DATES TO REMEMBER

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MACLEAY PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Keelan, Indie-Bella, Maya, Abby, Mae, Kirstyn, Nakirra, Willow, Grace and Ella who recently represented Kinchela Public School at the Macleay PSSA Swimming Carnival. All students swam to the best of their ability and we are very proud of their personal achievements. Kinchela Public School was also crowned the champion school based on handicap.

The following students Abby, Keelan, Ella, Kirstyn and Indie-Bella progressed to the Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival being held tomorrow at the McElhone Swimming Complex in Kempsey. We wish them best of luck in their respective events and in the PSS relay.

AROUND THE ROOMS

5/6

Seniors have been working extremely hard this fortnight. In spelling we have looked at “ect” and breaking words up to gain understanding.

In maths we have looked at area and angles, 4 digit addition and subtraction.
The students have enjoyed designing the bike of the future and discussing some of the issues facing the Great Barrier Reef.

Mrs Kylie Nicholson
Principal/Teacher

Jasmine won the Healthy Lunch Box award last week with her ham salad

2/3/4
The 2-3-4 class have settled into a good routine and have been very busy completing a variety of learning tasks.

In spelling and grammar this week the year 3 and 4 students are focusing on the ‘ie’ sound and the many variations of spelling that is used. In grammar these students will be studying ‘third person singular verbs ending in y’. The year 2 students will be learning about the ‘wh’ sound in spelling.

In writing the class has been working together and independently to construct persuasive texts and all are working well in their reading groups.

In Maths the class will focus on addition and subtraction facts, revision of multiplication facts, features of 3 D shapes and some work in length this week.

In Science the students are doing a design unit on ‘Rain Hats’ and for HSIE the children are exploring more features of the great continent of Australia.

Mrs Ironfield and Mrs Kerrigan
Teachers

K/1/2
The K/1 class have begun a unit about personal identity called ‘All about me’. In art, we are creating self-portraits.

KINDERGARTEN
The Kindergarten students have completed their first group of sounds s, a, t, i, p, n. They are beginning to blend these sounds and use them to spell and read simple words such as ‘it’, ‘sit’, ‘sat’.

They are developing early reading strategies including moving from left to right, one to one correspondence between words spoken and words on the page, using picture clues etc.

In Mathematics, the Kindergarten students have been comparing the size and length of objects using terms such as ‘taller’, ‘shorter’, ‘bigger’ and ‘smaller’. They are continuing to identify, represent and write numbers one to ten.

YEAR ONE
The year one students have been looking at sentence structure. We have been looking at the use of full stops and capital letters, the necessary elements of a sentence including a noun and a verb, and checking that it makes sense.

In spelling, the year one students are looking at the ‘ng’ sound.

In mathematics, we have been focusing on number. We have been identifying and representing numbers 1 -100, forward and backward number sequences and odd and even numbers.

Ms Foulkes
Teacher

PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP
The Moran Arts Foundation provided a free photographic workshop for our students in Years 3 to 6. Louise from the Foundation conducted the workshop last Friday at our school and supplied all photographic equipment including cameras, frames and printers.

All students who participated were given excellent advice on choosing a subject, taking photographs, and printing. The workshop was an ideal way to foster creativity and build valuable skills by encouraging students to use their imagination.

The photographs will be entered into a competition and the students are eligible to win some great prizes.

Check out some of the photos of the Photographic Workshop on our website
http://www.kinchela-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

L:R- Indie-Bella & Nakirra engaged in the photographic workshop held at the school last Thursday. Note the splash of water rising from the pond as a small pebble was thrown into the pond
AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH
We love to promote the achievements of our students and the school to our local community. We do this in a variety of ways including our school newsletter and website. We also feature regular items in the local newspaper.

As per Department of Education and Communities policy and procedures, we are required to update students authority to publish permissions annually. An Authority to Publish form has been issued to every child at our school.

Please return the Authority to Publish form as soon as possible to ensure we have an accurate account of students whose photos we can use to promote our school.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) SISTER SCHOOLS SCHEME
Mark Shepher visiting our school last week to educate our students on the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Sister Schools Scheme that we are currently involved with. The staff at Kinchela Public School have been cleaning out old and unused resources and have kindly donated them to PNG Sister Schools Scheme.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

AFTERNOON DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS
- No student will be dismissed until all notices have been delivered by staff.
- All children are to remain in designated lines in the undercover learning area awaiting dismissal by the teacher on duty.
- Any parent/guardian wishing to collect their child prior to the afternoon bell, must call into the school office to sign an early leaver slip.
- Children being collected early must leave in the company of the parent/guardian, unless other arrangements have been made with school staff.
- The Teacher on duty will dismiss non-bus travellers first to waiting parents, followed by Hat Head and South West Rocks bus travellers.

DISCIPLINE AREAS:

BUS LINES
Children are to line up in two organised bus lines, as they wait to board the Hat Head and the South West Rocks bus.

NON-BUS TRAVELLERS
- Non-bus travellers line up in one orderly line in the designated area in the undercover learning area. This includes students who are awaiting private transport and bike riders.
- Bike Riders must wear bike helmets and are to leave after all buses and traffic congestion has passed.
- Children being collected by parents/carers are to use the front gate, and must leave in the company of their parent/carer.
VISITING OR APPROACHING THE SCHOOL
All parents and visitors to the school are asked to sign in at the office upon arrival at school. This enables the school to maintain a safe and interruption free environment for all students.

We understand that students sometimes have to be picked up for a variety of reasons and ask that parents try and schedule events outside of school hours where possible. This maximises student learning and prevents avoidable disruptions.

PARENT/TEACHER PARTNERSHIPS
Research indicates that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support your child's learning. There are many ways you can become involved at school: reading, canteen, assisting with transport, dance and music activities.

Please speak to your child’s teacher about how you can become involved.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPORT FOR PARENTS
January can be a stressful time for families with children returning to school, especially for parents of young children beginning kindergarten. Parent Line NSW provides a 7 day a week service for parents who may need to discuss problems, gain new insight and be referred to face-to-face services. Professional counsellors with expertise in working with families provide emotional support, well-researched parenting strategies and up-to-date information.

www.parentline.org.au or 1300 1300 52.

P & C NEWS
CANTEEN HELPERS
The P&C are once again looking for parents, friends or relatives to help in our canteen.

It is becoming almost impossible for the P&C to find someone to help out. We are now in the position of looking at alternatives of how to run the canteen and keep the options of different foods available to the students.

If you know of anyone who would like to give up some of their time and help us out could you please let us know as soon as possible.

We only need a few extra people who are willing to give up some time so that the canteen can remain open.

I am currently reviewing the Canteen Menu and will have an updated canteen menu and price list sent home shortly.

Debbie Finnie
Canteen Manager

Canteen Roster Term 1 2015

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Pride in being a part of the Macleay Educational Community of Public Schools delivering Excellence, Opportunity, Innovation, Success.