Welcome to our beautiful Kindergarten students for 2016. Willow, Nell and Grace have been busy already learning the ‘s’ and ‘a’ sound and the ‘s’ and ‘a’ letter as well as word building with ‘in’ and ‘is’. A wonderful start to their school life here at Kinchela Public School!
WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

The staff and students would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students in Year 5 Takira and Jack.

We welcome Takira and Jack and their families to our school community.

PSSA SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The PSSA Small Swimming School Carnival is being held this Friday 5 February at the Kempsey McElhone Swimming Complex – Belgrave Street, Kempsey. Students that have qualified had their permission notes sent home yesterday.

If your child / children are successful in gaining entry into the PSSA Small Schools Carnival, parents/carers are responsible for transporting their own child/children to and from the McElhone Swimming Complex on Friday 5 February, 2016.

Mrs Nicholson will be in attendance at the swimming carnival to support our students.

BELL TIMES

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Supervision of students commences at 8.40 am and continues until 3.20 pm unless prior arrangements are made with teaching staff.

P & C NEWS

Our next P & C Meeting is next Tuesday 9 February 2016 at 5.00pm. All our families are welcome to join us.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND MEDICATIONS

If your child has to take any prescribed medication whilst at school, it must be handed to the office by an adult and appropriate forms provided by the school must be completed.

If your child has a medical condition, such as asthma or an allergy, a Health Care Plan from your family doctor is mandatory.

First aid is administered in accordance with the Department of Education Workplace, Health and Safety (WH&S) Policy and Procedures.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The school canteen operates Mondays for recess and lunch. Updated Canteen menus for 2016 have been issued to all families. Can you please ensure that you use the 2016 canteen menu for costs as there has been some slight increases with some items.

If you wish to place a lunch order for your child, write their name and class clearly on a paper bag with the order and correct money. Lunch orders are to be placed in the Canteen Box first thing Monday morning.

Thank you to all our wonderful canteen volunteer helpers who assisted throughout the 2015 year. We do need more volunteers however, to lighten the load! Could you please indicate on the slip below and return it to the school office if you can assist on any Monday during Term 1. Your help would be much appreciated!

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VOLUNTEERS & PARENT/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
We welcome our parents and community members to come into the school to participate in educational activities as a volunteer helper.

Educational research has shown that children of parents, who involve themselves positively in the life of the school, perform better at school. It is a great opportunity to not only support the school, but also enhance the partnership between home and the school in the education of your child.

Our parents and community members support our school and students with reading, sport, canteen and transporting our students to various educational, cultural and sporting excursions.

If you wish to be a volunteer helper in the school environment, please contact the school office.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
All volunteers, visitors and parent helpers who enter the school are required (as per DoE Policy & Procedure) to ‘sign in’ at the front office upon arrival and wear a “volunteer” or “visitor” badge during their visit.

On departing the school, volunteers, visitors and parent helpers are required to return their badge and ‘sign out’.

As part of the change being introduced under the “Working with Children Checks”, the Department of Education now requires volunteers at schools to provide 100 points of identification prior to commencing volunteering. Please see the office staff if you intend to be a volunteer at school in 2016, as forms are required to be completed.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH
In line with Department of Education and Legal Services Directorate (Privacy Bulletin No 9), we require every students’ Permission to Publish to be updated each year.

Could you please complete, sign and return the Permission to Publish form on the back page of this newsletter as soon as possible.

Our new students and kindergarten students are not required to complete another form.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Kempsey Saints Football Club
U6’s free Introductory Training Sessions
Wed 10th, 17th & 24th February. 3.30 pm at St Joseph’s school oval.

2016 Registration Day:
Saturdays 13th & 20th Feb 10.00 am-1.00 pm
Wednesdays 17 & 24th Feb 4.00 pm-6.00 pm.
Kinchela Public School
General Permission to Publish and disclose information

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

I am seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child’s name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child’s work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child’s information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:
- Public websites of the Department of Education and Communities including the school website, the Department of Education and Communities intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department’s websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Please complete the permission slip and return to the school.

Yours sincerely

Kylie Nicholson
Principal
Kinchela Public School

Permission to Publish

I have read this permission to publish and:

Tick the appropriate box:

[ ] I give permission

[ ] I do not give permission

to the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish information about my child as described above, including in publicly accessible communications.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child’s name: ........................................................................................................

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