

Kinma

Kinma Newsletter T2 Week 1 Friday 29th April, 2016

Welcome to Term 2

We are pleased to hear of the great adventures and relaxing times had during the Autumn break. Great to be blessed with such wonderful weather over the last couple weeks !

Another packed term ahead with just a snippet of things to come :

- the older kids heading off to Canberra ,
- Jerome bouncing the balls on the basketball court,
- the De manincor Grauaug Family offering yoga for the primary students ,
- A visit from Dennis Foley (Aboriginal from this area and good friend)
- A few excursions for Preschool and primary in the pipeline
- another amazing show from Musica Viva and our School on Sunday event.

For newer families School on Sunday is held for a dual purpose to:

- 1) allow family members to join with their children in class as sometimes week days prove prohibitive'
- 2) market our great school to prospective families

We do encourage you to join us as much as you can manage this term.

With love

Kinma Board and Staff

WHAT'S ON

28.04.16	Term 2 starts
06.05.16	Basketball (closed shoes)
10.05.16	AGM
14.05.16	Bush regen meets 8 - 10 am
17.05.16	Tinkering
20.05.16	Warriewood Market
23.05.16	Grp 3 Canberra
28.05.16	Kinma Care Day 1.30-4pm
31.05.16	Learning Forum
02.06.16	Open Morning
03.06.16	Preschool morning tea all welcome
11.06.16	Bush regen meets 8-10 am
13.06.16	Public holiday school closed
16.06.16	Tinkering
26.06.16	10am-2pm: Open Day, 'School on Sunday'
27.06.16	No Primary School
01.07.16	Term 2 ends
27.07.16	Term 3 starts
23.09.16	Term 3 ends
11.10.16	Term 4 starts
16.12.16	Term 4 ends



Admin

Staffing Changes

Preschool

Just letting everyone know that Kay from Preschool has flown back home to England to be with her family. Kay's mother died earlier this month. Kay will be back on board at the helm on Monday 23rd May, 2016.

We are grateful to have the wonderful Rosie and rascal Ben helping us out. Please send your love and prayers Kay's way.

Primary

By now I am sure that you have noticed the beautiful growing body of Beatrice ! Beatrice is off to have maternity leave in just over 4 weeks. Beatrice will be away for 12 months. During term 1 Jonathan Kelt (Ed Com member), Juli G (Education Co-ordinator) and myself interviewed a number of applicants to take on the locum position. A final decision was made at the commencement of the holidays for this replacement.

We have offered Aimelyn and Kimberley to job share the position. Aimelyn has been working with us since Term 3 2015 while Andy was away and knows the children, with an added bonus of knowing the transitioners that will transfer from group 1 in July. Kimberly joined us in term one to do her final practicum before graduating and has been growing wonderful relationships with your children in group 2. We have heard a number of the children squeal with excitement when they saw that Kimberley was back to complete her practicum. By now they will know that she is staying on in the locum.

DEFIBRILATOR

I would like to advise the school community that we have purchased a defibrillator to be permanently located on the school site. The machine will be on a shelf in the School office. We have, up until now had an arrangement with the Terrey Hills Swim School whereby we could drive up and take theirs in an emergency. After this year's annual health training we made the decision to have one at the School. Appropriate signage will be placed on the grounds.

Claire, Carin and Julie

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Dear Parents,

You may be aware that in March 2016 the NSW Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, announced a review of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES).

BOSTES was established in 2014 and brought together the functions of the former Board of Studies and Institute of Teachers. BOSTES provides a range of functions covering school curriculum and assessment, credentialing of the HSC, accreditation of teachers and teacher education courses, and registration of schools.

The Minister appointed Ms Lisa Paul, Dr Phil Lambert and me to form an independent panel to oversee the Review and prepare findings for his consideration. We are guided by Terms of Reference which are published on the review [website](#).

We have been asked to consult widely to inform our deliberations and we are particularly keen to hear the views of principals, teachers, parents and students. To this end we have sought the assistance of Nous Group to conduct a short online survey on our behalf.

I invite parents to complete the survey which is available at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2728846/BOSTES-Review>. The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and individual responses will be kept confidential.

The survey will remain open until midnight on Thursday 5 May 2016.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

With best regards

Professor Bill Loudon
Chair, BOSTES Review Panel

Ed. Co-ordinator

Amy, and I were chatting over the Pre-school prepared snack attack end last term. We came to the realization that those pre-school families who do not have children in the Primary, may not know that the poetry festival held annually at the end of term 1, brings with it, every year, a wonderful influx of poetic forms into the primary classrooms. The children are immersed in the reciting of, the writing of, the exploration of ... a myriad of words and structures, playing with the stuff that makes up what we call Poetry. Some classes may have a theme like water or Australian animals, The Dreaming or 'What's Entertainment?'. Alternatively, a class may focus on a poetic device or form, like a ballad, focusing on, say, the works of Banjo Patterson.

Both and , wondered about what sort of poetry we would suggest for families to read with children. We have a beautiful collection in our school library and here is the list promised. Please note that any family can happily borrow these - one at a time please and do write the name and author of your chosen anthology on a slip of paper and give to a teacher or Juli G.

Max Fatchen – A Pocketful of Rhymes

Lewis Carroll – Nonsense Verse

Graeme Base- a wide variety of titles, including My Grandma lived in Gooligulch

AJ Paterson - a wide variety of titles, including Mulga Bill's Bicycle

Maya Angelou- Life Doesn't Frighten Me

Jack Prelutsky- a wide variety of titles, including The Dragons are Singing tonight

Colin McNaughton - a wide variety of titles, including Who's been Sleeping in my Porridge?

Edward Lear - a wide variety of titles, including Book of Nonsense

Ogden Nash – Zoo

Henry Lawson – plenty of choice

May Gibbs – plenty of choice

Your choice will be guided by the whims, mood and interests of your family. So go ahead, take a dive! Try one, try another....see what you uncover. You may find your children speaking poems, writing poems, stepping into the world of playing with sound. Do share your finds with us.

Juli G

From a Sydney Uni Masters student

I was one of the Sydney University Master of Teaching pre-service teachers who visited the school for observation back on 14 March.

I just wanted to send you a quick email to say thank you so much for having us at the school, and for all the time and effort you, and all the staff and parent-helpers, put into our visit. I had such an enjoyable and instructive day. Although I will be teaching secondary, I learnt a great deal from Kinma and I sincerely hope I will be able to implement some of the techniques, mindsets and approaches into my own classes when I go into practice. I think what you are doing, and what the school stands for, is so important; protecting kids' right to play is surely one of the most valuable things educators can do, and it was wonderful to see play valued at Kinma for the rich learning experience it is. So thank you, very sincerely - to you, the staff and the students - for welcoming us into your community for the day.

Sam Bower



Education Public Schools

Dear Principal

I refer to the Selective High School Placement Test and Opportunity Class Placement Test dates for the years 2016 to 2020. Students seeking placement in a selective high school or opportunity class are required to attend a test in the year prior to their placement.

The test dates for 2016 to 2020 are confirmed as follows:

YEAR	SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST (for Year 6 students seeking placement in Year 7 the following year)	OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TEST (for Year 4 students seeking placement in Year 5 the following year)
2016	Thursday 10 March 2016 - already occurred	Wednesday 27 July 2016
2017	Thursday 9 March 2017	Wednesday 26 July 2017
2018	Thursday 15 March 2018	Wednesday 1 August 2018
2019	Thursday 14 March 2019	Wednesday 31 July 2019
2020	Thursday 12 March 2020	Wednesday 29 July 2020

The Department of Education would very much appreciate it if you would place these dates in your school calendar and if you would try to avoid scheduling major activities such as school camps which might prevent students from participating in the tests on these dates.

All applicants must apply online. Parents without internet access are to be referred to public libraries, or you may consider assisting parents of students at your school to apply online by giving them access to your computer for the purpose of completing the online application. Parents with a disability that prevents them from using a computer may be referred to the High Performing Students Unit for assistance.

We will send you application information closer to the relevant dates.

The application documentation for Year 7 entry to a selective high school will be distributed to schools in October each year. Information will also be available on the internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

The application documentation for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes will be distributed to schools in late April/May each year. Information will also be available on the internet at:

Extras

Tread Lighter on the Earth Savusavu Fiji Retreat with Liz Bennett 16-23rd July 2016



Join Liz Bennett for a Daku Resort on Fiji's Northern Island of Vanua Levu. Two yoga classes each day, from a beautiful yoga platform with stunning views over the bay, a menu of fresh foods, daily waterfalls and beach swimming. Let go and have everything taken care of for a week. An opportunity to rest and recharge, either bringing kids or having your own time out. Our accommodation is in traditional bure-style cottages or shared villas.

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Northern Beaches



Support Group

A problem shared is a problem halved

The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary, parent-run group offering support for parents of children/teenagers with ADHD via monthly meetings. The group provides a safe & supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD.

SPEAKER EVENING WITH ANTONIA CANARIS
DIRECTOR, NEUOSENSORY

**"ADHD & DIFFICULTIES IN READING, WRITING & ARITHMETIC"**

Antonia will discuss the overlap between ADHD, dyslexia and dyscalculia. She will also mention helpful strategies and how to find reliable advice and remediation. This presentation would suit parents, teachers and other professionals assisting children with ADHD as well as adults with ADHD.

Antonia holds a Master's in Education (Literacy and Numeracy) & a Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies majoring in Autism. Antonia is a qualified Orton-Gillingham multisensory educational therapist having studied through the Institute of Multi-Sensory Language Education (IMSLE).

Antonia is a member of the International Dyslexia Association and the Australian Dyslexia Association. Antonia is a director of Neurosensory, an educational and remedial teaching practice, specialising in multi-sensory learning for children & adults with dyslexia, ADHD, ASD and other learning disorders.

Tuesday, 10th May 2016 @ 7.00-9.00pm
The Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale

\$5 CONTRIBUTION ON THE NIGHT

Ticket reservations essential via the website or

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/org/4222746751>



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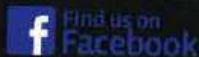
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