From the Principal
This week:

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Reconciliation Week 27th May - 3rd June
Reconciliation is all about improving relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader Australian community. Reconciliation Week is held each year between 27 May and 3 June. Launched by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation which started in 1998, it has been celebrated every year since.

Each year during Reconciliation Week, people from across Australia gather to hold events that celebrate Indigenous cultures and raise awareness about what still needs to happen to achieve reconciliation.

At Kincumber PS this year, each class will begin developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) that documents what each class will do within their sphere of influence to contribute to reconciliation in Australia.

These RAPs outline practical actions that we can take to build strong relationships and enhance respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

Put simply, the RAP Program is about turning our good intentions into real actions.

AECG Partnership
Schools of the NSW Department of Education and Communities work in partnership with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group to promote and deliver excellence in Aboriginal Education.

Our local AECG is holding a special event to celebrate the signing of an agreement with local schools.

Tjudibaring AECG invites all families of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to attend a special celebration. Please RSVP to president, Alicia May, by 2 June.

Skoolbag
Our school App has the ability to sort and filter the information you receive.

To turn these filters on .... go to your App
Click More (Bottom right hand side of App)
Click Setup (Last item)
Turn on the filters you are interested in; for example parents of dancers in the Central Coast Dance Festival or PSSA teams can subscribe to these alerts to stay informed.

Note – There is a staff one. I am sure you may find this fun at first ... but rest assured we can be boring !!!

Singing and great upcoming school performance
We have been trying to encourage more singing around the school. Mrs Elbra is working with our school choir, getting them ready to perform in Kincumba Shines Education Week extravaganza.

To encourage everyone to raise their voices in song, next week in an a cappella ensemble "The Song Company" will perform in 2 separate performances here at school in the hall. Notes went out yesterday and need to be returned with payment by next Wednesday.

We hope that their performance will inspire many new volunteers for the school choir!

Hope you had a great week at our great school.

Trish Peters
Principal
Class Item by 1T

1T is doing an author study on Jeannie Baker. This week, we have been reading “Window” and we are creating artworks and stories. We wrote our own stories called “Through My Window”.

I can see a bright bright blue pool that makes me want to have a super dooper long swim. **Holly**

I can see a pool through my window. **Hargun**

Out my window I can see a bird and a huge tree that has apples on it. **Matthew**

Out my window I can see a gum tree. My window is in a big house. **Tom**

I have a pool and spa and lots of flowers, bugs, crystals, horses, rabbits and a giant gum tree. **Mia M.**

Out of my window is some trees. I love my window. **Lucas**

When I look out my car window. What can I see? A great big truck right next to me. **Jacob**

Out my window there is a beach which has water that shines like sparkles. **Rory**

Through my window I’m looking through a yellow submarine window. **Leela**

When I look through my window at the caravan I can see fancy looking lorikeets fly quickly to the bird seeds before the cockatoos get them. **Mia P.**

In my window there are millions of horses and Labrador puppies. **Morgan**

Through my window I can see lots of trees. Through my window I can see my swing and I can see my big garage. **Sophee**

I have got a beautiful sight from my window. It is a mountain with lots of beautiful trees swaying. **Kaden**

I can see a trampoline. I can see my brother and my other brother tackling. **Cooper**

I can see some cows, dogs and horses. They look cute. **Brian**

I’m dreaming of a window on a sunny, pretty island. There are snappy crabs and hot sand. **Will**

I see a huge gum tree that I can’t climb yet. My dad and mum can though. **Mikaylah**

I’m dreaming of an island with bright colours of green. There are coconuts and plenty more. **Zack**

When I look through my bedroom window I can see a metal fence and a house and I can only see the roof. **Sophia**

My window is in a huge, wide, magical land with unicorns everywhere in that land and for a pet I’ll have a big unicorn! **Adam**

Through my window I see a waterfall. It has clear blue water. It makes my hair flow back in the wind. **Natalia**

Through my window I can see wonderful wildlife and huge trees. I can see a gigantic mountain with a waterfall that goes from the top into a river. **Eilidh**

Through my bedroom window I can see a house and the people that live there have a cute dog. **Ethan**

In Morocco, through my nan’s window, I see a gigantic city. There are big towers and there are small towers. **Kyle**

I’m looking through my window and I can see a green flowing tree and a deep dark road with two flashing white lines. **Marcus**

When I look through my window I feel like the breeze is in my hair in the wind. I love my nan’s window. **Tayla**

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Parenting Tips

Packing food for the school day

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees children will eat your lovingly packed lunch each day. If kids don’t like what was packed or are bored with the same items, you are more likely to see lunch return home barely touched. Too often the healthy contents can go by the wayside in the race for the sweetest treat.

As well, after the allocated time for sitting and eating, lunchtime and recess are when kids get to play and often other extracurricular activities are when kids get to socialise.

Therefore, the challenge for most parents is how to make lunch quick, portable AND a healthy meal that your kids will actually eat!

The School A to Z website offers some practical help and ideas for parents in preparing lunch boxes. Have a look at the following links:


Here are some other suggestions for you to consider:

- Don’t over pack – scale back on what is packed and avoid foods like a whole apple or pear that take a long time to eat – rather provide a range of healthy bite sized options of fruit and vegetables instead of a bigger main meal.
- Plan in advance – have nutritious foods on hand that your child will eat. To avoid a lacklustre meal tossed into a lunch box have your child prepare his lunch the night before.
- Work with your kids - children who help select the food for their lunches are more likely to eat them.
- Limit treats – make a rule for how often you will pack them, as kids need to understand they are not everyday foods. Too often kids tend to fixate on eating the snacks and treats leaving the sandwich and fruit and vegetables as a last choice.

APOLOGY

In last week’s newsletter, Class Item by KP, the following sentences were inadvertently left off:

I feel confident when I ride my skateboard. **Lincoln**

I feel confident when I make a mistake writing my words, I just cross it out and keep writing. **Maizi**

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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). 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.
LIBRARY

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you to all the families who visited our Book Fair. Your support raised over $1400 in Scholastic Rewards redeemed for new books. These books will be processed and available for students to borrow over the next few weeks.

I would like to send out a big thank you to parents Kelly Andrews and Sue Groom for generously giving their time to help run the Book Fair. I would also like to thank our Library Monitors who assisted with set up, poster sales and pack up. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Donna Judd
Teacher Librarian

P&C update

Our May P&C meeting welcomed some friendly new faces, which was great! Outstanding business from March was briefly discussed. In term 3 we will have an ethics option available as an alternative to scripture for those families who wish to choose it. Places may be limited, with notes going out this week and classes will be clarified closer to term 3.

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Staff identified school priorities for 2014 for the P&C to support.

- iPads for classroom use—approx. 15 devices with cases/syncing cart and 3x apple TV, approx. $10,000
- Outdoor furniture
- COLA upgrade re-surfacing (quotes to be sought)
- Positive behaviour for learning signage (quotes being sought)
- Providing wireless access to remaining classrooms at approx. $6500
- Replacement of classroom resources to meet Australian Curriculum

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‘KINTEEEN’- CANTEEN ROSTER
TERM 2 - WEEK 6

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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

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Winter tunics are available by a once off special order. They will not be stocked in the clothing pool.

**Sizes 4—16 $45.00 each**

If you would like to purchase any Winter Tunics, please order and pay by Thursday 12th June. Tunics will be delivered 2-3 weeks after order deadline. Lowes Erina currently have limited stock of the Winter Tunics at a cost of $57.00 if you don’t want to wait.

We have long sleeve polos available in the clothing pool along with a few zip hoodies in the bigger sizes.

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HMRI Open Day- July 4th 2014

Looking for some school holiday fun? Discover the world of medical research!

Take part in some kids science experiments, make edible ‘DNA’ models, touch’n’feel the live expo displays and enjoy a healthy kids training session.

For mums and dads there’s also research information sessions about kids health, nutrition, asthma, diabetes and much more.

Open Day Program:

- Open Day begins: 1pm
- Kids Corner: 1-4:30pm
- Clinical Trials tours 1:40:30pm
- Research Info Sessions: 1-4:30pm
- G & A: 5:30-6:30
- Cocktail Party: 6:30-8:00pm
- Register online at hMRI.com.au

For more information please contact Ellie McNamara ph: 4042 0588

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