from the principal:

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What a start to Term Two

Our school really was very lucky!

I don’t think any of us thought that term 2 would start with such a weather event. Teachers started back on the Monday without any idea how disrupted the week would turn out. I know that while sitting in the P & C meeting when the storm started, I was concerned that the windows would blow in.

I was very grateful that parents kept children home on the first day of school as a number of school staff could not make it due to fallen trees and power lines across roads. Thank you too for the great support without complaint when we asked you to come to school and pick up the children that did brave the weather.

Despite the roadside sign working, we had intermittent power and some blocks with none at all. On Wednesday there was no mobile phone coverage and our school landline was not working so we had no phone communication and school could not be open for safety reasons.

Fortunately we lost none of our big trees, although there were many large branches down and lots of storm debris. Our cleaners, Matt and Eva, our general assistant, Ken and volunteer parent, Mr Maharta did an amazing job cleaning up the grounds very quickly on Thursday so that by Friday we were ready to start school for the term. Many thanks to you!

Until the grounds dry a little and we can determine that falling branches and trees pose little risk to students, I am restricting student play areas. Unfortunately this will likely mean that not everyone gets to play their favourite games with their friends, and disagreements and unkind words may be used at times while they are a little crowded. Please chat with your children about this and how to handle disappointment – it won’t be forever, I promise!

I hope that you all have recovered from the effects of the storm and didn’t suffer too much damage. I want to say thank you to all the paid and unpaid workers of the emergency services and all the good neighbours and friends that helped one another out with hot meals and showers. Good old Aussie mateship in action!

ANZAC Day

Thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Elbra for organising a wonderful school Anzac Assembly. It was very moving and the children in the audience were so respectful - one of the best assemblies ever!

It was lovely to have Mrs Marie Norman and Mr Michael Norman, both former KPS students, in the audience and to lay poppy wreaths on the memorial to honour relatives who passed away in the World Wars. Mrs Norman told me some great stories afterwards about what the school was like when she attended a very long time ago.

Thank you also to our school captains, Kyte and Lauren and our school leader Scarlett, for attending the MacMasters Surf Lifesaving Club service on Anzac Day to represent our school and lay a wreath.

I couldn't help be amazed that despite the wild, wet and cold weather of the previous few days that at the service I attended at Empire Bay at 11am on Anzac Day, it was really hot and sunny! The children of the Bensville-Kincumber Sea Scouts at this service impressed me too; many of whom are KPS students.

Thanks also to Davistown RSL Sub-branch who donated a large number of Anzac-themed books to our school library.

All in all – a great celebration of the centenary of the ANZAC tradition! Thank you everyone who made poppies, attended services and honoured those who have served Australia in times of war!

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Photos
Don't forget full summer uniform next Monday for photos and that includes your black leather shoes please! Bring the correct money on Monday or order online. Envelopes printed with student details were sent home last week, so have a good look at home before ringing as we can't supply a replacement. If you can't locate them, please send payment in an envelope with details of student name/s and class/es written on the front to be handed to the photographer. P.S. the canteen is unable to change notes on the day of photos.

School Planning
The 2015 – 2017 school plan is on our website and the 2014 Annual School report will be posted there by next Monday morning for your information.

Hope you had a great first/second week back at our great school!
Trish Peters
Principal

Mother's Day Stall
Do you have a Mum, Grandma, Nana or someone special you would like to buy a gift for?
All gifts are $5
Lots of great gifts to choose from

Please bring money on the day and pay when you choose your gift

Thursday 7 May 2015

Mother's day stall is in need of volunteers; to set up the stall and help the students choose a gift for their loved ones
If you can help, please contact Janine 0412 469 128 or leave a message at the office

Thank you

Class Item 2H

The Storm
The storm is here
Better cover your ears
You don't have a light
It's a real fright
We have no food
So we look like a crood (Cave man)
By Ashton Groom

Storm Poem
We had no power during the storm, there were only candles to keep us warm. Our fence was broken, there was no token. The waves were 11 metres high, we couldn't even eat a single pie. The SES were lifting trees, the Electric Company were lowering fees. People were getting bored. They wished they were on a skateboard! We were facing a category 2 cyclone!
By Adam

Class Item 2H

The Storm Poem
Very big storm
I hate that it's not warm
I'm glad we have the radio
So the days don't go so slow
At Erina for something to do
But S.E.S evacuates you
The sky doesn't seem so bright
I really wish we had the light.
By Hayley Ward

The Storm
I woke up in the morning and I heard no-one snoring.
The power went sour, and I was bored for an hour.
The wind was ripping, as the trees were hitting the road.
The waves were whipping from the ocean that wasn't living.
The lightning was winning as the radio went black from the thunder that was cracking.
The cyclone made death and the flood wouldn't rest.
The rain made pain as the storm scored a ten.
The candles made cold have a bad day.
The storm went down, the sun put on its crown.
Matthew Griffiths

Gallipoli
Whiz whizzzzz I feel worried, scared and stressed.
I can see bullets, grenades, blood, bones and Turkish.
I can smell smoke, blood, and dead bodies.
I can taste smoke.
I felt metal, dirt and pain.
I could hear bullets, screams, and sobbing.
By Byron

Storm Poem
Trees falling down,
On the ground.
You want a cup of tea?
You can`t because there`s no electricity.
This storm is very loud,
Which is causing a crowd.
Look out! There`s lightning right there.
Trees falling everywhere
Wait, look. The SES has now come.
They`re turning on the power so I can have fun.
By Lucas

The Storm
The horrible storm
I was nice and warm
Still had light
My dog certainly had a fright
Lightning cracked
Trees thwacked
Water fell to the ground
Floodling all around
It certainly was a horrible sound
By Shanaya

Gallipoli
Whiz whizzzzz I feel worried, scared and stressed.
I can see bullets, grenades, blood, bones and Turkish.
I can smell smoke, blood, and dead bodies.
I can taste smoke.
I felt metal, dirt and pain.
I could hear bullets, screams, and sobbing.
By Byron

The Storm
Wind all around
Trees falling down
Bad weather in the sky
With nowhere to fry
Waves everywhere in the sea
But still no cup of tea
By Jackson Adair
**Storm**
Raging winds all around
Very very loud sound
It is very dark
You can't even see a spark
Not even a cup of tea
Really bad swell in the sea
Not good stuff to play
For the whole day
That was the end of a storm
But the start of a clean up
By Thomas Nicholls

**Storm**
Cyclone winds rushing every way
Out to sea and far away
We watched flickering candles through the night
As the falling trees gave us such a fright
We heard the falling trees dead or old
As we sat worried, stressed, scared and cold
The super storm with angry rain
We hope it'll never come again
By Natalia Verkade

**Storm Poem**
Furious storms all around
The raging thunder made a very loud sound
The SES were here and there
Because calls were coming from everywhere
Trees come falling to the ground
But everyone was safe and sound
Now the storm is almost done
The giant, busy clean-up has begun
By Milla Scarlett

**The Storm**
Thunder bolts and lightning
Very very frightening
Wind and rain
Smacking down with gale force pain
The fences smashing
Windows crashing
The waves smacking
Doors cracking
The storm no-one will forget
By Ella

**The Storm**
Windows smashing
Waves crashing
Houses flooding
People running
Lives lost
Houses tossed
Doors breaking
Windows shaking
Something that no-one will forget
By Eilidh

**About the Storm**
There was a storm so big and slow
I was listening to the radio
The lightning lit up the sky
When I was with my Nan I did not want to say goodbye
Furiously the thunder thudding
Mum didn't want to do the ironing
The poor kids watching bored
All the fallen trees getting sawed
Now I have told you about the storm
I fear no more and I'm very warm
Everyone is safe and sound
Just don't go out of bounds
By Jasmine Spiros

**Storm poem**
Very loud storm
Not that warm
Trees falling down
On the ground
Cup of tea
Big bad sea
Windows smashing
Trees bashing
Worst storm ever
by Zane Scott

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**‘KINTEEN’- CANTEEN ROSTER**

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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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If you would like information on how Fleximeals works please call Linda the school’s canteen manager

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**Sporting News**

Good Luck to Lauren Griffiths who will be representing Sydney North in the State Basketball Carnival at Wollongong next week.
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Stewart House

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Each year 1,800 public school children visit Stewart House from many parts of NSW and ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs along with out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Stewart House envelopes have been sent home today and need to be returned to the school by Wednesday May 13.

The school will also be selling Stewart House key ring torches in the near future for $3 each as an additional fundraiser.

More information to follow.

Thank you for your generosity.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

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