FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

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Swimming Carnival
Many thanks to the amazing group of teachers and parents who helped make the carnival such a success last Monday. Mrs Heymans and Mr Smith ran a great carnival with invaluable help from others. Our students were a credit to their families and school with their great behaviour, give-it-a-go attitudes and rousing team spirit.

Well done to the new house captains and vice captains who were great role models and led their houses admirably as well. Keep this to yourselves that, while I am not affiliated with any particular house; Pickett impressed me greatly with their rousing selection of war-cries!

The organising committee would value your feedback about the carnival; please drop an email to school with any comments.

One thing that I noticed was that many parents overestimated their child’s swimming capabilities and because we had such a high participation rate, events were very slow to finish and we ran out of time for the relays.

Congratulations to Natalia Drobot, Piper House, who broke the existing school record for the Junior 50m Breastroke with a time of 00:52:97.

Congratulations to the following age champions:
- 8 year boys; Jerome Drobot
- 8 year girls; Morgan F
- 9 year boys; Jackson Barnes
- 9 year girls; Bella Evans
- 10 year boys; Talley Trehy-Burge & Zack Visconti
- 10 year girls; Natalia Drobot
- 11 year boys; Billy Crookes
- 11 year girls; Jade Day
- 12 year girls; Lauren Tait
- 12 year boys; Luke Holder

And a big congratulations to
PIPER
The winning house.

Kincumber High School Information Evening
It was a pleasure to have Kincumber High School’s deputy principal, Mr Paul Broadbent, and students, visit our school to talk about transition to high school last night. Lots of information was given and many questions asked but I’m sure we all left feeling very impressed with our local high school.

I attended the high school’s Evening of Excellence last Wednesday and I continue to be impressed with the academic successes that Kincumber High School has. Our local high school has some great results and it is evident that principal, Janine Debenham, is very proud of her school.

First a happy note and then a sad one
Mr Murphy didn’t make it to the swimming carnival this year, as new son, Lennox, arrived on Sunday night. Mrs Murphy and little Lennox are doing just fine and Mr Murphy is taking some parental leave to be with his wife and boys – thanks Miss Stone for covering the class.

Sadly, however, the brave and lovely Lynne Couper, mother of two former students, Amie and Nicole, passed away last week after a very lengthy fight against cancer. Lynne was an inspiration to many of us and our deepest sympathy goes to Andrew and his girls.

Have a great week at our great school!

Trish Peters
Principal

Calendar

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Students of Week 4, Term 1, 2015.

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2M have been learning about persuasion. Here are some letters they wrote trying to convince a family member of what pet they would like to own.

Dear Mum and Dad
I strongly believe that I should have a pet bunny and these are my reasons why.
Firstly a bunny will keep me occupied after school and when I’m bored, sad and angry. The fluffiness will take away my tears and will make me happy.
Secondly I will pick up its scraps and feed it. I will buy its food and fill the water bucket up.
Finally you don’t have to buy it a cage because it can sleep on my bed. I will make sure I keep my sheets clean and still put them in the washing basket.
For all the reasons above I think I should have a bunny.
From Lillya

Dear Dad
Dad I truly think we should have another dog and these are my reasons why.
Firstly Junior has no friends. He tries to make friends with the turkeys! He can’t be friends with them, they get terrified.
Secondly I can feed it I will clean its mess. I can walk him when I’m riding my bike and Alex can take Junior. Just a simple dog like a staffy. I will do anything for it.
Lastly I can pay for the food out of my money.
For all my reasons above I would love to have another dog.
By Paige

Dear Grandparents
Could you please let me get another dog. Here are some reasons why.
Firstly I should get a dog because dogs don’t eat that much. Dogs are easy to feed. Dog food is only 5 dollars for two packets.
Secondly I think I can get exercise by walking the dog and the dog will get exercise as well. He will help keep me fit.
Thirdly dogs are really smart so if someone wants to beat you your dog will attack them. If someone tries to break into your house your dog will protect you.
That’s why I think I should get a dog.
From Jak

Dear Mother
I believe that I should have baby chickens and these are my reasons why.
Firstly I know how to take care of animals and this is no change. I love taking care of our rabbits and I will love taking care of our baby chickens.
Secondly baby chickens are a great distraction in the afternoon and they will keep us amused for hours. So it is vital that I have baby chickens.
Thirdly I will clean their cage every 2 weeks and make sure they are healthy and are always spoilt. It’s my belief that there is no doubt that I should have baby chickens and those were my reasons.
From Emma Finnelley

Trash Free Tuesday
It is estimated that each school child produces approximately 30 kilos of waste per year from their lunch box alone. KPS has over 400 students, so we would generate more than 13 tonnes of lunch box waste!

In an effort to make a difference to this problem and encourage the students to be part of the solution, not the cause, we are hoping to continue Trash Free Tuesdays at KPS. So please be mindful when packing your child’s lunch box on Tuesdays, that there is no “single-use” plastic packaging such as tetra packs, plastic straws, plastic/cling wrap etc. If that packaging is sent to school, it will be sent home in their lunch box or bag at the end of the day.

By supporting this simple step to reduce wasteful packaging, the whole KPS school community is raising awareness regarding this important issue, breaking old damaging habits and creating positive change in our environment. Together we are thinking globally and acting locally for the benefit of our children’s future!

CONGRATULATIONS
Lauren Griffiths our School Captain, has made it into the Sydney North PSSA Basketball team.

Congratulations and well done, Kincumber Public School will all be cheering for you!

UPDATE ON USE OF COMPUTERS
KINCUMBER COUNCIL LIBRARY

In last week’s newsletter it was stated that there was a charge of $2.20 per half-hour for students to use computers.

Kincumber Library staff have confirmed that access is free for students for the purpose of study (includes mathletics). If using for social media ie. Facebook the charge applies.

However, a guarantor (mum/dad/guardian) needs to sign student in— don’t have to stay with student.
**Settling into Kindergarten**

Starting Kindergarten is an important milestone in the lives of both you and your child and your child will need a lot of support in these first few weeks. Here are a few tips to make the transition go smoothly:

- Buy school bags, lunch boxes and drink bottles that your child can easily manage.
- Help your child to recognise their belongings by labelling them in a way they can easily identify.
- Drop off and pick up your child on time. If you’re late it could make your child feel very anxious.
- Try to make after-school time a bit special, with a snack and time for the two of you to chat.
- Your child might want to blurt out every little detail about school, or clam up completely. Either way, be patient and respect your child’s response to this new experience.
- Your child might be grumpy and tired for the first few weeks, especially in hot weather. You could try keeping your child quiet at home and aim for early bedtimes for the first few weeks.
- Don’t expect too much too soon. If your child is happy and seems to be enjoying school, that’s a real achievement. The rest will come later.

Most importantly, if you show your child that you think he can manage at school, he will start to believe it too. Try not to let your child know about any worries you might have. Talk to your child’s teacher if you have concerns and sometimes it’s helpful to talk to other parents about how they are managing these first few weeks.

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**2015 Year 6 Commemorative Uniform**

Orders for either a commemorative polo shirt ($28.00) or a zip jacket ($35.00) need to be handed in at the school office by Wednesday March 4.

Payment options;
- Cash or cheque (made out to Kincumber Public School Clothing Pool)
- On line through Flexischools.

Sorry, no late orders will be accepted.

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**‘KINTEEN’- CANTEEN ROSTER**

**2015 TERM 1 - WEEK 6**

| Monday March 2 | Need Help |
| Tuesday March 3 | Jai |
| Wednesday March 4 | Need Help |
| Thursday March 5 | Wendy |
| Friday March 6 | Need Help |

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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**Uniform Shop News**

**Volunteer Needed**

The P&C seek your help to enable us to keep the Uniform Shop open on Wednesday afternoons.

If you are able to work in the Uniform Shop from 2-3pm on Wednesdays (or any other time) please let the office know and we will contact you shortly.

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**Gosford Regional Show**

Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 May, 2015

Celebrating 127 years

The Regional Show is having a section for children to enter produce that they have grown at home or at school.

Please see the front office for application forms.

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**Goldie Gotcha Winners**

Students can earn Goldie Gotchas outside the classroom for being safe, respectful learners.

Every Goldie Gotcha earns a House Point.

Each week a K-2 and 3-6 student are drawn out to receive a FREE TNT. Congratulations to these students:

**K-2**

- Dunlop – Luke 1B
- Piper – Taihden 1B
- Pickett – Sophie 1B
- Davis – Mikayla 1T

**3-6**

- Dunlop – Riley 2M
- Piper – Byron 3M
- Pickett – Floyd 3A
- Davis – Lana 2C

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