Dear parents, caregivers and interested citizens,

Welcome to this edition of the Red Ant Express. Students and teachers have settled into their classrooms well.

**Student Leader’s Induction**

On Monday 13th February our 2017 student leaders were inducted and introduced to the school community. These students will play an important part in the school by organising and delivering parade, special events, leading and encouraging younger students and peers in all aspects of our school. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them blossom.

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**Value for the Fortnight:**

Right Conduct / Perseverance

**Date Claimers:**

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**School Captains**

- Jamaica Evangelista
- Adin Griffiths

**School Vice Captains**

- Stacey Reeve
- Travis Cooper

**House Captains**

**Alford**

- Captains: Shaye Johnson
- Vice Captain: Hannah Needer
- House Captains: Kobe Palmer

**Haly**

- Captains: Lucas Bath
- Vice Captain: Lucca Wakefield
- House Captains: Savannah Lincoln

**Markwell**

- Captains: Dillyn O’Rourke
- Vice Captain: Harry Young
- House Captains: Abigail Roselio

**Russell**

- Captains: Lachlan Hill
- Vice Captain: Nicholas Williams
- House Captains: Maria Sykes

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**School Management**

This year our school leadership team will be managing junctures. If you wish to discuss any concerns your first port of call is with your child/ren’s classroom teacher. The following outlines which admin members will be managing each grade:

- Prep/Year 1: Trish Emslie and Danielle Young
- Years 2/3/4: Jason Wyeth and Lucie McDonald
- Years 5/6: Russell Thompson and Annette Buckley
Action 2016 - Reading (Be Positive & regular practice)

As a parent you are one of the influences in helping your child to read. If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don’t say ‘No. That’s wrong,’ but ‘Let’s read it together’ and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child’s confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement. Try to read with your child on most school days. ‘Little and often’ is best.

Attendance

Please ensure that your child/ren are attending school so we are maximizing every learning opportunity and ensuring all students succeed. If your child/ren are away please ensure that you contact the school on the absence line 4160 4360 and leave your child’s name, class and brief reason. We are aiming to have an attendance rate of 93%. Our current attendance rate is 92.3%. The below table shows our attendance rates for last week:

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School Expectations - Be in the right place at the right time

Students have been reminded when the bell goes they have 5 minutes to go to the toilet, have a drink and be prepared for class. Classes have been practicing where they line up and their transitions around the school to ensure that they understand this expectation.

Road Safety

Please obey parking rules & speed limits when picking up and dropping off your children. Please don’t park across driveways. Police have said they will be policing these areas.

Sport News

If you are born 2007, 2006, 2005 you are able to participate in South Burnett Sport trials. If you are interested in a sport please see the below teachers for information and trial dates:

- **AFL**
  - Boys/Girls
  - Mr Cavanagh
- **Softball**
  - Boys/Girls
  - Mrs Montgomery
- **Netball**
  - Girls
  - Mrs Dempster
- **Basketball**
  - Boys/Girls
  - Mrs Young
- **Touch Football**
  - Boys/Girls
  - Miss Humphreys
- **Soccer**
  - Boys/Girls
  - Mr Cavanagh
- **Rugby League**
  - Boys
  - Mr Carrigan
- **Tennis**
  - Boys/Girls
  - Mr Thompson

Instrumental Music News

The instruments have been set up and the beautiful music from our room has begun. Congratulations to all continuing Instrumental Music students who have begun working hard towards some exciting performances in 2017.

My name is Matt Phillips, and I am the Instrumental Music Teacher at Kingaroy SS, Taabinga SS and Kingaroy SHS. I have been teaching Instrumental Music in the South Burnett for 13 years, and you have likely seen me performing with the Kingaroy SHS bands. Involvement in Instrumental Music at Kingaroy SS means that your child will not only have the opportunity to learn an instrument now, but also to continue their learning at Kingaroy SHS (a School of Excellence in Instrumental Music!)

Next week we will see 15 new beginners begin their musical journey. Notes were sent home at the beginning of the year inviting selected students to join our program. If you have not returned this form, please do so ASAP so that you do not miss this exciting opportunity for your child.

In 2017 Instrumental Music will be assessed so it is vitally important that students practice at home each week. Students will be graded on their improvement each week, as well as having several performance pieces throughout the semester.

I am excited to be back at Kingaroy SS, and look forward to meeting you at one of our performances.

Matt Phillips
Instrumental Music Teacher

P&C News

If anyone has some glass jars that you could donate to the P&C it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them at the school office.

Choir News

Our first big choral event this year will be the Kingaroy Eisteddfod in May. Choir students will need to have their own clean black shoes and navy socks. Commitment to attending rehearsals is essential.

Junior Choir - Years 1 - 3
First Break Monday - starting in Week 4
Please bring lunch boxes, and we will eat outside the music room.

Senior Choir - Years 4 - 6 -
First Break Tuesday - starting in Week 2
Please bring lunch boxes, and we will eat outside the music room.