

Calendar for Term 4

# Principal: Lorene Alexander

Term 4 Week 8 - Friday 3 December 2010



Thank you to staff for providing such a delicious spread for our community special morning tea.

# Welcome to our school

We are all looking forward to our Presentation Day on Wednesday 8 December at 10:30am. It will be held under the COLA if the weather is kind to us. Otherwise it will be held in the double timber building.

During the year many students have been awarded with different certificates in recognition of their achievements in behaviour and in their learning. This ceremony allows us the opportunity to acknowledge those students who have achieved success and stood out in a very competitive field within their own class and also throughout whole school programs. Congratulations to all those receiving the awards and also to every other student who has lifted the benchmark making it them work even harder to stand tall. Teachers really do appreciate the day to day commitment made by so many to improve by taking greater responsibility for their learning and behaviour.

Those students who have achieved their *GOLD Certificate* this year will be given a special invitation to a movie screening on the last Monday of the term. Teachers are currently deciding on the best movie to show. So up to this minute of printing the newsletter, the movie will be a surprise!

Thank you to helpers who attended our Special Morning Tea on Wednesday. We had a wonderful array of community members who enjoyed the delicious food provided by our staff. There were P&C members, workers from the canteen, helpers who worked helped in the classroom, workers who ran the gymnastics program, scripture teachers, office staff and our School Education Director, Dr David Cullen. We really enjoyed your participation to celebrate the variety of community members who help to make our school a successful learning environment for our students. Every contribution no matter how small certainly helps!

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Week 9	Week 9				
Dec 6	Monday	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Free NRL Clinic			
		SRC Welcome to Summer Ice Cream Day			
Dec 7	Tuesday	Free Golf Clinic			
		Yr 6 KMHS Orientation			
Dec 8	Wednesday	Presentation Assembly			
		Gym Sport Program Session 7			
		After School Sport- Last Wed. session			
Dec 9	Thursday	Year 6 Farewell Dinner			
Dec 10	Friday	Student Report sent home			
Week 10					
Dec 13	Monday	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Free NRL Clinic			
Dec 14	Tuesday	GYM sport program – Session 7			
Dec 15	Wednesday	Terrigal Beach Excursion – last day for			
		students			
Dec 16/17 Thursday/Friday		School Development Days - Staff only			
		at school			



Fresh produce (celery, carrots and beetroot) from our school veggie garden. The carrots were delicious- so sweet and crunchy. Well done Garden Club Students and Mr Derbyshire.

**T**wo special Year 6 events next week are:

- Yr6 Orientation day at KMHS on Tuesday 7 Dec
- Yr 6 Farwell Dinner on Thursday 9 December from 6 9pm at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club

Student Reports will be sent home - Friday 10 December

School Development Days will be held on 16 - 17 December.

On these days teachers will be involved in professional development activities. We are fortunate to have the two new staff members for 2011, Mr Neil Matthew and Miss Skye Stilgoe attending both days. All the details of development days were in the last newsletter.

Please note that these days are pupil free days and parents should make alternative arrangements for their children as the teachers will be very busy throughout the whole of both days.

Lorene Alexander Principal





## SURVEYS

Over the past 3 weeks all families received a Satisfaction Survey and a Parent Survey about Learning. There is still time to return your completed survey form to the school. Thank you to the 6 families who have already returned both of these survey forms. Your comments were encouraging and this information will be used for planning a better school for 2011.

#### Major Fundraising Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have returned their sold raffle tickets. It would be greatly appreciated if all tickets (both sold and unsold) along with monies raised be returned to your child's teacher by Monday 6 December. Extra books of tickets are available from the school office.

#### Special offer:

Every full book of tickets sold gives your family a chance in the draw for a \$50 gift voucher to spend of an item of their choice. Prizes will be drawn at Presentation Day Ceremony on 8 December.

#### Free Sports Clinics

Students will be required to wear their sports uniforms on these extra days as well as the normal Wednesday Sports Day.

• Tuesday 7 December Golf Years 2,3,4,5 &- 6

Wednesday 8 December Gym Program

#### Kid's Kitchen News

Kid's Kitchen will be open on the following days for the remainder of term 4:

- Monday 6 Dec lunch orders and counter sales
- Wednesday 8 Dec- Lunch orders and counters sales. Tea and Coffee will be available for parents at the conclusion of the Presentation Ceremony.
- Monday 13 Dec lunch orders and counter sales LAST DAY

# Year 6 Canteen Expositions

As a way of recognising and thanking our parent volunteers, and in the hope of gaining more volunteers for next year, Students in Year 6 have written an exposition about the importance of canteens and volunteers to a school.

**Dear Parents**By Blake 5

Our school needs to raise money and would really appreciate all the help we can get, so if you have any spare time. Please consider coming down and giving a hand.

We need your help because it will help educate us, by which I mean raise funds for future benefits.

If you order more lunches for your child, we will use more supplies up and we will order more of it, hence, making it fresher.

We need your help to raise funds by helping out at the canteen for your child's future.

#### Support Our School

By Bilal

We need some parents to help work in our school to help make our school even better in two very easy ways.

Firstly, we would like you to get your child a healthy lunch order. Secondly, it would be a pleasure if you would come and help in our canteen.

The reason we are asking you to help us out is because we want you to help the P and C. The reason we want you to buy is because our lunches are very healthy and taste delicious for your child.

The money you pay we will use it to get a better education for your child. Your child will have a better education and a good life.

#### Canteen Commitment

By Nicholas

Why not support our school by helping out in our canteen? Why not help our school achieve more benefits for the future?

Here are some convincing reasons why you should help us out with our canteen. More stock would be provided and maybe new products could be bought. The money that we collect from the canteen purchases and lunch orders could be put towards buying more things that improve our education. Imagine how grateful all of the students and teachers would be,

Parents could meet new faces and possibly bring along their little ones who are joining the school in the upcoming years.

As I said, why not support our school by helping out in our canteen? Why not help our school achieve more benefits for the future? Our school would really appreciate it, so please think about it.

#### SRC Ice Cream Day

The SRC is holding a 'Welcome to Summer Ice Cream Day on Monday 6 December. Ice creams are \$1.50 with sprinkle toppings. Thank you to all the students who returned their order form so promptly, this greatly helped with catering arrangements.



# Terrigal Beach Surf Awareness Day - Wednesday 15 Dec

We urgently need all permission notes for this excursion returned to the school ASAP so organisation arrangements can be finalised. Please ensure your tick the transport back to school option on the permission note. If your child is NOT attending this excursion please also indicate this on the permission note and return it to school. Payment can be made closer to the day.

# Statements of Accounts

Early next week all families with outstanding invoices will receive a statement of account. As our final security bank collection day is Thursday 16 December it would be greatly appreciated if these accounts could be paid by Wednesday 15 December. If you wish to discuss you account and payment arrangements please contact the school for an appointment time to see Mrs Alexander.





## Keyboard Kids

Last day of the year for Keyboard Kids is Tuesday 7 December.

#### News Tips from the DET webpage

#### Twitter account for parents

Visit <a href="https://www.twitter.com/myschoolkids">www.twitter.com/myschoolkids</a> and follow My School Kids to see helpful and practical advice to support your child

#### Whooping Cough

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) among primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to younger brothers and sisters at home and can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

- Children with symptoms should see a GP.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines. More information at <a href="https://www.health.nsw.gov.au">www.health.nsw.gov.au</a>

#### Water

Pack a water bottle for your child each day and remind them that they can also get water from the taps or bubblers throughout the day.

# Encouraging your child to read at home

- 1. Be yourself and involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age.
- Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourage the enjoyment of books and reading. Talk about books together - make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
- See that there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- 4. Read to your child in your first language research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English.
- 5. Try not to let television intrude on reading time set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.
- Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time. Give books as treats and presents. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
- Join your local library. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.

More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au

# Carols Under the Stars

Bucketty Staurday 18 at 6:30pm at the Convict Wall corner Great North Road, Bucketty. Santa arrives at 8:30pm. BYO chair/blanket. BBQ food for sale. Entry: \$5 per adult, children free.

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## Book Mobile

The Book Mobile service has now finished for 2010. If you have any overdue books please return them to your nearest library branch.

#### Attachments this week

Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon Information

#### Community Notices

The Central Echo contains, at times, paid advertisements. The publication of such advertisements does not imply endorsement of any products or services by the School, the NSW DET or NSW Government.

#### **Newcastle Permanent Carols at the Gardens**

Saturday 4 December from 5 – 9:30pm at the Picnic Grounds, Hunter Valley Gardens, Broke Road, Pokolbin.

Visit: www.hvy.com.au for more information.

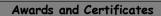
#### Return Slips

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		ld/children from Terrigal Beach excursion (2:00pm) and they e car.	
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	Awards ar	nd Certificates
TEACHER'S	5 AWARDS: Term	4 Week 6
K/1/2	Emmaya	Great effort in maths
	Thomas W	Great effort in maths
	Alex	Always doing his best
	Alyssa	Excellent written work
2/3	Keith	Fantastic manners consistently
	Matthew	Being a great help in the classroom
	Patrick	Being a diligent worker at all tasks
	Abi	Always being a polite and hard worker
4/5	Kiara	Improved effort and
		concentration in class
	Georgia	Always working beautifully in class
	Stephanie	Always working beautifully in class
	Grahame	Improved effort and concentration in class
6	Blake K	Very pleasing results in
		recent reading assessment
	Callan	Working very well to
		improve reading skills
	Ciara	Being a good friend to
		others and encouraging
		them to do well
	Hamish	Improved performance in all
		work and completing all
		tasks
PRINCIPAL	.'S AWARDS: Ter	m 4 Week 4
K/1/1	Alyssa	Fabulous exposition
	Caitlin	Great Health Harold work
2/3	Jessie	Neat handwriting work and a constant effort in all school work
	Shawn	Completing all set work neatly and in the time
		allowed
6	Heather	RADONLINE Indonesian research
Bus Awards		ing on the bus and behaving
	well on the bus.	
	Gabrielle - For a Settling on the	always sitting down and settling bus very well.
	11.10 Jayden	
	5.11.10 Andrew 8.10.10 Blake K	
	5.11.10 Irene	





TEACHER'S	S AWARDS: Tern	n 4 Week 8	
K/1/2	Carla	Quiet steady worker	
	Michaela	Conscientious worker	
	Sarah K	Hard worker who always does her best	
	Lachlan C	Hard worker and consistently	
		displaying lovely manners	
2/3	Laila	Always trying her best in all areas of school life	
	Daniella	Being a co-operative and enthusiastic class member	
	Isaac	Bing most improved in his application to maths and literacy groups	
	Alexandra	Being a reliable class member who is always helpful and consistently tries her best	
4/5	Charlie	Working hard in class	
	Gabrielle	Settling well into the class and our	
		school	
	Macgregor	Working at his best always in class	
	Ellena	Working hard and being polite in class	
6	Callan	Developing independent learning skills	
	Isaac	Indonesian research recorded using creative designs	
	Jayden	Excellent attitude to improve his performance and pleasing achievements in gymnastics	
	Irene	Super Saver Award for consistent student banking deposits all year.	
Bus Award		•	
		role model and sitting down on the bus sible bus traveller	
Silver	30/9/10	Abby F	
	12/11/10	Molly, Matthew, Chloe, Abby F, Jessie,	
		Ryan, Alexandra, Liala, Keith & Daniella	
Gold	19/11/10	Ciara and Amelia	
	26/11/10	Thomas W, Toby, Jake	
	3/12/10	Chloe, Nicholas, Macgregor, Rohan,	

# Blood donations needed this Christmas

Tyler, Georgia, Annabel, Fergus, Stephanie, Bilal and Byron

The need for blood never takes a holiday! That's why more blood donors are greatly needed this festive season.

December is a difficult month for our blood supply with less collection days and greater demand for blood to help cancer patients, people with heart and kidney disease, pregnant women and accident victims.

One in three Australians will need blood at some stage, but only one in 30 actually donate. If you've ever thought of donating blood, or if it's been a while since your last donation, now is the time to make an appointment to help save three lives!

One hour of your time could mean a life-time to the person who receives your donation this  $\operatorname{Christmas}\nolimits.$ 

Give the gift of life. Please call 13 14 95 or go to donateblood.com.au for your nearest donor centre and to make an appointment.



12.11.10 Sarah

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