FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

This week:

- **Cross Country**
- **Whooping cough**
- **Next Term Forecast**

**Cross Country**

It was a hot one this year wasn’t it? Thank you to Mrs Heymans and Mr Smith for their great planning and organisation of a successful carnival.

Participation rates were the best ever – it certainly shows that our students have a You Can Do It attitude. The best part of the day was watching the kindies have a red-hot go for the first time!

It’s only the second year we have held the event on the school grounds with a small part of the track outside the fence. However, I have advised the planning committee that we need to keep the entire course inside the school next year as I was greatly concerned about the high number of traffic movements from the dirt carpark with little concern for runners. It was a very difficult job for teachers to provide a safe environment for runners when parents and visitors completely disregarded teachers’ instructions.

Thanks Linda and her helpers for a great sausage sizzle lunch and thank you parents for supporting your children in such large numbers. Congratulations to all the children who ran their best race; for some a combination of walking and running, for others just completing the event, those who pulled up through injury or heat and those who raced onto the next level. We are proud of you all!

**Whooping Cough**

As advised on Skoolbag last Monday, we have several confirmed cases of whooping cough at school.

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools.

Whooping cough in older children can be a prolonged coughing illness which is typically worse at night. Immunised children can still get infected as their immunity fades.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

A person with whooping cough can spread it to others in the first 3 weeks of illness. Bacteria coughed into the air can be inhaled by babies, children or adults nearby. These people are then in danger of getting whooping cough, usually about a week later. It spreads easily through families, childcare centres and schools, so it’s important to act fast. My personal experience is that my youngest grandson contracted whooping cough as a very young baby requiring prolonged hospitalisation in intensive care. Watching a baby stop breathing and turn blue is a frightening experience for parents (and grandparents I can tell you!).

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

- **Children with symptoms should see a GP.**
- **If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.**
- **Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.**

Office staff have notified all parents by phone who have advised us that their child is not immunised.

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Next term forecast
After a well-deserved holiday starting next week on 3 April, we’ll hit the ground running when students start back on 21 April (Week 1).

Week 1
An ANZAC assembly on 24 April in the morning
A school incursion/performance The Protectors later the same day ($5 per student)

Week 3
School photos on 4 May,
Mothers Day stall on 7 May.

Week 4
NAPLAN – National Assessment Program–Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3 & 5 from 12 May.

Hope you had a great week at our great school!

Trish Peters
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – MONDAY 4 MAY 2015
MSP Photography will be coming to our school on Monday 4 May (week 3 next term) to take photos of all KPS students. Individually barcoded envelopes will be sent home early next term with all students. Each student will need to return their own barcoded envelope. Packages range in price from $23 for a group photo only up to $43 for a premium pack. Family photos (of KPS students only) can be ordered and separate envelopes will be available from the front office. Cash (correct change), cheque or money orders only are accepted for payment on photo day; however you may prepay online via debit/credit card as per instructions on payment envelopes. Students are to wear full summer uniform with black shoes please.

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 - Jada Matthews 1G
Piper - Chase Chapman 1T
Pickett - Annika Goldsmith KN
Davis - Hannah Verkade KP

3-6
Dunlop - Lily McCabe 3A
Piper - Jerdelle Grant 3A
Pickett - Asher Pulley 2K
Davis - Ashleigh Twomey 2H

Sporting News
Congratulations to Zayla Staben-Angelo 3S and Noah Nicholls 3S who were selected into the Southern Central Coast Girls’ and Boys’ football teams. Both teams played at the Combined Central Coast Championships on Tuesday where the girls’ team were undefeated champions and the boys’ team were Runners Up on the day.
Congratulations to Noah Nicholls who was selected for the combined Southern Central Coast/Brisbane Water team to trial for the Sydney North team early next term.

Class Item 1C
We have started doing TENS in our room. TENS is 10 minutes of fun maths that help us become quick thinkers when it comes to all things numbers. Here is what some 1C students say about TENS time.

Jye - Maths is funny and fun.
Mia - I get to learn lots of fun things.
Lily - It makes me think quickly.
Olivia - It helps us get better at maths. I used my computer (brain).
Mathew - I know I just count on.
Tyson - It is fun, you get to learn your numbers.
Alex - It makes the computer in our head smarter.
Luke - We use counters, dice, cards and money to learn maths.

Sean - It is fun!
Kaelon - I am getting smarter by the day.
Terence - I love maths!
Zac - I am pleased with the maths I can do.
Kayla - Maths is making my computer (my brain) work harder.
Josh - I think it’s pretty fun.
Sophie - Imagine the size of my computer (my brain) when I’m a teenager!
Jason - Our brains are getting better and better.
P & C News

Easter Raffle

Thank you for the wonderful donations of chocolate.

Help is now needed to wrap Easter Raffle Prizes.
If you can help please meet at the school office on Friday 27th at 8.50am.

Please return raffle stubs, money or unsold tickets by Wednesday 1st April.
Easter Raffle drawn on Thursday 2nd April at our K-2 Easter assembly.
Extra booklets are available from the office.

Disco

Thank you for braving the weather on Tuesday to attend the P&C School Disco. The children danced to the tunes pumped out by the wonderful parent & DJ, BJ Tonga.
Thank you Tonga family.

Thank you! to the wonderful teachers that we have at our school who supervised our children.
It was nice to see familiar and some new faces helping.
The diligence and hard work of volunteers overcome the lack of man/woman power at hand.
Please consider helping out at our next disco, your contribution would be greatly appreciated by the children and your fellow parents/guardians.
We will keep you informed of upcoming events and fundraising activities.

Janine

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.

FUN ACTIVITIES

Pretty Beach Seaside Community Markets

SUNDAY 29 MARCH
9am - 2pm
At Pretty Beach Public School

Many exciting new stalls & live entertainment!
Handmade gifts, vintage clothing & shoes, homemade and organic food, unique jewellery, live music, local photography and art, gorgeous homewares, children’s wear and more!

SEASONAL SERVICES

Saturday, 2nd May 2015
9am to 3pm
209 Brisbane Water Drive
Point Clare, NSW

Featuring a fantastic kids lawn with jumping castles, rides, face painting, and more

Contact us on: (02) 4423 3566
www.fleximeals.com.au

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‘KINTEEN’- CANTEEN ROSTER
2015 TERM 1 - WEEK 10

| Monday March 30 | Need Help |
| Tuesday March 31 | Need Help |
| Wednesday April 1 | Jai |
| Thursday April 2 | Wendy |
| Friday April 3 | Good Friday |

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

ARCHERY - Hit the target! Coach Peter Firefall will conduct this program for children interested in trying the Australian Olympic sport. Peter’s program focuses on learning archery skills in a fun and safe environment. 8am-9am on Thursday April 2.

AF (AUSSIE) - this will be taken through all the skills of AE, play some fun games including AE and then we will have to put all they have learnt to action when they take part in some real games. All you need to bring is a water bottle and a few snacks. Thursday April 2.

CANDIDATE/KAYAKING - experienced guides will ensure safety and train you for your coming May program. Booked by lots of fun. Participants must be able to swim 20metres. 10am-12.30pm.

CIRCUS SKILLS - Come around this action packed workshop and try riding a unicycle, bike, spin a plate on a stick, use a flower stick, have a baffling lesson, walk the tight wire, and more to make your own balloon. Ages 6-12. 8am-11.30am.

CIRCUS AERIAL WORKSHOP - Acts are great fun and in this workshop you will get to learn a go on the aerial hoop, the classic hoover, and the wheel. All participants will be taught to safely perform a solo act in the air. 1pm-4pm. 8am-4pm.

GYMNASICS INTRODUCTION - 1 day program. This introductory program includes basic fundamental movement and gymnastics skills which will be taught which would include specific apparatus safety in a fun and friendly environment with accredited coaches. 1pm-3pm (1.5 hours in total).

KIDS MULTI SPORTS - A great program for exciting parents and active kids. Central Coast Youth Club hosts this great program including taekwondo, tennis, swimming, basketball, soccer, netball, handwriting and more. Peter also includes an ice block at the end of the day to do’s not cut up so this is brilliant fun and an enjoyable afternoon for everyone. 8am-11.30am.

STAND UP PADDLE - Fun and wonder than you think. Whales just one of many. Inflatable board and paddles will be provided. 10am-12pm.

SURFING - Learn to surf with Central Coast Surf School in a fun, safe environment and learn the fundamentals of this exciting sport. 10am-12pm.

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All programs have included GST. For further information on each program, please phone 02 4423 3566 or see www.nsw.gov.au.
Learn VIOLIN in school hours at Kincumber Public School with EVA WEIERMANN accredited teacher (Central Coast Conservatorium) MTA
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Before and After School Care includes:

- Breakfast Club - To ensure children don’t miss out on the most meal of the day, the Breakfast Club helps to get their school day off to a healthy start.
- Outdoor Play - Children participate in free and structured social outdoor play, have fun and experience something new everyday.
- Creative Arts - Children enjoy exploring their creative sides, learning new skills and exercising their imaginations.
- Afternoon Tea - Children are provided with a healthy nutritious snack each afternoon to sustain their active body and mind.
- Physical Activity Program - YMCA educators design programs that actively encourage a variety of experiences, creating opportunities to practice, enhance and master skills and knowledge through a diversity of team and individual sports.
- Homework - A space is available for children to complete homework tasks.
- Other program options - Children will enjoy unstructured, supervised play and stimulating activities using a variety of materials and resources including arts, crafts, music and cooking.

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