ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics carnival was a great success. Students participated in a range of events including discus, 800m, long jump, 100m and egg and spoon races! Everyone had a fantastic day.

A big thankyou Mrs Woodward for helping out on the day.
Principal's Report

Welcome back to term 3 and a special welcome back to Mrs Schwartzkoff returning to us from her maternity leave.

Our school will be having many tree's pruned or cut down over the coming weeks by students from Richmond TAFE. If you would like any wood please see me and I will ask them to keep some near the car park for you to collect.

At Easter time we had our big tree cut down and we have a huge pile of wood chips to use in the garden. If you would like some for your home please come and see me and we can arrange for the back gate to be opened.

I would like to welcome Emma from NCNS who will be working at our school every Wednesday and Friday. Emma is a qualified child therapist and will be working with our students on building their emotional intelligence and resilience throughout this semester.

We have another busy term ahead of us- please look at our Facebook page for updates and photo's of our students learning journey at KPPS.

Earn and Learn

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Nathan Pentecost

In week 1 our community raised $200 to donate towards the Push for Kokoda Youth Leadership Project through Panthers on the Prowl.

Our stage 3 students had an opportunity to attend the Panthers on the Prowl program during term 2 where they met Nathan. Nathan is the captain of the Penrith Panthers Wheelchair team and recently pushed 100km around the Regatta centre to raise money for students in the local area to visit the Kokoda trail.

Nathan will be visiting our students in week 4 to talk about his life journey and what lays ahead for him in the future.

P & C Fundraising This Term

I encourage all our families to get involved in supporting our P&C committee. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 9am in our staff room.

This term our P&C are organising a raffle, which will be drawn at our book fair parade. Please support this raffle buy selling tickets to family and friends there are many great prizes to be won.

Cranbrook Learning Community Performing Arts Night – 11 & 12 August

This year Mrs Buckle has 3 dance groups performing on the night and Miss White has our choir performing in the joint choir. Every child who is performing has the opportunity to purchase a ticket for each night performance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Buckle and Miss White for their hard work and dedication in preparing our dance and choir groups. A big good luck to our performers I know you will do us proud!

NAIDOC Week

Thank you Mrs McFarlane for organising a fantastic NAIDOC week! During the week we had our incursion with Taronga Zoo where Uncle Cole sang songs and had a good yarn with us about Aboriginal culture. Our students got to hold or touch animals that are important to Aboriginal people.

We had a very touching assembly presented by our school captains where we learnt the significance of NAIDOC week in Australia. Tracy from NCNS came and painted a mural on the wall near S3W to remember our 2015 celebrations.

The week ended with a great yarn with Aunty Wendy in our preschool.
NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
KOORI AFTERNOON TEA
Mrs McFarlane and I would like to invite our families for a yarn up on Friday August 14 at 2pm. This gives us an opportunity to chat about your thoughts and dreams for our children at KPPS.

BOOK PARADE
Tuesday, August 18 starting at 9am.
I would like to take this opportunity to invite our families and friends to our Book Fair parade on Tuesday August 18 starting at 9am. Mrs Bruce will be holding our book fair in the library from 8:30 that morning giving you an opportunity to buy a book and fundraise for our school.

On the day we are asking our children to come dressed in a book character that they enjoy reading about. We will be having open classrooms and our dance group and choir performing throughout the morning. We look forward to seeing you dress up in your favourite book character too!

INCURSION & EXCURSION MONEY
A friendly reminder that our excursion/incursion term payment is due. This money is a yearly fee of $100 per child which is divided into payment options over the year. It is important that your payment is made to ensure your child has the opportunity to participate in extra curricula activities such as Zumba later this term.

It has been nice to hear parents talking to me about how they have used their family tax benefit received earlier in July to help pay the total of their fee. Families who are assisted by the Smith Family scholarship program have also used this money to pay for the yearly payment. If you require a receipt for the Smith Family please see our office staff.

ENROLMENTS 2016
If you have children or know of local children starting Preschool or Kindergarten in 2016 we are now accepting enrolments. Please see Mrs Young in our office for more information. We invite all children and their family of these students to our weekly transition to school program- Little Tracks to Big School on Tuesday mornings 9-11am in our computer room.

STAGE 3
Already we have had a very busy start to term 3 for our Stage 2 & 3 students. We have had our Girls Rugby League team successfully compete at the NRL Gala Day in St Marys. This week we will have our final ‘Adopt a School’ visit with Panthers Elijah and Robert visiting S23H. This has proven to be a great program with the classes really enjoying an opportunity to work alongside an NRL First Grade Player. I’d like to take the opportunity to thank all of our staff and students as the feedback from Panthers has been very positive.

Term 3 Year 6 will be participating in a High School Transition program with Cranebrook High School preparing our students for High School in 2016. Already our students have been very positive about this and it is hopefully erasing some nerves and doubts.

Our students enjoyed a visit from The NED Show in week 2 which was very rewarding. No doubt parents have been enjoying the Yo – Yos as much as we have!

Still to come this term we have the School Athletics Carnival, a Soccer Gala Day, Cranebrook Performing Arts Festival, Education Week & Book Parade, Drum Beats, Math’s Deadlys, an excursion to the
Seymour Centre and Father's Day events. This, all on top of the teaching and learning organised in our classrooms.

Could I please take the opportunity to remind everyone about our School Camp to Broken Bay in Term 4. We have had a great response this year. Please keep aware of any outstanding money. Information regarding dietary and medical concerns for your child will this year need to be entered online by parents. Information for this will be coming home very soon.

Thanks for a great start to Semester 2. As always if you have any questions or concerns, book in a time through our Office to have a chat with us!

Mr Walsh

S23H

Once again we’ve had another busy start in S23H. This term in science we are learning about packaging. We selected a number of Australian goodies and discussed ways to ensure their safe arrival with Miss Hastings’ cousin all the way in London, England! We packaged the items safely and now we are excitedly tracking the parcel’s journey.

We were also very excited this week to discover our spiny leaf insects Chica and Lady Leaves have shed their first layer of skin and have begun growing. Hopefully they will start laying eggs very soon! As well as fun in the classroom we have already been involved in a number of fun activities outside the classroom including Naidoc Day celebrations, girl’s football gala day, Naidoc cup oztag and the girl’s netball gala day. We have also begun researching Paul Jennings who we are learning about in preparation for this term’s book week celebrations and have been enjoying a giggle whilst reading some of his quirky stories. We are looking forward to another jam packed, fun filled term!

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.

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

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 14: Koori afternoon Tea  
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 8: Stage 1 Elizabeth Farm excursion  
September 15: Maths Deadly’s  
September 16: Preschool closed (cleaning day)  
September 18: Dance Performers to see Ballet show  
September 18: Last day of Term 3

NOAMI  
Starting from 3 August, Noami will be in the Orana Room on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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KINGSWOOD PARK

Women's Group

STARTING WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5TH

Wednesdays, 9am to 10.30am
During school term

Where: The Orana Room, KPPS, Caloola Ave Kingswood Park

Drop the kids off & Come in, take a break and relax. Great conversation, lots of giggles in a relaxed atmosphere. Morn tea provided and little ones more then welcome.

Enquiries phone Naomi on 0417550382

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