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Kiama Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 3
13th February 2013

Important Stuff:
Family Fun Friday PICNIC
Parent welcome evening & picnic Friday 15th Feb 5-7pm
with free sausage sizzle and games.

Camp Quality free puppet show Monday 25th Feb in Hall.
K-2 from 12.45 to 1.15pm
Years 3-6 from 1.55 to 2.40pm

Parent Information Evenings:
Wed 20 Feb:
5.30pm – 5K, 4/5S
6pm – 3F/L, 3/4D, 2/3B, 4H
6.30pm – 6E, 5/6C
Mon 25 Feb:
Kinder @ 5.30pm
Year 1 @ 6pm
Year 2 @ 6.30pm

CYBERSMART
Free talk: 5.30 – 6.30pm in school hall for all parents
TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

"Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are." - Bernice J. Reagon

Sounds like RESILIENCE – it is a crucial life skill for our children so let’s all get on board with it. If you want advice talk to our coach Will Worthington, Mrs. Quill who runs the “Bounce Back “ program or our new school Counsellor Mr. Paul Charlton who is here Wednesday afternoons and Thursdays all day.

Student Safety Concern: A young boy in our school has recently undergone chemotherapy for cancer. As cancer is not contagious he is able to participate in a full school program. However his immune system is weakened and I seek your help in ensuring that if your child gets a contagious illness, particularly measles or chicken pox, that you keep them from school and inform the school immediately.

Bells for Parents means Time to Leave: teachers need to get on with the teaching process so I am asking all parents to leave once the bell goes for class. We have parents waiting outside classrooms, looking through windows and also having conversations with others that the students and staff can hear. Please leave as soon as the bell goes so the learning is not interrupted.

Front Office Requests: we are charging 50c for non essential phone calls and remind students to ask a teacher first. Also no change is kept in front office so can parents please bring correct change when making payments through the front office.

Play Equipment: students can only use the equipment with a teacher present. Parents cannot legally supervise on our school equipment.

Family Fun Night – you have seen the flyers and booked the date so please come and share in the events aimed at us getting to know one another. The P&C want as many families as possible to come so we get to know one another.

Scripture: reminder if you have changed preferences we need to know in writing by Tuesday.

Chess Club: The first chess club met Thursday with “the Coach” and we are hoping it grows in strength. Permission Notes will go out on paper this term to prepare for a fully electronic system next term.

NEW WEBSITE: great feedback so far and 1400 logged in to see it last week – a few dates were corrected but the best part about it is everyone seems very happy to have a new site that is up to date and meaningful.

YEAR 6 transition to high school: YES its starting now – students received a letter and application for high school this week and it needs to be completed and returned to us by 22 March. It is the best way to ensure the high schools are ready and able to plan.

Sport program Fridays: the new system of specialized PE teachers taking sport commenced last Friday – it was wonderful to see the students so engaged. From this Friday only students who have paid for the program can continue – nonpaying students will have teacher supervised sports lessons at the same time. Parents are invited to watch this week to see exactly what lessons look like and why we chose to offer this option this term.

FUN RUN 21st March – the P&C are hosting an ADIDAS FUN RUN day where all students will gather at the school flats in town to complete a set course with activities. It is a fundraiser for the school and we are asking all students to participate. If they raise over $10 they get a prize plus help their school P&C!

Parent Information Nights: here is your chance to meet your teachers and the stage executive. It is an information sharing session, so come with questions. Dates and times in Important Stuff!

Michael Honeywood

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HIGHLIGHTS & GENERAL NEWS

2013 homework planner: Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

Doing well in class: Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video. Find our more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one

Eight ways to get your kids organised: Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school

Smart foods to boost learning: Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

Audition Application forms for Year 7 2014 and a letter explaining the application process are available from the front office. Please note there are a few changes; applications close on 8th March and the auditions are over 2 weeks with the allocation dates for each area. Payments - $38.50 for one area and $22 for each additional area.

VOCAL GROUP – (DIVAS) 2013

Students who expressed an interest last year in being a member of the 2013 KPS Vocal Group, were sent an email and given detailed notes concerning the organisation for this year. The return slip is due by Friday 22 February. Please hand these in at the office. Our first rehearsal is Friday 1 March. Any other boys or girls who might be interested in joining would be most welcome, and are invited to collect a note from the office. To be a member, you need to be in Years 5 or 6. The commitment required includes: being willing to stay for rehearsals every Friday afternoon after school from 3-4, being in the school choir, (if there is a choir involving Stage 3 in 2013) and attending performances – some are during school time, others are out of school time and could be on a weekend.

Mrs. Maude (Vocal Group Tutor)

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Jigsaw OOSH will be running Active After School Activities this term on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for the children attending out of school hours care. Enquiries can be made at the Bombo room or by email to kiama@jigsaw.com.au
STUDENT NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Your children should be receiving their Scholastic Book Club magazines any day now. Each family should receive one copy via their youngest child. Whilst giving you an opportunity to purchase many great books at discounted prices, you will also be helping earn valuable learning and literacy resources for the school. With each order placed, the school receives 20% of the value back in the form of rewards that are then used to purchase resources for the school library or classrooms. Please place your order in an envelope with your child’s name and class on it and say it’s for Scholastic Book Club Order and return it to the office. You can pay by Cash, Cheque or Credit Card (instructions on the order form).
Karen Koks - Scholastic Book Club Co-Ordinator

SPORT

Weekly Sport.
Parents are invited to view this weeks session of Sport in Schools Australia.
Timetable for Friday
12:00 - 12:45 K/1O, KF, KB, 1H, 1B
12:40 - 1:25 1/2C, 2P, 2/3B, 3FL, 3/4D,

District Swimming Carnival Wednesday 27th February
Children who came 1st 2nd or 3rd in their age 50m race or 1st or 2nd in the other strokes are eligible to attend the Tongarra District swimming carnival. They should have received notes this week. We enter the times for the Individual Medley and the 100m freestyle. We then wait to see if those swimmers have qualified.

PSSA Representative Sport.
Emails will be sent to children in Yrs. 5 & 6 to ask them if they wish to stand for representation in the District Teams.
District coaches allow us to enter 3-4 children in each sport. Our Tongarra District teams then go onto Southern Illawarra Zone trials or South Coast trials depending on the size of the sport. Children selected in a South Coast team attend a 4 day carnival competing against the 10 other DEC districts and representative teams from Catholic schools and a representative team from independent schools. Mr Ellsomore will be facilitating the boys trials and Mr Corbyn the girls.
Coming up: Girls Cricket, AFL, and Boys soccer.
Thanks Jim - fatalbert@exemail.com.au

CLASS REPORT

3/4 Duncan
3/4 D have settled in very well. This week we started homework and our Reading logs. Our H.S.I.E unit for this term is Being Australian. In Week 6 we are doing an assembly item and students have been asked to look for some ‘Australian’ clothing, hats etc to wear. Thankyou to the parents who’ve covered class books with clear contact and provided essentials like glue sticks and pencils etc. I appreciate it if students could bring in a box of tissues for the whole class to use. Looking forward to meeting parents at the Family BBQ and Parent Teacher night.
Mrs Duncan – Class Teacher.
P & C

Adidas FUN RUN is coming to KIAMA Public School! 36 DAYS TO GO This week, you will have received your Sponsorship Booklet and letter announcing our Term 1 Fundraiser to be held on 21 March. This year, by just raising at least $10, every student gets to choose a prize! The more raised, the more prizes are up for grabs! So, start collecting today and preparing for the run at Black Beach in 5 weeks time!
Any questions, please phone Amanda on 0410 397 384.

CANTEEN

Volunteers needed. The canteen is always looking for volunteers to help out. At the beginning of the new year we call on the school community to consider helping out and volunteering at the canteen. Without the ongoing support of volunteers our canteen could not operate. It’s a great way to meet other parents and become involved with your school community and help raise funds for our school. At present the roster for 2013-14 is being drawn up. Volunteer hours are 9am until approximately 12.20pm so you still have the rest of the afternoon to yourself before the children come home from school.
Registration forms are attached at the end of this newsletter or can be picked up from the front office or canteen.

Please Note: Juices, milks and waters are now $1.50. Please be aware of this when ordering lunches.
Happy Munching
Lynne Roberts

ADVERTISING

VOICES BY THE SEA

Students from the Kiama Community of Schools interested being part of a select choir are invited to attend an information and audition session at Minnamurra Public School. 2 sessions will be held in the school hall on 12th February and 19th February 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Applications are encouraged for students in Years 5 to Year 12. Rehearsals will be held on a Tuesday 4 – 5:30pm during school term. Cost: $100. There will be a number of performances throughout the year.
For further information please contact Kate Whitworth  B Mus Ed, 041 7665630.

LAKE ILLAWARRA PCYC FUN FRIDAY

Fun Fridays is an activity for primary school aged children between the ages of 5 and 12. It will run from 6pm until 8pm each Friday throughout the school term. Cost is $10 per child. Places are limited so please book your child’s place beforehand by phoning the club on 4296 4448. Children must be a member of the club to participate in this program. If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact me. Rosanna Cepero:Tel: (02) 42964448

RETURN TO WORK - FREE COURSE

Thinking of returning to work or study but not sure where to start? This course will help you find your direction and path forward as well as giving you confidence in the skills and strengths you already have. Starts 20 February 10am-12pm [8 sessions]. Call Kiama Community College 4232 1050

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

LANIS HOUSE - ENROL NOW FOR 2013

Lanis House a Home of Early Learning, is a Family owned and operated Early Learning Centre that is committed to providing high quality care for all families and children aged 0 to 6 years. We are open Monday to Friday from 7:30 am-6:00 pm and provide all home cooked meals, nappies and linen. Lanis House also offers a comprehensive school readiness program to ensure a smooth transition to kindergarten for your child. For more information and enquiries please call Lisa on 42 33 17 47.
KUNG FU CLASSES FOR KIDS AND JUNIORS
The Illawarra Kung Fu Academy runs Kung Fu classes for Kids aged 5 - 10 years and Juniors aged 10 - 15 years, every Monday and Wednesday. Kids classes are 4 - 4.45 pm and Juniors are 5 - 5.45 pm. Only $10 per class, no contracts, come along to try out any time. (Also Adults and Ladies classes.) More details, contact 0414 445 579 or contact@illawarrakungfu.com.au Website: www.illawarrakungfu.com.au

DROP OFF THE KIDS AND ROLL OUT YOUR MAT
9.30 am Yoga with Riana – Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri – fantastic way to get rid of the morning stress and stay balanced and in harmony for the rest of your busy day. Mums n Bubs, 11 am Friday. Early bird yoga 6 am Mon-Fri – see the sun rise! Intro Offer 3 classes for $20 (10 day expiry). Come and join us at DEVINELY FIT YOGA & LIFESTYLE, Level 1/44 Manning Street, Kiama. For information call 0425 77 88 44. Find us on www.facebook.com/devinelyfityoga
Make yoga part of your life in 2013.

KIAMA CENTRAL NETBALL 2013
Welcome to the 2013 netball season. It’s that time of the year again where registration takes place. Forms are will be available on registration day or they can be downloaded from the Kiama Central website. Forms required include;
- Kiama Central Registration Form
- Netball NSW Form ensuring that the 2nd page is signed
- If this your first year registered in the Kiama Association, if so, we require a copy of your birth certificate signed by a JP
Registration will be held at the Association Club house on Wednesday 6th February 2013 - 4pm to 5pm and Saturday 9th February 2013 - 10am to 12noon Looking forward to seeing you on the court.

KIAMA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB 2013 REGISTRATION - U6 to U18
Online registration is preferred please go to myfootballclub.com.au $110.00 - 1st child, $100 - 2nd child, $90 - 3rd child of same family Registration closes Sunday 10 February. All NEW players can register online, but must attend registration day for photo and DOB verification (birth certificate, passport etc) Registration Days at Kiama Leagues Club on Saturday 2nd & 9th February 10am to 2pm www.kiamajuniorfootballclub.sportingpulse.net

HOUSEPROUD CLEANERS
Houseproud Cleaning offers weekly cleaning, fortnightly cleaning and once-off home cleaning services. All cleaning services are carried out by trained, fully insured professional cleaners who will meet your highest expectations, leaving your home cleaner and brighter with our citrus based cleaning products.
Please call 1300 880 198 for a free quote or visit www.houseproud.com.au
CASUAL WORK AVAILABLE - EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEED

Where:  Kiama Public School

When:  Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly

Hours:  9am to 12.15pm

Experience:  Not necessary. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.

Salary:  'A La Carte' Lunch. Plenty of tea, coffee and best of all, Friendship!

Bonus:  Your children are happy to see you at school. You get to spoil them by spending a little on their lunch, you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school, and all for a good cause. You are raising money for the benefit of your children.

Applications Close:  Never! But please fill out the form below and return it to the Canteen as soon as possible.

Name: ____________________________________________

Telephone(h)__________ (w)__________ (mob.)_________

Child’s Name and Class: ____________________________________________

I give permission for my home phone number to be on the roster.

Day of Week: ______________ Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly

I am available for relief in the Canteen -
Days Available: ____________________________________________