**TERM CALENDAR:**

**AUGUST 2010**

Friday, 20th August—Premier’s Reading Challenge entries must be at school.

Saturday, 21st August—Election Day BBQ

Wednesday, 23rd August—Thursday, 2nd September - Book Fair in Stage 1 wet area.

Thursday, 26th August—last day to return School Council questionnaire.

Friday, 27th August—last day to return Fathers’ Day Stall money in envelopes.

Monday, 30th August ... 7:00 pm P&C Meeting—all welcome.

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

Thursday, 2nd September—Fathers’ Day Stall

Monday, 13th September to Friday, 24th September - School Swimming Scheme Year 2 (and some Years 3 & 4)

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

This week:
- Website news
- Early arrivals and changes to routine
- Headlice
- Democracy in action
- KPS School Council

Website news

From last week we have begun to increase the content of our school website. There have been some additions that will enhance home-school communications.

In addition to the informative, but general, content that is already there, we are beginning to add more school-specific information. We are setting up stage and class pages that will have examples of student work in a variety of media and links to useful sites.

At the beginning of the week we sent home an authority to publish note with your child. It has been sent home as a courtesy because we are making changes to our online presence and, although you may have already completed one earlier in the year, we would appreciate you completing and returning the most recent one. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Early arrivals and changes to routine

I thank those parents and carers who observe the school’s official opening times and whose children arrive after 8.20am when supervision commences for the day. I cannot stress too highly the importance of this. It is often tempting, when one has work or an appointment, to think that it doesn’t matter if your child arrives a few minutes before the starting bell and that there are plenty of people on site if something goes wrong. There has been a recent increase in the number of children arriving early and I seek your continued cooperation.

In addition to early arrivals there has also been an increase in the number of students whose afternoon routine has changed and for whom very short notice has been received by office staff. Unless you call by 2:30pm at the latest, we cannot guarantee that a change in plans can be communicated to your child.

Your child should be picked up or leave the school grounds within a few minutes of the bell to go home. Too regularly, students are left waiting to be collected, some until after 3pm.

The large clock on the notice board was placed there as a reminder to everyone of the official opening and closing times and I draw parents’ attention to their obligations in adhering to them please.

**Headlice**

This weekend, if we all took some time to check for headlice and treat if found, using the recommended hair conditioner and comb method, and followed up again on the next weekend, headlice wouldn’t be as prevalent at school. If you need the information again I have provided the link for Queensland Health. Although some of the information is not relevant to NSW schools, the method of detection and management is excellent.


**Democracy in action**

*The future belongs to the nation that best educates its citizens*. Barack Obama.

This Saturday we get an opportunity to elect a new government.

Teachers in public schools look forward to being supported by a government that is committed to resourcing public education as its top priority.

Wouldn’t it be great if we didn’t have to run a fundraising barbecue on Saturday while you are voting at the school because public schools received sufficient Federal funding? No matter the result, the teachers at your local public school will still be delivering quality education next Monday.

**KPS School Council**

At KPS we have both a P&C and a School Council. At the last P&C meeting it was decided to undertake a review of the role of School Council to make it a more effective and efficient parent organization, and to determine the roles and responsibilities of the School Council. Karen Wardlaw, Judy Klatt and Kel Butcher were asked to form a committee to undertake this task. Enclosed in this week’s newsletter is a questionnaire we would like you to complete for us to allow us to gather information about the roles and responsibilities of both the P&C and School Council. This information will then be used to clearly define the roles and purpose of these two important parent bodies within the school community. Please take a few moments to complete the questionnaire and return it to the office by Thursday of next week. Alternatively, you may like to complete the questionnaire online at the KPS website and return it by email. The questionnaire can be found on the downloads page within the school’s website. Your time in completing the survey is greatly appreciated.

Hope you had a great week at our great school.

Trish Peters
Principal
Class KH had a special visitor this week!

Wendy brought her donkey called "Jenny" to school. Jenny had white and brown rough hair. Her ears were long, soft and fluffy. She has a long, hairy tail.

Jenny eats carrots, apples, crackers and bread. We gave Jenny lots of hugs and pats. It was exciting.

2C is the best! It’s better than all the rest.

Everyone knows, because we do the most. With Mrs Conacher on our side we know we’ll do it right. We’re a part of art, which is in our heart. We serve it right to do it nice.

**Phoebe W, Saoirse and Madeleine**

2C is the best. It’s better than the rest. We do art, maths, sport, games, spelling and music. Everyone is helpful.

**Casey, Josh and Connor**

Our class does really good art and craft. Our teacher lets us play games and have fun. We do handwriting for 15 minutes. We hang out with our friends in class.

**Isobel and Jade**

2C is the best. It’s better than the rest. We come all together and do our best. We laugh and giggle and wiggle all day. We do our work and listen all day. We all care for each other.

**Paris and Tiffney**

Our class is smart and we do art. We all work our best and we are a class on a Quest. We get things done quietly and fast.

**Sienna and Kirra**

2C is the best. It’s way better than the rest. We do art, maths and lots of fun work and most of us are entertaining. We are the top of the awesome. That’s why we are the best.

**Harry and Joel**

We try our very best to finish our quest. This is why we get along with our friends from KPS.

**Milee and Cait**

We are kind and nice when it comes to spice. We always try like another eye. We play fun games even when someone blames. Before you learn more, you need to know, WE ARE A FUN CLASS so COME JOIN WITH US.

**Sari and Katie**

We laugh and play and learn all day. While all the rest make a mess, And when it comes to us we play our part. That’s why 2C is the best.

**Abbie and Teagan**
Annual Athletics Carnival: After the wet weather of Term 2 and into the beginning of Term 3, I am pleased to say that we have finally concluded all events. The winning house for 2010 is Davis (642 points) by a margin of 115 points from Dunlop (527), Pickett (456) finished 3rd and Piper (338) -4th. All children who participated should feel proud of their individual effort and contribution. It was fantastic to see their willingness to get involved and have a go.

Age Champions: Jnr boy: Daniel Titus; Jnr Girl: Emily Pethbridge; 11yr boy: Bilal Belkadi; 11yr girl: Georgia Lee; Snr boy: Kiran Richardsson; Snr girl: Simone Bradley. Congratulations! A Team of 37 has been selected to attend the Brisbane PSSA District Carnival at the Regional Athletics Centre, Mingara on 26th and 27th August.

Finally, thanks once again to all the KPS staff and children for their patience and enthusiasm.

Jon Elbra (Carnival Organiser)

BOOK WEEK BOOK FAIR

The book fair will run for 2 weeks and is being held in the Stage 1 wet area. The fair opens on Wednesday 25 August and runs until Thursday 2 September. Opening times are set out below. Parents are welcome at any session however there is an extended sale time on Friday 27 August until 10.00am especially for parents.

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All classes will visit the fair during school time on Tuesday 24 August and will be given a "wish list" to record the things they might like to purchase. Thank you for your support. Sue Groom (Co-ordinator)

Still Wanted: Volunteers

Destination ... BOOK FAIR

Across the Story Bridge

We're setting a course for our next big Book Fair adventure. Volunteers—get your passport ready and join the fun:

- Create signs and decorate
- Help set up our Book Fair
- Lend a hand to help run the Fair
- Wrap up and pack up our Book Fair
- Contact Mrs Groom at the school if you are able to help prior to the Fair or on the days (Wednesday, 25th August to Thursday, 2nd September)

Election day BBQ

Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist at the barbeque on Saturday. We are now able to go ahead with this fundraiser for the school. Please think about buying a sausage sandwich or coffee and cake when you come to vote. See you there!!

NOTE FOR PARENTS who PARK in Church Car Park: For safety reasons, the Church now closes the bottom gate onto Avoca Drive, however, parents are still welcome to use the car park but will need to walk around in future.

Reminder to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

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Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritans Purse, is seeking your help. You choose a gift suitable for a boy or girl, in the age group of either 2-4 year olds, 5-9 year olds or 10-14 year olds and package into a shoe box which is then wrapped and labelled. More information on how you can help (including gift ideas and how to package) and where to donate can be obtained.

KUC Roundabout OP Shop in Uniting Church Grounds
Cnr Avoca Drive & Killuna Road, Kincumber
Open on Voting Day
Saturday 21st August 2010—9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Parking Available

Can you help please?

The school needs spare track pants (all sizes) for little accidents and muddy falls!

Donations of any spare uniform items always gratefully received at the office.

Fleximeals on line: www.fleximeals.com.au

30th August to 24th September

Marks the inaugural Fruit ‘n’ Veg Month in New South Wales.

During this time (Week 7 to Week 10 in Term 3) 650 schools across the state, and 175,000 children including our school will celebrate to help teach kids and their families about the importance of eating fruit and veg in a fun and educational way. As three quarters of primary school aged kids don’t eat enough veg every day, it is a great way to get involved.

Kincumber Community Garden is hosting a workshop on herbs and their uses. We will look at the herbs that most of us have growing in the garden and how to utilise them in your daily life. We will make herb butter and nettle quiche.

When: Wednesday, 25th August, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Where: Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre
20 Kincumber Street, Kincumber
Cost: $5.00
Phone: 4363 1044 to reserve your place
Email: kdcncinc2@bigpond.com
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