

KULNURA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 1 Term 1



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Diary Dates

Thursday 30 January

- Permission Notes for Rewards Day Due

Friday 31 January

- 2019 Rewards Day – Toowoomba Bay SLSC

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

- PE & Sport – Sports Uniform

Tuesdays

- Bookmobile each month (from 25 February)

Wednesdays

- School Banking

Thursdays

- Library Day

Fridays

- Whole School Assembly each fortnight (from 7 February)

Mrs Pengelly will be teaching **Years 3/4/5/6**

- Class KPS-2.

Ms Kerri Jones will be our **Teacher Librarian on Thursdays**, so students will be required to return Library books on a Thursday. Ms Jones will also be doing **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program** for this year on Fridays. The children will have a real opportunity to maintain the vegie patch as well as cook recipes from the produce.

This year the **Book Mobile** will be at Kulnura PS each month **on Tuesdays commencing 25 February**. Hopefully there will be no confusion on which day to return borrowed books. Please check the fortnightly newsletter or other media for dates and events coming up.

Ms Cathy Jager continues as our **School Admin Manager** from Monday to Friday and we are currently in process of recruiting a **School Learning Support Officer**. We will have classroom support 4 days per week for 3 hours each day supporting the class teachers.

We all look forward to an engaging, fun filled 2020. We take this opportunity **to invite all family and community members to visit our school for special events throughout the year.**

This Friday 31 January will be our rewards day (postponed from last term) at Toowoomba Bay SLSC. This will give our students an opportunity to settle in for the 2020 school year. Notes have been sent home today. **Please note, the cost for the rewards day is covered by our wonderful P&C committee.**

A couple of dates for Term 1:

- ✓ We will be having the **Small Schools Swimming Carnival** at Gosford Olympic Swimming Pool on **Thursday 27 February**. Our students will be working on their fitness during the term to be prepared for annual sporting events.
- ✓ Our **Easter Hat Parade will be Thursday 9 April 2020**. More details will be sent home closer to the day.

Principal's Message

Welcome back to all our families for the 2020 school year. A special warm welcome to the Condous, Patel, & Youssef families who are new to our school. We are **looking forward to a bright and happy school year** with all students engaged and fulfilled in all aspects of school.

I would like to take this opportunity to **thank our local services, in particular the local Kulnura Rural Fire Brigade** for the great job they have done and continue to do in the New Year. Our thoughts and wishes go out to all families and community members affected by the bushfires. We all know that threats of bushfire will continue throughout the summer unless we have real quantities of rainfall. Fingers crossed!

Today we welcomed our new **Kindergarten for 2020**, they will be guided by **Mrs Booth** this year along with the Year 1 & 2 students – Class KPS-1.

- ✓ **Assemblies** will be held fortnightly on Fridays this term at 2:30pm. Parents and community members are invited to come early and stay for the assembly. **Speeches for our new leaders will be held next week at our first assembly** and you will have an opportunity to view our future leaders and high achieving students receive recognition for their efforts.

Our school has invested in **online resources** to cater for the different levels of learning students require to **address their learning needs**. This is a cost we have for all students to enable them to participate in exciting and engaging online learning programs. As a small school we do not ask for book pack costs, pens, pencils or stationery items. The **online learning resources are also available for use at home** and we work together to give our children opportunities to further their learning and wellbeing. **Please ensure the online resources payment of \$30 is paid as soon as possible**. A payment plan can be entered into by all families by contacting the school office. **Please note that the voluntary contribution is not associated to the online learning resources**. Thank you for attending to the payment as soon as possible.

We will be sending out **newsletters fortnightly** again this year. So please keep an eye on dates and times in each edition, regularly check our **website**, as well as the **Skoolbag App** and **Kulnura Public School Facebook Page**. Families will also be informed of events at Kulnura Public School via email, so please ensure all contact details, address, phone numbers and email address are current.

Finally, all parents are invited to make an appointment to see their child's teacher and we will be having Parent/Teacher interviews about mid-term. Thank you.

Steve Collins
PRINCIPAL



Important Information from



Bus Flashing Lights campaign

Mon, 27 Jan to Fri, 31 Jan.

Motorists warned to slow down to **40km/h** when bus lights flash.

Encourage the school community to be **'Bus Aware'**.



Did you know that by law you must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing?

As our students start the 2020 school year, the NSW Government and your local school bus operator Busways are reminding parents, teachers and other motorists about this law which is designed to keep our kids safe.

Lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors open, and they keep flashing for 20 seconds after the doors close. Children are most at risk in the minutes after they get off the bus as they can be unpredictable in their movements. Drivers should look out for children who are crossing the road or waiting to cross. Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off children. By law, a driver must not overtake or pass a bus with flashing lights at more than 40km/h.

As young children are still developing skills around road safety, drivers should take care around bus stops where children might want to walk across the road.

Fines of up to \$275 and three demerit points can apply if a motorist is caught going more than 40km/hr when passing a bus with its flashing lights on.

Motorists can help reduce the risk of a crash and keep children safe by:

- Slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing,
- Looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops, in school zones or along bus routes, and
- Giving way to buses when they merge back into traffic.

For more information visit:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/bus-flashing-lights.html>



The humble sandwich is the answer to back to school lunches

For most parents, the prospect of kids going back to school means one thing - they're back to making (or buying) school lunches.

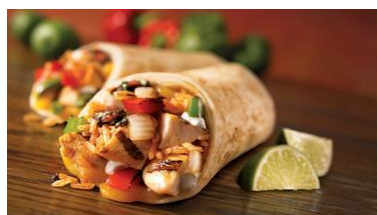
This year, we're working with the Grains & Legumes Nutrition Council to BRING BACK THE SANDWICH - a campaign designed to celebrate the humble sandwich and its place in a healthy and balanced school lunch.

Whether it's from the canteen or made at home, a sandwich is a great way to increase a child's intake of nutritious whole grains. Just two slices of whole grain or wholemeal bread ticks off 2/3 of their daily intake for whole grains!

Need some sammie inspiration? The GLNC have put together a bunch of delicious sandwich recipes. [Click here to check it out.](#) Or have a look at [HKA's own sandwich recipes here.](#)

You can also follow the campaign on [Facebook](#) or search the hashtag #bringbackthesandwich.

Sandwiches and the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy



The simple sandwich is just that – simple. Many kids love the simplicity of a ham and cheese sandwich or a salad sandwich and whether they're made at home or in the canteen, that's all some kids want for lunch. But are these simple sandwiches healthy choices? Especially if they're eaten daily? Where do sandwiches fall on the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy? Find out [here](#).