From the Principal

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- Parking and How You Can Help
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PBL Launch

The Positive Behaviour for Learning team have been hard at work behind the scenes gearing up for the introduction of PBL. The groundwork of developing our school-wide expectations is done, writing lessons to teach these expectations is nearing completion and temporary signage is ready to post on locations around school to make these expectations highly visible.

Because here at KPS we sometimes use the Ready, Fire, Aim! philosophy to introduce new ideas (instead of Ready, Aim, Fire!), we are having a soft launch of PBL. What this means is; that we are going to prepare what we can, implement, test and trial these new ideas and amend/ change or improve them as we go instead of spending a long time trying to perfect it before introduction.

Next week’s advertised Education Week open afternoon will be a little different as a result. We invite you to join us for a short student led assembly where we explore what PBL means and then to go to classrooms to join in an introductory PBL activity with your children. Mrs Wardlaw and a team of students have put together a great video presentation for your information and entertainment.

Education Week

Next week beginning Sunday 27 July, public schools in NSW celebrate Education Week.

On Wednesday 30 July, the schools of the Kincumba Learning Community will be performing at Kincumber High School in our biennial, Kincumba Shines, performance. Children in our school choir, Junkyard Orchestra and Stage 3 dance group will be performing. Tickets for the show may still be available online at - http://www.trybooking.com/FGXQ or http://www.trybooking.com/92550.

Thank you to Mrs Tulip for coordinating the combined schools choir, Mrs Elbra for leading our school choir, Mrs Holloman for coordinating the Junkyard orchestra, Mrs Wardlaw for the dance group and Mr Smith for stage managing the whole event – we couldn’t shine without you!

Parking and how you can help

Is parking a problem? Do you want something done about it?

Are you prepared to get out of your car and come in to the office and sign the P & C’s petition to Gosford City Council to take action to help us sort out our traffic jam?

There is a petition sitting on the front counter in the office that the P & C hope to record many signatures on to present to our local council.

P & C will also be organising a school community meeting in September to discuss the issues and proposals for improvement, so we need your signatures on the petition to encourage local organisations to see it as a priority for improvement.

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Class and staff changes  
Thank you to the families involved in our restructure of some infants classes at the beginning of this term. I appreciate the fact that it was hard to do and tested our resilience, however, on the catastrophe scale it wasn’t so bad was it?

With your understanding and assistance and Mrs Groom’s awesome organisation, the whole process went very smoothly.

Mrs Klatt and Mrs Roberts have returned from extended leave and thank Miss Abbie Stone for doing a great job on 2K and Mrs Cheryl Samuel for managing the office superbly.

In addition I can advise that Ms Theresa Reinhard has taken extended leave prior to retirement and we all wish her the best.

Although I was at a training course last week and missed it, I am told by everyone that Mrs Heymans runs a great athletics carnival. Well done to all competitors too!  

Hope you had a great week at our great school.

Trish Peters

Athletics Carnival
Last Friday 18th July Kincumber Public School held their K-6 Athletics Carnival at Adcock Park.

It turned out to be a beautiful day, although very windy. All students were on their absolute best behaviour and it was great to see everyone getting in and having a go.

I would like to congratulate all students who will be going through to the next carnival and wish them all the best of luck. These students will be notified very soon if they are going.

Thank you to all staff and prac teachers who made the day run smoothly. Parents were also a great help and it was wonderful to see parents walking around watching their child at each event.

Watch for the announcement of house winner and athletics champions in next week’s newsletter.

Mrs Kyle Heymans  
Sports Coordinator

WriteOn 2014 –  
a competition for aspiring authors!

The WriteOn 2014 competition, for NSW students in Years 1 to 6, is designed to encourage students to develop their writing skills. The competition is a great way to get students excited about writing.

Using a selected photograph for inspiration, students write a short piece of up to 500 words. Entries should be a description, exposition, narrative or recount. The best entry from each stage will be submitted by the school.

The competition will be judged by a panel of primary school teachers with Gold, Silver and Bronze award winners chosen from each stage. Outstanding entries will be published by BOSTES (Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW) – a fantastic opportunity for any young author. Gold award winners will also be acknowledged at a special event.

2M has recently been investigating the Sydney Vivid Festival and how light is able to transform the different locations of Sydney into a wonderland of ‘light art’ sculptures. After viewing the different designs of light projected onto the Sydney Opera House, students created their own interpretations using oil pastels. All of the individual pieces created by the students of 2M not only express vivid colour, but also the power of light to bring people together to celebrate. Our ‘Vivid Opera Houses’ are on display in the school hall, please come and take a look.
SCHOOL PHOTOS
ABSOLUTELY LAST DAY TOMORROW FRIDAY JULY 25

Last term, all students in Year 6 received a separate order form personalised with the special group photos that they appear in.

Copies of these photos—School Leaders (formal and fun shots), House Captains, Library Monitors and Year 6 (formal and fun shots) are on display in the foyer.

You may order online or return order forms to school with cash or credit/debit card payment by Friday, 25th July, 2014. All photos cost $15.00. Please note card payments incur a $1 fee, please add this to your payment.

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Order forms for the Central Coast Dance Festival DVDs were given to students by Classic Shot Video Productions at Laycock Theatre.

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