

# KULNURA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7<sup>th</sup> November, 2013  
Term 4 Week 5



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## Diary Dates

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November –**  
Environment Day

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November –**  
P & C Meeting – 7pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November –**  
Cricket Program

**Interrelate Family Evening**  
Central Mangrove Public School  
6.00pm “Where did I come from?”  
7.15pm “Preparing for Puberty”

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November –**  
Kindergarten Orientation  
11.30am – 1.00pm

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December –**  
School Swimming Scheme

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December –**  
Presentation Night, 6pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December –**  
Lion King Payments due

If you wish, please join us for a hotdog lunch at 1:15pm. P&C lunch orders have been sent home with children today.

Looking forward to another great community event!

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

There will be a short Remembrance Day service before our Environment Day kicks off at 11am. **Could children please bring one flower to make a wreath.** All welcome!

### STEPHANIE ALEXANDER COURSE

Last Thursday and Friday Ms Love and Mrs Rachel Jackson attended the Stephanie Alexander kitchen garden project course in Sydney. My oh my, have they returned excited! Whilst Ms Love was learning about the educational benefits of the program with lesson planning and cross curriculum links, Rachel was learning all about the practical side – especially the cooking!! Thank you to both Ms Love and Rachel for their commitment and enthusiasm. We can't wait to get started!

### TREE REMOVAL

This week we had a huge limb break from a scribbly gum tree on our property. Fortunately it was in an area that is out of bounds to all. I have been waiting for quotes to remove this and 3 other trees which are also posing a danger. I see this as a matter of urgency to have the trees removed as soon as we can. The trees will be removed next Tuesday or Wednesday. The children will be confined to the COLA area on the day of removal as a safety

## Principal's Message

### ENVIRONMENT DAY

Environment Day is here again and is on this Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Please join us at 11:40am for 4 rotating activities in house groups. We have some fantastic activities from the Rural Fire Service and Rumbalara Education Centre.

precaution. The Department of Education and Communities is endeavouring to assist us with payment as it will be a hefty cost to the school. Safety of the children is of paramount importance hence the need to remove the trees.

### **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**

Our first Kinder Orientation was held this morning. Mrs Booth was assisted by Mrs Koltsis and Year 5. K/1 was in my capable hands. We are all excited to be welcoming our Kindergarten 2014. I will report on it next week as our newsletter will be published before they finish for the day. Our next Kindergarten Orientation will be **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** from **11:30–1:30** (including lunch).

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

We have been checking our rolls to report on absences and it has come to light that there has been an increase in late arrivals and early departures. All children must be signed in and out if arriving late or departing early. There has also been a noticeable reduction in notes explaining absences. Notifications are to be made to the teachers or office staff in writing. Please ensure every endeavour is made to have children at school on time as all of these are legal requirements.

### **TENNIS**

We have registered as a National School Partnership school for the MLC Tennis Hot Shots program. Our Kulnura tennis coach, Ivan, has steered us onto this program. Having registered we have been donated a lot of tennis equipment to accompany the program. Our students are also eligible to register on the Hot Shots website and need to name Kulnura School when claiming their free t-shirt and gift. Ivan will shortly be

running tennis Hot Shot lessons with the children. It is really great to have this opportunity for tennis in our community.

### **BUS TRAVEL**

Could parents please remind their children that catch the bus about the importance of appropriate and safe behaviour whilst travelling. We do need to regularly remind the children to ensure their safety at all times on the bus.

### **CRICKET**

Next Wednesday will be our last cricket session for the term. The children have enjoyed learning the skills of cricket in these sessions. Sport will still be held on Wednesday until the end of the year.

### **MOUNTAIN BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

The Before & After School Care is seeking people who would be interested in being part of their Committee. Our present committee have been doing a beautiful job but unfortunately some will be retiring at the end of this year. If you are or you know of any community member who would be interested in a role on the committee please see me and I will direct you to the appropriate contact. The MBASC provides a wonderful service and we need to fully support it.

**Helen Dwyer**  
**PRINCIPAL**



## MERIT AWARDS

### K/1

- ✓ Emia
- ✓ Brunon

### 2/3

- ✓ Jake
- ✓ Annabel

### 4/5/6

- ✓ Paige
- ✓ Tom
- ✓ Tegan

## KOOKA AWARDS

### SILVER

- K/1  
Navarone  
Dean

### GOLD

- K/1  
Zac

### PLATINUM

- K/1  
Oliver
- 2/3  
Ella
- 4/5/6  
Mahalia

## KOOKA KORNER



Week 4, Term 4 playground Kooka award winners were:

Jacob	K/1
Oliver	K/1
Aceah	2/3
Jonathon	4/5/6

## P&C

### FUNDRAISER

This year we are having a Christmas Raffle with all proceeds going back to our school. We would really appreciate your help in selling these tickets. Each family have been given a book of 15 tickets to sell. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00.

All tickets (sold or unsold) with money are to be returned to the school no later than Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you very much for your help and support.

## Community News

### NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICES

### CHARITY GOLF DAY

### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Mangrove Mountain Memorial  
Club

9am START

Team of 4 - Ambrose

\$30 p/p inc sausage sizzle and  
drink

For further details contact

Club 4373 1129

Nicki Ward 0417 721435

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO NSWRFSS



# BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Information on current bush fire activity

Issued at 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013

NSW RFS is urging local residents to be vigilant and remain informed about current bush fire activity. People who live near bushland should be on alert and complete a Bush Fire Survival. Despite the recent cooler weather and forecast rainfall, it is expected fires currently burning in remote areas will continue to pose a threat for some weeks yet.

#### Current Situation

**The Howes Swamp Fire** continues to burn in the Yengo National Park and Wollemi National Park, to the west and east of the Putty Road. The fire has burnt more than 35,000 hectares. The fire has breached the containment lines to the north, east and west. The resulting spot fires are not currently posing a threat to properties, however the fire is expected to continue to grow in size. Ground crews and aircraft continue to work on containing the fire in difficult, remote and rugged terrain. Incident management personnel continue to formulate strategies to manage and support the logistical arrangements of the operations.

#### Advice

- Finalise your Bush Fire Survival Plans now & stay informed about the current fire situation.
- Remain informed about the forecast weather conditions and daily Fire Danger Rating.
- Take the opportunity to prepare your property, clearing understorey vegetation from around the home and clean out gutters. Follow the preparation guidelines in the Bush Fire Survival Plan.
- Well prepared and actively defended homes can offer safety during the fire, but it is always best to prepare to leave early.

#### Fire Updates & Information

- Stay up to date with the bush fire situation by checking <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>,
- Listen to your local radio station. Have a battery powered radio.
- You can contact the NSW RFS Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 679 737.
- Monitor official social media sites: <http://www.facebook.com/nswrfs> [www.twitter.com/nswrfs](http://www.twitter.com/nswrfs)
- If you have a mobile device such as an iPhone, iPad, Android, tablet or smart phone, current fire information is available from the application: **Fires Near Me NSW** -

**The NSW RFS encourages you to not rely solely on these applications and services and use a range of sources for information.**

#### Road Closures

- Please also be aware that during emergencies road closures may occur without notice. Motorists are urged to avoid all bushfire affected areas. For the latest traffic information, visit [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com) or call 132 701.

**Stay up to date at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or by calling 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)**