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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Penguin Foundation has a global callout for knitters to make pullovers for penguins in rehabilitation centres. Penguins caught in oil spills need the little jumpers to keep warm and to stop them from trying to clean the toxic oil off with their beaks. The Penguin Foundation also distributes the jumpers to other wildlife rescue centres where needed.

Every Wednesday afternoon community members Anne Turnbull, Jenny Twaddell and Yvonne Sinderberry have been teaching our senior school students the art of knitting and have started knitting jumpers for the needy little penguins.

STEWART HOUSE

Thank you to all those who returned their Stewart House envelopes. We received $25.05 and are proud to send this contribution to such a worthwhile cause.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Thank you to Mrs Pamela Ball for co-ordinating the Mother’s Day stall this year. The school raised $36.00 in total.

BIGGEST BEACH BITOU BASH

Today all our students travelled to Hat Head for the Bitou Bash. Ranger Cath Ireland from National Parks & Wildlife invited our students to participate as part of our Environmental Warriors Program.

Our students weeded approximately 600 bitou bushes, planted approximately 10,000 spinifex grass seeds, collected two large bags of rubbish and found lots of...
interesting dead animals such as seahorses and crab shells.

Alister from National Parks and Wildlife demonstrated and explained to our students the life cycle of plants in the Hat Head area.

To conclude the day, National Parks and Wildlife and Hat Head Dune Care cooked up a BBQ lunch for all the volunteers.

**CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

This Thursday 22nd May 2014, Kinchela Public School will hold the Cross Country Carnival at 2 pm.

Senior students will be running a course of 3km and 8-10 year olds will run 2 km. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be competing. Students who qualify for the Lower North Coast Carnival will attend on Friday 30th May 2014 at Kempsey Racecourse.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend our carnival this Thursday and cheer on our students.

**QUICKSMART**

QuickSmart aims to improve the numeracy and literacy development of students.

The primary aim of QuickSmart is to develop automaticity. QuickSmart lessons emphasise the development of conceptual understanding. Conceptual understanding is ensured by explicitly teaching strategies that emphasise the key concepts underpinning the academic skills being taught.

QuickSmart mathematics sessions aim to develop students’ general number sense - their ability to identify and use number patterns, their understanding of the meanings of and relationships between the different operations. These strategies are discussed explicitly and inform all the practice exercises completed by the learners. For further information please click on the link below:


**TEACHERS MUTUAL BANK GRANT**

Kinchela Public School has been successful in receiving a grant for $1500.00 for a new garden. The garden project is well under way thanks to David Aulsebrook and Joe Perry. On completion, the new garden will be an “Indigenous Sensory Garden”. As the project progresses we will update you all accordingly.

**AROUND THE ROOMS**

4/5/6

This fortnight we have welcomed our Prac Teacher, Miss Mugridge to our class. She has been conducting several lessons with the students and taking small groups to consolidate their learning.

In Maths we have worked with strategies to help us learn our tables. Students are having very successful experiences with Quicksmart, and are learning to relate this to their maths questions.

We experimented with Measurement this week by measuring different areas around the school. Students were asked to estimate and answer and then measure. There were some very interesting answers.

In Literacy we have been looking at the ABC show, BTN. This has raised very in depth questions which have led to important discussions.

Spelling is going well and students are improving in their rules and sounds knowledge. We are obtaining very good results. Excellent work from all students!

In HSIE we are looking at Japan and how it is different to Australia. We have looked at some of their festivals, religion and food. Some very interesting differences!

Mrs Nicholson
Principal/Teacher
This week the 3/4/5 class are studying ‘s’ as ‘z’ sound in spelling. Students have also been focusing on speech marks in their writing as well as writing longer paragraphs in their recount writing.

In Maths the Year 3 students have started learning their 6 times tables and the Year 4/5 have started to learn their 8 times tables. We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of these multiplication facts and those already learnt.

The students have also participated in some interesting lessons on Area with Mr. O’Brien.

In HSIE we are doing a unit called ‘Australia, You’re Standing In It’, with the focus each week on researching a specific iconic part of Australia.

Our Science unit is ‘Cycles in Our World’. Students will be investigating the cycles of different living things in nature through hands on activities and research.

Mrs. Kerrigan
Teacher

K/1/2
We have been learning about sound in science. We have been participating in a range of interactive whiteboard music lessons, as part of the Musica Viva program.

The K/1/2 students have been writing some fantastic narratives in the fairy tale genre!

We have made some changes to our News routine. We now have news groups on a Monday afternoon. All students have the opportunity to have show and tell in this time.

KINDERGARTEN
The Kindergarten students are learning their final sounds ‘ar’ and ‘er’ this week. They will begin to look at spelling alternatives. We are focusing on five high frequency words each week, as well as continuing with our magic sight words.

In Mathematics, the Kindergarten students have been solving simple subtraction problems and ‘how many more make ten?’ problems.

YEAR ONE
The Year one students are looking at the ‘a_e’ sound. In Mathematics, we have been looking at addition strategies, solving multiplication problems using groups, as well as number patterns.

YEAR TWO
The Year 2 students are looking at the ‘ee’ sound. In Mathematics, the Year 2 have been solving multiplication problems using arrays and skip counting strategies, as well as looking at number patterns.

SPORT
In daily fitness the children have been training for Cross Country. In Sport, the students have begun Athletics training with Mrs Dianne Seghers in long jump, discus and shot putt.

DANCE GROUP
The junior and senior dance groups have been practicing daily for the upcoming dance festival. The performances are looking fantastic and costing is underway. Please return notes ASAP. If you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Miss Foulkes
Teacher

TECHNOLOGY
Technology lessons have started a little slow this term due to the Kempsey Show and NAPLAN testing taking big chunks of our time.

The Kindy class have commenced computer lessons and what a delightful group they are. Using KidPix4 they had fun creating pictures during their first lesson. Ruby is sharing her butterfly with us.

Year 1 are producing a high standard of work each week. Work that has the date inserted, clipart to match the sentences and page borders. Well done Year 1!
Years 2 & 3 will be working on a unit of Digital Art. They will learn how to create interesting backgrounds by taking the first picture and applying an effect to get a result similar to this. But this is just the start.

Year 4
Tyrese was able to manipulate his photo to look as if it had been drawn using coloured pencils, while Krystal has used a lead pencil effect.

Year 5
Are having a revision unit on Excel using formulas to add, subtract and multiply.

Year 6
I have set Year 6 a project in which they have to develop a promotional Power Point Presentation introducing a new television show. It must contain a short movie introducing the characters which have been made in Movie Maker, a photo album of the characters and be presented in an entertaining way.

Mrs Daelman
Technology

EXCURSION PAYMENT PLANS
A payment of $30.00 is due tomorrow.
Please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Nicholson on 6567 4828 if you wish to discuss your payment plan.

CANTEEN
Unfortunately we have not had any volunteers for next Monday 26th May. If we do not have any volunteers offer before Friday 23rd May, the canteen will be closed on Monday 26th May.

Please check out the latest photo’s on our school website. www.kinchela-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

FAMILY ENERGY REBATE
The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW family households to pay their electricity bills.
For more info and to find out eligibility criteria, visit https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/

It only takes 2 minutes to fill in a form.

Don’t miss the deadline, apply before 5pm Friday 13th June.

LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD REBATE
This rebate also helps eligible NSW households to pay their energy bills. There is no deadline to apply for this rebate. Find out more on 13 77 88, the school has some information or: