DATES TO REMEMBER

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Kinchela Public School student representatives in this year’s PSSA Small Schools Carnival. Back L-R – Ella, Willow, Nakirra, Indie-Bella, Kirstyn. Front L-R – Jamie, Maya, Abby and Keelan

L-R: Nakirra, Tayla, Cheyen – Bella, Katie enjoying fruit break this week with lovely and juicy locally grown Mangoes from Jerseyville. Thank you Annie and Wally!

KINCHELA PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following students for excelling at our swimming carnival held last week at the Gladstone swimming pool complex.

Senior Girl Champion: Indie-Bella
11 Year Girl Champion: Kirstyn
Junior Girl Champion: Mae
Junior Boy Champion: Keelan
Winning House: Wattle

PSSA SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The PSSA Small Swimming School Carnival was held last Friday at the Kempsey McElhone Swimming Complex in Kempsey. Congratulations to all the students who participated and achieved their personal best times in their respective divisions. Keelan was crowned Junior Boy Champion and our PP5 Relay team consisting of Kirstyn, Indie, Ella and Keelan has progressed to the PSSA Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival.

Most of our students who participated in the small schools swimming carnival will progress to the PSSA Macleay Swimming Carnival being held at the Kempsey McElhone Swimming Complex in Kempsey on...
Wednesday 18 February, 2015. We are currently awaiting confirmation and will forward permission notes and carnival details within the next few days.

LIBRARY NEWS
Library day is every Wednesday afternoon. We encourage the students to borrow books to take home however we do ask to send in a library bag or plastic bag with your child to protect the books.

Happy reading!

Mrs Ironfield
Teacher/Librarian

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING
Just a reminder that school banking is on a Tuesday. There are some wonderful rewards and prizes to give away this year. All you need to do is bank weekly!

LUNCH ORDERS
Our Canteen is open every Monday. Students ordering lunches should place their lunch order in the green lunch order box before the morning bell rings. The box is located on the counter in the front office. Menus can be obtained from the school office. An updated menu will be issued to all our families soon.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
Each fortnight a whole school assembly is held in the Year 5/6 classroom. At these assemblies we celebrate the achievements of individuals and groups of students across the school. All parents and carers are welcome to attend these assemblies which are held every fortnight commencing at 2.40pm. Our next assembly will be held on Thursday 19 February 2015. Please remember all visitors must sign in at the office first.

MOSQUITOES
Unfortunately due to the wet weather recently we have had an invasion of mosquitoes. Please help us to protect your children by applying mosquito repellent on them at home prior to coming to school. Due to Department of Education and Communities policy and procedures we are NOT allowed to administer insect repellent or itchy bite cream and lotions. Students are NOT permitted to carry insect repellent or itchy bite cream and lotions in their bags for personal use.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS YEARS 3 & 6
This year the school is going to participate in two primary excursions. One is to the Great Aussie Bush Camp and the other is to Canberra.

The excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp will be with Gladstone and will cost approximately $300.00 per student. It will be in August of this year and is a great experience for students to gain confidence and skills to become independent and successful.

The second excursion is going to be combined with Smithtown and will be to Canberra. This is a longer excursion and will cost approximately $500.00 and at this stage will be in September.

Neither of these excursions are compulsory but would be of benefit to your child. I am giving you this information so you will have plenty of notice regarding cost and time.

There have been discussions with the Year 5/6 class regarding fundraising and we have come up with some great ideas.

I will keep you up to date with more information after discussions have been had with the P & C and staff.

Mrs Nicholson
Principal / Teacher

AROUND THE ROOMS
5/6
The first two weeks of Term 1 have flown past. We welcome a new student to our class, Lilly Scott. I am sure she will enjoy being part of the Kinchela Public School community.

We have begun the term well. We are working hard and in separate year groups to ensure maximum learning takes place. Several seniors took part in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival and I would like to congratulate them in the way they participated.

L:R – Jessica, Mr Fisher, Wyatt and Cohen harvesting vegetables from our vegetable garden during buddy gardening each Friday
They were all very proud to represent the school and performed to the best of their ability in their selected events.

In spelling we are working in two groups. Group 1 is being extended, using words with difficult combinations, while group 2 will be looking at spelling combinations and rules. Each student is being challenged to do their best and have a target to improve by the end of term 1.

In Mathematics we have been revising addition and multiplication facts. Students have been working on Maths Mentals which have provided some challenging problems. We ask that you work with your child at home to ensure that they are using some of the strategies they have learnt in class to solve problems that may arise at home.

Quicksmart is once again happening. Students in the 5/6 class have been selected to help with their mathematic skills. We have seen some large improvements in student’s multiplication skills and wish to reinforce this very important mathematics concept.

Mrs Nicholson
Principal/Teacher

K/1
It has been a very busy start to the year in the K/1 room. This term our unit of work is focused on ‘All about me’ and we will be exploring the things that make us unique, our families and our world.

KINDERGARTEN
Kindergarten students have completed BestStart testing in literacy and numeracy. BestStart testing identifies what early literacy and numeracy skills your child has when they begin school and provides a starting point to track your child’s progress throughout their first year of schooling.

Kindergarten students are working towards identifying the initial sound in a words, and identifying words based on the individual sounds within them. Eg. c, a, t = cat. We have begun ‘reading’ simple texts, identifying the starting point for reading and one-to-one correspondence between words. They are working on correctly writing their names.

In Mathematics, Kindergarten students are working towards identifying and writing the numerals 1-10, counting using one-to-one correspondence between an object and the spoken number word and creating repeated patterns.

YEAR ONE
Year one students have begun their weekly spelling list. The sound for this week is the ‘ch’ sound as in chest. In phonics, we are looking at different ways of making the ‘ai’ sound, including ‘ai’ (rain), ‘ay’ (play) and ‘a_e’ (rake). We are beginning reading and writing groups this week.

In Mathematics, we are practicing count forwards to 100 and backwards from 30. We are looking at addition strategies and making equal groups of objects.

HOME READING/HOMEWORK
This week pencil cases containing home readers were sent home. These are to come to school with your child each day. Your child will bring home one book each day from school to be read each night. This reading practice supports your child’s development in reading significantly.

Year one students received homework scrapbooks. These will go home on a Monday and are to come back to school on a Friday. Please note, homework is OPTIONAL. If you do not wish for your child to complete homework please return the homework scrapbook to the school.

L-R: Buddy Cooking Amelia, Mikayla, Jasmine and Leo

COOKING/GARDENING
The students have been very busy getting back into the kitchen and garden. Last week the students prepared a delicious, healthy fruit salad. Yum!

The gardening group worked in the vegie patch, pulling out the weeds and preparing the garden for the planting of new produce.

FRUITY MUESLI BARS
2 eggs, beaten
½ cup honey
½ cup low fat milk
1 cup desiccated coconut
1 cup wheat germ
1 cup wholemeal SR flour
2 x 200g packets chopped dried fruit medley
½ cup currants
1/2 cup tropical juice, no added sugar

1. Preheat oven to 180 C. Line rectangular slice tin with baking paper.
2. In large bowl combine eggs, honey, milk and juice. Stir with large metal spoon. Add coconut, wheat germ, flour, dried fruit and currants. Stir until well combined
3. Press mixture into prepared tin.
4. Bake 30-40 mins or until golden brown. Allow slice to cool in tin and then cut into bars. Wrap each bar in greaseproof paper and twist ends like bos buns to seal.
P & C NEWS
We do need more volunteers to lighten the load! Could you please indicate on the slip below if you can assist on any Monday during Term 1. Your help would be much appreciated.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BECOME A HORNET IN 2015
Kempsey Hornets Football Club Registrations NOW OPEN. Sign up at www.myfootballclub.com.au or Come see us at Kemp Street Fields on Saturday February 14 & 21: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. More info 0408 656 257 or 0412 356 559 or Facebook inbox Kempsey Hornets Football Club.

NETHERBY HOUSE B&B WITH RIVER CAFÉ
The River Café will be open this Saturday for Valentines Dinner. Book now for a memorable Valentines - Sunset Dinner by the Macleay 6563 1777. FRIDAY SUNSET DINNER AND DRINKS AT NETHERBY, BOOKING RECOMMENDED.

STUARTS POINT PLAYERS
AUDITIONS FOR UPCOMING PRODUCTION
Auditions for the Youth Production of “Groove-A-Rella” will be held at Stuarts Point Community Hall on Monday night 16th February at 6pm. There will be four performances in May, Performance dates and venues are Friday 15th May at Gladstone Community Hall, Saturday 16th May at the Bandbox Theatre in Kempsey, Saturday 23rd May at Stuarts Point Community Hall and Sunday 24th May at the Nambucca Entertainment Centre. Hope to see you there!