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LOWER MACLEAY EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING FETE

Kinchela, Gladstone and Smithtown Public Schools in partnership with the Lower Macleay Preschool have joined forces and are currently in the process of organising a fundraising fete to be held in August.

To ensure the Fete is a huge success we need your help in the way of donations. We are currently after the following items:

- Good quality 2nd hand books
- Bags of Lollies
- Preloved kids clothes
- Garage Sale Items
- NON-PERISHABLE items

All items can be dropped off at our school office at your earliest convenience.

ICAS – INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Congratulations to the following students for participating in the University of NSW Educational Assessment Program. We are very proud to show case our amazing students and their personal successes!
LOWER NORTH COAST PSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Grace, Ella, Nakirra, Indie-Bella, Willow and Tayla who are participating in the Lower North Coast Athletics Carnival tomorrow at Wauchope. We would like to thank our parents for their continued support in transporting our students to these events and allowing them to strive to excel!

GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Please note that the bus will depart Kinchela Public School on **Monday 10 August 2015 at 7.45 am sharp.**

The school has recently created a FACEBOOK account [https://www.facebook.com/KinchelaPublicSchool/](https://www.facebook.com/KinchelaPublicSchool/) to allow you to keep up to date with the latest news and activities happening at the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

The bus will return to Kinchela Public School on Wednesday 12 August 2015 at approximately 4.00 pm.

AROUND THE ROOMS

5/6

This fortnight we have been busy finishing our sculptures for “Sculptures in the Gaol” and they are absolutely amazing.

The students have gained inspiration from different tribes around the world and then designed their sculpture.

They then have had to write a procedure on how they constructed their sculpture and the materials that they needed to complete their work.

The students have done a remarkable job finishing their projects and they are absolutely fantastic. We hope to take the students out to the Gaol to see the exhibit in the coming weeks. A heartfelt thank you to Karina Brien, Nakirra’s Mum for assisting the students with this community based project.

Last week in spelling the class looked at “or” words that are pronounced as “er” such as world, the students did very well in beginning to recognise that the English language is quite difficult and takes some mastering, especially with spelling. We have also worked on our punctuation in the form of editing. Some students found it quite difficult to identify some of the errors in the passage and some in depth discussions were had on who was right when working through the passage.

In Maths we have looked at scale and ‘the birds eye view’ for Year 5. Most completed this work well with a good understanding of how to use a scale on a map, then transfer this to some grid paper. This is a difficult concept to master and they have all made a good effort.

Year 6 have been working on triangular numbers and patterns. This is also difficult and some very interesting discussions were had when their answers were not correct.

In knitting this term the students have to work towards completing some form of knitting or crocheting. Most have chosen what they would like to do and have started work. The students will need to provide me with a written procedure on how they have put their masterpieces together, which will be marked and used for their final marks and report at the end of the year.

Mrs Nicholson
Principal / Teacher

2/3/4

This term we are beginning our day with handwriting. Year 3 and 4 are learning how to write using cursive writing or running writing, while year 2 are perfecting their printing skills.

During H.S.I.E (Human Society in the Environment) we have been using the Atlas to help us find various icons that are well known in Australia, such as The Sydney Harbour Bridge. The students are becoming very familiar with learning how to read maps and locating various towns and important places in Australia.

During Mathematics we recite our tables each day and then complete a sheet of tables to help us know and learn our tables. Knowing our tables is very important as we are now completing multiplication and division sums.

All students are working very well in class and it is pleasing to see the improved progress they are making.

Mrs Ironfield
Teacher

K/1

This term, we are working on the unit ‘Schoolyard Safari’. We are learning about the little creatures that live in our garden and why these creepy crawlies are so
important in our environment. We have taken a closer look at worms and we are looking at the features of spiders.

**KINDERGARTEN**
The Kindergarten students are working very well in literacy groups. They have produced some excellent pieces of writing about insects. We are focusing on basic sentence features including spaces, capital letters and full stops.

In Mathematics, we are looking at representing the teen numbers with objects, numbers and words. We are looking at basic maps and patterning.

**YEAR ONE**
Year one students are looking at different spelling of long vowels sounds. This week their spelling focus is ‘ea’ sounds like ‘ee’. We have been looking at initial blends (such as ‘dr’ in ‘dragon’). In grammar, we have begun looking at adverbs to give more information and describe a verb.

Year one students have been producing some excellent information texts about insects.

In Mathematics, we have been looking at sharing objects into equal groups and arrays. We are looking at coins, their value and the different coins needed to make a particular amount of money.

*Ms Foulkes*
*Teacher*

**TECHNOLOGY**
This week’s bragging rights go to Year 4. This group of students are very capable with word processing so they are being challenged this term with work well out of their comfort zone and will be using a variety of graphics.

This little cat was painted one pixel at a time. It consisted of counting squares and it had to be very accurate to get it right. A difficult task but well executed.

Next challenge they faced head on was to colour change the main part of a photo. Well done to Rocky who has given this water dragon a brand new look for the coming Spring.

This is the original on the left and the colour changed on the right below.

*Mrs Daelman*
*Technology*

**YOGA**
Last week we began our four week yoga program with qualified yoga instructor Gretchen. Our students enjoyed the yoga session, performing breathing exercises and a variety of postures designed to develop strength and flexibility.

**MACLEY EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS (MECS) MUSIC FESTIVAL**
Congratulations to our senior choir members who performed as part of the mass choir for the MECS Music Festival. The Music Festival was part of Education Week and celebrated the amazing talents of primary and high school students in our education community.

**GLASSHOUSE EXCURSION – THE 26 STOREY TREEHOUSE**
Kinchela Public School students enjoyed travelling to Port Macquarie to see the performance of ‘The 26 Storey Treehouse’ at the Glasshouse theatre. Prior to the performance we had our lunch by the river at Westport Park and had a ball in the playground before walking to the performance. The performance was highly entertaining and the students enjoyed experiencing the performing arts.

**COOKING**
Last week the students prepared a brown rice and chia seed coconut cream pudding. We served this delicious healthy dessert with a variety of fruit toppings. This term we have used produce from the garden to make a delicious garden salad, as well as making delicious Mexican inspired fried rice.
Brown Rice and Chia Seed Coconut Cream Pudding

Ingredients:
- Brown rice
- Chia seeds
- Coconut cream
- Coconut milk
- Stevia
- Cinnamon

Toppings:
- Bananas
- Frozen raspberries
- Shredded coconut
- Dark choc chips
- Maple syrup

Boil the rice as per packet directions. Combine rice, chia seeds, coconut cream and coconut milk. Allow to cool and set in the fridge for at least 1 hour. Serve with your choice of toppings. Enjoy!

GARDENING

On Friday the 24th July 2015 the gardening group joined students from 3000 other schools across the country in Australia’s largest nature-care event to celebrate National Schools Tree Day. The students enjoyed the hands on activity by planting young trees and shrubs which were donated by Kempsey Shire Council.

Other gardening activities have included groups of students collecting all the branches, sticks and pinecones along the tree line so Mr Tolman can keep our lawns neat and manicured.

Another group watered all the gardens including our school orchard using the worm castings.

Our vegetable patch has been weeded by the students and the crops are almost tready for harvesting!

All our students take great pride in their school environment!

LIBRARY

The author we are currently learning about is Andy Griffiths. He wrote the book ‘The 26th Storey Tree House’, which was the book from which the performance we saw at the Glasshouse was based on.

Our area in the library that we are learning about is the 600’s (Dewey Number). Here we find books about inventions, the human body and technology.

Don’t forget that library day is Wednesday afternoon and all children borrowing books will need a library or plastic bag.

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES AND PARADE

This year we will be celebrating Book Week on Thursday the 10th of September at 2.00 pm. Please book this date in your calendar.

The theme this year is “Books Light up our World” and we are hoping everyone will make the effort to dress up as a book character.

We are having competitions and all students are invited to enter the various competitions. The following competitions can be entered:
- Best poster
- Best written story
- Best colouring-in
- Best poem
- Best diorama (a scene put into a box)
- Best book mark

Start thinking about the Book Week Parade and competitions as this is a great way to appreciate the wonder of books in our lives.

Mrs Ironfield
Teacher/Librarian

P&C NEWS

We are always looking for Canteen volunteers. If you can spare a Monday this term your support would be greatly appreciated. Just call Trish in the office and she will place your name on the roster. If it is your first time volunteering we will pair you up with an experienced canteen volunteer for training purposes.

SAVE THE DATE

The Macleay Valley Relay For Life has moved from spring to Autumn and is now on in March 2016. The new date and times are: 2pm - 9am, 12th and 13th March 2016 at Kempsey Showgrounds.

Join us for a night of fun and activities, laughter and tears as the Macleay Valley comes together to celebrate, commemorate and remember those in our community that have been touched by cancer and fight back!!

Together we will beat cancer.

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SUNDAY AUGUST 23 2015

Register now at www.headtoheadwalkrun.org.au