From the Principal

This week:

- Swimming Carnival
- Kincumber High School Info Evening
- Absences
- PBL – what does it mean?

Swimming Carnival

Many thanks to the wonderful group of teachers and parents who helped make the carnival such a success last Monday. Mrs Heymans organised a great carnival with invaluable help from others. Happily, we ran a little late and didn’t get through our whole program as so many children participated this year! Great effort Kincumber kids!

Kincumber High School Information Evening

On 12 March, Kincumber High School’s principal, Mrs Janine Debenham, Deputy Principal, Mr Matt Riley, and former KPS students will visit our school to talk about transition to Kincumber High School. This information session is for parents of Year 3 – 6 students.

I attended the high school’s Evening of Excellence last Wednesday and I continue to be impressed with the academic successes that Kincumber High School has. Our local high school is one of the highest achieving comprehensive high schools on the Central Coast and, despite a huge difference in fees and resources, not too far behind high profile private schools! It was wonderful to see so many former Kincumber Public School students on the stage too receiving recognition for outstanding achievements across the curriculum.

Absences

As you are aware, when your child is away, we expect you to notify us of the reason for the absence on the day your child returns. To make this a little easier for you, we provide each family a little tear-off pad of absence notes that you can keep at home to use when notifying us of absences. They include information that you would normally provide including student name and reason for absence along with space for your name, signature and a contact phone number. We hope these are useful and will help to make it easy for you to provide us with the information we need to legally maintain, and reduce the need to generate the department-issued letters that sometimes offend. Please use them when necessary and help us help you.

P.S. In the interests of continuity of learning, please consider arranging family holidays in school holiday time. It stands to reason that we can’t teach your child if he or she isn’t here.

PBL-Positive Behaviour for Learning

PBL is a consistent, school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours, creating a positive school environment. It is a continuum of evidence based practices that includes:

- school-wide discipline practices including establishing clear consequences
- instruction in social skills
- helping students regulate their own behaviour
- helping teachers intervene effectively to manage behaviour in the classroom and other school environments
- active supervision in all areas of the school
- enabling the learning and support team and PBL team to plan and solve problems together
- external coaching to build capacity and provide consistent, region-wide support for schools

Why do we need PBL? We currently have a great school where student academic and behaviour standards are high, but we know we can do better and go from a great school to an outstanding school. Two other primary schools in the Kincumba Learning Community are embarking on the PBL journey with us – Avoca Beach and Pretty Beach PS. Together we hope to create a consistent set of expectations and processes that can contribute to successful transition to Kincumber High School. Our goal is to create a community of safe, respectful learners.

Have a great week at our great school!
Trish Peters, Principal

Students of Week 4, Term 1, 2014.

| K/1G | Milly Thornton Dreyer | 1E | Shanaya Harris | 2E | Jackson Adair | 3K | Daniel Arkins |
| KE | Jay Kelaher | 1H | Jarryd Harris | 2K | Jacob Thomson | 3H | Kyren Finlow |
| KP | Henry Scarlett | 1M | Harper Russell | 2L | Jessica McGregor | 3S | Eternity Haak |
| KW | Luke Foreshew | 1T | Eilidh Watson | 2M | Taryn Cranney | 3W | Samuel Mortimer |
| K/1G | Flynn Henry Wk 3 | 2C | Tara Dalziel | Library | Kane Callan |
Class Item by 3H

Our Portraits
Last week 3H have been making face portraits. First Mrs Heymans took a photo of the class and then we folded it in half and cut it down the middle. We had to glue it on another piece of paper and sketch the other half of our face. We had to think of the light and dark shades. Mrs Heymans helped us also, especially with the eyes.

By Luke 3H

Our Castles
Three weeks ago we started an art project called 2D Castles. First we drew 2D shapes to make castles. Then we chose five coloured crayons to colour the shapes. When we finished that we chose one of the five crayons and outlined the castle in that colour. Then we used 3 colours of paper and cut them out to put on as the background.

By Sophie 3H

Swimming Carnival
On Monday February 24 we held our school’s swimming carnival. I am proud to say the day ran smoothly and we had a lot of students trying their best in every race. All students were well behaved and were dressed in their house colours and cheered as hard as they could. All teachers that were there on the day mentioned how proud they were of the students.

I would like to congratulate Ellie Richardson for breaking a couple of records.

- Open 100m 1:08:75. The record was held for 5 years, since 2009 with a time of 1:08:94.
- 50m freestyle 31:53. The record was held for 7 years, since 2007 with a time of 32:17.

Ellie also swam the 50m butterfly in 36.19 and this is equal to the record that has been since 2007.

I would also like to congratulate Sasha Casey for establishing a new record for Junior 50m Breaststroke with the time of 53:08.

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS ON A FABULOUS EFFORT.

I would like to announce the swimming champions for 2014.

Junior girls: Sasha Casey
Junior boys: Zane Kirkman
11 year girls: Lauren Tait
11 year boys: Luke Holder
Senior girls: Ellie Richardson
Senior boys: Kieran Vella

My final yet very important announcement is the house points. Congratulations to all houses. Points are based on entering a race and the place you came as well as extra points for cheering, behaviour and also sportsmanship.

Here are the points and the winning house:

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Congratulations Davis for being the 2014 house swimming champions. Good luck to everyone who will be swimming at the zone. I’m sure you will all do well.

Mrs Heymans

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

I would like to congratulate the House Captains and Vice Captains for 2014.

**Davis**
- Captains: Allie Southers and Kieran Vella
- Vice Captains: Jessica Deakin and Lauren Griffiths

**Dunlop**
- Captains: Merindah Smith and Luke Heather
- Vice Captains: Niamh Watson and Noah Nicholls

**Pickett**
- Captains: Jordana Booth and Campbell Gillies
- Vice Captains: Zayla Staben-Angelo and James Crowther

**Piper**
- Captains: Alannah Kirkness and Ted Heatley
- Vice Captains: Scarlett Heatley and Lucas Brown

Davis did an awesome job at the swimming carnival. Everyone tried their best in everything they did. Some students even broke records! We cheered extremely loudly and we had a great time. We even won with a score of 293 points.

By Allie and Kieran

The swimming carnival was good but sadly we (Dunlop) came last. The expectations were high from last year as we came first in house points. We had a lot of people go in races and we weren’t disappointed with our efforts. We will try our hardest at all the carnivals and hopefully we will win!

By Luke and Merindah

Pickett had an awesome day and the swimming carnival. We all tried very hard and we came third. We all had fun cheering and swimming for our team. Goooooo Pickett!!

By Jordana and Campbell

Piper went really well, we came second place overall. Everyone joined in the chants. We swam really well and gave it our all and tried our very best.

By Ted and Alannah
Fleximeals Raffle

Fleximeals is an on-line ordering service offered by the school. Parents can order lunches, recess and uniforms using this service. If you have any questions regarding ordering online, see Linda in the Canteen.

Prize—a fantastic paddle board (on show in Canteen) kindly donated by Linda our canteen super star!

How to enter—every time you place an order for your child’s lunch or recess through “Fleximeals” www.fleximeals.com.au you receive 1 ticket.

Drawn at the end of term 1. The more times you order, the more chances you have to win! GOOD LUCK

2014 KPS YEAR 6 COMMEMORATIVE UNIFORM ORDER REMINDER

Online ordering at Flexischools or complete and hand-in order form to the office with your correct payment by Wednesday 5th March 2014.

ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT

J & E PIANO MUSIC CENTRE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Keyboard Lessons for this term have had to be cancelled. They will recommence in Term 2 with a new teacher.

We regret to inform you of this and will strive to inform all students and parents. A few parents have already paid the keyboard lesson fees for term 1. The payment will be used to cover the keyboard lessons in term 2.

We apologise for any inconvenience and will gladly refund payment to parents if they would not like their children to continue the keyboard lessons.

Johnny Young
Director J&E Piano Music Centre
02 9651 4892

STAGE 3 CAMP

Great Aussie Bush Camp
South Kincumber

Tuesday May 6 to Friday May 9

Information notes were sent home with students this week.

The cost of the Camp is $275.00 and covers food, accommodation and activities. A deposit of $100.00 needs to be paid by the end of week 7 - Friday March 14, to ensure student placement at the camp.

The cost of the camp can be paid in full or by installments.

Karen Wardlaw

STUDENT BANKING

WESTPAC BANK

Student banking day is Thursday and will commence next Thursday, February 27. Please send bank books to the office first thing on Thursday mornings. Bank books are returned to students on Friday.

If your child does not have a bank account and you would like them to start banking, please visit the Westpac Bank at Kincumber to open an account. You will need provide a birth certificate to open an account. Thank you Wendy Shadbolt will be collecting and processing the bank books.
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