

Kinma

Kinma Newsletter T1 Week 1, Friday January 31st 2014

Dear families,

What a great feeling to gather together on day one and celebrate the beginning of a new fresh year at primary, preschool and playgroup.

We welcomed every being on this great space.

Swirling around we have many great wishes and blessings to start the year in the right direction:

- Play and laughter joy and surprise
- Kindness, acceptance, peace
- New stories told, created and retold
- Even more learning than last year
- Inclusiveness and support for babies, children and adults
- Being good to each other
- Loving, learning and re-learning

Week one and Kinma is buzzing !

With love Kinma students and staff

WHAT'S ON

30.01.14	First Day Term 1
04.02.14	SWIMMING STARTS IN PRIMARY -FORMS NEED TO BE SIGNED PLEASE
10.02.14	Primary Parent Meeting 3.00pm
13.02.14	Group 2 excursion
16.02.14	Mad hatters tea party
18.02.14	School tour for prospective families
19.02.14	Preschool Parent Meeting 3.00pm
01.03.14	Whole School Community Day
14.03.14	Riverside Theatre Group 2
25.03.14	Riverside Theatre Group 3
30.03.14	Working Bee
19.03 - 21.03.14	Yurt Farm
03.04.14	2013 preschool leavers afternoon tea
11.04.14	Poetry Festival
11.04.14	Last Day Term 1



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TERM DATES FOR 2014

Term 1 – Thurs 30th January – Fri 11th April

Term 2 – Wed 30th April – Friday 27th June

Term 3 – Wed 23rd July – Fri 19th September

Term 4 – Wed 8th October – Wed 17th December

SWIMMING

Swimming is back on!

Swimming lessons will be on Tuesdays from weeks 2 - 9 starting next week, Tuesday 4th February, at the Terrey Hills Swim School (Myoora Rd).

Afternoon pick up is from the swim centre at 3pm.

A reminder to please pack a small swimming bag with: *swimmers, cap, goggles and a towel*. Children will also need a water bottle and towel for the walk up and closed comfortable shoes.

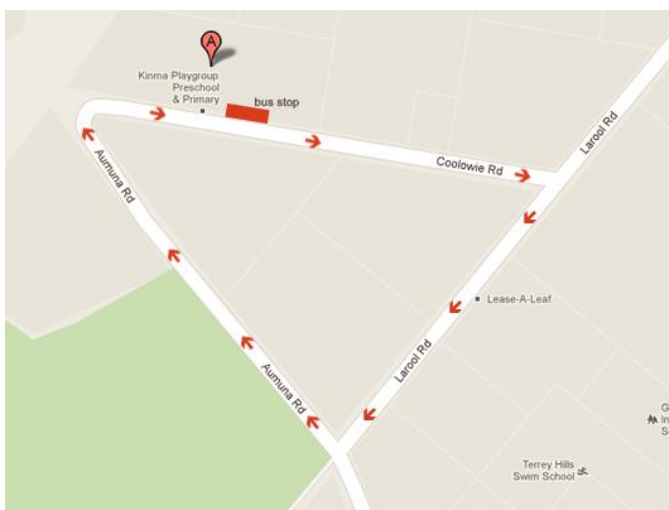
Forms need to be signed and dropped into the office by Monday please – spare ones in office or email and we can send one back. (Attached a copy with this email)

FOOD

A gentle reminder for this term to ask parents look at what they send in the student's lunch boxes. The children need a variety of healthy snacks, a refillable drink bottle and if their food need refrigeration a (not so) gentle reminder to the children to pop them into the fridge on their way to class (before they hang their bags on hooks).

Bringing in left over meals to heat, or picking up sushi for a treat is fine, but these foods need to be refrigerated in some form. We would also like to encourage some extra fruit with the warm days that we are experiencing.

SAFE CAR PARKING AND DRIVING



For safety reasons and to minimise congestion we ask that people enter via Aumuna Rd, and leave by Coolowie Rd

Primary parking is available nose to curb on Coolowie Rd in front of the school. Please do not park on the opposite side of the road.

The bus stop also needs to be kept clear in the afternoon; this is the area between the driveway to the hall and about 1/3 of the way down the path towards the basketball court.

Preschool has a car park.

CLOTHING – LABEL IT ALL PLEASE

It really helps when collecting up all the left over clothes that are left at Preschool and Primary if you could label each piece with a name. This way we can get the children to take them home. It is amazing how many pieces of clothing that every child ion the school says is not their own. We must have additional students in night classes!

HATS, HATS, HATS, AND MORE HATS

Please ensure that your child is wearing a hat when they walk into preschool and primary each morning. In primary we have a no hat no play policy.

NEW FAMILIES

We have a number of new families in both preschool and primary this year, which is really exciting ! If you need information about anything or just need some confirmation of what happens please do not hesitate to come and ask Claire and Julie in the office, telephone or email. Also the staff in both preschool and primary are always available to check in with too.

FEES 2014

Kinma is offering a new system for payment for families to assist both the School and the families. If you did not receive information with your account please let us know in the office and we can send it on and also explain it to you.

Carin, Claire, and Julie

Preschool News

Child Care Benefit

The Child Care Benefit helps with your Preschool child care costs. If you are responsible for paying your child's Preschool fees, and have immunised your child (or completed a conscientious objection form) you may be eligible to receive this benefit from Centrelink.

You will need to provide Centrelink with a Receipt for Registered Child Care for the weeks that your child attended Preschool, please call Julie or Claire in Admin (9450 0738) if you would like receipts. Please allow a few working days for these to be completed, as they are quite detailed. The CCB can be claimed back for 12 months from the date you submit the receipts.

See this website for more information <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/child-care-benefit>

Christine, Felicity, Kay, Lizzie and Pat

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a year of play and exploration, of risk taking and critical thinking, of creating and designing life.

For 41 years Kinma children have been doing so and may they continue to do so, in style, for the coming 41.

What's welcoming, among other factors, about this article, is that there are a host of 'new' findings growing out of our age old practices. People are joining the dots ... finally.

It's no small wonder that if you trust children to do what children do, namely climb, make, figure, try and fail and try again..... supporting them as they require, engaging head, hand and heart, they will use their imaginations, most often, in a positive manner to create, rather than using it to destroy.

Trust.

Trust children to be children.

Not give them 'license' to do whatever they please with no thoughts of others.

Rather allow 'freedom' to move about in the world honoring 3 simple practices ...

1. Respect yourself
2. Respect others
3. Respect the environment

And so it happens at Kinma. 3 daily life practices.

And when the inevitable conflict strikes, just as much part of daily life as any other part, back we go to the 3 practices and work out which one just might not have been 'practised' too well.

Easy?

No, not always.

But life isn't about being easy, convenient and fast.

And maybe the rules in mass playgrounds are designed about those three and not life.

How wonderful that others are starting to figure.

Looking forward to a year of dot joining, sense-making and lots of nonsense creation and unjoiningso life may unravel for us all in rich colours, deep laughter and meaning making!

Welcome to 2014 at Kinma

Juli G

Kinma Community Facebook Page



Hi everyone,

Bea Pierce (Kai and Maia's mum) has set this group up as a trial for now, to see whether or not it will work well as an option for current community members to communicate, collaborate, create events, share ideas and discuss issues.

If it does, the idea is to replace the Kinma Yahoo Group with this one.

It's a closed group for current Kinma parents only. You are welcome to invite other Kinma community members and ask them to request to join the group. We encourage all parents to join.

If you would like to organise social activities please use the Events tool to create one within the group. You can also share photos and files with the group.

Please contact Bea if you would like more information.

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Snack Attack

What does Snack attack mean?

I like to compare it to the running of the bulls.

When the teacher yells "LUNCH TIME" time stops just for a breath and then it's on, everything gets dropped and the charge begins.

Out they come like raging bulls full throttle to the Kinma kitchen window with excitement and thrill to see what delicious food is going to fill their bellies.

Snack Attack has been a part of Kinma for a very long time...and how wonderful for the children to have their parents come in and fill the air with a good home-cooked meal. There have been some amazing foods and traditional goodies that parents have become loved and famous for.

There are 67 children in the Primary and 19 in Preschool on Wednesdays.

We have 10 gluten-free, 4 dairy-free children, and 1 vegetarian according to the response to our survey. If your child is any or all of these 3, please let me know.

Usually we have 2-3 parents that come in on a Wednesday and one makes the Main and the other Dessert and drinks ...or you do it all together on the day. It is a great way to meet and get to know the parents of Kinma and spend the day with the children.

Like everything at Kinma it is a very relaxed easy day. There are not many rules, all we ask is for it not to be too junky and offer Vegetarian, Dairy-free and Gluten-free options.

The following dates still need to be filled so please let me know when you can help. Please I have had a few offers of food being delivered, so let me know if you can serve but not cook. The kids really enjoy Snack attack, and it's great when we can make Snack Attack happen every week. Below are the dates for Term 1 Snack Attack

FEB 5	Mel & Mel
FEB 12	Lisa G – <i>helper needed</i>
FEB 19	Mia & Ruth
FEB 26	Renee & Rachel
MAR 5	<i>Helpers needed</i>
MAR 12	Alix & Grandparents
MAR 19	No Snack Attack due to Yurt Farm Camp
MAR 26	<i>Helpers needed</i>
APR 2	Preschool
APR 9	<i>Helpers needed</i>

If you have any questions please email me at hayleyjl@tpg.com.au or call 0435 145 486.

Thanks,
Hayley Lewis (Clancy and Turiee's mum)

Snack Attack:

Main Course	\$3.00
Dessert	\$1.50
Drink	50¢ (usually juice)

Some examples of successful meals have included Chicken wings/ drumsticks and salad, tacos, nachos, pasta dishes, pizza, sushi, quiche, fruit and yoghurt, baked apples with cream/yoghurt, natural ice blocks... and much more.

All expenses for ingredients are reimbursable.



Ways of Knowing.... Ways of Living

Dear Kinma families,

As advertised in the last newsletter of 2013, Kinma held an amazing film screening in the holidays- Schooling the World. We had a tremendous turnout of both Kinma families and their assorted networks and friends. Many people asked for a follow-up as exciting lines of thought were opened up.

Monday 24th February 6.30-9.30 is our next gathering. We'd love you to join us.

Ways of Knowing.... Ways of Living

" The other peoples of the world are not failed attempts to be us, failed attempts to be modern. They are unique expressions of the human imagination and heart, unique answers to a fundamental question. What does it mean to be human and alive? When asked that question they respond in 7000 different voices, and these collectively comprise our human repertoire for dealing with all the challenges that will confront us as a species even as we continue this never ending journey.

What this means for you is very simple. There are tens of thousands of teachers out there in every corner of the world that you did not even know you had." Wade Davis

Given the interest in 'Schooling the World' film, we'll look at how different cultures 'know'. When speaking of cultures, I mean not only 'race' or 'religion' (how loaded are these very words?). Rather culture as different ways of knowing. There are skate-boarding ways of knowing and 'yoga' ways, Mandela's and Tutu's Xhosa way differs to Buthelezi's Zulu way, permaculture's way of knowing how to plot your garden varies in aspects from 'no dig' & 'square foot'. No one of these is right or wrong. They are simply reflections of a collection of beliefs, attitudes and values. Let us come together and explore our ways of knowing which are different to that labelled 'mass schooling'; a phrase for which many of you may have very different definitions!

If you have not seen the film, I suggest you watch it online, even if the stunning scapes of Ladakh lose their power on a small screen ... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLSIgZWNR9M&list=PLghrtJuXGHZC1qWiY0jNm52vt-9PF-CaH>

Before coming along Give a little thought to what your way/s of knowing may be.

From where does it come; family, friends, a passion, a 'law', nature ?

As always, let us gather around food at 6.30. Bring a plate to share. Remember no nuts! Following a controversial stimulus and a non controversial meditation, I suggest we share our stories of 'our ways of knowing'. Please be so kind as to let us know whether you will be joining us by letting juli g know at julig@kinma.nsw.edu.au)

People have asked whether it is ok to bring friends or pass the word on to networks..... oh yes please, the more views, the richer the dialogue, the greater our learning possibilities. As numbers increase, we will simply break into smaller dialogue groups.

We will be around from 6 to set up so feel free to join us.

Don't feel it's necessary but if you are interested in reading up on different ways of knowing prior to our meeting, consider Wade Davis, an ecological exploring anthropologist, one of the speakers on the film ...

<http://www.daviswade.com/>

Or the resources page of Shikshantar, a learning centre for all and a gifting based community in Udaipur, India

<http://www.swaraj.org/shikshantar/who.html>.

Lastly, an article on how 7 schools in New Zealand are ditching one of the ways of 'school' knowing

<http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/school-ditches-rules-and-loses-bullies-5807957>

"We want kids to be safe and to look after them, but we end up wrapping them in cotton wool when in fact they should be able to fall over." Principal Bruce McLachlan

We look forward to hearing each others' stories and learning together ... who knows where our stories will carry us

Peace and Laughter.

juli g

Extras

Yoga for Kids aged 6-12



Wednesdays 4.00 – 4.45pm

Warriewood Surf Club

With Michela of Yoga Essentia

Kids yoga has a magical vibe, partly play, imagination, connection and meditation. Yoga improves students' behavior, physical health, academic performance, and self-esteem. Yoga helps kids deal with feelings and makes the foundations for healthy self-esteem and body image.

Classes begin next week Wednesday 5th February.

Bodhi (group 1) will be going from and Liz can take a few others if parents would like help with transport from Kinma.

Bookings essential, call Liz 0405 543 263 (Bodhi's mum)

MANLY WARRINGAH NEW PRIMARY BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS

Hi,

Basketball is starting up soon.

Our term one/two miniball (primary) and junior (high school) basketball competitions will start in week three Feb 10th so if there are any players wishing to enter a team nominations need to be in quickly. So get a team together then contact Eileen at the number below for queries.

Or simply fax or email the entry.

(Contact Claire if you'd like a copy of the nomination form)

*You can also enter as an individual into Potter League (a primary school competition) which starts in March.

***Saturday training** with Jerome/John & Mark starts this week, Saturday Feb 1st at NBISC

2.30-3.30pm age 7 and below 3.30-4.30pm for 8 and above \$9 per session

See the form on the end of the next page if you would like to join.

If you have any more questions or need help let me know.

Many Thanks
yours in sport
Brad Dalton



Manly Warringah Basketball (non profit)

contact to enter a team is Eileen Thompson

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**MANLY WARRINGAH NEW PRIMARY BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS
'THE POTTER LEAGUE'**



WHEN: Starts in March runs 'til July (No games in school holidays)

WHO: Designed for new players. Individual players can join at any time or you can enter a team of between 7 & 10 players.

COST: \$150 per player includes registration, insurance, game fees, playing singlet, match coaching court hire & referees (payment before first game)

VENUE: NBISC, Jacksons Rd, Warriewood

DIVISIONS: (mixed boys & girls) school years 1 & 2 **DIVISION**,

Years 3+ 4 **DIVISION** years 5+ 6 **DIVISION** All Girls **DIVISION**,

GAME TIMES: Mixed 1/2 & 3/4 Tuesdays 4pm/4.40pm/5.20pm Year 5/6 Thursdays

All Girls Saturdays 3.30/4.20/5.10pm

REGISTRATION & TRAINING: Each Saturday during school term at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre, Jackson Rd, Warriewood,(ages 8+ mixed session,3.30-4.30pm, 7 & under session, 2.30-3.30pm),

Expert coaching plus short game \$9 per session

ENQUIRIES: MWBA office ph 9913 3622 Fax 99133644

mwba@manlybasketball.com.au <http://www.manlybasketball.com.au>

*If you wish to play or enter a team, complete the form below and return to MWBA for player information and our records and attend the Saturday training sessions to register and train for the competition.

Name.....Mobile.....

Address.....

School.....Year at School.....

DOB.....Parent signature.....

Email.....

MasterCard/Visa (please circle) Name on Card: -----

Card no. _ _ _ _ _ code _ _ _

Expiry Date: _ _ / _ _ Amount: \$ _____