Our fabulous school leaders led a very moving ANZAC service this year to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. All our students showed deepest respect throughout the service to remember those we lost. This week during class our teachers have been providing engaging lessons on the meaning of ANZAC and how this has shaped our lives today.

Katrina Berwick
Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a lovely school holidays. It was lovely to read all the children’s recounts of what they got up to in the holidays! So many people went to the Easter Show and the movies. Ms Doggett has left to have her beautiful baby and I have asked Mr Darren Horgan to replace her on a Thursday and Friday for teachers to have their release from face to face teaching. Mr Horgan taught our students in term 1 during Panthers on the Prowl program and all our students were enthusiastic and engaged in his lessons.

Incursion and Excursion Fee
As you are aware we are asking a fee of $100 this year to go towards our incursions and excursion throughout 2015. This term all our students are going on an excursion to Sydney. Kindergarten to Year 2 students will be visiting the Botanical Gardens and taking the train around the gardens. Stage 2 students will be visiting the rocks area and dressing up as convicts and soldiers to re-enact the first fleet arrival. While our stage three students will spend the day at the Australian Museum. Also this term we will be having a visit from the Life Education bus where students will participate in lessons on the bus regarding healthy lifestyle choices. Your minimum contribution must be paid by Friday May 22 for your child to participate in these events. If you require an individual payment plan please make an appointment to speak with me.

Dentist
Our visit from the dentist was postponed at the end of term 1. The dentist is trying to find another week to visit our school sometime this year. I will keep you posted.

Application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016
The process for your child to apply for the Year 5 opportunity class begins on Monday April 27. If you are interested in applying please see Miss Berwick for further details.

Bike Safety
As previously communicated in our newsletters, this term we begin to enforce our helmet policy. If your child rides a bike or scooter to school they MUST wear a helmet. If they arrive at school without a helmet their bike or scooter will be kept at school, a letter sent home which asks for a helmet to be brought to school the next day.

Mother’s Day Bingo Morning Tea
We would like to invite our beautiful Mum’s and Grandma’s to our morning tea on Friday May 8. We will play a few games of bingo and draw our Mother’s Day raffle. An invitation was sent home this week. Please RSVP by Monday May 8 to our office.

Assemblies Term 2:
Friday 2pm
Weeks 2, 5 and 7: P-2 assembly
Weeks 3, 6 and 9: Years 3-6 assembly
Week 4: 1S hosting
Week 8: S23H hosting
We welcome all our families to our assembly.

Dates for term 2:
Week 3:
Wednesday May 6: Mother’s Day Stall
Week 3: Wednesday May 6: Stage 3 visit Sydney University
Week 3: Friday May 8: Mother’s Day Bingo Morning Tea
Week 4: NAPLAN for our year 3 and 5 students
Week 5: Tuesday May 19: Stage 3 Panthers Trophy
Week 6: Tuesday May 26: Stage 2 Panthers Trophy
Week 6: Life Education
Week 7: Wednesday June 3: P&C meeting
Week 8: Wednesday June 10: K-2 excursion to Sydney
Week 8: Wednesday June 10: Preschool Closed (cleaning day)
Week 9: Monday June 15: P&C School Disco (P-2 3:30-4:15 and Year 3-6 4:30-5:30)
Week 9: Friday June 19: NADOC Cup
Week 10: Friday June 26: Last Day of term

MESSAGE FROM MS WHITE KW
A big congratulations to my wonderful kindergarten students for settling well in to school. You have done an amazing job at learning the school routines, making new friends and becoming independent. Well done!
Over the past few weeks, KW has been busy learning with the start of our reading, writing and math activities in which we are learning the foundations of English and Maths. During this time, Students get to work with me in my ‘engine room’, learning to
point to the words as they read, sound and letter recognition, how to compose a message, how to count objects, recognise numbers and so much more..... It is no wonder we are tired by the end of the day.

Last week KW was super excited when we received mail in the form of a large box. After making predictions about what was inside, we learnt that we had been given a pet giraffe to look after for the year. KW voted to name our giraffe, Batman. Batman is a special giraffe who gets to go home with one lucky student each week for the weekend. When Batman returns to school, our class gets to read and look at photos about the adventures he had during his time away in our class book. KW loves reading about the amazing adventures of Batman the giraffe.
MATHS DEADLYS
The Maths Deadlys is a numeracy activity day held at Cranebrook High School. It is an initiative of the Cranebrook Learning Community that aims to develop the numeracy skills of ATSI students. The day involves teams of Aboriginal students from a range of primary schools in the Penrith Valley that compete in different quizzes and games.
There are many fun activities conducted throughout the day from timetable killer, problem solving, navigating, Jeopardy and fast money – complete with electronic buzzers, flashing lights and an electronic score board. Aboriginal students from Cranebrook High School and members of the wider community participate as mentors, guides and game masters. There are a range of other visitors. The students involved work on their skills prior to the event and also develop a unique team name and poster to be used on the day. The idea is to show how everyone can have fun with Maths while discovering how it’s relevant to careers and academic success.

LEARNING CLUB
The learning club will begin operating this term from week 3 every Wednesday, except when Family Fun Day is on. All students from Kingswood Park Public School are welcome.

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE
Don’t forget to like our facebook page and follow us to receive daily updates on what is happening at KPPS!

BLUE NOTES
As of this term, all notes sent home on blue paper will require a response or a signature. This is a simple method for parents/carers to know which notes are to be returned to the school.
P & C
MOTHERS DAY STALL
TUESDAY 5 May 2015

Gifts starting from $2

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