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WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

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

Please see our school website for images captured today on their first day at school.

Activities included phonics and mathematics on the interactive whiteboard, buddy reading and library, fitness and fruit break and Best Start testing.

School Leaders for 2015

L:R – Sport Captains Grace and Willow, School Captain Indie-Bella, Vice-Captain Ella

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back! We hope you have had a well-earned break and are ready to face the new and exciting challenges for 2015.

We welcome Mrs Jacki Ironfield back to Kinchela after a year of leave. She will be working with Mrs Kerrigan on the 2/3/4 class. Mrs Ironfield will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, while Mrs Kerrigan will be working Monday and Wednesday.

Miss Foulkes will be returning as our Kinder, Year 1 teacher. She has many exciting activities for her students and is looking forward to meeting them all, and hearing about their fabulous holidays.

We welcome Mr Richard Fisher who will be working on Fridays. He is going to be looking after our PD Health, fitness and Student Wellbeing. We look forward to having Mr Fisher on our team.

Our office staff will remain the same with Mrs Tolman as office manager, Mrs Astorini and Mrs Squires working in the office and in the classrooms with our students and Alwyn Kelly looking after our students in his capacity as Aboriginal Education Officer. Mrs Daelman will be returning to teach us all about technology and Mr Tolman is looking after our beautiful grounds and gardens.

Mrs Kylie Nicholson
Principal
2015 SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Kinchela Public School Swimming Carnival is being held next Tuesday 3 February at Gladstone Pool. Information in regards to the swimming carnival is included with the permission note attached to this week’s newsletter.

Please return the permission note as soon as possible. The cost is $3.00 per student to be paid on entry to the pool and transport is to be provided by parents directly to and from the pool.

PSSA SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The PSSA Small Swimming School Carnival is being held on Friday 6 February at the Kempsey McElhone Swimming Complex – Belgrave Street, Kempsey.

Students will be notified and permission notes sent home on Tuesday after the Kinchela Public School Swimming Carnival.

If your child / children are successful in gaining entry into the PSSA Small Schools Carnival then parents/carers are responsible for transporting their own child/children to and from the McElhone Swimming Complex.

BE AT SCHOOL, THAT’S THE RULE!

Education in NSW is compulsory for all children between 6 and 17 years of age.

Children must attend every day the school is open.

Being punctual and having regular attendance is essential for effective learning.

Please note the school bell rings for the morning session at 9.05 am. Important daily communications and timetabling are given to all students at morning assembly – it is essential that your child is at school prior to 9.05 am so that they are informed and feel confident about the days’ planned activities.

ABSENCES MUST BE EXPLAINED

If your child cannot attend school due to illness or other reasons, absences may be explained to the class teacher by one of the following:

- A signed note the day the child returns to school.
- A telephone message to the school.
- A personal visit.

If a child is going to be absent for more than three days, the teacher must be informed.

If a child is late or leaves early for any reason they must obtain a late or leave note from the office on arrival or departure and present the note to their teacher.

If the normal “going home” arrangements are to be altered, even for only one day, a note must be sent to your child’s teacher informing of the change, or alternatively you may telephone the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY & PROCEDURES

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our parents, carers and students of our school uniform policy and procedures, and the benefits of wearing a school uniform.

Our school is bound by the Department of Education and Communities School Uniform Policy (refer to link below)


It states that:

- “School uniforms should be consistent with work health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation. Aspects of the uniform related to safety, eg. safe footwear, eye protection and hats, and will need to be enforced as appropriate.”

- “A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing, including footwear and headwear.”

A copy of the DEC Uniform Policy is available at the school office for your perusal.

Kindergarten student Leo washing his hands prior to entering the classroom

Kindergarten student Drew using the interactive whiteboard during his maths lesson

Library Lesson with Mrs Ironfield
BENEFITS OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS
The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students’ sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

Kinchela Public School Uniform:

Hair – If your child has shoulder length hair it must be tied up at all times.

Shoes – Black laced or buckled school shoes / laced or velcro joggers

Girls – bottle green dress shorts/gold & green t-shirt/ green & white check dress with collar

Boys – bottle green shorts / gold & green t-shirt

Winter Uniform – bottle green track suit pants/ gold & green t-shirt/ bottle green jacket preferably the new school jacket / School jumpers

Sports Uniform – same as normal school uniform

School Hat – NO HAT NO PLAY

Uniform Shop – new and used items are available at very reasonable prices.

The staff and I are requesting that parents and students support us on this matter to ensure that Kinchela Public School remains your safe and caring school.

Mrs Kylie Nicholson
Principal