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WELCOME TO OUR KINDERGARTEN CLASS FOR 2013

A warm welcome is extended to our new Kindergarten students and their families.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The staff and students wish to thank all our parents and friends who volunteered their time to assist us at our swimming carnival held last Friday at Gladstone Swimming Pool. We are very proud of all our Year 3 to 6 students who all performed to the best of their abilities in all disciplines. Years K to 2 also enjoyed their relays and games in the small pool.

2013 Swimming Champions
11 Year Boy Champion: Darcy
11 year Girl Champion: Maggie
Junior Girl Champion: Ella
Minor Girl Champion: Evie
Minor Boy Champion: Aspen
Winning House: Wattle

Congratulations to the following students representing Kinchela Public School at the Small Schools Swimming Carnival this Thursday in Kempsey: Darcy, Mae, Kirstyn, Ella, Indie-Bella, Maggie, Lily.

More photos of the swimming carnival can be seen on our school website
AROUND THE ROOMS

3/4/5
Welcome back to 2013. The students have settled in well with 15 students in all.

This term we will be working in small groups for Writing, Maths, HSIE and Science. The students will be concentrating on their writing skills, with an emphasis on the NAPLAN tests.

Year 3 will be going to Mrs Kerrigan for Writing and Maths so that they can be given special attention in improving their already great skills. Years 4 and 5 will be with me and we will be looking at some revision and then moving on with all strands of Mathematics throughout the week.

A timetable of the class will be provided at the Parent Information Session which will show how the classroom is structured.

As a teaching Principal I will make sure there is as little interruption to the student's learning as possible.

Kylie Nicholson
Relieving Principal/Teacher

K/1/2
Welcome back to the 2013 school year and I know this year is going to be a productive one at Kinchela Public School. Let's make this year a fantastic one! All students are keen to learn and are ready to get in and enjoy the learning process.

Our student of the week is Talisha (left) for being helpful to new students and always having a happy attitude.

Last week all Kindergarten students completed the 'Best Start ' student/teacher interviews, where they are plotted onto a continuum, so their progress throughout the year is monitored and each individual child's learning needs are addressed.

All students began formal lessons this week. Kindergarten began the Jolly Phonics Program where each letter is given a sound and an action, this helps children remember them. The sounds are learnt quickly with a new sound taught each day.

Year 1 and 2 students have begun spelling and will need to revise their words each night ready for their test on Friday. Spelling sounds this week are the 'sh' sound for year 1 and silent 'b' for year 2.

We have guided reading and writing groups in the K/1/2 classroom each day, with a teacher working with them explicitly to encourage and promote good reading and writing skills.

During numeracy the students will also be in groups with a teacher, which will allow good consolidated work to be carried out and completed.

This semester we will be learning about 'Water'. During H.S.I.E. and science and technology we will learn and experiment with water, to understand about its importance in the world. All students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will cover this topic. The students will be put into three groups of mixed class levels with each group having a teacher.

Mrs Jacqueline Ironfield
Teacher/Librarian

LIBRARY NEWS

Library lessons and borrowing of books from the library will be every Wednesday afternoon. Children will commence borrowing this Wednesday afternoon, they will need a library bag or a plastic bag to take books home. No more than three (3) books at a time can be borrowed from the library.

We have been talking about how we should look after books, so please encourage your child/children to take good care of their library books and return them each week. Taking care of things that are not yours and returning borrowed items are a good life skill to learn.

Mrs Jacqueline Ironfield
Teacher/Librarian

CRUNCH & SIP EVERY DAY AT 10.30 AM

The children participate in fitness for 15 minutes followed by a fruit break. They are encouraged to have a piece of fruit, salad or vegetable and a drink of water.

The idea is to help children re-fuel and boost their physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom, as well as promoting healthy eating practices.

Could you please provide your child/children with a piece of fruit for their fruit break each day.

Thank you for supporting the Crunch & Sip Initiative - it is not just healthy eating, it's giving kids skills and knowledge for life.

VISITOR SIGN IN

Please note that all visitors and parent helpers who come into the school must ‘sign in’ at the front office upon arrival. When leaving the school, visitors must ‘sign out’. This is so we know at all times who is on site. It is also necessary for insurance purposes.
PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSION
Staff would like to invite you to a Parent/Teacher Information session to be held at the school in Week 3.

We would like your input into which session time would suit our school community best – please return the reply slip as soon as possible so that the information can be collated and a firm date set.

The purpose of the Information Session is to share with you the classroom structures and routines, educational expectations and also to answer any questions or queries you may have.

We feel it is very important for all parents to attend so that we can work towards a cohesive, informed, school community.

Please cut off and return to our office as soon as possible.

Name:

CLASSROOM INFORMATION SESSIONS
Please tick ✔ which session suits you best.

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WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES
Assemblies are held every fortnight on Thursday afternoons from 2.40 pm to 3.10pm. Parents and Community members are welcome to attend. Our first assembly for 2013 will be held this Thursday, 7th February. Silver Award Assemblies will be held throughout the year and dates will be advised in the school newsletter.

P & C NEWS
A big thank you to all our family and friends who supported the 2012 Christmas Raffle. We raised an amazing $146.00 for our students at Kinchela Public School.

Are you missing a cut glass bowl (medium size) and a white platter with dip bowl inset? These items were left from our Presentation Evening last December. If so, we have them here for you!

CANTEEN NEWS
We would like to thank Mrs Cathy Taylor for all the hard work she has put into our school canteen over the last 12 months as a volunteer Canteen Manager. Mrs Taylor has done a wonderful job, it’s been great to see the canteen running so smoothly.

Unfortunately Mrs Taylor is unable to continue with the role again this year but a big thank you to one of our mums, Debbie Finnie, who will do regular stocktakes and the ordering that is required to keep the canteen operational.

We do however need VOLUNTEER HELPERS every week to keep the canteen open on a Monday.

If one person from every family could volunteer one Monday, that would mean we would have the canteen open every Monday for two whole terms!

Please consider volunteering one Monday per term. Please write your name on a date below and return it to the school, so that we can keep the canteen open on Mondays.

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Check out our website for the latest school information, upcoming school events, photos and the Term 1 Calendar.

www.kinchela-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

EIGHT WAYS TO GET YOUR KIDS ORGANISED
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.
2013 HOMEWORK PLANNER
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner

BENEFITS OF TEAM SPORTS
If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports

POSITIVE PARENTING COURSE
Enjoy being a parent! All courses are run in Partnership with Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Unit.

All courses conducted at Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Unit Training Room, 37 Elbow Street, Kempsey.

Seminar: Monday, 18th February the Power of Positive Parenting 9.30-12pm

Triple P Parenting Groups for 2013
21st February-14th March (Monday and Thursdays) 9.30-12pm. Phone Sheri 65628968/ 0417185875

SOUTH WEST ROCKS NETBALL 2013 REGISTRATION DAY
Our Rego day will be held this Saturday, 9/2/13 between 11am and 1pm at the Seabreeze Beach Hotel. The competition will start on Saturday 16/3/13.

KEMPSEY HORNETS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) CLUB
Wednesdays at Kemp Street fields from 4pm - 6.30pm. More info 0408 656 267

LOWER MACLEAY PRESCHOOL
Is now open for 2013 and we are seeking enrolments for children aged three, up to school age.

Preschool is an important part of children’s early education and you are welcome visit our centre or contact Debbie on 6567 4743.

KEMPSEY BASKETBALL REGISTRATION DAY
Thursday February 7 at Melville High School 4.30 pm till 6.00 pm. Primary play Thursday afternoons, High School Tuesday afternoons. For further information contact Evelyn Jacobs on 0418 463 278

STUARDS POINT PLAYERS DANCE AND SINGING WORKSHOPS
Students aged 8 to 16 years. Monday & Thursday afternoons 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm at Stuarts Point Community hall.
Further inquiries phone 6569 0210

Come Along in February 2013
FREE Storytelling Concerts for Young Families
Enjoy songs, stories and rhymes with Morgan and Roman. This free concert is for parents and carers with babies and young children.

Monday 11 February 10.00 am
Monday 11 February 11.15 am
Tuesday 12 February 10.30 am
Tuesday 12 February 11.15 am
Wednesday 13 February 10.15am
Wednesday 13 February 11.30 am
Friday 15 February 9.30 am
Friday 15 February 10.30 am

Frederickton Playgroup, Primary School Stuart Point Playgroup, Public Hall Brighter Futures Playgroup, KFCC Dalaigur Playgroup, Kempsey Anglican Playgroup SW Rocks Kempsey Supported Playgroup KFCC Scribbly Gum Preschool & Long Daycare Willawarrin Playgroup, Willawarrin Pre.S

This activity is supported by the Macleay Valley Communities for Children Plus project. Communities for Children is supported by the Australian Government.

For further information contact Alison Pope or Ruth Waite at Kempsey Library (02) 6566 3213