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Jeans for Genes Day
Friday, 1st August, 2014

This Friday, students and staff can come dressed in their jeans and donate a GOLD COIN to support this fundraiser.

Jeans for Genes Day is a national day when people wear their jeans to raise much-needed funds for research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy and a range of genetic disorders.

Hopefully this Friday, workplaces, schools and streets become a sea of denim in a united stance against childhood disease.

Please remember to wear your jeans on Friday and bring a gold coin donation.

MECS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Miss Foulkes

Yesterday, eight students from Kinchela Public School participated in the Macleay Educational Community of Schools’ Music Festival. They participated in a mass choir made of up students from ten primary schools and two high schools in the Macleay District. This event showcased the musical talents of students from local public schools and was part of Education Week in the Macleay. Congratulations to all students who performed!

Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence.

To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

– send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
– telephone the school, or
– visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

– has to go to a special religious ceremony
– is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
– is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.
SCHOOL PHOTOS
Sally Newton from Sal Newton Portraiture has kindly offered to take our school photos this year. Sally is supported by the Kinchela P & C Association.

The previous date advertised for school photos of 13th August has been postponed to later in Term 3 – we will let you know.

YEAR 5/6 BATHURST/SYDNEY EXCURSION FUNDRAISER
Thanks again to Jo Benson from the Old Lodge Gallery Gladstone for donating first and second prize for our fundraising raffle.

Thank you to everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets, donated items for the stall and turned up on the day to support our very successful market stall.

Funds raised from the raffle and the stall held at the Gladstone Markets raised a total of $1030.00 towards the senior excursion to Sydney/Bathurst. Well done!

We will apportion the funds raised between those students attending the excursion and let you know your current balance due. In the meantime, please continue to make regular weekly payments.

SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY
Last Friday the students and staff celebrated National Tree Planting Day by planting native shrubs and tree seedlings kindly donated by Kempsey Shire Council. There are over 150 seedlings to be planted so we will be kept busy in buddy gardening for a while!

Photo:
Grace and Ashley on Schools Tree Day

Canteen Next Monday 4th August:
We need a volunteer helper to assist Robert next Monday, 4th August. Two people are required otherwise the canteen cannot open on this day.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS NOW DUE!
Thank you to the families who have paid School Contributions. The amount of school contributions remain the same as in previous years:

- $25.00 per student
- $15.00 for second child
- $ 5.00 for third child

BOOK PARADE
“Catch the Reading Bug”.
The Book Fair at Kinchela Public School has commenced. Please come along to support our library and maybe purchase a book or other item.

The Book Fair is open daily this week from 11.30 am – 12.00 pm.

BOOK PARADE
As part of the Book Fair we will have a Book Parade and children are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book. The parade will be on Wednesday 30th July at 2.15pm. In addition to the Book Parade, students are encouraged to enter pieces of work into the categories of:

- Best poster
- Best diorama
- Best bookmark
- Best story
- Best poem

Winners will receive a voucher for the Book Fair.

Last week we had a special visitor to the school, Chloe’s horse Wylibur.
The students were thrilled to meet Wylibur and give him a gentle pat.