From the Principal
This week:

- Semester 1 reports
- Surveys and school planning
- MPS
- P & C Disco thanks
- 5 Lands Walk

Semester 1 reports
With changes to reporting, due to the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum and NSW syllabus in English this year, and with software changes not keeping up with our needs, teachers will use our 2013 reporting template for this semester and change to a newer version for the Semester 2 reports.

We are having difficulty transferring data we have collected from one software system to another. I appreciate that this is not an ideal situation, but rest assured, teachers have got sufficient and excellent information to make judgments about student progress and we will provide this to you by the end of the term as promised. The reporting template may not be finalised for this term so an interim arrangement will be in place. I will keep you informed.

Surveys and school planning
So far only a small number of surveys have been returned. Can I encourage you to have them in by next Monday at the latest. A paper survey went home two weeks ago and was also posted on the school website at http://www.kincumber-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report/school-improvement-evaluation/school-self-evaluation. It was very open-ended to give you lots to write about.

However, due to the low number of returns to date, there was not yet enough information to establish terms of reference for the forums so they were postponed until a later date to be decided.

Stay tuned for more details.

MPS
What’s MPS? Year 4 student, Odin Hudson, requested that we hold a mufti day to raise awareness of a serious medical condition that affects his younger brother and sister, so today we wore a sea of purple! Thank you for supporting his cause.

P & C Disco
Many thanks to the wonderful parent and teacher volunteers who helped make last night’s disco fun for the kids – we can’t do it without you!

The 5 Lands Walk 21st June 2014
The 5 Lands Walk is a community festival and cultural walk from MacMasters Beach to Terrigal. It is not a race, nor an extreme bushwalk; it’s a journey through and with the communities of the Central Coast, experiencing the diverse cultural offerings of the communities and the landscape in which they dwell. Hugging the coastline, walkers should keep their eyes peeled for the northward whale migration. Enjoy the hospitality of each of the five Lands (beaches), which is hosted by local ethnic community providing music, entertainment, arts displays and food. Each year our school has an increasingly important part to play in providing entertainment and displays at MacMasters Beach.

In 2014 we are working with the Greek community. Our brief is to supply around 1500 hand-made decorations on sticks that walkers will plant along the journey to Copacabana. That means that each child in our school will produce about three pieces of artwork each. Mrs Fell’s dance group will also be performing at the opening and children in the Aboriginal dance group, the Possum Pack, will perform at Copacabana too.

We are very involved again this year and could do with any offers of help from our families who have a little time to spare to help out. If you may be able to help with the decorations or the performance please contact Mary Liddy at school.

Hope you had a great week at our great school.

Trish Peters
Principal

May 22, 2014

P & C meet the third Monday of every month, 7.00pm - President P&C: Cherie Castaing

Students of Week 3, Term 2, 2014.

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Class Item by KP

KP are learning about *Connie Confidence.*

The children in KP have shown confidence this year in so many different ways!

I feel confident when I play with my friend Lily. Ruby
I feel confident when I give a message to the office for Mrs Fell. Cooper
I feel confident when I write in the engine room. Lola
I feel confident when I swim in the deep pool. Lily
I feel confident when I read books. Harley
I feel confident when I climb on the monkey bars. Hannah
I feel confident when I write my words from my blue log. Teagan
I feel confident when I play sport games. Kirra
I feel confident when I climb a ladder. Ben
I feel confident when I play in the sandpit. Aiden
I feel confident when I dance at the disco. Henry
I feel confident when I play on the computer with Ben. Finn
I feel confident when I play on the equipment with my friends. Xavier
I feel confident when I play with cars. Blake

Parenting Tips

How to stop kids fighting in the car

There’s nothing more frustrating than trying to get from place to place while the children are fighting and bickering (and whining!) in the backseat of the car. It can drive any parent nuts!

Each of us has a different tolerance level for car fighting and regardless of what yours is, you must be consistent in your reaction to car fighting.

Here are some ideas to help make the car journey a pleasant one for everyone:

- Bring snacks
- Pack library books
- Play travel games
- Allow some intervals of screen time (DVD’s, handheld games, tablets, etc.) as they can do wonders when peace and quiet is really needed.
- Take rest stops on long car journeys so your kids can release some energy by throwing a Frisbee or a ball around.

It goes without saying that you should try to ignore squabbling as much as you can. Should the conflict escalate then calmly pull over, turn off the engine and limit your comments to “I’ll just wait” or “I’ll drive when it’s safe”. Your silence will send a clear message.

If you say it like you mean it, they will get the message and comply.

KINDERGARTEN 2015

Do you have a child starting school at Kincumber Public School next year? If so, please call in at the front office to collect an enrolment package. Kindy Start will be run in the same format this year—Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9.00–11.00am, beginning on Tuesday 14th October (term 4). The Kindy Start information evening will be held on Tuesday 27th May (for parents). If you have neighbours, friends, etc., who are intending to enrol their child in Kindergarten at KPS next year, please ask them to contact the school on 4369 1544.
## KINTEEN: CANTEEN ROSTER
### TERM 2 - WEEK 5

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## NEWS FROM THE CANTEEN

Don’t forget to use our online ordering, a great way to order your children’s recess and lunch.

Fleximeals on line: www.fleximeals.com.au

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

‘Create a Rainbow’ treat day, Tuesday May 27. Students can create your own fresh fruit salad for $3.00—bring your own cup on the day. Flyer sent home last week with students.

**Drop in and say hello - Linda**

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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### ‘Kincumber Kommunity Konversation Hour’

Acknowledging Public Education Day

**Mr Chris Bonnor OAM**

7.30 for 8.00pm on 28th May 2014 at Kincumber & District Neighbourhood Centre

Chris Bonnor OAM is an education writer and Fellow of the Australian College of Educators and the Centre for Policy Development.

He is the co-author (with Jane Caro) of ‘The Stupid Country’ and ‘What Makes a Good School?’ published by New South Books.

He has served as principal of two NSW secondary schools and was a President of the NSW Secondary Principals’ Council, representing principals in advocacy for students and schools as well as in policy development and implementation.

A director of Big Picture Education Australia, his contribution has been acknowledged in a number of awards, including being made a Member of the Order of Australia.

WHAT: A Public Education Day Event

WHERE: Kincumber & District Neighbourhood Centre, 20 Kincumber St. Kincumber

TIME: Wednesday 28th May at 7.30 for 8.00pm

COST: Gold coin donation

For supper catering purposes please RSVP to either:
- Brian O’Heir, Kincumber High School P&C at briankoheir@gmail.com
- Colette Baron at kdncinc@bigpond.net.au by COB Tuesday 27th MAY.
Rajdhani
Indian Restaurant

Anil & Rina Lamba
Shop 9, 37/41 Avoca Drive
KINCUMBER 2251
(Next to Australia Post)
Phone: 4369 1277
Take-away: 4369 1256

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