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PRINCIPAL AWARDS from WEEK 8

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Congratulations to these students for receiving their Principal Award at week 8 assembly. I have invited all the recipients of the Principal award this semester to a special morning tea in week 10. These students consistently display our school expectations of being safe, respectful learners. Congratulations.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
What a busy end of term 2 we have had.

Firstly our visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education bus. Each class from Preschool to Year 6 visited the bus and learnt about how to make and keep healthy lifestyle choices now and into their future.

In week 8 we had our school trip, which for many students was their first school excursion. Our Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students visited the Botanical Gardens in Sydney. Unfortunately the weather was miserable and we couldn’t go on the train around the gardens. However, our students still got to walk in the path Alexander took in the book Alexander’s Outing written by Pamela Allan.

While our stage 3 students explored the Australian Museum.

Looking at all the photos taken and the recounts from all our students, staff and parents everyone had a fantastic school trip and enjoyed a sleep on the trip home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and parents who attended the school trip!

COMMUNITY PROJECT
Our community project led by Naomi from NCNS and our youth leaders group have completed a beautiful garden in the park near our school. Thank you for the time and effort it has taken you to make this community garden. Naomi will be speaking with us shortly on how more children can get involved in this great project. A special thanks to Paiton from S23H for looking after the garden, giving it plenty of water.

Our stage Two students visited the Rocks area of Sydney and were taken on an expedition of historical sites in the area related to the First Fleet and the settlement of Sydney Cove.
**PRESCHOOL**
This term in pre-school the children have been exploring roles in our ever-changing dramatic play area. They have had a hairdresser area, made picnics and created a restaurant. The interest of cooking was also extended into our sand pit area. This play helps children to develop their social skills, expressive language skills and negotiating skills as they take turns with equipment and the role they are playing.

Cars have also been a major interest area this term, with children creating roads and race-tracks, and it then being extended into the art centre, with car painting. By extending one interest into an area it would not traditionally be used in, it helps to encourage children to broaden their play areas and develop new skills.

We are continuing to enjoy caring for our two stick bugs that we adopted last term as well as enjoying our term two incursion of participating in the Life Education program. Children learnt about healthy eating in a fun and interactive way. We look forward to our term 3 incursion, with a show from Aunty Wendy.

**KINDERGARTEN**
It is nearing the end of another busy term and KW have been working hard in all aspects of our learning. We have spoken a lot about what it means to be a learner and have really strived this term to become independent learners by completing all our ‘must do’ activities during reading and writing groups.

Recently KW watched the story ‘Jack and the beanstalk’. We had fun creating a castle just like the giant’s and planted beans to grow our very own beanstalk. KW also enjoyed making a giant just like from the film.

This term I am particularly proud of the way KW have been engaging in conversations that support their learning on a daily basis such as how to spell a word, what a student could do to improve their reading or conversations about how to work out a problem during maths. If these are the conversations you are having half way through kindergarten I look forward to the conversations you will share amongst yourselves in the future.

It is also exciting to see KW begin to use some of the skills and strategies we have
been focusing on this year during writing groups to write our own sentences by OURSELVES! We are well on our way to becoming great writers. I am very proud of all of you.

A special thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who have been coming in weekly over the term to help us in the morning during our reading and writing groups. We love having you in our classroom and greatly appreciated your time and support.

**STUDENT REPORTS AND PARENT INTERVIEWS**

Our teachers have been continuously assessing your students academic progress during semester 1. At the moment they are writing your child’s report which will be sent home early term 3. We will be holding parent interviews on Monday July 27 from 2pm till 6pm. An invitation will be sent home early term 3 for you to request your time to speak with your child’s teacher.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**

Our school is a PBL school where we have expectations on behaviour of being a safe, respectful learner at all times in all areas. This year our teachers have discussed the importance of our students being able to monitor their behaviour at intervals throughout the term to determine if they have achieved the status of Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Below I have added the criteria for these levels to receive positive rewards from their classroom teacher. The class teacher and child discuss their criteria and determine if they are working towards or maintaining their level of behaviour and achievement. Students who achieve and maintain Gold level will be invited to attend “Gold Day” in week 9 of term 4.
STAGE 3

Stage 3 had a great time at The Australian Museum this week. We explored exhibitions on Dinosaurs, Australian Birds and Wildlife, Rocks and Minerals, Indigenous Seashell Art and Wildlife Photography from across the globe.

Our students were outstanding and should be congratulated on their conduct, manners and inquisitive nature. Please keep a look out on our School Website and Facebook page for some photos and video reports.

Matt Walsh

BIG TRACKS TO LITTLE SCHOOL

Every Tuesday morning starting July 21 we will be hosting a community transition to school program in our computer lab. We welcome back Tamarra from Connect who will be facilitating the program with Mrs Taylor from our Preschool. We encourage any child who is starting Kindergarten in 2016 or 2017 to attend. Throughout the morning there will be parent workshops/forums and opportunities for children to begin making friendships for their school life. Big Tracks to Little School is for everyone, not just families of Kingswood Park. Please ask our office staff for more information.

SCOOTERS

Our students would like to thank our P&C for donating 20 scooters and helmets for us to ride during play times in area A. Our students are loving the opportunity to ride their own bike or scooter or borrow one that we has been donated each day. We have seen an increase in our students riding to school and everyone is remembering to wear their helmet to be safe on our roads.

SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising our school Disco! We had over 80 students attend to support our P&C fundraising efforts. Thank you also to Mrs Buckle our DJ for the night and all our staff for supervising our dancers.

INCURSION & EXCURSION PAYMENTS

Firstly thank you to over 50% of our families who have paid the full amount of $100 per child for their 2016 excursion and incursion fee. A note will come home during week 10 outlining money owing for your child’s incursion and excursion money. I would like to remind you that the cost of the excursion and incursions is shared across the four terms of school. In term 3 we have 2 incursions and Zumba lessons scheduled. It is expected that by the end of week 2 each term the minimum of $25 per student has been paid in full. In term 4 we will be having Gymnastics lessons. If money isn’t paid by the end of week 2 of term 4, your child will not be able to participate in the 8
week program. Please see Miss Berwick if you require a personalised payment plan.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 2016**
Each year teachers in NSW schools have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills during Staff Development Days. In 2016 our staff have the opportunity to work with an Educational Leader from Canada; Lyn Sharratt on the first three days of 2016. I am proposing that our staff move their Staff Development Days from Term 4, 2016 to the beginning of term 1, 2016.

**What does this mean for our families?**
It would mean that all our students from Preschool to Year 6 would start school on Monday, February 1 2016. Instead of Thursday January 25, 2016. Our last day in 2016 would be Tuesday December 20, 2016.

I have spoken with our P&C regarding the move of the Staff Development Days and all agreed that our families would appreciate the early notice to organise child care at the start of 2016. I will be sending home a personal Expression of Interest to seek your feedback in this matter during term 3.

**HOW FULL IS YOUR BUCKET?**
This year we have engaged with Kathryn who is teaching our teachers and students the importance of emotional intelligence in our lives. Early in 2015 Kathryn presented a workshop for our parents on supporting this concept with your children at home. All parents who attended this event spoke highly of Kathryn and her advice and strategies to support our children develop resilience in their lives. Our P&C are seeking your interest in getting Kathryn to come out and present another workshop for our families. If you are interested in this to occur can you please inform our office. Please let our office staff know if you would like a morning or afternoon session with Kathryn.

**PARKING & SCHOOL GATE**
The school has been notified that council rangers and the police will be issuing infringement notices for those vehicles parked illegally.
Reminder: School gates will be opened each afternoon at 2.50pm.

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

**DATES FOR TERM 3**
**Tuesday July 14:** All students return to school
**Wednesday July 15:** Mufti day, NAIDOC celebrations, school BBQ, Aboriginal Dreaming incursion
**Friday July 17:** Reports to come home
**July 20:** Police visit to our Preschool
**July 21:** Yo Yo incursion
**July 21:** Visit from our adopt a school Panther program
**July 22:** Girls Tackle
**July 24:** NAIDOC Cup
**July 27:** Miss Hastings and stage 3 netball clinic
**July 29:** Athletics Carnival
**August 5:** P&C meeting 9am in our staff room
**August 7:** Soccer gala day
**August 11 and 12:** Cranebrook Learning Community Creative Arts Night
**August 18:** Book Parade (all our families are invited to visit our classrooms on this day and join us for a picnic- Don’t forget to dress up as your favourite book character)
**August 19:** Zumba begins
**August 28:** African Drum Beats incursion
**September 1:** Maths Deadly
**September 3:** Fathers Day Stall
**September 4:** Fathers Day Breakfast (We invite all our Dad’s, Uncles and Grandpa’s to join us for breakfast this morning to celebrate Fathers Day. An invitation will come home early term 3)
**September 7:** Stage 2 visiting the Seymour Theatre in Sydney to watch The 52 Storey Tree House production
**September 16:** Preschool closed (cleaning day)
**September 18:** Last day of Term 3
ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free)

It's a great way to meet and get to know people in your area

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.

Call 1300 300 496

Or visit our website: www.singlewithchildren.com.au
Blue Mountains TAFE Outreach in partnership with Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services
10087NAT C.I (Introductory) in Access to Work & Training

ALL COURSES ARE OFFERED SUBJECT TO DEMAND AND RESOURCES

In 2015, the NSW government introduced Smart and Skilled vocational education and training reforms which apply to TAFE NSW courses. These reforms include an entitlement to government subsidised training, and fee concessions & exemptions for disadvantaged students.
Details can be found on the website smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au

Women’s Futures, Women’s Lives

- Thinking about returning to study or work?
- Not sure how to start, or what option is best for you?
- Confused by the recent changes in the TAFE and training system?
- Need to build confidence to take the next step?

This course will help you to plan your future education, training or work pathways.

Classes will be held:
at Nth Penrith Community Centre
66B Illawong Avenue Nth Penrith
Wednesdays 11.00–2.30 in term 3

Cost:
$220 (full price) or $80 (if eligible for concession)
Some fee exemptions available

Questions?
Call TAFE Outreach on 4753 2039

Registration essential:
Please call Nth Penrith Community Centre on 4721 0507 to register

Compulsory Information & Enrolment Session
at the Community Centre:
Wednesday 15th July 11.00 am
Childcare available
Inspired by **RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW**, an exhibition of colourful, experimental abstract art.

**Japanese Paper Marbling (Suminagashi) Workshop**  
Wednesday, 1 July, 10am – 12 noon, 7 – 10 yrs $20  
Using Japanese Paper Marbling techniques this class will create A3 artistic backdrops inspired by Justene Williams’ *Volcano Tree*.  
Tutor: Paula Perugini

**Hyper Neon Animal Portraiture**  
Thursday, 2 July, 10am – 12 noon, 7 - 10 yrs $20  
Get super contemporary with high impact neon paints and create bold animal portraits inspired by artist Louise Zhang’s *Veriform Streaks*.  
Tutor: Paula Perugini

**Lewer’s Clay Bowls Family Workshop**  
Friday, 3 July, 10:30am-12 noon, $15 per child, adults don’t pay but must stay  
Families will sculpt decorative clay bowls that incorporate shapes, motifs and form inspired by the ceramic sculpture exhibition, *On Site: Notanda* and the plants in Lewer’s Garden.  
Tutor: Paula Perugini

**Watercolour Painting Workshop**  
Wednesday 8 July, 10am – 12 noon, 6 - 9 yrs $20  
Have a watery and colourful time experimenting with this vibrant medium and create a series of miniature watercolour paintings, along with a tiny easel ready to display your artworks.  
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

**Rain Stick Percussion Instrument Workshop**  
Thursday 9 July, 10am – 12 noon, 5 – 8 yrs $20  
Using a hammer, nails and a thick cardboard tube make a Rain Stick that sounds surprisingly like falling rain. Paint your rain stick in colours and patterns inspired by the current exhibition.  
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

**Decoupage Box Workshop**  
Friday 10 July 10am – 12 noon 8 – 12 yrs $20  
Use acrylic paint, cardboard and decoupage to make a multi-colored, bejeweled, keepsake box.  
Tutor Christine Hall

Penrith Regional Gallery & the Lewers Bequest, 86 River Rd Emu Plains 2750 p 47 35 1100
There's No Place Like Oz

Tuesday 7th July
Doors open 10:00 / 10:30am start
$10 for members / $12 for guests

Group bookings of over 10 people will also be able to purchase tickets for $10 each

Children under the age of 2 are free

Follow us on www.stmarysbandclub.com.au
FAMILY FUN DAY  FREE EVENT

- Meet your favourite NRL Players
- Elders Cafe
- Art Exhibition
- Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday 7th July 2015
Kingswood High School
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

- Face Painting
- Kids Activities
- Jumping Castle
- Information Stalls
- Lucky Door Prizes & More

Official Launch of our Aboriginal Ability Links Program

For more information, please call (02) 4732 3948 or email info@srac.ngo