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Diary Dates



Friday 1 July

- *Kooka Awards* Assembly commences at 12noon.
- Farewell to Mr Carpenter – sausage sizzle 1pm – all welcome
- Last day of Term 2

Monday 18 July

- School Development Day – Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 19 July

- All students K–6 return to school for Term 3



Principal's Message

Relieving Principal:

Due to the time constraints associated with the merit selection process, Mrs Róisín Pengelly has been asked by Dr David Cullen (School Education Director) to relieve as the Principal for Weeks 1, 2 and 3 for Term 3. Róisín has a deep understanding of the requirements of a teaching principal and has relieved in this position before.

During weeks 1, 2 and 3 of Term 3, Mrs Pengelly will work on the 5/6 class each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Her office days will be each Thursday and Friday. Miss Katie Duncanson will work on class 1/2 for weeks 1 to 3. Katie is very familiar with the routines of life at Kulnura and is looking forward to the opportunity.

Athletics Carnival:

From all reports the 2011 carnival was another huge success. I would particularly like to thank Mr Podmore for his organisation and preparation to ensure the day progressed smoothly. It was also wonderful to see many of our parents helping out with judging and the K–2 novelty events. At one stage of the carnival I had a moment to stand back and observe a unique community where students, parents and staff were all working and enjoying the day together. Champions will be announced at the Kooka assembly on Friday.

Mufti Day – Year 6 Fundraiser, Friday 1 July:

Yes! Mr Carpenter has finally remembered that Year 6 are working towards some fundraising initiatives for their end of year gift to the school. They will be holding a mufti day on Friday 1 July (last day of term) and students can wear suitable clothes that are warm and sun safe. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated. For more



information look out for the Year 6 flyer with this newsletter.

Holiday Security:

Staff always store and secure equipment and ensure general security procedures have been adhered to before commencing holidays. Such procedures don't always stop unwanted visitors damaging our schools. I call on the watchful eyes of the Kulnura community to report any unwanted visitors on the following numbers: Departmental School Security Unit 24 hour hotline **1300 880 021**, Gosford Police **4323 5599**, Wyong Police **4352 4899** and Woy Woy Police **4379 7399**.

Resources for Kids:

The NSW Commission for Children and Young People work with others to make NSW a better place for children and young people. Its website has a large range of information for children and their parents. Visit www.kids.nsw.gov.au for information about working with children, working as a babysitter, useful websites and even a special KidZone space. Here you can enter a poster design competition and win \$500. Info: www.kids.nsw.gov.au/kids/kidzone/posterdesigncompetition.cfm

Farewell:

Finally, I would like to thank all of the families who have supported me over the last year. It truly has been a pleasure to work with this school and community. I am very proud to have had the opportunity to lead Kulnura PS. I strongly believe I have made many strong relationships with families that will hopefully continue for a very long time.

In my time here I have made a personal commitment and priority to support the learning of students and staff. I haven't always got it right, however I walk away knowing that I gave 100% to students, office staff and teachers.

This is a fantastic school with wonderful students and families. I would especially like to thank the teaching and office staff who have gone out of their way to ensure the needs of our children are met on a daily basis. They are a highly professional and committed group who all bring unique qualities to Kulnura and in doing so provide a safe and engaging place for our children to learn in.

I am looking forward to meeting the new Principal in a few weeks time to make a formal handover. The new Principal will be able to take our school to a new level and deliver leadership that inspires and brings all together. My best wishes to all!

Safe and Happy Winter Break:

On behalf of all staff at Kulnura PS I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a safe and restful break over the next two weeks. The time away from school will enable us all to recover from the nasty colds and viruses that have had an impact on all families. Please be safe on the roads and enjoy the time with your family.

With kind regards,

Paul Carpenter
Principal