

Kinma

Kinma Newsletter T2 Week 1, Friday 24th April, 2015



The joy of
exploration !

WHAT'S ON

22.04.15	First day Term 2
28.04.15	7pm Board Meeting
03.05.15	French Forest Market
05.05.15	Group 1 Excursion, Riverside Theatre
08.05.15	Beaches Market (Warriewood)
09.05.15	2-5pm: Kinma Care Day
10.05.15	French Forest Market
12.05.15	Tinkering Day
12.05.15	7pm: Kinma Ltd Annual General Meeting
17.05.15	10am-2pm Open Day School on Sunday
18.05.15	No Primary
20.05.15	11am-3pm Wheels Day, BMX Track
25.05.15	Primary Photos
26.05.15	Alumni Evening
28.05.15	Preschool Photos
08.06.15	Public Holiday
09.06.15	9.30am School Tour
13.06.15	Disco Night
23.06.15	Tinkering Day
26.06.15	Last day Term 2
22.07.15	First day Term 3
18.09.15	Last day Term 3
07.10.15	First day Term 4
16.12.15	Last day Term 4



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A short note from Lucerne !

We have seen news clips about the weather and storms that have been striking Sydney while we have been on holidays. I am hoping that everyone is OK and that they managed through this bad weather.

Julie mentioned that we lost some trees at the School, but everyone but no major damage or issues – which is great.

A big thank you to all the community members who came out on the weekend and cleaned up all the debris and trees. It never ceases to amaze me with the generosity of spirit at this school.

Regards

Pam Webster

Chair, Kinma Board

Administration

Welcome to term 2 !

Just letting everyone know why we cancelled school on Wednesday 22nd April (first day back). The staff were managing a number of safety issues. They included:

- 4 trees down on the grounds of the school and preschool, with one leaning on a primary structure
- Many branches, not quite broken from their tree, but flailing dangerously in the winds
- A tree down on Coolowie Road between Preschool and Primary
- A tree down just after 9am on Aumuna Road, as you drive in from Forest way
- Lengthy delays in travel, and localised flooding

Thanks to everyone, we are back and enjoying the glimpses of sunshine. The children had a reconfigured playground on the Wednesday. In time was delayed to allow the exploration. Children came and sculpted, painted and drew the gifts the storm had left.

Another big thanks to the community for giving up their Saturday morning to come and clear up and sort out the fallen trees and branches.

The day unfolds as normal



**Overseeing
the work on
Saturday !**

What's on ... first half of the term

Visiting Uni students

We have two students joining us this term and next term. Sam from Sydney Uni, who will be working in group 2 and Katie from Western Sydney working in Group 3. Please make them feel welcome.

Group1 excursion – Riverside Theatre

This will be a wonderful experience for the group 1 children who are off to Riverside Theatre for a performance of Bug a lugs-bum thief (Tim Winton). They are looking for drivers, can you help?

Community Care Day - Saturday 9th May

We have our termly working bee. The focus will be to 'pretty up' aesthetically the grounds to get ready for School on Sunday on 17th May. We would love your support

Tinkering – 12th May

Tinkering is a day of immersion, calm and refreshing energy. Families come along and offer activities for the students in both preschool and primary to engage. If you do not feel confident to offer something that you love to do, you may like to come and help out one of the pods or just come and enjoy the atmosphere. Juli G is back and always looks forward to chatting with families about tinkering.

School on Sunday – 17th May 10-2pm

This is a day each year that we ask for all primary students to come along and have a 'normal' school day on the weekend. This allows us to invite all families to come and be part of the day and also any prospective families to meet the community. Remember School is then closed for primary on the Monday (18th)

Wheels day – Primary

Wheels day (fingers crossed, with weather!) is planned for Wednesday 20th May. This is an experience for the primary students. We head off about 11am and make our way up to the BMX track for some 'serious' riding and fun. Parents come up to collect their children from 2.30pm at the track. The track is just off Mona Vale Road (5 Emerald Street, off Kamber Road, Terrey Hills). This wheels day, do not forget to bring your morning tea, lunch, hats, shoes and plenty of water).

Transition to Primary School

Preschool students who are transitioning to Primary in the second half of this year will commence their visits from 21st May. A preschool staff member will join the children when they come for a short visit and activity. These visits are twice per week, and increase in time as the children become comfortable.

Primary and Preschool Photos

Primary photos are happening on 25th May and Preschool on Thursday 28th May. Envelopes will be sent home in the next couple of weeks, to be completed and returned to School. This year we are not offering sibling shots other than Preschool and Primary students as the growing number of enrolments makes this too time consuming.

Education Co-ordinator

Walking back into Kinma... but really I wasn't that far away .

Some of you may be aware that my last 3 months of life has been outside the regular Kinma routine of first term. No welcoming of our new Pre-schoolers, Primary friends and their families, no first book or creek visit or snake sighting, no poetry festival, no yurt farm. My world was a different one but bizarrely Kinmaesque. Why am I surprised when my companions were two Kinma adventure spirits, now nearly 20 and 22 years of age?

I was invited to travel with my boys as they pursue their very different but similarly indefinite journeys abroad. How Kinmaesque our days were; no two the same, unpredictable, humour-rich and infinitely surprising! Kinmaesque in our daily learning, in our propensity to swim in joy and perhaps most strikingly, in being 'awake' (the 'almost definition' of 'Kinma' from the indigenous language).

We rode horses under the Andes as the full moon rose, we slept (I slept, Ben did more fancy food and drink sampling) in the Lima VIP lounge because Argentinian visa processes changed while we were mid flight and they didn't know where else to house us as 'illegals', we met penguins and sea lions, cormorants and ducks, cats in cemeteries, dogs everywhere and many of the human specie variety. Max spent a lot of time teaching Big-Ben and I how we should be living life. Now that I know, I'm happy to tell you how simple it really all is. We spent hours and days laughing and chatting and weaving stories, including our fair share of beginnings, middles and ends which involved a ranging degree of challenge.

Watching Big Ben's approach to our trekking in Patagonia, our horse-riding trail in Mendoza or our cycling trips in Seattle or San Francisco, reminded me of Felix, of Maia, of Silvie, of Tom, of Ivy, dare I say Andy.... of so many people who simply do not want to be given a map; people for whom learning is genuinely the exploration at every conceivable level. It is not a case of 'making mistakes' and learning from them, for mistake making implies a 'wrong turn'. When the discovery trail is not leading to a definite end point, there appears to be an openness to anything.

The aim of the experience is not the most efficient, shortest, quickest route to a destination (learning to read, to understand probability, to read fellow humans' signal systems, to build a sand world). Far be it for me to state what the aim may be, however, if I dare guess, my observation would suggest simply living, simply and altogether 'complexly' ... being.

My younger son, Max, who finished high school a little over a year ago, had one purpose for as long as I can remember... to be a snowboard instructor and live the life 'of the mountain'. Indeed in a few short months he has built such a mountain life for himself; snowboard instructing by day, indoor climbing instructing and retailing by night and weekend and lush socialising in every crevice between.

'Hi, you must be Maxxi's mum' any of a rich assortment of his friends from round the world would holler down the corridor; warm, open, inviting. He walked into a community life which he is helping to carve, just as he helped do when he was 4 or 6 or 8 at Kinma. Being invited into Maxxi's Whistler world was akin to what I imagine most of you felt when you first stepped into a Kinma learning space; warmth, openness, invitation and wonder!

A little honesty at this point regarding trekking in 40 degree heat (103% humidity ... yes the barometer in South America is beyond beyond) through hours of 'we have no idea where we are and isn't this exciting mum...' (and we haven't even found the cycling place- my goal , not his) ... perhaps it got a wee bit testing. It took some unwinding to acclimatise and begin to feel, not intellectually understand. What a delicious relief when I hit the space!

Travelling and living and negotiating with my Kinma sons as young adults, was a huge experience; sharing every decision as usual hierarchical constructs from a home domestic were absent, the door paved for just about anything. Above all I am grateful... to the universe for my boys, to Kinma for the backpacks they wear as support as they walk the world, for my new swathe of learning and growing. As I play and learn with all your children in the coming days, I will be smiling with an ever deeper trust in all their wild and colourful ways. I hope to be a keener listener, a sharper observer and an ever demanding inquirer.

I look forward to reconnecting with each of your children and you and continue co-building the Kinma way.

Juli G

TINKERING TUESDAYS IN TERM TWO

Mark the Dates
Tuesdays
12th May &
23rd June

**What passion will you share with us
this term?**



3 sessions possible

9.30-10.45

11.15-12.30

1.30-2.45

**Chat to juli g if you are not
sure about tinkering or if
you may run a tinkering
pod or join with a teacher,
a student or another
community member.
We'd love to have you join
us for the day**

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Snack Attack:

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

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 68 children in the Primary and 19 in Preschool on Wednesdays.

We have 17 gluten-free, 10 dairy-free children, and 3 vegetarians. 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 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.

SNACK ATTACK TERM 2, 2015

Calling for helpers!

April 29	TBC
May 6	Amanda, Lisa and Claire
May 13	Gemma, Nicole
May 20	No Snack Attack – Wheels Day
May 27	Helena and Anne
June 3	Beck (doing dessert) - helpers needed
June 10	Rachel and Mel
June 17	Preschool
June 24	Katerina, Renee and Kathleen

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.

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

Thanks,
Hayley Lewis (Turiee's mum)

Extras

Clothing Sale Update!

Friday 12th June, 3:00-6:00pm.



The Kinma Clothing Sale will take place **Friday 12th June, 3:00-6:00pm.**

Second hand clothing sales are fueling the sharing economy. Meaning that less new clothes are made and that each item is cared for because it can have a life longer than its relationship with us. Sometimes it's hard to let go of nice pieces, but Kinma could help them have a new lease of life.

These holidays we've been through our wardrobes to see if we can get rid of a few things that we haven't worn recently. There were many treasures!

We would love for you to start collecting any items you don't use or need anymore. Can you ask other parents or friends or family for any unwanted, clean and good quality adults or kids clothes, shoes, accessories, toys, books and DVDs.

Toys must be complete sets (e.g. jigsaws), unbroken, clean, and in good condition as if for gifting.

All your donations can be stored in the hall.

Thanks in advance for supporting Kinma's fundraising efforts this year.

Rachel, Renee, Amy and Claire