

# KULNURA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 3 Term 1



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## Diary Dates

### Thursday – 13 February

- ✓ Library

### Friday – 14 February

- ✓ ScopeIT – Coding

### Monday – 17 February

- Mariners Football 1:30 – 2:30pm  
(Sport Uniform)

### Tuesday – 18 February

- ✓ **Recess Canteen**
- ✓ Scripture groups commence

### Wednesday – 19 February

- ✓ School Banking

### Thursday – 20 February

- ✓ Library
- ✓ **Lunch Canteen**

### Friday – 21 February

- ✓ ScopeIT – Coding
- ✓ **Whole School Assembly** – 2:30pm.  
All Welcome.

### Monday – 24 February

- Mariners Football 1:30 – 2:30pm  
(Sport Uniform)

### Tuesday – 25 February

- ✓ Bookmobile
- ✓ **Recess Canteen**

### Wednesday – 26 February

- ✓ School Banking

### Thursday 27 February

- ✓ Small Schools Swimming Carnival for eligible students

### Friday – 28 February

- ✓ ScopeIT – Coding

### Thursday 9 April

- ✓ Easter Hat Parade

## Term 1 – Weekly Routine

### Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

- ✓ PE & Sport – Sports Uniform

### Tuesdays

- ✓ Bookmobile each month (from 25 February)

### Wednesdays

- ✓ School Banking

### Thursdays

- ✓ Library

### Fridays

- ✓ Whole School Assembly each **fortnight**  
(next assembly Friday 21 February, 2020)

## CANTEEN

- ✓ **Lunch:** Thursdays each fortnight – Even Weeks
- ✓ **Recess:** Tuesdays each week

## Principal's Message

**Keeping You Informed** - The school provides a variety of communication options for parents and carers. These include:

- ✓ **The School Newsletter** - With the introduction of social media to convey information to the school community, the fortnightly school newsletter will continue this year. The newsletter will remain as the most comprehensive source of regular information and an electronic copy will be emailed on Wednesdays of odd weeks. With the exception of this edition as the school closure forced it to be sent today. Please ensure that you take the time to read it each week in order to stay informed about what's happening in our great school. The newsletter is also posted on the school website in the event that there are issues with email.

- ✓ **Facebook** - School events and special achievements are regularly posted on the Kulnura Public School Facebook page as an additional source of information for you.  
<https://www.facebook.com/KulnuraPS/>
- ✓ **The School Website** - The Kulnura Public School website contains links to relevant school information and online payments. Please familiarise yourself with this useful resource.  
<https://kulnura-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
- ✓ **Skoolbag App** - We have access to Skoolbag App to send out messages intermittently and generally a reminder for next day events.

If you require any information on any of these options for communication, please contact the school for assistance.

**We welcome plenty of rain** and with that came unprecedented storms that have impacted on the power supply in our community. I trust all families kept well during the heavy rain and winds. The safety of all children and families is always first and foremost in decision making. Our school relies heavily on electricity to run drinking water and supply water to the toilets from the bore, as well as power to our phones. So, the three days of interruption for the storms is old news compared to the end of 2019.

Due to the interruptions to our school and community through **bushfires, Big W & Woolworths Group have donated \$2000 worth of gift cards for our school** to spend on resources. The gift cards will be used to purchase resources for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program for 2020. Mrs Jones will be delighted to deliver a high-quality program that complements our garden vegies and environment program.

**Book Mobile** has changed this year and will come to school twice this term for students to borrow. They will however commence story time whilst they are here for our KPS1 class. This will be a fun and enjoyable way to get students engaged more in reading. Our first visit from bookmobile will be Tuesday 25 February.

**The surf safety swim program at Toowoomba Bay SLSC** was a fantastic day out for all involved. Our staff and students were so impressed we will book the event for 2021.

**A big thank you to our amazing P&C for covering the cost for the rewards day.**

We will be having the **Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Gosford Olympic Swimming Pool on Thursday 27 February, 2020.**



Students who are able to swim 50m are eligible to attend. Please complete note with events selected as soon as possible.

Students will not be able to put names down for events on the day of the carnival. All information about the swimming will be sent home once we receive entries.

Our school has invested in **online resources** to cater for the different levels of learning that students require to **address their learning needs**. This is a cost we have for all students, to afford them with exciting and engaging learning online. As a small school we do not ask for book pack costs or pens, pencils or stationery items. The **online learning resources are available for use at home** and we work together to give our children opportunities to further their learning and wellbeing. I invite all parents to compare costs of any school with our Online Learning Resources and make an informed decision about purchasing these resources for their child. **Please ensure the online resources payment of \$30 per student is paid as soon as possible.** A payment plan can be entered into by all families by contacting the school office. **Also please note that the voluntary contribution is separate from the online learning resources.** Thank you for attending to the payment as soon as possible.

**A reminder for returning notes for ScopeIT Education.** ScopeIT will once again be bringing its coding program to our school. Lessons started today and all students attended today's lesson. Unfortunately, those who have not paid their subscription for the program will not be participating in future lessons. If you **require assistance with the voucher or more information please contact the school.**

**Our school appreciates everyone in our community** for their understanding over the past week of interruptions and **we look forward to better times ahead in 2020.** Thank you.

**Steve Collins**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## MERIT AWARDS

### KPS 1

- ▶ Callie
- ▶ Ellie

### KPS 2

- ▶ Angus
- ▶ Emma
- ▶ Nate
- ▶ Molly

### LIBRARY

- ▶ Callie
- ▶ Milan

### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

- ▶ Hamish
- ▶ Isabella

**Please Note:** Awards will be handed out at the next assembly – Friday 21 February

## SkoolBag App

A **new version of the SkoolBag** App has been released. You may have found that your version is no longer available. Please see instructions below for installing the new App. Once installation is complete simply delete the old version (with Kulnura PS Logo). If you are involved with other schools that use SkoolBag you will be able to add them and be able to view all information in the same App. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>

### How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community



1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

## 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>