Principal's Message

Welcome to a short Week 9 due to Good Friday. Next week will be a short one too with Easter Monday.
The end of Term is really flying at us with all the students into solid routines and clear expectations.
Due to next week starting on a Tuesday there will not be a newsletter for Week 10. If something unexpected pops up I’ll send a flyer home to keep you informed.
The Term calendar that was sent home at the start of Term, that you’ve been adding to, changing and deleting, will keep you in the loop for next week. This calendar no doubt has pride of place on your fridge hopefully at the top of the pile that is also attached with that magnet.
Drew

Rugby Sevens Tournament

On Tuesday in Week 7, Kyogle Public School sent a team to the NSW Waratahs rugby sevens tournament in Lismore. After some tough games the boys progressed to their pool final and faced Lennox Head Public School. In a hard fought game with some big hits and great tries, the boys managed to get the win. The boys will progress on to the next round of games to be held at a later date to be confirmed. It was an absolute pleasure to spend the day with the boy’s, they represented our school with pride.

ICAS Test

KPS is offering students the opportunity to participate in the internationally recognised ICAS competition. The tests will be run in Science, English and Mathematics. It is open to students in Years 2 - 6. There is an entry fee of $8.80 for each test. The test will happen in May (Science) and August (Maths and English) If this is something you think your child might like to do, please see their class teacher.
Melinda McCormick
Term 1  Week 9
Mon 21/3  KPS Band Tuition from 1.20pm
Tue 22/3  Harmony Day 10am
Wed 23/3  Zone PSSA Rugby League Trials at Yamba
Thur 24/3  Easter Hat parade 10am
      KEEP at KHS
      Scripture Assembly 1pm in KPS Hall
Fri 25/3  Good Friday Public Holiday

Term 1  Week 10
Mon 28/3  Easter Monday Public Holiday
      No KPS Band this week
Tue 29/3  Cross Country
Wed 30/3  KPS Whole School Assembly in KPS Hall  2.35pm
Fri 1/4   Carlill Cup

Term 1  Week 11
Wed 6/4   KPS vs St Brigid’s League
Thur 7/4  KEEP at KPS
Fri 8/4   Last day of Term 1

Term 2  Week 1
Tue 26/4  Staff Development Day
Wed 27/4  Students return

What's happening

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat Parade is Week 9, Thursday, 24 March starting at 10am in the Stage 1 playground.
All parents and carers are welcome to come to school and watch the parade. It will be held in the hall if it is raining.

Easter Stall
There will be an Easter Stall at school on Thursday, 24 March. It will be open at lunchtime. Nothing over $5.00.

Scripture Assembly
The Easter Scripture assembly will be held on Thursday, 24 March at 1pm in the KPS Hall. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. The assembly will go for approximately 40 minutes.

Uniform Shop
Quality tracksuit pants. Fleecy lined, zip pockets. $15 each or 2 for $25 while stock lasts.

No size 6 jackets available.
The uniform shop will not be open this Thursday, 24 March.

Active for Autism
A parent led Autism Support group has started up in Kyogle. The group meets at the Kyogle library on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on Monday, 11 April at 10am. Children are welcome to the meetings. Parents can share their knowledge of services available as well as their experiences of autism. There is a facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Active-For-Autism-Encouraging-inclusion-tolerance-within-the-community-1041895659175964/ or you can contact Raeanne Ederle on 0404240263.

Easter Raffle
All raffle tickets need to be returned by Wednesday, 23 March, sold or unsold. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter hat parade on Thursday, 24 March, just in time for the Easter break.
5/6C Newsletter Feature
5/6 C have been exploring the convention of self-portrait as a means of showing identity and experimenting with layering drawings of important objects in our lives. The artworks produced by the children have been awesome, with some interesting self-portraits.

KL Newsletter Feature
KL students are now well settled and are presently focusing on learning about all things new, in particular reading and writing. Our morning sessions are taken up with both reading and writing activities. The language, literacy and learning (L3) program has already started to make a huge difference in the students’ lives. All students are provided opportunities to engage in a wide variety of fun learning activities that are helping to ensure the students’ days are filled with a mix of enjoyment and learning so that they reach their full potential.
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P & C News
A massive thank you to the parents who turned out for our AGM and general meeting for the P&C last week. Your time and interest in the school is invaluable. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the P&C again this year alongside Vice President Hayley Kennedy, and Treasurer Megan Karam. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Courtney Harris who has taken up the Vice President position also and look forward to working alongside her on our P&C committee. I would also like to thank Tracy O'Reilly for all her time spent on the secretary position over the last year. You have been a valuable member to our team and you will be sadly missed. Due to Tracy stepping out of the role there is a vacant secretary position that needs filling. The position of event co-ordinator needs to be filled also.

As Secretary you will be required to attend P&C meetings, take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of minutes. The position includes receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence and maintaining official records of the P&C.

As Event co-ordinator your role will be to help organise and run fundraising events and organise volunteers. Events such as school socials, mother/father day stalls, carnivals and any other fundraising held by the P&C during the year. This will be a sub-committee to the main P&C committee. All volunteers are welcome.

If any of these roles interest you please contact us via our email address kps.pnc@hotmail.com or via the school. These roles are a great way to get involved at the school, and have a say into what is happening in the school. I encourage all parents to come along to our meetings, which are held once a month on a Tuesday and roughly go for an hour. It is a great way to be involved in helping raise funds for our school. I look forward to another fantastic year.

Rowena Nelson
P&C President.

Cross Country
Next week on Tuesday, 29 March all students will be walking across to the High School Oval for our annual Cross Country event. By the end of this week all 8-13 year old students will have walked the Cross Country Course that starts on the High School Oval and extends out onto the agricultural plot and finishes back at the oval. The first event of the KPS Cross Country will commence at the Kyogle High School Oval at 12.30 pm. If it looks like raining we have the option of starting earlier in the day.

All students turning 5-7 years of age this year will also have the opportunity to compete on the oval. These events will be followed by the older student’s age divisions.

Students are encouraged to wear their sport’s house colours and appropriate sun safe clothing. (5-7 year olds will be reminded of their House colour). In addition to hats and plenty of water students must wear covered shoes and may wish to bring an old pair of covered shoes to run the course in as there is a supervised small gully that they will need to cross.

Order of events: (Students age division is based on their age by the end of 2016)
(Boys and Girls) 5 years and under (1 lap of the oval)
Boys – 6-7 years (2 laps of the oval)
Girls – 6-7 years (2 laps of the oval)
Boys – 8-10 years
Girls – 8-10 years
Boys – 12-13 years
Girls – 12-13 years