FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

This week:
- Great term
- Attendance
- Gold Key Surprise
- ANZAC Centenary

Great Term
It's hard to believe I am writing the last newsletter of first term! We have packed heaps into it; but it began with a settled start to the year and continued with our relentless focus on learning and high expectations. Needless to say, I am very proud of the students and staff. Everyone works hard here but at the risk of making a couple of special mentions, I want to thank a few members of staff who have gone above and beyond this term.

All teachers have been undertaking significant professional learning experiences this term in improving the teaching of mathematics. Mrs Jodi Hardy has been training K-2 staff to implement TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy) and Mrs Kyle Heymans has been training 3–6 staff to implement TOWN (Taking Off With Numeracy). Mrs Hardy and Mrs Heymans have done a fabulous job upskilling staff and I want to thank them very much.

Huge congratulations go to our newest members of staff, Miss McKenzie and Miss McPhee. They have completed their first term as permanent teachers and they have done an outstanding job! I am just thrilled that they were appointed to our school.

Without a doubt we are also the luckiest school in the world to have such an amazing LaST (Learning and Support Teacher), Mrs Karen Munton. Karen is now working at KPS Monday to Friday and is making such a difference to the support we can offer students who have additional learning needs.

I also want to mention the SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) team of Mrs Lisa Craddock, Mrs Eve Harris, Mrs Cathy Barrie and Mrs Janine Roberts. This team supports the work of teachers implementing specific programs, supporting individual students and working with our special education class. They are an incredible team and I can't praise them highly enough either.

I am looking forward to term two and what we will achieve!

Attendance
A Federal government focus for schools is improving student attendance and there have been some significant changes to how schools are expected to monitor and manage attendance.

My job here is to implement the changes and assist parents and students to understand their responsibilities and improve student attendance where required.

From time to time parents may receive notification that their child's attendance record is unacceptable. While I agree that these notifications can be formal, they are intended to convey the relative seriousness of the public school system's commitment to improving attendance.

Letters are automatically generated on a regular basis from our attendance database. This means that once a compliance data rule has been reached, for example attendance falling below 85% or no written or verbal explanation for an absence from a parent or carer, then a letter is generated. If at any time you are offended by a letter, please make an appointment with our Learning Support Team attendance officer, Mrs Jodi Hardy to discuss how we can support you and your child to address the problem identified in the letter.

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Gold Key Surprise
Thank you Mrs Fell for organising yesterday’s Gold Key surprise – popcorn and a movie in the afternoon!

ANZAC Day Invitation
ANZAC Day falls after the school holidays this year. On Saturday 25 April our school choir, under the guidance of Mrs Sarah Elbra will be performing “The Last Anzac” at Greenway Memorial Chapel & Gardens, Green Point. The service will begin at 10.30am with all students and their families invited to attend.

In addition, all students and their families are invited to attend the MacMasters Beach Surf Life Saving Club’s 2015 ANZAC Centenary ceremony and represent the school. It would be wonderful to see you resplendent in your school uniform. Be there at 4.45pm for a 5pm start on Saturday 25 April.

Our school service will be held on Friday 24 April here in the school hall and you are welcome to attend this ceremony too from 9am. (The anti-bullying show “The Protectors” is on in the afternoon.)

Hope you had a great last week at our great school and you enjoy the school holiday break! See you back on Tuesday 21 April.

Trish Peters
Principal

Internet Safety
How to lock your Apple device with a PIN so only 1 app can be used.
Guided Access allows you to lock your device to a single app. For example, you could lock your device to a specific educational app (or game) and then hand it to your child. They’d only be able to use that specific app and will be locked out of closing the app and opening another. When they’re done, you can unlock the device with a PIN you set, allowing you to use it normally.
To set up Guided Access, open the Settings app and navigate to General > Accessibility > Guided Access. From here, you can ensure guided access is enabled and set a passcode.
For further information you can go to the Apple Support website or follow this link http://www.howtogeek.com/177366/how-to-lock-down-your-ipad-or-iphone-for-kids

Kincumber Public School
Library Monitors
2015

Absent from photo: Indigo Pulley

Class Item KJ
KJ have been reading books about frogs. We learned about their life cycle, their habitats and their diet. During Science, we have been studying the birds in our school and investigating whether we are helping or hurting them. We love the lorikeets.
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.

Family Day Care at Kincumber

We currently have vacancies Monday Tuesday and Wednesdays. Educator has a bachelor degree in teaching/arts and certificate 3 in children's services. Beautiful and calm service. Educator with Jelly Beans Family Daycare. 
All Enquiries: 
Head office 1300 153 559. Gillian 0433 691 718

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 - Ashleigh White 1C
Piper - Ella Bryant-Burroughs 1T
Pickett - Kyra Cardy 2M
Davis - Alicia Garner 2K

3-6
Dunlop - Alex Borg 2H
Piper - Louise Fahy 2K
Pickett - Kayla Surtees 1C
Davis - Ruby Aitchison 1T

‘KINTEEN’ - CANTEEN ROSTER 2015 TERM 2 - WEEK 1

| Monday April 20 | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday April 21 | Need Help |
| Wednesday April 22 | Jai |
| Thursday April 23 | Wendy |
| Friday April 24 | 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.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

| TUESDAY | 8.30am to 9.30am |
| WEDNESDAY | 2.00pm - 3.00pm |
| THURSDAY | 8.30am to 9.30am |

Ball Sports - Tues 7th to Thurs 9th April 2015
Soccer - Tues 14th to Thurs 16th April 2015
9AM – 12PM EACH DAY

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Bicycle skills!
Road safety!
Good fun!
The CARES program is an interactive program presented by NSW Police officers that will develop your child’s road sense. The program includes general road safety information sessions looking at helmets, bike maintenance and safety aspects of riding bikes.
The program will be predominantly outdoors and practical with students participating in an obstacle course enhancing their basic cycle skills before using simulated roadway to expose students to a variety of real road situations in a controlled safe environment.
All students are supplied with a 20 inch bike for use during the program but are required to bring their own helmet for checking & fitting.
Dates: Tuesday 14 April 2015
Time: 9.00am - 2.00pm
Cost: $4 per child payable in cash on the day
School Group: Students in Years 3-6
Where: Central Coast Lifetime Learning Centre, 13 Palmdale Rd Palmdale

Places are limited. Bookings are essential on 4362 8340.