March 19, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

This week:
- Student Led Conferences
- P & C AGM
- Let’s do what we can for Vanuatu

Student Led Conferences

For a number of years now we have held student-led conferences at the end of term one. They form part of our reporting process and after the Meet the Teacher opportunity, are another way to develop a strong partnership with your child’s teacher.

Just what is a student-led conference?

Firstly, a student-led conference is linked with our mid-year reporting process. They differ from a teacher-directed parent teacher interview as the student is actively involved in the process. They take the form of a scripted conversation between the student, their parents and their teacher, allowing students to demonstrate their individual growth and any particular achievements of which they are proud.

A number of conferences take place in a classroom at the same time with children talking with parents about their learning, their achievements and possible goals on their own and then with the teacher.

It is a time to share achievements so far and academic, behaviour and social goals for the next term in a supportive and celebratory environment.

What if I want a one-on-one parent-teacher interview?

Some parents feel that the student-led conference does not give the opportunity to discuss their child’s achievements, behaviour and social needs directly and privately with their teacher. However, we strongly encourage parents to make an appointment to discuss these issues directly with their teacher at any stage during the year. You don’t need to wait until the mid-year report to discuss your child’s progress – make an appointment any time!

A note went home last week outlining how to book on the School Interviews website. We are experiencing a few glitches with bookings at the moment, so if things don’t seem to be working at your end, please phone the school and leave a message for your child’s class teacher to get back to you by phone.

P & C AGM

At last Monday’s P & C AGM, a new executive team was elected. Welcome on board:

President – Cherie Castaing
Vice Presidents – Janine Roberts & Jo Hatton
Treasurer – Michelle Foreshew
Secretary – Yolande Donovan (until the next general meeting)
Fundraising Coordinator – Janine Roberts
Uniform Shop Coordinator – Tracy Townsend

Congratulations to the newly elected team and all our best for a successful year which includes a bush dance in term 2.

Many thanks to the 2014 team who have been a great support to the school. There will be an April meeting on the first day of the new term.

I shared the draft school plan and strategic directions at the P & C meeting and have posted the directions on our website. While the plan may change somewhat, the directions will not as they are our commitment for the next three years. Our focuses are Quality Teaching and Learning, Continuously Improving Leadership and Systems and A Connected and Collaborating Community. Once finalised, the plan will be posted on the website before the end of the term.

Let’s do what we can for the people of Vanuatu

Today we celebrated Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs! We realise that we belong to a global community and that, from time to time when disaster strikes in a neighbouring country, we have a responsibility to help out.

Cyclone Pam has devastated Vanuatu and every little bit of help from us is needed. Australians are traditionally very generous when disasters like Cyclone Pam need emergency responses and donations.

Next week, without getting something in return, I would love it if on Tuesday kids could bring in as many coins as can be spared from your house to donate to our school appeal for schools in Vanuatu.

Hope you had a great week at our great school!

Trish Peters
Principal
Class Item 3A
Wow, what a busy week 3A have had! They have moved rooms - literally from upstairs to downstairs. The students have been resilient and organised in the process, busy settling into their new space. They are continuing their learning, focusing on "persuasion" in English. No doubt there have been some interesting conversations at home regarding pathos, ethos and logos! They have also managed to produce some outstanding art work under the creative instruction of Miss Stone, following are just some examples. The students are looking forward to the return of Miss Andrew – we all wish her a speedy recovery from her operation.

Ms Stafford

Swimming News
On Tuesday 10 March, Mrs Heymans, Ms Stafford and I took 30 KPS students to the Southern Central Coast swimming carnival. All students displayed exceptional behaviour and competed in their events giving 100% whilst showing great sportsmanship. Well done! I would also like to congratulate Eilidh Watson, Morgan F, Lauren Tait and Natalia Drobot for competing in the Sydney North carnival at Homebush on Tuesday. All four girls did a great job representing their zone and school. A fine effort girls!

Natalia Drobot was also announced the junior girls swimming champion at the zone carnival.

Congratulations, Natalia!

Mr Smith

Stars Outside of School
Natalia Drobot 3W received a Silver Medal in the Board Relay at the State Nippers Championships recently.

Well done Natalia!!

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 - Clay Lidden KP. Piper - Mia McCaughan IT
Pickett - William Murray KN, Davis - Sierra Currie 1G

3-6
Dunlop - Noah Nicholls 3S, Piper - Luke Holder 3S
Pickett - Melinda Breust 2K, Davis - Corey Verkade 3A

Election Day BBQ
We are looking for a local not for profit organisation that focusses on children to run the BBQ at the school on Election Day, Saturday March 28. If you are interested in this wonderful fundraising opportunity please contact Trish Peters at the school on 4369 1544.
KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS

It’s hard to believe but we are starting our planning for next year’s Kindergarten! We will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 6 May from 9.30-10.30am where children are invited to come and meet our Kinder teachers and see the Kindergarten classrooms. We are also inviting parents to come back from 6.00-7.00pm that evening to follow up from the morning session and get an overview of our programs for Kinders next year.

The Kindy Start program will run again this year on Wednesdays (one group only) from 14 October to 18 November. There is no cost for the Kindy Start program. Enrolment packages are now available from the office. Please call in to collect one.

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

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