

KULNURA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 8

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Diary Dates



Wednesday 1 December

- Final Bookmobile visit for 2010.
PLEASE NOTE: Gosford City Library books not returned to school by this date will need to be returned directly to the Gosford City Library.

Friday 3 December

- Final Day of Gymnastics Program
- Book Club orders due.
- Final day for Student Banking for 2010.
- Whole School Assembly commences at **2pm**
 - speeches from 2010 Captain/Vice Captain nominees

Tuesday 7 December

- Ecumenical Christmas Assembly - 2pm. Families welcome to attend.
- Kariong Mountains High School Orientation Day.

Thursday 9 December

- Permission notes due for Picnic Day and the Year 6 day out.
- Presentation Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Monday 13 December

- Year 6 Day Out.

Tuesday 14 December

- End of year Picnic Day at KPS.

Wednesday 15 December

- Last Day of Term 4 for students.



Principal's Message

Semester Two Reports:

The professional teaching team at Kulnura PS has been working very hard over the last few weeks to ensure that Semester 2 reports are a fair and accurate reflection of student achievement. There has been a particular focus on consistent teacher judgment across the grades to ensure that grade allocations remain consistent from teacher to teacher. I have had the opportunity to read all reports and know that each teacher has provided useful recommendations to support student progress along the learning continuum in 2011. Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 8 December.

Parent Surveys:

Thank you to all parents who were able to complete the survey on school culture. Your responses reflect a very honest and dedicated group who value education and our great school. I have collated the information and noticed a few areas in which we can improve as a school and

community. This information will support key components in the Annual School Report for 2010 and the 2011 School Plan. Communication between the home and school, decision making and academic programs were key features that will require continued attention in 2011.

2011 Captain Speeches:

Friday 3 December, 2.00pm assembly.

Best wishes to our candidates on Friday. I have viewed a number of speeches and feel very comfortable in knowing that from the nine Year 5 candidates, we will discover a wonderful student leadership team. Voting will take place immediately after the speeches and will be carried out by secret ballot. The successful candidates will be announced at the presentation evening on Thursday 9 December.

Presentation Evening:

Thursday 9 December, 6.00pm to 7.30pm

All parents and family are welcome to attend and celebrate the achievements of our students on Thursday 9 December. The evening will commence at 6.00pm and conclude at 7.30pm. As this will be a formal occasion, I am requesting that all students wear their school uniform on the night. The current Year 5 students will be selling tickets for a ginger bread house, which has been kindly created and donated by Chantelle Towell. This will commence their fundraising activities for 2011.



After the formalities of the presentation, families are welcome to stay for supper. We are asking all families to bring along a plate of fruit or savoury items to share with all.

Permission Notes:

This week permission notes will be sent home explaining the details of the **Year 6 Day Out** on Monday 13 December and the whole school **Picnic Day** on Tuesday 14 December. Both events are at no cost to students, however, permission notes do need to be returned for all students to participate.

Thank you:

Thank you to Mrs Alex Koltsis who has been taking home our new guided readers to cover in preparation for 2011. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Janne Shoebridge who has also covered our new acquisitions to the library in her own time. Both Janne and Alex are just another example of the terrific qualities of this great school.

Financial Rollover Time:

By the time this newsletter arrives home, Mrs Cathy Jager who is our School Administration Manager will have completed the financial roll over. This is a very detailed and demanding job. Cathy seems to be able to juggle the day to day commitments of being in the front office and does so with great efficiency. Both Mrs Jager and Mrs Wilson have formed a formidable team to ensure that the Principal stays afloat.

Weekly Focus:

Caring for ourselves – students to be safely seated when waiting for the teacher to commence playground duty.

Words of wisdom:

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge”– Albert Einstein.

Paul Carpenter
Principal

Challenge Ranch 2010



Mountain Before & After School Care Inc.

News!



As the year draws to a close we would like to remind all our families that any outstanding fees for care are payable on or ***before Wednesday 15 December***, the last day of term, 2010. As we are a not-for-profit organisation we rely on the prompt payment of fees to remain in operation.

The Centre operates from **7am–9am** and **3pm–6pm** on week days during the school term only. Bookings for the first week of **Term 1 2011** can be made at the Centre this term or a message can be left during the holidays on **4376 1255**. The phone at the Centre will be monitored during the break. We are unable to take bookings for **2011**, where fees are outstanding from **2010**.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy festive season!

Caring for kids on the Mountain

www.mountainbasc.com

MBASC Inc. Committee

Community Announcements



Blood donations needed this Christmas

The need for blood never takes a holiday! That's why more blood donors are greatly needed this festive season.

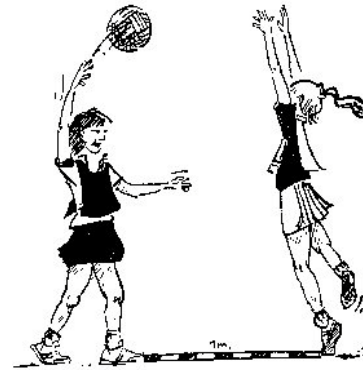
December is a difficult month for our blood supply with less collection days and greater demand for blood to help cancer patients, people with heart and kidney disease, pregnant women and accident victims.

One in three Australians will need blood at some stage, but only one in 30 actually donate. If you've ever thought of donating blood, or if it's been a while since your last donation, now is the time to make an appointment to help save three lives!

One hour of your time could mean a life-time to the person who receives your donation this Christmas.

Give the gift of life. Please call 13 14 95 or go to donateblood.com.au for your nearest donor centre and to make an appointment.

Do you want to try netball?



Join us **January 12th 2011** at the **Gosford Netball Assoc.** at Adcock Park West Gosford starting at 9.30 am and finishing at 3.00 pm (light lunch provided)

FREE
Net's get physical
FUN NETBALL PROGRAM

If you don't already play netball and are aged between 5 – 13 years of age you are welcome to attend. Register for your place at this great day out during the January school holidays.

Be quick and don't miss out!

Download registration forms from our web-site www.gosfordnetball.com.au or e-mail secretary@gosfordnetball.com.au or call Leanne on 0424 198 352

Little Stars Net's Get Physical Netball is a safe and fun introduction to netball, supported by the Dept Sport & Recreation and the Australian Sport Commission. The clinic will involve participants learning how to play netball by being involved. All equipment will be provided for use by participants during the clinic.

What to wear? – Wear shorts, t-shirt, running shoes, sunscreen

What to bring? – Bottle of water, healthy snacks and sunscreen. Canteen will be open selling ice blocks, water.



carols
under the stars
Bucketty Saturday
18th Dec at 6.30pm

Bucketty Tidy Bush and Bucketty Rural Fire Brigade would like to invite you and your family to 'Carols Under the Stars' at the Convict Wall, corner of Great North Road, Bucketty on Saturday 18th December 2010.

Join children, parents and the Rural Fire Brigade members singing carols.
It's a great night for everyone.

Watch out for Santa arriving at 8.30pm in the Bucketty fire truck bringing Christmas surprises for the children.*

Feast from the barbecue on sale.
Bring your blanket/chair and BYOG.
Gates open at 6.30pm.

Entry \$5 per adult, children free.
Candles and song sheets are supplied.
Enquiries Dennis Crane 4998 8324.

Parents, don't forget to bring you know what, clearly named, for you know whom!

Invite your neighbours & friends & join us in making this a special occasion