

DATE: Monday, 17 December 2018
TERM 4 WEEK 10
Principal: Drew Green



Principal's Message

Hello all,

Well this brings us to the end of another hectic year. **We sadly say farewell to Meg who is retiring after a terrific career guiding many young ones on their pathway through school. We wish her all the best for the future.**

Reports will have gone home today. Remember that these reports are written by very dedicated yet very busy people. They have all been proof read a number of times however there will be mistakes. If you find one and would like a new report please let the school know.

The platinum awards inflatable obstacle courses that most of our students will be enjoying today has been very kindly financed by our lovely P&C.

Next year's classes seem to be on everyone's mind. Whilst we do take parent requests on board and table them in our discussions and attempt to facilitate them as best we can, I'm sure you will appreciate this is not always possible.

As I stated at our end of year assembly, schools are complex places with ours having over 300 students. There are about 250 families most with two parents or carers, therefore about 500 adults and over 20 staff. All these individuals are unique and have their own thoughts around what is best. We as professionals always have the best interests of every student at the front of our planning processes.

We have a plan for classes next year which always sees changes due to elements out of our control. The easiest way to disappoint a student and cause unneeded anxiety is to tell students or parents something now that will not remain accurate at the start of next year.

To this end, students will not be told their classes until Wednesday, 30 January which is the beginning of our school year. A few students with diagnosed disabilities have a different transition into next year for obvious reasons.

Student anxiety over moving into a new school year is more often than not led by parent anxiety. Feel free not to share this with your child! The way you discuss what's coming up will usually control how anxious your child will feel. Stay positive and talk of the excitement that lies ahead!

Staff have been asked not to share this information with you either so please don't put them on the spot by asking.

Don't listen to the Kyogle grapevine. I had an email only today (of which there are many which I happily receive) from a parent stating that she had heard "such and such" and therefore could "such and such be considered" I gave her a quick call to let her know that "such and such" was very inaccurate.

I'd like to thank all those above-mentioned people who make up our complex, yet fantastic school. The positive contribution you give to the lives of all our students is really not measurable.

There are some big infrastructure plans for many classrooms over the holidays with 16 learning spaces either being painted, carpeted or both. Teachers have been asked to start organising their rooms ready for this. However, a few of us will be turning up on Thursday to finish getting these areas ready. If you've got some spare time feel free to join us.

I hope you get some quality time with your loved ones over the Christmas break and that all our students and their teachers return refreshed and invigorated ready for a great year of learning.

Merry Christmas and I hope you see the new year in with great excitement.

Drew.



Term 4 ends : Wednesday, 19 December, 2018
Term 1 begins : Wednesday, 30 January 2019

What's happening



Be Respectful - Be Safe - Be a Learner

I am a safe and respectful learner.



PBL Focus - Being a Star in the classroom

Aim: To always be a respectful learner in the classroom.

- ★follow teacher instructions
- ★listen to speaker

- ★use school talk
- ★participate in all learning

- ★speak respectfully
- ★raise hand to ask questions

Last weeks playground winners

**Stage 1: Jax Lavelle
Sasha Arnold**

**Stage 2: Euston Williams
Ruby Stafford**

**Stage 3: Finn Wilkie
Blake Butler**

The PBL Team meets every Friday. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to attend and participate. Meetings are held in the Computer Room at 8:30 am.

Coming Up...

Jump Rope For Heart

Tomorrow at 10.20am all students will be doing Jump Rope For Heart in the COLA. All parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to come and watch.



Volunteers Christmas Lunch

Tomorrow at 11.30am is our appreciation lunch for all of our volunteer helpers followed by Christmas carols performed by the KPS students in the hall at 12.30pm.

Semitones Choir

Friday, 21 December in the KPS hall at 11.00am The Semitones Choir will be giving an informal concert for families and friends. Please come and join us - **NO COST!!**



Congratulations

KPS Captains for 2019

Captains: **Luke Barnett** and **Pippa Kennedy**

Vice Captains: **Hannah Harris** and **Rigby O'Meara**



JANUARY INTENSIVE

JOYS LEARN TO SWIM

MONDAY 21- FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

BABIES, TODDLERS, PRESCHOOL, SCHOOL AGE, AND STROKE CORRECTION

1/2 HOUR PER DAY FOR 5 DAYS

COST \$40 PER CHILD TO BE PAID ON THE

1ST DAY PLUS POOL ENTRY

KYOGLE POOL

CALL JOY & BOOK ON

0429184023 / 0266362138 MESSAGE

I WILL RING AND CONFIRM TIMES THE WEEK BEFORE

THANKS JOY



Term 4	Week 10
Tue 18/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Jump Rope for Heart 10.20am •Volunteers Christmas Lunch 11.30am •Christmas Carols in the Hall 12.30pm
Wed 19/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Last Day for 2018!
Wed 30/01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Day for 2019!



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What's Happening

After 27 years at KPS, I would like to thank all the families whose children I have taught over the years. I have tried my best to make a difference to each and every one of them. I have many fond memories of children and situations and stories that I will take with me.

I am looking forward to now sharing quality time with the love of my life, Dave, who has put up with the mess and 'organised chaos' in our house over the years.

Cheers,
Meg Witcombe.

•This is my first class at my first school Labrador Public School, after I had graduated.



Last Tuesday Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 travelled to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. They caught the Currumbin Mini Train and saw all sorts of animals. They patted the Kangaroos and Emus, chased the lizards and watched the "Fang" Snake Show. It was such a fun day and the kids had a wonderful time!



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Public Notices

County Fair

Our Year 6's set up a great hour of activities for county fair. The majority of the fun centred around throwing water, wet sponges or water balloons at Year 6 students. There was also blindfold walks with getting apples out of cold water at the end. Thank you Year 6 for such a great afternoon of activities. A whopping **\$530** was raised and will go towards our SRC and used on various projects around our school.



Remember to register your interest in the KPS Instrumental Music Program by following this link.

<https://enrol.nrcac.edu.au/music-in-schools/>

Use the "Additional Notes" field to include more instruments, as needed. We are aiming to get the program up and running either mid Term 1, or the beginning of Term 2.

Meanwhile, you might be interested in this Ted Talk, which discusses the benefits of a music education for children.

<http://www.anitacollinsmusic.com/tedxtalk/>



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