From the Principal

This week:

- Cross Country
- Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)
- Next term forecast
- Bush dance
- Fun police

Cross Country
For the past few years, school staff have combined the cross country with a fun run to raise money for school projects and get fit at the same time. We had scheduled this year’s event for the end of the term and had intended to run it along similar lines to past years. However, the closing of Frost Reserve and a long run of wet weather made the organising team rethink a little.

So... this year the cross country will go ahead at school without the fun run part. The organising team have decided to run several end of term events to raise money for our new iPad technology project – but not this term.

Positive behaviour for learning (PBL)
The school PBL startup team has been working hard with staff this week to identify and start to develop our behaviour expectations. These expectations will help the school team to develop our mission or purpose and set our directions for the next three to five years.

Next term forecast
After a well-deserved holiday, we’ll hit the ground running when students start back on 29 April (Week 1). Soon after there are school photos on 5 May, Stage 3 camp starting 6 May, Mothers Day stall on 8 May (all in week 2) and NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3 & 5 on 13 May in Week 3.

Bush dance on 5 April
Hope you’ve got your tickets and dancing shoes ready for the P & C’s bush dance on 5 April at school under the COLA from 4pm – 7pm. There is no cost to participate but you must have a ticket to gain entry. The P & C will have food and drinks for sale. This will be a fun family night out with the chance to meet other families and teachers informally. The Easter raffle will also be drawn on the night. Bring chairs, a picnic rug, picnic food (but no alcohol) and make the most of the last day of daylight saving and come and dance with your kids.

The Swing Fun Police
Sometimes I have to assume the role of the fun police—but not that often, luckily.

There is a neat little swing hanging from a tree on private land next to the Kimbarra Close main school entrance. I love to see kids having fun and a swing like this in someone’s backyard would be fabulous, but...

When the swing is next to a school yard, it is a huge temptation for many children to stay away from before school. Just lately a number of children have been late into school because they have been playing on it and there have been a couple of squabbles.

Please chat with your children and tell them to stay off the swing in the morning to avoid conflict and being late.

Hope you had a great week at our great school!

Trish Peters
Principal

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Stay tuned for information about the cross country on the website, on Skoolbag and on a note in your child’s bag today.
Class Item by KE

In Kindergarten we have been learning about ourselves and how we have differences and similarities. We have explored the use of our senses, shared Aboriginal Dreaming stories and looked at the roles and responsibilities of family members. We have written about the things that we like and the things that we do not like.

Cooper – I like Ninja Turtles. I do not like chickens.
Chase – I like Ninjas. I do not like ballerinas.
Olivia – I like pickle cake. I do not like swimming under water.
Chloe – I like lollies. I do not like snakes.
Emma – I like cherry ripe. I do not like taking out the stinky garbage.
Sasha – I like fairies. I do not like vacuum cleaners.
Brooke – I like lollies. I do not like storms.
Jahlae – I like ducks. I do not like thunderstorms.
Isaac – I like chocolate cake. I do not like washing my hair.
Jay – I like playing with my lego. I do not like pasta.
Makayla – I like Smurfs. I do not like the vacuum cleaner.
Jesse – I like my mummy. I do not like asteroids.
Ashton – I like sleeping in my bed. I do not like the dark.
Ciana – I like to go walking around the streets with my mummy. I do not like smelly garbage.
Max – I like riding my bike. I do not like falling off.
Taihden – I like riding my bike. I do not like monster trucks.
Marley – I like the water. I do not like sharks.

Parenting Tips

Raising Children

Raising a happy, healthy child is one of the most challenging jobs a parent can have and also one of the most rewarding. The School A to Z website outlines a number of smart strategies for confident parenting including:

- Busy kids are less likely to be difficult and disruptive.
- Kids thrive when they’re living in a safe environment where there are plenty of interesting things for them to do.
- Kids do better when they’re living in a world of predictability and certainty, where there are rules.
- Set reasonable expectations so that your kids are capable of doing what you’ve asked of them.

Take some time to have a look at the 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Newsletter – March 2014. It explores and answers questions on what it takes to raise competent, good-natured children.


KPS CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday 9 April 2014

Dear Parents

Following is the race schedule for the Cross Country to be held in the school grounds next Wednesday. The Cross Country will begin at 9.00am - please note, there is no particular time for any event.

While there are no specific lunch or recess breaks included, students will receive their special canteen sausage sizzle lunch orders during the events. Parents are welcome to place special lunch orders also. Please ensure sausage sizzle orders have been handed to the canteen by Monday 7 April at the latest. Unfortunately no other lunch orders will be processed on the day.

A copy of the track course is on the back of this note. Please ensure children with asthma carry their preventer/reliever with them on the day.

1. 12/13 years boys
2. 12/13 years girls
3. KE, KW, KP and Kindys from K/1G
4. 1H, 1E, 1T, 1M and stage 1 from K/1G (7 years)
5. 11 years boys
6. 11 years girls
7. 10 years boys
8. 10 years girls
9. 8/9 years boys
10. 8/9 years girls
P & C update

The P & C AGM was held Mon 17th 7pm with a smallish
turnout to choose new executive from. As with all AGMs, it
was a time to reflect on the year and elect, with a little gentle
coercion, those willing to help out over the next 12 months.
John Milne stepped down as president and we wish him the
best for the upcoming completion of his master’s degree and
thank him for his good work over the last 12 months. Angela
Jackson also stepped down as treasurer and has given many
hours of time in her voluntary work, thank you Angela.

The newly elected P & C executive is - Cherie Castaing as
president with Janine Roberts and Meagan Cranney as vice
presidents, Michelle Foreshew as treasurer and Di Twomey as
secretary.

At the meeting we had a visit from an enthusiastic local
Rotary member, Maria Murray, who was promoting the
upcoming four villages walk along Kincumber foreshore. This
is a new event to share the shipbuilding history of our local
area. The informative walk will be held Sunday 6th April from
sunrise until 10.30 am—which follows on from our Saturday
night FREE FAMILY BUSH DANCE on April 5th. Anyone able
to assist on BBQ or face painting please text Janine on 0412
469 128 or leave her a message at the school office.

The success of the garden working bee was commented on
by all. It seemed a lot was achieved in a short time thanks to
a fabulous turnout from school families and teachers. Too
many helpers to name but special thanks to Mrs Conacher for
her flower design with the baths, and Mr Smith, Mrs Griffiths
and Ms Liddy for their time given to this project. Also special
thanks to Tracy and Simon Townsend who arranged delivery
of soil and laid the watering system.

Despite having to get a ton of soil and gravel up a steep
mound everyone seemed to enjoy the morning’s work which
passed without a glitch, though a few soft hands developed a
blisters or two from shovelling! Some students have already
started planting and we hope to soon have the rainwater
tank pump connected to power and ready to use. Photos of
the day are on the P & C Facebook page and more are likely
to be added.

We are keen for anyone who can offer time, plants, tools or
gardening tips to email Cherie at kpsgarden@gmail.com who
will coordinate a garden plan.

Trish Peters, on behalf of the staff, discussed some of the
school’s spending priorities over the next 12 months or so.

• Wireless access for remaining classes not yet covered
• COLA resurfacing/lighting
• Sets of ipads for classroom use
• Outdoor furniture
• Replacement of classroom literacy resources to meet new
Australian curriculum requirements.

In October this year we will have a school fete which is our
major fundraiser. We would love to hear from our school
community as to what they would like the P & C to use its
funds to purchase, as well as future goals. This will be
discussed at the next meeting on Mon May19 at 7pm.

All very welcome.

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‘KINTEEN’- CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 1 - WEEK 11

| Tuesday 8 April  | Amanda |
| Wednesday 9 April  | Rachael |
| Thursday 10 April  | Wendy |
| Friday 11 April  | Paula |

Please be sure to let the office know of any changes to your
child’s contact details. This includes changes to;
- Home address
- Email address, please advise of any changes to
e-mail addresses - for distribution of newsletter.
- Mobile (for Skoolbag notices) or work numbers
- Emergency contact detail

Thank you. This information is critical in the event of an
emergency.

Fleximeals Raffle

Last days, get your orders in!

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 on
-line, 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

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STUDENT BANKING
WESTPAC BANK

Student banking has commenced. 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 to
provide a birth certificate to open an account. Thank you
to Wendy Shadbolt who will be collecting and processing
the bank books. Students are asked to bring their books
to the school office.
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NATURE IN BOOKS

In the April school holidays enjoy a variety of nature themed programs with Gosford City Library including:

**Monday 14th April 2014**

**BILBIES**

Erina Library
10am to 11.30am
Ages 9 to 12 years
Bookings required

**Easter Storytime**

Kibble Park, Gosford
10.30am to 11.30am
Weather permitting.
In the case of inclement weather storyline will be moved into the Library. Days 3 to 6 years.
No bookings required

**Tuesday 15th April 2014**

**STORIES @ THE GALLERY**

Australian Birds
East Gosford Regional Gallery
10.30am to 11am
Ages 6 to 12 years
Bookings required

**Children's Bicycle Maintenance**

Kibble Park, Gosford
10.30am to 11.30am
This is a hands on workshop which covers basic bicycle safety and maintenance.
Bring your bike - weather permitting.
Strictly ages 9 and above.
Parental supervision required.
Bookings required

**Wednesday 16th April 2014**

**STORIES @ THE THEATRE**

Laycock Street Theatre
10.30am to 12noon
Enjoy a program themed around Andy Griffiths' book The 13-Storey Treehouse.
Ages 6 to 12 years
Bookings required

**Fairytales**

A Modern Twist
Woy Woy Library
10.30am to 12noon
8 to 9 years
Bookings required

**Thursday 17th April 2014**

**Easter Storytime**

Kibble Park, Gosford
10.30am to 11.30am
Weather permitting.
In the case of inclement weather storyline will be moved into the Library.
Ages 3 to 6 years.
No bookings required

**Monday 21st April 2014**

**ALL GOSFORD CITY LIBRARY BRANCHES CLOSED FOR THE EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 22nd April 2014**

**STORIES @ THE THEATRE**

Laycock Street Theatre
10.30am to 12noon
Enjoy a program themed around Andy Griffiths' book The 13-Storey Treehouse.
Ages 6 to 12 years
Bookings required

**Fairytales**

A Modern Twist
Woy Woy Library
10.30am to 12noon
8 to 9 years
Bookings required

**Wednesday 23rd April 2014**

**Native Animals**

Erina Library
10am to 11.30am
Ages 6 to 12 years
Bookings required

**Thursday 24th April 2014**

**Easter Storytime**

Kibble Park, Gosford
10.30am to 11.30am
Weather permitting.
In the case of inclement weather storyline will be moved into the Library.
Ages 3 to 6 years.
No bookings required

Due to limited spaces, please contact the age recommendation before booking. A program and note that children must be attended by a responsible adult at all times.

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