</p> <p>Grade _____, I wish to advise that the absence on _____ was due to _____</p>
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KATUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Pie Drive Reminder

Just a quick reminder of our next fundraiser! Order forms will be coming out next week filled with the usual yummy flavours plus some new flavours to tempt your taste buds while supporting your school.

Next Parents Club Meeting

The next meeting to discuss our future fundraising efforts will be held in the Staffroom on Monday 15th June. Everyone is welcome to come along and share their ideas! Apologies to Nicole Smith or Lisa Cox.

Katunga Primary School Parent's Club
Wednesday Lunch Roster
Term 2 - Hot Chicken Rolls in Gravy

Please note helpers are required from approx 11:45am to 1pm.

Order forms for lunches are available from the foyer in the office, please note that due to the printing problems we will no longer have lunch bags available so money needs to be placed in an envelope and attached to the lunch order, which in turn should be handed into the classroom teacher each Wednesday morning.

27th May	Fiona McIlveen	Mardi Mison	Kerry White
3rd June	Elaine Loudon	Julie Coller	Mardi Mison
10th June	Heather Parker	Julie Coller	Mardi Mison
17th June	Elaine Loudon	Beck Riordan	Julie Coller
24th June	Lisa Browing	Julie Coller	Mardi Mison

Providing healthy and delicious lunches for the kids!

On Sale at Lunchtimes

from the courtyard on the bell at 1:10 pm

WATER ICY POLES 30¢ each; 300ml

MILKY FREEZES \$1.00 each
(Chocolate, Caramel & Strawberry)

**DUCATS ORANGE DRINKS \$1.20 each*

MILK DRINKS - from Numurkah Milk
Chocolate, Strawberry & Iced Coffee **\$1.50 each**

Bottled Water \$1.00 each

Plain Milk (600ml) \$1.50 each



Student Banking

Student Banking Day is Thursday each week. Bank books with deposit slip filled out and money should be left at the office on Thursday mornings.

