



# KINCUMBER PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Term 4 -Week 7**

**P & C meet THIRD Monday of every MONTH, 7.00pm**

**Thursday November 24, 2011**

## CALENDAR

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| TUESDAY<br>NOVEMBER 29          | COMBINED SCRIPTURE<br>ASSEMBLY   |
| MONDAY<br>DECEMBER 5            | YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY AT<br>KINCUMBER HIGH SCHOOL<br>9.30AM TO 2.00PM                                     |
| WEDNESDAY<br>DECEMBER 7         | KINCUMBER HIGH SCHOOL<br>INFORMATION NIGHT AT<br>KINCUMBER HIGH SCHOOL<br>7.00PM TO 8.30PM                 |
| WEDNESDAY<br>DECEMBER 7         | GUITAR PERFORMANCE<br>12.00 AV ROOM. PARENTS OF<br>GUITAR STUDENTS WELCOME.                                |
| MONDAY<br>DECEMBER 12           | SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT<br>KINCUMBER HIGH SCHOOL<br>6.00PM - 8.00PM  |
| TUESDAY<br>DECEMBER 13          | K - 2 CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY,<br>10.00AM, PARENTS WELCOME<br>TO ATTEND AND STAY FOR A<br>SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH. |
| TUESDAY<br>DECEMBER 13          | YEAR 6 FAREWELL.<br>INFORMATION SENT HOME NEXT<br>WEEK.  |
| WEDNESDAY<br>DECEMBER 14        | YEAR 6 FORMAL ASSEMBLY<br>9.00AM SCHOOL HALL, PARENTS<br>WELCOME TO ATTEND.                                |
| WEDNESDAY<br>DECEMBER 14        | EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1<br>END YEAR EXCURSION TO<br>HOYTS CINEMA   |
| THURSDAY<br>DECEMBER 15         | STAGE 2 END OF YEAR<br>EXCURSION TO AVOCA BEACH<br>THEATRE   |
| FRIDAY<br>DECEMBER 16           | LAST SCHOOL DAY FOR<br>STUDENTS  |
| MONDAY<br>JANUARY 30            | YEAR 1 - YEAR 6 RETURN TO<br>SCHOOL  |
| MONDAY<br>FEBRUARY 6            | KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS<br>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL   |
| <b>NOTES HOME THIS<br/>WEEK</b> | END OF YEAR ACTIVITY FOR<br>ES1, S1, S2.<br>K - 2 CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY                                       |

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

**This week:**

- **Sport next year**
- **Thank you helpers**
- **Parking**
- **Recycled water**
- **Wet weather parking problems**

#### **Sport next year**

We're sports mad here at Kincumber and we enter a lot of events including Primary Schools Sports Association knockout competitions. These teams are formed by a selection process and preference is given to Year 6 first, then Year 5 and so on.

Currently we compete in the Brisbane Water zone for athletics, swimming etc as well as knockout comps against 21 other schools. At a recent meeting principals and teachers of the four zones on the Central Coast discussed ways to increase teacher and principal involvement in PSSA sport and to increase opportunities for students.

We had preliminary discussions about affiliating with the Woy Woy zone which has only 7 schools including Pretty Beach PS. A move to Woy Woy zone would enable more of our students to compete at regional level and increase the number of teachers able to support sport.

A possible move was discussed and ultimately supported in principle at the last P & C meeting. The P & Cs at our partner primary schools will also be discussing this and if it is supported, then we can look forward to some terrific sporting opportunities.

#### **Thank you helpers**

Our helpers morning tea was a great success. Thank you teachers and office staff for your great making and baking of yummy treats and thank you to our volunteers for accepting our invitation. I am sincerely grateful for the help that families willingly give to our school in so many ways.

#### **Parking**

I read an article on children walking to school safely recently and was interested to find out that walking to school is second to catching a bus as the safest way to travel to and from school. Come on mums and dads – teach your children the best way to walk to school and avoid the car parking tangle in the mornings! I can help with maps and resources etc to help – just call!

**From the Principal continued over page**

## ★ Students of Week 6, Term 4, 2011. ★

|             |                            |            |                            |           |                        |           |                       |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>KH</b>   | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>1EL</b> | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>2C</b> | <b>Riely Byrnes</b>    | <b>3M</b> | <b>Steven Harlow</b>  |
| <b>KL</b>   | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>1G</b>  | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>2M</b> | <b>Sophia Ramsden</b>  | <b>3T</b> | <b>Kristen Twomey</b> |
| <b>KM</b>   | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>1K</b>  | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>2N</b> | <b>Jordan Mahler</b>   | <b>3W</b> | <b>Phoebe Wheeler</b> |
| <b>K/1W</b> | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>1S</b>  | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>3G</b> | <b>Nicole Couper</b>   |           |                       |
| <b>1D</b>   | <b>No infants assembly</b> | <b>2A</b>  | <b>Sari Walker-Woods</b>   | <b>3K</b> | <b>Jordan Belgrove</b> |           |                       |

### **From the Principal continued; Recycled water**

Last week I said that Kincumber Public School will be the first school on the Central Coast to use recycled water to irrigate their school grounds. Well, I was wrong – we are actually the first school in Australia.

At last weeks official launch last Friday, Year 5 students did a great job of presenting the recycled water project to their peers and after school to a VIP audience, where we learned we were the first!

You can already see the difference to the school playing fields. A large working model of the underground system is being held at school to demonstrate the great benefits of using recycled water. If any parents are interested in finding out more and seeing the model, please contact us so that we can organise a presentation for you.

### **Wet weather parking problems**

Wet weather always means extra traffic in Kimbarra Close and sometimes means rule-breaking from drivers. Here are some simple tips to make it safer for the children and less stressful for the adults.

#### *Safety tips for drivers using a 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area*

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area
- Drivers should remain in their vehicles at all times in the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Never double park.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

#### *Safety tips for students*

- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the 'Drop-off and Pick-up' area.
- Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, eg on the floor.
- Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.
- Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door – the rear footpath-side door.

I have also posted a link to an RTA guide to road safety around schools document on our website on the downloads page. Please be interested to read it.

**Hope you had a great week at our great school!**

**Trish Peters  
Principal**

### **Class Item - 3K DESCRIPTION- OBJECT/PERSON**

#### **Description Object**

This is a thing that no one else can see.

It is a rectangular shape or square with a lock and a key.

It is usually half the size of a chocolate block.

It records special events and times that are important to me.

Pages of secrets, truth, forgiveness and all of what I believe in.

It is used to record thoughts of sadness, happiness and despair.

My diary is a thing that I will never share.

**By Amber Calder**

### **Class Item - 3K DESCRIPTION- OBJECT/PERSON**

#### **Description Object**

This object is used for everyone, whatever situation they're in, but the object is mostly used for girls.

The object could be used anywhere you want but mostly in bathrooms. I have one in my bathroom and one in my room.

The object comes in small, medium or large and sometimes this object can be found even bigger on a wall.

This object is very popular, as it gets sold in furniture shops and lots more.

It is sparkly, shiny and not to mention it is as smooth as ice.

You can see your reflection as you walk past.

This is used in movies. I will give you a clue, "something on the wall, who is the prettiest of them all?" The person who is saying it is hoping that it's them.

Without this object I probably wouldn't be able to get ready in the morning.

**By Danielle Maljevac**

#### **Description - Object**

They are a rectangular shape and can fit in the palm of your hands.

They have a little circle that flashes red when you are taking a picture.

They have two screens that are used for different things. There is a four way arrow on the inside and an "ABXY" button. The outside of the object is so smooth that it feels like glass. They can be green, yellow, blue, red or brown.

This object is used for gaming, taking photos if you don't have a camera and it also takes videos.

It is a very playful and fun gaming system.

This object is a Nintendo DS. "DS" stands for digital system.

**By Henry Parkins**

#### **Description - Person**

Her name is Dainty and she has no friends. She has only a tree to protect her from storms and has to hunt to collect food and water for herself.

She has green eyes that tell a story about the sadness in her life, she has gorgeous light blonde hair that looks like melted caramel as it glistens in the light.

She is so sad that she droops around like a lady with a bag of apples. When you see her, you want to give her a big cuddle. Her home is under a tree that has bright green leaves and branches that hang over her frail little body.

She works for herself by getting clear clean water for herself and goes out hunting for food to feed her frail and broken little body.

She has an achievement of waking up every morning at 4:00am to go hunting for food and has been for 30 years.

**By Megan Wilkinson**

#### **Description - Person**

The man I'm describing walks around drooping his big head. He takes metre long strides and has giant freckled arms. People tease him and call him lanky.

My character is bald, has dark skin, big ears, an almost oval shaped head, a beard, a wide nose with a bull ring in it and deep broken eyes that are a deep brown.

He has no feelings for others, is always grumpy and some people call him Mr Grumps.

He lives in a normal size house with a normal size kitten and dog, they are both black and white.

My character works at a meat factory, chopping up meat to sell.

In his spare time he surfs and plays with his pets.

He achieved winning a surf competition and by doing that he won \$10,000 in prize money.

Mr Grumps thinks he has a fairly good life and would like to live again.

**By Dylan Richardson**



## News from around the School

### Gosford Environmental Awards

Congratulations go to two of our students who received awards in the Gosford Environmental Awards for their projects on Biodiversity. **Emily Hughes 1st** prize in the year 5 category and **Caitlin Fischer 3rd** in the year 6 category.

Well done girls! Congratulations to all students who entered but most of all thank you for helping spread the word about the plight of endangered species and how we can make a difference to help save them.

Mrs Conacher

### Changes to student enrolments for 2012

We are currently setting up classes for 2012 and need to know numbers for each grade. If your child will not be attending Kincumber Public School next year (currently in years K-5) would you kindly contact the school and advise of changes as soon as possible.

### P & C Christmas Raffle 2011

**Tickets \$1 each**

Baskets include:  
Pampering Products  
Christmas Items  
Christmas Chocolates  
Kids Toys

**Thank you again for your continued support.**

## Community Announcements

### GUITAR LESSONS

There are limited positions available for students interested in guitar lessons during school time in 2012. **Please contact Steve Smillie on 0410 039 556.**

### Mingara Summer Holiday Junior Chess Tournament

When: Monday, January 16, 2012 11am to about 4.30pm

Where: Mingara Recreation Club Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi

Players must be Under 18 on the day of the tournament. No minimum age. Entries close on Saturday, January 14. Field limited to the first 50 entrants.

Minimum ability: Beginners very welcome, but must know the basic rules of the game and how the pieces move.

Players must pre-enter at [glosh51@dodo.com.au](mailto:glosh51@dodo.com.au) or on 4390 8176.

**Go4Fun**



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### Free Healthy Lifestyle Program

The Go4Fun Program is a healthy lifestyle program aimed at improving the health, fitness, self esteem, and confidence of children 7-13 years who are above their ideal weight. The program runs after school for ten weeks over the school term at various Central Coast locations. It is **completely free of charge** to participants. Registrations are now being taken for Term 1 2012, and places are filling fast. Please note: A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session. If interested please contact Louise on 4394 7974.



## 'KINTEEN' - CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 8, TERM 4

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Monday November 28    | Naree        |
| Tuesday November 29   | Michelle     |
| Wednesday November 30 | Help needed  |
| Thursday December 1   | Help needed  |
| Friday December 2     | Brenda & Lee |

**Don't forget to use our online ordering, a great way to order your children's recess and lunch.**

**Fleximeals on line: [www.fleximeals.com.au](http://www.fleximeals.com.au)**

**If you would like information on how Fleximeals works please call Linda the school's canteen manager.**

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| MONDAY & WEDNESDAY | 2.00PM TO 3.00PM |
| TUESDAY & THURSDAY | 8.30AM TO 9.30AM |

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THESE TIMES, ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. PLEASE COMPLETE AND LODGE WITH REQUIRED PAYMENT. ITEMS ARE SENT HOME VIA YOUR CHILD, OR YOU CAN COLLECT FROM THE OFFICE.

## Community Announcements

### Term IV - are you bored after school?

Come on Down to the Kincumber Youth Centre where - structured programmes include Music, Cooking, Art, Dance, Sporting competitions, girls only programmes and the Youth Clinic AND IT'S ALL FREE. Being the final term of the year the centre is hoping to end on a high with a great Christmas party organized to showcase the young people's talent - through music performances, dance performances, presentations and cooking skills. Where the young people will cook and serve a Christmas themed BBQ for the parents and community members attending. The Christmas presentation and performance night will be held on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of December between 5 - 7pm, it will be run by the youth centre workers, volunteers from the community and the young people themselves. Come and celebrate with us, we hope to see you there.

**For more information contact Haley Burgess**

Kincumber Youth Centre Acting Coordinator | Community Development  
Gosford City Council - 4369 5633

### School Holiday Hockey Clinic

**WHERE:** Wyong Hockey Centre  
**WHEN:** Wednesday 18th January, 2012  
**COST:** \$5.00 (to be paid on the day)  
**TIME:** 9:00am - 12:00pm  
**WHAT TO BRING:** Hat, water & mouthguard (also sold in the canteen)

How to register; Email your name, age, phone number to Emma Cobbin at Hockey NSW as soon as possible, [emma.c@hockeynsw.com.au](mailto:emma.c@hockeynsw.com.au)



### FREE FAMILY CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT GOSFORD BUNNINGS THURSDAY December 8 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Join us for a free night of festive fun:

- Santa instore
- Kids D.I.Y. Workshops
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting

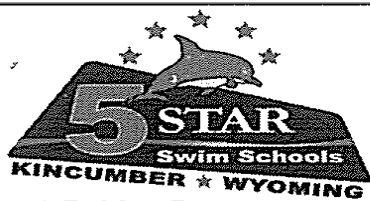
**Bookings essential - 43238600**

### KINCUMBER UNITING CHURCH

**Is having a 'Messy' Church Day on Saturday November 26 at 5.00pm.** An alternative for families who find it hard to go to Church on a Sunday, or who would like to be involved in doing things together. It's not a typical church service and includes arts/crafts, games, workshop and sharing food.

**For more information contact Miriam Edgar 4369 8079 or Rev. Dr Kenneth Brown on 4973 1646 or 0422 526 269**





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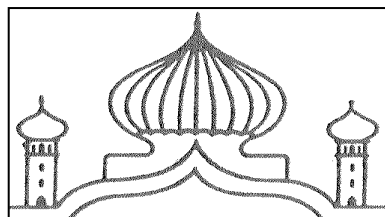
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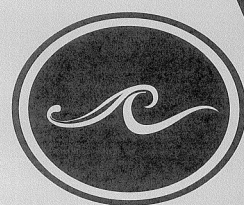
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