DATES TO REMEMBER

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AROUND THE ROOMS

K/1/2

Our student of the week last week was Abby, for trying hard and always doing her best. This week’s student of the week is Ashley, for being a quiet worker and writing neatly.

Our reading and writing groups are progressing well, with the students benefiting from having two teachers to work with them during this time.

Last week the year 1 and 2 students wrote a recount of what they did on the weekend and a narrative about a cat that was playing near a computer. The narrative stories about the silly cat were very well written and the children enjoyed writing about the silly cat’s antics.

Kindergarten are really getting into their sounds in readiness for reading. They are remembering their sounds and actions through the Jolly Phonics Program. Letter formation is also practised daily and the children are enjoying learning to write their letters.

It was great to see so many parents at the information afternoon and I do hope it was of benefit to you. Any parent who wasn’t able to come to the information afternoon, I am happy to talk to you at a more convenient time.

Spelling is learnt daily and the weekly spelling results are pleasing. Year one spelling sound last week was ‘ch’ and this week’s sound is ‘th’. Year two spelling sound last week was silent ‘w’ and this week is silent ‘k’.

Numeracy groups are running smoothly, with the students having access to a teacher through small groups and good equipment to help solve and visualise concepts. Any problems that the children may have had are quickly rectified and noted for additional teaching at a later stage. We have been covering the topics - area, shapes, identifying a half and representation of numerals.

Jacqueline Ironfield
Teacher
3/4/5/6

The senior class is working really well. We have all begun to settle into school.

We are currently working our way through each strand of the Numeracy Continuum focusing on a different area each day.

All students are focusing on their times tables and progressing well. Any help you can give them at home with their tables would be appreciated.

In writing groups we are focusing on persuasive writing to prepare the year 3 and 5 students for NAPLAN.

The students in the coming weeks will be assessed in spelling, reading and mathematics so we have benchmark to work with and be able to monitor your child's progress.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to call or drop in to discuss.

Kylie Nicholson
Relieving Principal / Teacher

LIBRARY

It was wonderful to see so many children return their library books last week. Let's hope that it continues. This week’s author is David Rish who wrote "Sophie' which is in our library.

The section in the library that we are focusing on, and learning about what books are kept there, is Philosophy and Psychology -Dewey No.100. In this section, books about "feels" can be found, such as when we feel sad, excited, or when we would like to understand a little more about things happening around us.

The library skills we are learning about at present are on fiction books, what they are, how they are filed and the various parts of a fiction book, such as its cover and spine label.

Don't forget that all children need a library bag or a plastic bag to take books home.

Happy Reading

Jacqueline Ironfield
Librarian

WEAR BOARDIES TO SCHOOL
next Friday 22nd February! Gold Coin Donation

Boardies Day is an annual fundraising event to raise funds for vital surf lifesaving services throughout Australia. It's a day to celebrate summer, our beaches, our lifestyle and our volunteer surf lifesavers who give up their time to protect us all at the beach.

Our school has registered to participate in Boardies Day. So to be in it, wear boardies on Friday, 22nd February, and bring a gold coin to donate to a good cause.

POPP – PROTECTING OUR PLACES PROGRAM

The Kinchela Public School Environmental Warriors visited Hat Head today to support Gone Native and Hat Head Dune Care in planting trees. Due to the inclement weather we were limited to certain activities so we collected rubbish and enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch.

Check out more photos on our school website: www.kinchela-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Kinchela Public School Environmental Warriors

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or
disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

**P & C NEWS**
We are trialling a new day for our P & C Meetings for 2013. Our first P & C Meeting will be held on Thursday 21 February, 2013 at 5.00 pm. Our new parents are most welcome to join us as these meetings are very informative with *What’s Happening* at our school.

**CANTEEN NEWS**
Unfortunately we have had no volunteers for next **Monday 25 February**. If we have not been contacted by a volunteer by Friday 22 February, the canteen will be closed on Monday 25 February. We will endeavour to send a note home on Friday advising you of the outcome.

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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**STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME (SAS)**
The Student Assistance Scheme provides funding to schools for the purpose of extending financial help to students whose families are experiencing financial hardship.

Schools may allocate this funding for excursions and camps, sport, subject contributions and stationery needs, and the provision of uniform.

There is an application form available in the school office. The limited funding for Student Assistance is confidential. Please contact the Principal.

**FRIENDSHIPS TO BOOST YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING**
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning)

**HELPING YOUR KINDY KID SUCCEED AT SCHOOL**
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school)

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HEALTHY & ACTIVE!**
A community program run through PCYC for Parents/Carers to get HEALTHY & ACTIVE!

Come and join us at KINCHELA PUBLIC SCHOOL, Monday's throughout Term One, starting at 9:30am, with an Accredited Personal Trainer, Professional Chef and Health Professionals.

The program is “FREE” and open to all Parents/Carers preschoolers are more than welcome, and are looked after to do fun activities, while parents workout and join each other after for a FREE cooking class just in time for lunch. Finishing around 12.00pm.

**SWR NETBALL CLUB:** If you did not make it to rego day but would like to register, please contact Kaye before Fri 1/03. (Kaye 6566 6366)

This seasons fees are Sen $150, Jun $140, Hard/c Netta $130 and Grass/c Netta $110, An early bird discount of $20 applies until the end of Feb. We will also require a deposit of $35 for the new uniforms.

**FREDERICKTON SPORTS CLUB INC**
Netball registration days are Wednesday 20th and 27th of February 2013 at the Sports Club house between 4-5pm. Early bird discount is available. All ages, juniors and seniors are welcome. Enquiries to Sandy on 65668307.

**NETHERBY:** On February 23rd 2013, Netherby is holding a Summer Night Delight with live music by The Green Room. We are looking forward to great nights under grand old trees by the beautiful Macleay River.

Bookings essential – Jasmin Eggimann
Netherby House B&B with River Café -5 Little Rudder Street, Kempsey.t/f +61 2 6563 1777

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