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Upward We Strive

Principal: Lorene Alexander

Term 4 Week 4 - Friday 4 November 2011

Welcome to our school.....



Swim School Program 2011

The parenting program 123 Magic has finished and I would like to thank those parents who were able to attend. From all accounts, it was very rewarding for parents and Sue Negus, the District Guidance Officer for School Counsellors, was very grateful to be given the opportunity to run this course for our community.

Many parents and their children from Somersby PS and our school participated in the Interrelate programs "Where Did I Come From" and "Preparing for Puberty". The Interrelate teachers knew how to convey the message in such a professional, fun and creative manner. Everyone really enjoyed the evening.

We're right into the middle of term four and many activities are well underway for our students. Please make sure you check all details in the Calendar and this newsletter to keep up to date.

Please note that the Community Awareness for Road Education Scheme, CARES, for 5/6M has been cancelled for this year, in an attempt to reduce expenses for those families. This program will now become a bi-annual event being available at the end of next year.

Parent Evaluation Surveys are coming in better than ever. Thank you to those who have already responded. We are looking for a record number returned this year. Don't forget the raffle to win the \$25 shopping voucher. Each survey will receive one ticket in the draw.

Missing school or being continually late means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships. Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

Please note that absences can be recorded as 'unjustified' for explanations that do not relate to these absences. Absences are

Calendar for Term 4

Week 5

Nov 7	Monday	Kindy Orientation Program; Kid's Kitchen, AASCP
Nov 8	Tuesday	Scripture, Student Banking Day
Nov 9	Wednesday	STAR 104.5FM Live Broadcast 6am - 9am Kid's Kitchen, AASCP
Nov 10	Thursday	Gymnastics
Nov 11	Friday	Environment Day @ Kulnura PS; Remembrance Day

Week 6

Nov 14	Monday	National Water Week Kindy Orientation Program; Kid's Kitchen, AASCP
Nov 15	Tuesday	Scripture, Student Banking Day
Nov 16	Wednesday	Kid's Kitchen, AASCP
Nov 17	Thursday	Challenge Ranch - Years 5 & 6; Gymnastics
Nov 18	Friday	Challenge Ranch - Years 5 & 6

Week 7

Nov 21	Monday	LAST Kindy Orientation Program Kid's Kitchen, AASCP; GCC Environment Awards
Nov 22	Tuesday	Scripture, Student Banking Day
Nov 23	Wednesday	SRC Boardies & Ice Cream Day; Kid's Kitchen, AASCP
Nov 24	Thursday	Gymnastics

Week 8

Nov 28	Monday	Kid's Kitchen, AASCP
Nov 29	Tuesday	Scripture, Student Banking Day; SRC Movie Day
Nov 30	Wednesday	Kid's Kitchen, AASCP
Dec 1	Thursday	Community Morning Tea 11:30am; Gymnastics
Dec 2	Friday	2012 Leaders Speeches

Week 9

Dec 5	Monday	NO AASCP this week! Year 6 High School Orientation Day Kid's Kitchen
Dec 6	Tuesday	Combined Scripture, Student Banking Day
Dec 7	Wednesday	Charlotte's Web Matinee Performance Kid's Kitchen
Dec 8	Thursday	Charlotte's Web Evening Performance 7pm; Gym

Week 10

Dec 12	Monday	Kid's Kitchen, AASCP
Dec 13	Tuesday	Student Banking Day
Dec 14	Wednesday	Presentation of Awards Day; Kid's Kitchen, AASCP Reports home
Dec 15	Thursday	Gymnastics, SRC Talent Quest, Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
Dec 16	Friday	Surf Awareness Day @ Terrigal Beach LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS

Week 11

Dec 19	Monday	Staff Development Day - NO students at school
Dec 20	Tuesday	SCHOOL CLOSED - HOLIDAYS ☺☺☺

recorded as being a whole day or a part absence, being a late or early arrival or leaving for part of the day and then returning to school.

Students in 4A plus 5/6M choir members will be going to Laycock Theatre to perform our BIODIVERSITY act on Monday 21 November. We'll need parents to drive us and hope you can help out. A note will be sent home today organise transport. We can't wait!

Lorene Alexander
Principal





COMING EVENTS

Radio Day - Wednesday 9 November

Radio station Star FM will be visiting our school for a breakfast show on **Wednesday 9 November**. They will be broadcasting live from the school between 6:00 - 9:00am.

All families and students are invited to a BBQ breakfast.

What a better way to start the day than with an egg and bacon sandwich hot off the BBQ plate. A pre-order form is attached - this will make catering easier and more efficient.



We are also seeking volunteer BBQ cooks for this morning. So if you have some time to spare, please return the RSVP at the bottom of your invitation.



SRC - Ice Cream and Boardies Day

On Wednesday November 23 the SRC have organised ice cream/boardies day fundraiser. Look out for the note a few days before. Hopefully the sun will come out by then.

Planning is also underway for a SRC run Talent Quest on Thursday 15 December (last week of Term 4).

Billy and Byron - Year 5/6M

Library News

As the end of year approaches the library is preparing for stock take. Junior Fiction will be the area of focus so please return any outstanding loans. Students have been encouraged to borrow from the Non Fiction section and have found some new interests.

Thank you again to the book covering fairies... Sarah, Lynley, Nicole and Robyn have been a fabulous help. Gosford Council gave us a lovely pile of books as a prize in the Garden Competition which the students are eager to see on the shelves.

I recently attended a meeting where librarians discussed ideas to help promote reading in our students and I hope to implement many of these at school over 2012 during the Year of Reading.

As we all know, children learn by example and believe this to be true for reading. If your child can see that you read for enjoyment and have a love for books, then they too will develop this "habit". I have asked all teachers to show this by coming to borrow from the library during their classes borrowing time to show that they like to read too.

I extend this invitation to any parent in the school who might like to take a look at what we have to offer on our shelves and borrow from the school library for yourself. I hope to set aside a parent section in 2012, if there is enough interest.

Don't forget that Gosford Library also sends the book mobile every 2nd Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm which you can also access.

Jodie Gallagher - Teacher Librarian

Lost Property

We ask all families to check their child's zipped school jackets. We have a Kindergarten student missing their newly purchased (\$60) jacket. This jacket is clearly marked in at least two places with the child's name.

As stated last week our lost property box in the school office is overflowing with school uniform items, lunch boxes and drink bottles. As none of the items are marked with a name we have been unable to return them to their rightful owners. All unclaimed uniform items will be laundered and placed in the second hand uniform box if unclaimed within the next 2 weeks.

End of School Financial Year

As November 30 is the end of the school financial year we will be sending home invoice/statements for excursions, extracurricular activities and workbooks with current outstanding balances. Payment in full or part before 30 November would be greatly appreciated. Payments can be made in cash, cheque or credit card. Credit card payments may be made in person, by mail or over the phone. Please contact Mrs Alexander if you need to arrange alternate payment arrangements.

Coming home next week....

Over the next two weeks all families will receive an invitation to:

- Community Morning Tea on Thursday December 1 @ 11:30am
- Awards Presentation Day on Wednesday 14 December @ 10:30am

Please forward your RSVP(attached to the last newsletter) as soon as possible so catering and organisation can be finalised. We guarantee a delicious feast for all to enjoy.



REMINDERS

Environment Day at Kulnura PS - Friday 11 November



Students are required to wear sports uniform on this day.

Cost for students - \$3 bus fare. Please return permission note and payment by Wednesday 9/11/11.

Challenge Ranch: 17 - 18 November

We request all year 5 & 6 students attending the Transition to High School/Leadership camp at Challenge Ranch on 17 & 18 November return the permission/medical form to the school by Monday 7 November so final organisation for this activity can be completed.

If your child is NOT attending this camp, please forward a note to their teacher.

Whole School Garden Working Bee



A term 4 garden working bee is planned for **Friday 9 December from 9:30am**. All volunteer gardeners are invited to join the students and staff for a pancake lunch, run by our P&C,

Please return the attached RSVP if you are available to assist on this day and don't forget to bring your garden gloves and wear a hat and sun screen.





IN THE SPOT LIGHT

Thank you

A special thank you to Hanson Quarries for their generous donation of \$1400 for the purchase of the 2nd half of our Kindergarten PM Reading Program.

These readers have now arrived and we are seeking volunteers to cover the books before there are sent to the classroom. Please let Mrs Mackay know if you can assist with this request.

Coles Sports for Schools Voucher



This program has now ended. Thank you to all families who supported us by sending in so many vouchers. We will have 3 large satchels filled to brimming with Coles vouchers. Our final points tally will be advertised as soon as we received the total later this term. Your

support will enable the school to purchase new sporting equipment ready for the 2012 school year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Kostalas and our Keyboard Kids students who were awarded a 2nd place prize in the Primary School instrumental ensemble for the Eisteddfod on the Mountain. This group will also be performing at our Awards Presentation Day on December 14.

SRC News



On Friday October 28 the SRC students organised for the school to have Bandanna Day. We raised \$224 for CANTEEN which supports teenagers who have cancer. Everyone had creative ideas with their bandannas. Thank you to all families who supported this worthwhile cause.

Milo 'Super Eights' Cricket Gala Day

On Tuesday October 25, 16 students from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended the Milo in2CRICKET Cup 'Super Eights' Cricket Gala Day at Sohier Park, Ourimbah.

The students played a minimum of 5 games throughout the day with both a boys' and girls' team entered from Central Mangrove. The students played a modified version of cricket called 'Super Eights' with only eight players per team. All students had to bat and bowl with an emphasis on fun, skill development and participation. This was a fantastic experience for all the students involved.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Cararro and Mrs Stapleton who gave up their time to help transport the students to and from Ourimbah. Also a special mention and thank you to Mrs. Leonard who

assisted with ensuring that the girl's team was in the right place at the right time on the day.

Finally, well done to the all the Cricket NSW staff that were in attendance and the sportsmanship and behaviour shown by all students throughout the event. They were a credit to themselves, their parents, and the school.

Kindergarten Orientation Program

The 'Special K' Class

The preschool students who are starting school next year have had a busy start to school. The year 5 students have taken them on a tour of the school and introduced them to some excellent computer activities. The 'Special K' children have settled well into big school and are showing how ready they are for school next year.



Would all 2012 Kindergarten Families please return their child's enrolment form and bus pass application to the school ASAP. Thank you.

Year 6 Literacy Day @ KMHS

Last Friday October 28, Kariong Mountains High School hosted the Kariong Mountains Learning Community Literacy Day. The purpose of the day was to introduce our Year 6 students to the skills and activities that they will require and encounter in their first year at High School. Students worked in small groups throughout the day in a range of different literacy based activities.

Special thanks to Jai Lester from KMHS for his time, effort and organisation of such a rewarding day. All the students had a great day and it was a fantastic opportunity for them to familiarise themselves with their local high school and to also develop some key skills across a broad range of literacy based activities.

P&C Country Fair News



Thank you to all the helpers at the Country Fair. We made a profit of \$475 on the day, which is fantastic. It was really great that some families donated yummy toffees, slices and cakes as this made our stall an extra \$100 profit. Thanks to all that helped.



News from the DEC Website

Win an iPad

School A to Z – the department's new online school community for parents – is offering you a chance to win one of five iPad2 devices. To be in the running, visit <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/win-an-ipad> and sign-up to receive regular updates packed with information and resources to help you support your child's learning and development. School A to Z offers you practical help with homework and study, child wellbeing and health, technology use and keeping kids safe online. For help on the go, download the free School A to Z mobile application: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications>

Connecting with your child

During the early school years, home life and family relationships are still the biggest influence on a child's development. Good family relationships and lots of positive attention are just what your child needs to learn and grow and build resilience that will be essential in later life. Helpful articles on talking and listening to your children, handling tantrums, negotiating tricky behaviour and building self-esteem can be found on the website www.raisingchildren.net.au. This site contains a host of easy to understand information on parenting children from babies to teenagers.

Local schools, local decisions

You have until Friday 18 November to contribute to the online forum of the NSW government's 'local schools local decisions' planning process. The NSW Government wants to hear from people about giving schools greater control over decision-making in order to improve teaching and learning, and achieve the best outcomes for students. Everyone with an interest in public education is invited to contribute ideas on five areas of reform:
 -making decisions -managing resources
 -staff in our schools -working locally
 -reducing red tape.

To have your say go to the online forum at: <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/localschools>

World Diabetes Day



November 14 is World Diabetes Day. The day aims to raise awareness of the disease and ways to prevent lifestyle-induced (Type 2) diabetes, which is increasing in our society. Adopting a healthy diet, high in protein and low in sugar and simple carbohydrates, and incorporating regular exercise, is a good start. For more information on preventing and living with diabetes, including help in different languages, go to the Australian Diabetes Council website: www.diabetesnsw.com.au/



HAVE YOUR SAY? Tell DEC what you think about current school design. Your ideas will help the DEC create new guidelines to build better schools and classrooms in the future. Parents can fill out an online survey at: www.surveymonkey.com.sfsparent Students can fill out an online survey at www.surveymonkey.com.sfsstudent Survey closes 28 November @ 5pm.



Awards and Certificates

TEACHER'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 2 		
K/1M	Monty	Setting a good example for others
	Phoebe	Great knowledge of ants
	Josie	Excellent journal writing
	Kai	Trying hard in reading groups
2/3S	Isaac	Fantastic creative art skills
	Brianna	Displaying a mature attitude at all times
	Sarah	Improving her reading skills every week
	Jake	Being a fantastic listener who always tries his best
4/AH	Kallie-May	Welcome back - we missed you!
	Abi	Completing all tasks in class
	Alexandra	Organisational skills
5/6M	Oliver	An excellent short story
	Bilal	For his exemplary behaviour at all times
	Tyler	An excellent short story
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS: Term 4 Week 2 		
K/1M	Charlee	Great insect match
	Telarna	Great insect match
BRONZE AWARDS:		
CLASS	DATE	NAME
4A/H	23/09/11	Keith
	14/10/11	Kallie-May
SILVER AWARDS:		
CLASS	DATE	NAME
2/3S	17/10/11	Lachlan C
4A/H	02/09/11	Ryan
	23/09/11	Aaron
Library Awards:		
Drew, Nicholas, Teagan, Bellana	K/1M	Taking care to follow instructions carefully when working in their books
Isaac	2/3S	Working independently and giving unique answers to problems.
Aaron	4AH	Producing quality work and interesting presentations.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Katie from 2/3S and Thomas from K/1M for their winning entry in the Kariong Library's Time Capsule Competition.





Congratulations, also to Declan K., Macgregor and Fergus in 5/6M for achieving a **DISTINCTION Certificate** for performance in the 2011 Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics

Competition Hunter Region.

Merit certificates were also awarded to: Cory, Oliver, Stephanie, Annabelle, Thomas, Grahame, Billy, Gabrielle and Tyler.

Well done, indeed!!

Community Notices

The Central Echo contains, at times, paid advertisements.

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Are you a grandparent or relative caring for children?

Kinship Care is a program run by Samaritans for grandparents caring for their grandchildren on a full time basis. The program offers education and support on the services available to you as a Carer. Some services such as:

- Kinship Carer Support Service ☎ 0429 914 553
- Centrelink (Dedicated Grandparent Worker) ☎ 1800 245 965
- Legal Aid ☎ 1300 888 529
- Emergency Relief ☎ 49 58 9777
- Family Community Services (DOCS) ☎ 132 111
- Medicare ☎ 132 011
- Kids Helpline ☎ 1800 55 1800
- Family Relationship advice line ☎ 1800 050 321

A Lift 4 Life

Join Chetana (Yoga for the Soul) in a fun and dance or sponsor a dancer in their 1.5 hours ZUMATHON! Beginners welcome, dance at own pace and rest when needed.

Date: Saturday 12 November
 Venue: Mangrove Mountain Hall
 Time: 4:30 - 6:30pm
 Donation: Advance: \$20; 13-17yrs: \$13; 7-12yrs: \$5
 All proceeds will help with the \$15000 chairlift for Megan Healey of Kulnura who at the age of 28 was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. This chairlift will allow Megan to move between her home and her car. A lift would change Megan's life!
 Space is limited - book or donate now Contact: Kerri 0427 817 or lift4lifefundraiser@gmail.com

RETURN SLIPS

Gymnastic Sport Program Permission/Payment Slip

I give permission for my child/children to participate in the Term 4 gymnastic sport program at a cost of \$3 per session for 8 weeks = \$24.

Child's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Term 4 Garden Working Bee Friday 9 December

Yes I /we will be available to assist with the Term 4 garden working bee on Friday 9 December starting at 9:30am

Name: _____

Environment Day at Kulnura PS

I give permission for my child/children to attend the Environment Day at Kulnura PS on Friday 11 November. I have enclosed \$3 per student to cover bus travel costs to and from this event.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

If you wish to pay by cash or cheque please send it in an envelope to your child's teacher

If you wish to pay by credit card (FOR AMOUNTS \$10.00 AND OVER ONLY) please fill in the following information and place it in an envelope to your child's teacher.

Credit card payment can also be made by phone

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

Payment for: _____ Amount: _____

Visa MasterCard Expiry Date/.....

Card No: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only:

Authorisation number: _____ Receipt no: _____

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