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MERIT AWARDS

We would like to acknowledge the following students who received Merit Awards at our fortnightly assembly held last Thursday 22nd June, 2014.

**Mrs Nicholson:** Grace, Maggie, Jared, Victoria, Chloe  
**Ms Foulkes:** Lauren, Talisha, Amelia  
**Mrs Kerrigan:** Kirstyn, Krystel, Mae, Jamie, Evie, Tayla, Jasmine, Heath, Tyrrese, Jared, Darcy, Katie  
**Kritter Draw:** Lachlan, Indie-Bella

Congratulations and well done to these students for their contribution to Kinchela Public School.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We would like to invite you to our athletics carnival being held within the school grounds tomorrow, Wednesday 28 May, 2014. The carnival is set to commence at 10.00 am. Please bring a packed lunch and join us for this action packed day of running, long jump, high jump, discus and shot putt.

QUESTACON

The Shell Questacon Science Circus was a lively and energetic science show. The facilitators used everyday materials and props including magic to engage our students. The show covered a wide range of topics from water based experiments including bubbles and the construction of an arched bridge educating our students in the science of engineering.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Evie for being the worthy recipient of the Aussie of The Month award for April. Evie is always polite and friendly, and always plays nicely in the playground. Evie follows directions and works well in class.

Left: Katie getting involved with the Questacon science show
CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to all our students who participated in our school cross country. The unusually warm weather made conditions very trying however our students strived to do their personal best. Congratulations to Jamie, Kaitlyn, Krystel, Derek, Tayla and Tyrese who will be representing Kinchela Public School at the LNC Cross Country on Friday 30 May at the Kempsey Racecourse.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Congratulations to Ms Foulkes for her successful submission to Teachers Mutual Bank for an environmental grant to construct an Indigenous Sensory Garden at our school.

Mrs Wendy Welch from Teachers Mutual Bank provided the staff a delicious morning tea prior to her presenting a cheque to the value of $1500.00.

Students and staff would like to thank Teachers Mutual Bank for the grant for the new Indigenous Sensory Garden which is currently under construction adjacent to the COLA and junior classrooms.

EXCURSION PAYMENT PLANS
COFFS HARBOUR / SYDNEY - BATHURST
Please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Nicholson on 6567 4828 if you wish to discuss your payment plan.

BUDDY COOKING
Last week the buddy cooking group created absolutely delicious fruit kebabs. They were tasty and refreshing on such a hot day!

Willow enjoying her fruit kebab

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Its NOT ok TO STAY AWAY
Too many students across Australia and at our schools are missing their best chance to do well in life because they are allowed to miss days of their education. Some students are allowed to stay home for an ever-increasing number of excuses including:

- a day off for their birthdays
- a day off because relatives are visiting
- a day off to be with parents at home
- a day off to look after younger brothers and sisters
- a day off to go shopping

Students should only miss school for genuine illness or for serious domestic reasons. All absences must be explained within 7 days or earlier is even better.

Talk to the Principal or class teacher or Aboriginal Education Officer if you have trouble getting your child to school.

After love and care the most important thing that we as parents can give to our kids is an EDUCATION. Every day a child is away, they are losing a learning experience.

Over time, missing school leaves a big gap in their learning. They become keener to spend less and less time at school and they influence younger brothers and sisters. Allowing your child to stay home becomes the easy way out. If you require support in saying NO to your child on their attendance or any other issue, please contact someone at your school. We can work together to make a difference to your child’s future.

Be on time, Be at school. That’s the rule!

COMMUNITY NEWS
DANCE STEPS FOR EXERCISE
Have fun whilst you exercise! No Partners needed! Dances will include Waltz, Foxtrot, Salsa, Cha Cha, Tango, Rumba, and more. Smithtown RSL/Memorial Bowling Club, Church Street, Smithtown. Starting Monday 2 June 2014 at 11.00 am until 2.00 pm for a gold coin donation only. Lunch, drinks, tea & coffee will be available at a small cost.