From the Principal

This week:

- Bush dance fun
- Skoolbag
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Bush dance fun

Didn’t we have the best night ever last Saturday night! It was fantastic to see mums and dads, nanas and pops, kids and teachers get their toes a-tapping and dance together to some old tunes.

The band called the steps and we all had a go at learning some new dance moves with familiar and unfamiliar faces. There were still heel and toe polkas happening in the playground on Monday morning.

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support of the P & C’s fun-raising event (that’s right – fun-raising NOT fund-raising). We had a great time. Thanks go to your wonderful P & C committee for operating the barbie, running the Easter raffle and setting up and packing away – you are the best!

Skoolbag reminder

I can hear some of you say that Mrs Peters needs to go back to school because she can’t spell.

In case you didn’t know, our school has got its own Skoolbag School iPhone/Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent and student community. We hope as many parents/students as possible install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just look for our school name "Kincumber Public School" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, and install it on your iPhone/smarterphone.

What is Skoolbag?

One of the key features of the App is the ability to send free push alerts directly to parents’ iPhones and other smartphones, that have the app installed. We can send any content within the app as a push notification and send to all. Parents can subscribe to various push categories by clicking "more" then "setup" in the app.

From term 2, we will have the ability to send notifications to individual parents. One of my school holiday jobs is to update the app with calendar dates, etc., so that you can access a variety of important school information directly from your smartphones. The events section is great as you can add events directly to your personal calendar. You can also send absence notifications and changes of details via the app to the school.

This year we have changed the categories so you can subscribe to individual classes. Stay in touch – the app is free but the information is priceless!

Cross Country postponed

The school grounds were too wet to hold the Cross Country yesterday, so we have to postpone the event to the back up day of 30th April which is the first Wednesday after we return from school holidays. We’re sorry that it was short notice.

Because we are holding it in the school grounds this year we want to give the grounds a chance to dry out and avoid mud and the inevitable mosquitoes.

ANZAC Day invitation

ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays again this year, and students may be away on holidays. If you can, please attend the MacMasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club’s 2014 ANZAC ceremony and represent the school. All students and their families are invited to attend the Mac’s SLSC ceremony starting at 5pm and it would be wonderful to see you resplendent in your school uniform.

Our school service will be held on Friday 2nd May here in the school hall and you are welcome to attend this ceremony too from 12.15pm.

Hope you had a great last week at our great school and you enjoy the school holiday break! See you back on 29th April.

Trish Peters, Principal

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**Students of Week 9, Term 1, 2014.**

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On Monday all of Stage 1 went on an excursion. Here is a sentence or two from 1M’s writing to tell you about our wonderful day.

We went on a fabulous and exciting excursion with lots of transport like trains, buses, ferry and walking. **Ashleigh Twomey**
I went on a bus that goes on the road. I went on a train that travels on rails. I went on a ferry that travels on the sea. **Jack Campbell**
My favourite part about the ferry was when we made waves for the ducks to go surfing. **Megan Jackson**
The seats were facing each other. I felt sea sick. **Riley Kerry**
We went on a train, it was my first time. **Riley Williams**
We had fish and chips at Fisherman’s Wharf at Woy Woy, it was yum! **Melissa Townsend**
The bus was fast, the train was faster and the ferry was slow. **Jake Underwood**
My favourite part was seeing a chair floating in the water. **Jack Risby**
We also saw lots of fish and the waves were crashing all over the boats. **Marley Reddy**
My favourite part was the train because it was fun. **Chris Belichambers**
At the end of the day we came back to school on a bus. **Tyler Russell**
The ferry was very fun because we sat at the top and the waves moved the other boats. **Ronan Lewis**
I had to stand up on the train because there were no seats so I hooked onto the pole. **Zahlil Foran**
A bus has no seat belts and it is very loud too. **Kai Kelaher**
I saw lots of pelicans on this wood in the water, we also saw lots of pelicans on the water and then the ferry started. **Ellinya Kirkman**
The train was a double decker, I sat on the bottom. **Nathaniel Thomas**
My favourite part was when we had fish and chips. **Andre Rojas Dreyer**
We had a break with food and then we could play in the park. **Melinda Breust**
It started raining when we walked to the ferry then the rain stopped. **Liana Smith**
The children played games until the bus came to pick us up. **Hayley Smith**
My favourite was fish and chips at Fisherman’s Wharf. It was fabulous. **Maya Mallie-Maharta**
When it was raining I went under Jack’s umbrella. **Laila Pickering**
The train station had lots of stairs, we also had to wait so patiently. It was fabulous. **Jasmine Crookes**

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**Class Item by 1M**

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**Parenting Tips**

**Developing resilience in your child**

“**That’s not fair!”** – We often hear this complaint from kids when things don’t go their way. As parents we need to help our children develop the skills to:

- bounce back from disappointment
- accept that sometimes life isn’t fair
- adapt to challenging circumstances.

Resilience is one of the 5 keys of **You Can Do It!**

**Education** and at KPS we believe that students should experience success not only in their learning but in positive relationships and developing a sense of wellbeing. Every school day teachers look to identify and praise examples of resilience such as:

- Not worrying a lot about having to take a test or meeting someone e.g. **I Can Stand It** – “while I don’t like it, I can stand it”
- Not getting very down and staying away from people if someone says something bad about me e.g. **Being Independent** - “I don’t need everyone to approve of me all the time. I can try new activities and speak up even if my classmates think I’m silly.”

For further information see the School A to Z website below to watch a video on developing your child’s resilience skills.


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**PBL SURVEY**

2014 is an exciting time at KPS as we introduce **PBL**: Positive Behaviour for Learning. **PBL** is a problem solving framework that is designed to improve social behaviour and academic outcomes in schools. PBL enables schools to create effective learning environments for all students, all of the time.

We invite parents to help us create the KPS **purpose statement**. This statement is designed to sum up what it is that we (students, parents and teachers) value at our school. The purpose statement expresses our commitment to putting learning outcomes in schools. PBL enables schools to create effective learning environments for all students, all of the time.

We would appreciate parent and student contributions and ask those interested to complete a short online survey (approximately 5 minutes). You can find the link to the survey on the PBL webpage. All survey responses will be collected and will help to create our KPS **purpose statement**. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to express what it is that they expect from us as a school as well as what they expect from students and what they expect from teachers.

If you would like a paper copy of the PBL survey, please request one at the office. All surveys need to be completed by the **end of Term 1**.

Survey link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BNV36CP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BNV36CP)

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**CROSS COUNTRY—Wednesday 30th April**

The school Cross Country will now be held on the first Wednesday back at school next term—30th April. The format for the race will be the same and parents are welcome to attend. The canteen will have a sausage sizzle—$3.00 per sandwich—**payable on the day**. Parents are welcome to purchase as well.
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

A BIG THANK YOU TO—Janine Roberts, Jo Finnelley, Tracey Dempsey, Angela Jackson, Caroline Payne, Rachel Verkade, Tracy Townsend, Lee Beveridge, Rebecca Haigh, Mel Watson.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS— P & C FUNDRAISER

The entertainment books have been sent home this week to all families. If you wish to purchase, please follow the instructions for payment. If you do not wish to keep the book, please return it to school as soon as possible. Please note—if you do purchase the book, it may be used over the holidays and will still be valid until June 2015. If you know of someone (friends, family) who would like an entertainment book, please see the office or order online https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/34h166

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Monday 5th May

School photo payment envelopes have gone home with all students this week. Packages vary in price from $23 to $43 (with a special gift pack available for $15 when one of the other packages is purchased). If sending money on photo day, payment is by CASH, CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER ONLY - please include correct money as no change can be given. You may pay for all students in the one envelope; however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Online payments may be made through the website www.msp.com.au using credit or debit cards from Mastercard or Visa. The website will display an order reference code which should be noted on the back of the payment envelope in the box provided. All student envelopes are individually barcoded with your child’s name so please do not lose them over the holidays!

Family photos (siblings at KPS only) can be ordered - envelopes are available on request from the front office or see website.

Please note - orders received after photo day are subject to a $20 late fee; however orders can be placed online up to one week after photo day.

P & C EASTER WRAPPING

There were 54 lucky families who won Easter Prizes THANK YOU for all your wonderful donations and selling raffle tickets 100% profit went to our school.

Fleximeals on line: www.fleximeals.com.au

If you would like information on how Fleximeals works please call Linda the school’s canteen manager.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY 8.30am to 9.30am
WEDNESDAY 2.00pm to 3.00pm
THURSDAY 8.30am to 9.30am

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 email 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.

BUSH DANCE

What a great way to finish Term 1.

It was great to see so many families come together and enjoy a fun night. Celtic Beat was fantastic, getting young and old up dancing, spinning & twirling together.

A very big thank you to all involved who helped bring the night together.


James Pilling, Susan Davidson - set/pack up & BBQ. Lisa Craddock - organising the straw bales, dropping off & returning them to South Kincumber Produce & Pet Supplies who donated the use of the straw bales for the night. Carole, Theresa & Pat - helping with passing on messages and printing, collecting Easter prizes and distributing etc. etc. etc.

There were other families on the night that helped us pack up THANK YOU!!!!
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