DATES TO REMEMBER

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<td>P &amp; C General Meeting 5.00 pm – All Welcome (P &amp; C AGM has been postponed to a date to be confirmed)</td>
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<td>Friday 13 March</td>
<td>Westpac Rescue Helicopter Bike Visit – 10.30 am GOLD COIN DONATION</td>
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<td>School Council AGM – 3.30 pm School Netball Gala Day Kempsey Assembly 2.00 pm</td>
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State Swimming Championships being held at the Sydney Aquatic Centre at Homebush on Wednesday 25 March and Thursday 26 March 2015.

We wish the students all the very best and would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for their commitment to our school in transporting their children to these sporting events.

WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER - WESTS CYCLE CLASSIC VISIT

The Wests Cycle Classic is about having fun whilst raising money for your Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. The rescue service is about rescuing people from adverse situations. Each mission is to deliver immediate medical care and transport a patient in the quickest possible time which can be the difference between life and death.

The 2015 Cycle Classic is a 7 day mountain bike ride which has a full support crew including safety vehicles, bike trailers, catering crew and a very experienced team of Riders. It is an experience of a lifetime!

The 20th Annual Wests Cycle Classic will be travelling through National Parks and scenic coastal terrain.

They will be visiting Kinchela Public School this Friday 13 March at 10.30 am.

To support this wonderful organisation we are asking for families to donate a GOLD COIN for such a worthwhile cause.

Right: Kirstyn the winner of this week’s Healthy Lunch Box. A delicious ham and salad complimented with egg and potato salad.
ICAS COMPETITIONS
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2015

Students in Years 3/4/5/6 have the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Competitions. Please indicate on the form below and return to school if you wish your child to participate.

The school will pay for the cost of the competitions, however please note entries are limited. Please return form below by Monday, 16th March.

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If you would like to discuss the suitability of these competitions for your child, please feel free to talk with Mrs Ironfield, Mrs Kerrigan, or myself.

Mrs Nicholson
Principal

Friday afternoon sport involves a lot of team work especially for house colours Tug Of War

In spelling the students were using their words in sentences and looking up meanings of any words they did not understand. We used the words in different contexts to understand them better.

We have begun work on an artwork called ‘Sparkly Tiles’. These will hopefully be displayed when they are completed. The senior class participates in knitting every Wednesday and they are now refining their skills and are producing some quality pieces of work. We have some very committed ladies who come to school every Wednesday to help teach the class these skills. We would like to thank them for this, the students enjoy this time and are excited about the prospect of entering the Kempsey Show with their completed pieces of work.

Homework is to be returned every Friday. Please encourage your child to complete their work and return it to school.

Mrs Kylie Nicholson
Principal/Teacher

2/3/4
Spelling sounds this week for Year 3 / 4 are ‘u_e’, ‘ue’, ‘ew’. Year 2 ‘ea’ sound. Many students have been getting all their spelling words correct on our test day which is pleasing. Remember to write out words each night for homework.

In mathematics we are looking at multiplication and how tables and memorizing them helps us to quickly complete mathematical problems.

During HSIE we painted rocks using Aboriginal painting techniques as we are learning about early Australia.

Mrs. Ironfield and Mrs. Kerrigan
Teachers

AROUND THE ROOMS
5/6
This fortnight we have covered several topics in Mathematics. We looked at using our knowledge of angles and working with this to produce a pie graph to display information about breakfast cereals. The students are using information they have learnt and relating these concepts into everyday life.
K/1/2
KINDERGARTEN
The Kindergarten students are continuing to learn the letter sounds. They are beginning to blend known sounds to read words. Through guided reading and writing lessons they are learning common sight words.

In Mathematics, the kindergarten students have been looking at time and sequencing events. They have been looking at halves, and writing and representing the numbers 1-10.

YEAR ONE
The year one students have been looking at the ‘long e’ sound. This week, their sound for spelling is ‘ph’. In writing and grammar we are learning about sentence structure and nouns and verbs.

In Mathematics, we have been looking at chance. We are continuing to work on number, reading and representing two digit numbers, counting forwards and backwards and identifying the number before and after a given number.

Ms Foulkes
Teacher

PDHPE/SPORT
In Fitness and Sport, the children have been developing game skills in cricket, soccer and tee-ball. They have been playing team games to develop their interpersonal skills.

BUDDY GARDENING/COOKING
Last week, the students prepared healthy `salted caramel smoothies`. These were made with banana, dates and a pinch of salt.

The gardening group tended to the vegetable patch, orchard and tidied the gardens at the entrance of the school.

CRUNCH AND SIP
Each morning we have a Crunch and Sip break. This is an opportunity for the children to refuel and helps to form healthy habits. Please support this program and provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable to crunch on.

Your child can add a piece of fruit to the platter each day. This fruit will be cut and shared. If you do not wish for your child to share their fruit, please send your child’s fruit in their lunchbox already cut and/or peeled.

PARENTS GUIDE TO THE NSW PRIMARY SYLLABUSES
As parents/carers, you, and your child’s teachers, are the most important influences on your child’s education. As a parent of a primary school student, you will want to know what your child is learning at school so you can help them at home.

New South Wales joined with the Australian Government and all other states and territories to develop an Australian curriculum. To assist you understand what your child is learning at school, a Guide developed by The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) is being sent home with your child (eldest) today.

If you have any queries at all about your child’s learning, the key learning areas or syllabuses taught, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

CARE OF STUDENTS WHO BECOME UNWELL AT SCHOOL
Students who become unwell at school are best transferred to the care of a parent or caregiver. The aim of care provided at school for such students is to make them comfortable in the interim. If your child is not well, please keep them at home. Remember to notify the school office or your child’s teacher by a telephone call or note if absent from school.

P & C NEWS

Plenty of pre loved clothes for the Clothes Swap Party
CLOTHES SWAP PARTY

On Friday, 27th February we held the 2015 Kinchela P & C Clothes Swap Party at the Surf Club Hat Head. Everybody had a wonderful time and went home with some fabulous clothes, and we raised $1623.10 for the P&C - a fantastic result!

Thank you to everybody who attended and also those who donated clothing and more. Special thanks go to Aimee Dyson, as well as Mel Ryan and Nadeen Westerman for donating their time to set up the event.

A big thank you to our sponsors, Macleay Valley Coastal Holiday Parks, Beaches Restaurant Hat Head, PFD, Hair Rokz, Hair and Beauty, The Studio Gladstone, and Cascade Garden Centre.

As the Clothes Swap was such a success we will be looking at making this an annual event; so please keep in mind Kinchela P & C if you have any ladies clothing to donate throughout the year.

Re-use, recycle and swap!

Ali Mackenzie

CANTEEN HELPERS

Canteen Roster Term 1 2015

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BAY TO BOULDERS

Sunday 22 March 2015. For further details and to enter online www.swrlsc.org.au or at SWR surf club Sunday 22nd from 7.30am.

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependant children. You may be eligible! Apply online or download a form www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenerg yrebate or Tel 13 77 88