PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

""We are all a little weird and life’s a little weird, and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love."" - Dr. Seuss

There is hidden wisdom in Dr Seuss books – try reading them as an adult aiming to give a good message about values to children and see why.

It is a busy time of year and we have had many demands on families – I am listening to the issues regarding payments coming at once and we will adjust our calendar for next year. The sports program which is proving a hit has caused issues being at the start of the year. Don’t be afraid to voice your concerns to us so we get a full picture of what is happening – or to compliment when you like what we do.

FUN RUN – the major P&C initiative is on and a flyer went home this week. Let’s get behind the event and support our school – every cent raised goes back into the school through the P&C so you can have a voice in how it is used.

The P&C Annual General Meeting is on 25th March 7pm in the Bombo building. All positions will be declared vacant and we call for nominations from the floor to stand for positions. Please come along and have your say, you don’t have to take a position but you can support those who do so much for KPS.

Mr Carney and I are going under the shears next assembly – 2pm Tuesday 12th March to help raise funds for “Shave for a Cure” a charity that aims to find a cure for Leukemia. We know funds are tight so we are not expecting huge donations but aim to try and create awareness. If you can afford to donate then go to the website and add to Kiama Shavers. It is totally tax deductible. Either way please feel free to come along to the assembly – it will be hair raising!


The SRC will be fundraising with a coloured hair day next Tuesday at lunchtime. For a gold coin donation, students will be able to purchase striped hair.

Congratulations to our SRC their first fundraising event for the Red Cross made $370 – this will be combined with all the community of Kiama schools and sent as one donation.

Years 3-6 Assembly lead by Mrs Duncan’s 3 / 4 class is now on Thursday 7th March due to painters taking up the hall on Tuesday.

“Congratulations to Koffi Brookfield for her selection in the NSW Bronze Gymnastics squad. This is a sport that requires a lot of dedication and hours so it is a marvelous achievement for Koffi who is in Kindergarten this year. A bright future ahead.”

Have a wonderful week – Michael Honeywood

"This week Koffi Brookfield was selected into the NSW Bronze Squad for elite Gymnastics. She trains very hard at the international level at Carmel and Co Gymnastics. Koffi is in Mrs Bakers Kindergarten class".
HIGHLIGHTS & GENERAL NEWS

Multiplication times tables

Sorting fact from fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

PARENTS OF YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 STUDENTS
Kiama High School is holding OPEN NIGHT for YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 students and parents on THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013 commencing at 7.00pm in the school hall.
This is a very busy night and we suggest you arrive between 6.30pm and 6.45pm to be seated by 7.00pm. Because of the large number of students coming into Year 7 next year, the hall will be extremely full. To allow as many people to be seated as possible, we are asking that, where possible, parents make alternate arrangements for brothers and sisters and that only Year 5 and Year 6 students and their parents attend.
During the evening, information about the school will be provided by staff and SRC leaders, you will be entertained by the school band, vocal and drama groups, and there will be an opportunity to tour the school and see displays of students’ achievements as well as students at work.
We look forward to meeting with you on the night

CHESS CLUB
I have set up a Chess Club for all interested Stage 2 & 3 students which runs through recess break Thursdays & Fridays. The aim is to encourage everyone to have a go at this age old game which teaches strategy and forward thinking. Ultimately it is our intention to compete in the Primary Schools Chess Teams Competition and/or the OzSchools Chess Challenge.
So if you know that your child is interested would you encourage them to come along and have a go. We have limited space and chess sets so it’s “first in – best dressed”. I’ll be looking for our most expert players as well as “rookies” to make up the teams we put forward. More than anything, enthusiasm and motivation will be the key to who’ll be selected to represent our school. [Just like every other field of endeavour really.] Please encourage your kids to come along.
Will Worthington – School Coach

Students are enjoying participating in Friday sports activities

DIARY
TERM 1 WEEK 6
Thursday 7th March
Canteen – Elisha Rogers, Laurey Davidson

Friday 8th March
Canteen – Chris Tomlinson

TERM 1 WEEK 7
Monday 11th March
School Photos
Canteen – Meredith Gabbot

Tuesday 12th March
Shave for a Cure – Tuesday assembly 12th March 2pm
Canteen – Belynda Delfino

Wednesday 13th March
Canteen – Pat Cains, Natahl McEvoy

Thursday 14th March
Canteen – Jackie Fjellstad, Ruth McLean

Friday 15th March
Canteen – Tennille Shelley

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Monday 11th MARCH
STUDENT NEWS

Assemblies are held for routine announcements, awards and class items.

Whole school K-6 Tuesday at 2.15 (odd numbered weeks). These assemblies are generally just for staff and students. Occasionally parents are invited if there is a specific focus e.g. student councillors being presented with their badges.

Stages 2 & 3 (Years 3 – 6) Tuesday at 2.15 (even numbered weeks). Class Items will be presented and parents are welcome to attend.

Stage 2 & 3 assemblies as follows:

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Stage 1 (Kinder – Year 2) Fridays at 9.30 (odd numbered weeks). These assemblies are generally just for staff and students. Songs and dances may be taught during this time for a future performance for parents.

Stage 1 assemblies (even numbered weeks). Class items will be performed and parents are welcome to attend.

Stage 1 assemblies for Term 1 as follows:

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SPORT

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the members of our team who all performed well at the Tongarra District Carnival yesterday. Marlo Lewis represented Tongarra in the Jnr Girls Breaststroke, Backstroke, Freestyle and Butterfly. Blake Rogers in the Snr Backstroke, Freestyle and Butterfly and Arwen Patrick in the 9yr Freestyle. We are still waiting for the results to come through.

ROD WISHART & PAUL MCGREGOR SHIELD/LEGENDS DAY

This year we will be attending the Week 7 competition on Tuesday 12th March at Flinders Oval Flinders. Notes went home two weeks ago and were due back last Friday.

Thanks
Jim
fatalbert@exemail.com.au

CLASS REPORT

1/2 CLIFFORD

My goodness, Week 6 already, time flies in 1/2C when we are all working so hard.

1/2C have been reading books by Mem Fox and writing down some great memories just like in Gordon Wilfred, McDonald Partridge and following Hush in Possum Magic.

We are all enjoying sport on Fridays. Even though we have had some wet weather, sport has still continued – thank goodness for all of our outdoor COLA’s.
In HSIE 1/2C have been learning about our past and making a family tree. We have looked at how our grandparents lived and what they liked to play. In Science we have also been looking at toys and how they move.

Our assembly item is coming up in Week 8 so we have been practising for that to get ready, we hope to see you there!

All students are settled and coping well with our routines, they are enjoying being in a composite class and helping each other out.

Thankyou to all parents who attended the parent information night. I realise it is very difficult to find time and baby sitters etc. However, I look forward to working with you and your child this year, please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have a query or problem.

Finally, if you have not already sent in a box of tissues for use in our classroom it would be of great assistance if you could do so. Thankyou for your cooperation

Mrs Clifford – Class Teacher

P & C

OMG: FUN RUN 15 days to go!
And only 9 days left to get your donations in on line. You are still able to bring in donations to school up until the day. Remember, just for raising at least $10, each and every child gets to choose a prize GUARANTEED - everything from sports balls to cameras, TVs, remote control helicopters, Wii consoles and MORE. Check out the sponsor book or online at www.schoolfunrun.com.au or in the flyer sent home today!

FILL OUT THE SPONSOR FORM - either with cash donations or any online donations you receive. Registering ONLINE only takes about 2 minutes total and then you'll be able to sit back and watch the donations roll in! (And enter the draw for a family trip to Disneyland…)

ATTEND THE FUN RUN on March 21. Parents welcome to come along and enjoy a fun day down at Black Beach. Students will RUN, WALK or SKIP around the marked course. The 'run' will be 10-11am and then lunch and free play at the same venue. Fingers crossed for nice weather!

Will YOU raise the most in your year???
Good luck!

CANTEEN

EASTER RAFFLE
Easter Bunny visits early! Easter this year is at the end of March – before the school holidays! Following previous year’s successful Easter raffles, we’re filling up the baskets again. We are calling for donations of chocolate Easter eggs/bunnies etc. and baskets by either sending in with your child or delivering to the school office or canteen. The children look forward to this event every year and thanks to the generosity of our school community we can make it fabulous again this year.

ADVERTISING

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.

JUNIOR HOCKEY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
Wanted: Under 7’s, 9’s, 11’s &13’s girls and boys to register. When: Register Week 1 of competition Monday 11th March 2013. MONDAY afternoons during School Terms 1 and 2. Where: Croome Road Hockey Turf, Albion Park Time: 4pm – 6pm. Organisers: South Coast Womens Hockey Association All players will need a mouthguard.

Come and find out how much fun hockey can be!

Contacts: Sue Carney 0421986458

CATHOLICCARE WORKSHOPS

Lift
A therapeutic group for men and women experiencing anxiety. Presents principles from both cognitive behavioral therapy and acceptance and commitment therapy. 5 Thursday evenings, 6.30 -9pm. 7,14,21,18 March, 4th April.

For more information and bookings ph: 42271122
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Many Kiamarians are shaving or colouring their hair for the Leukaemia Foundation

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE™

Enjoy a fun night out with the whole family, have a laugh and sponsor your favourite local to be “brave and shave”

Join Us

At Kiama Leagues Club for a F.U.N. Family Night...

Face Painting - Games - Prizes - Bring your Pocket Money

2013 Event Details:

16th March
5pm

Entry Conditions: You need Funky Hair, Wig, Shave or Colour your Hair on the Night

Sausage Sizzle (Gold Coin Donation)

Attend our event or Sponsor the "Kiama Shavers" Team at

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To Join the Fundraising Team, call Michelle 0411-417-363 or Paul 0450-742-880

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