KULNURA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12 October 2022
Week 1 Term 4

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Diary Dates

Thursday 13 October
✓ Recess Canteen Available

Friday 14 October
✓ **PSSA Cricket Knockout** for eligible students

Saturday 15 October
✓ Mangrove Mountain Country Fair – Helpers needed

Tuesday 18 September
✓ Lunch Canteen Available
✓ Scripture

Wednesday 19 October
✓ Library

Wednesday & Thursday 19/20 October
➢ **NSW Athletics Championships** for qualifying students. Good Luck to our relay team at this next level of competition – Chase, Jesse M, Angus, Jesse J & Parker

Thursday 20 October
✓ Recess Canteen Available
✓ Kindergarten 2023, Orientation Day 9:10am to 11:10am

Friday 21 October
✓ School Counsellor at KPS

Principal's Message

Welcome to the start of Term 4, we trust all families had a chance to relax and enjoy time away from the pressures of school and spend quality time with their children. Despite the wet weather we hope you had the opportunity to get out and discover the great outdoors. Fortunately, the recent flooding here has not been as severe as the western river systems and Greater Sydney areas.

All students are now back into the swing of school routines, ready to learn for Term 4 and are looking forward to activities planned.

Congratulations to our Public Speaking finalists Jesse M, Leni M, Mia R and Phoenix B who did our school proud at Lisarow Public School at the end of last term. All students received certificates for their achievements.

Next week our school athletics relay team is competing at the **NSW Athletics Championships** in the Small Schools Relays. We wish Jesse J, Chase, Jesse M, Angus and Parker all the best and cheer them on to do their best.

Kulnura PS is participating in the **National School Chaplaincy Program** which provides support for the emotional wellbeing of students and the broader school community, through the provision of pastoral care services. We are fortunate to have a Chaplain at our school until the end of the year. Mrs Kelli Ginbey will be working on student, staff and family support as required. Kelli will be here at Kulnura PS until the end of the year. I invite all families to call in and say hello to Kelli on Wednesday or Thursday this term.

Our **Speech Pathology in Schools Program** will continue this term, each Thursday. If you have siblings who may require this service, please contact the school to make an appointment.

Country Fair - Congratulations to all winners in the Country Fair Art Competitions.

- ✓ Nathaniel
- ✓ Ben
- ✓ Harrison
- ✓ Leo
- ✓ Dominic C
- ✓ Jack
- ✓ Katie
- ✓ Nicky
- ✓ Mia
- ✓ Leni
- ✓ Matilda
- ✓ Parker
- ✓ Jesse J
- ✓ Phoenix

Winners need to collect their prize on the day. Thank you to our parents who have put their name down to assist with the hamburger stall, managed by Kulnura P&C. **We still require volunteers in some time slots.** All family members are encouraged to help on Saturday as fundraising from this event greatly benefits all mountain schools and local community groups. Please contact the school if you are able to help. Thank you.

You may be aware that National Cabinet has announced their decision to remove the **isolation requirements for COVID-19** positive cases. The NSW Department of Education is working on this, to make sure our COVID-smart settings in schools are aligned when these **changes come into effect on Friday 14 October.** In the meantime, schools will continue to follow the same measures we had in place for Term 3 (outlined on the link below).

I would like to invite all parents and families to take time to check out the Advice for Families link from the NSW DoE as the sources of truth about all things Covid in regards to school - Advice for families (nsw.gov.au) .

Attendance: In line with the NSW DoE Attendance Policy parents are reminded that they are required to justify absences if their child is away more than two consecutive days (normally with a doctor's certificate). With the current difficulty of not being able to see a doctor due to the flu like symptoms, a RAT test can be taken, photographed and forwarded to the school as justification of the absence.

With the upcoming changes we hope things will return to some form of normality in terms of attendance, but parents are encouraged to have their child at school each day they are able to attend. Having days off for special events will have an adverse effect on a child's learning when they are having too many absences.

Just to make sure everyone is aware, there are less than 4 weeks until the **NSW Government's ban on certain single-use plastic items,** which comes into effect on 1 November 2022.

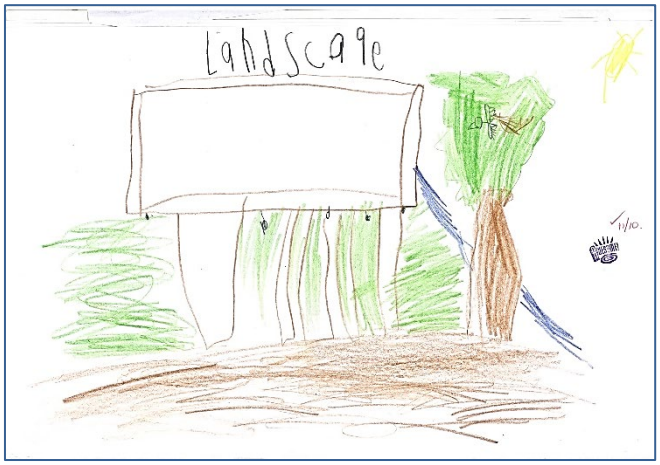
The NSW single-use plastic ban will prevent almost 2.7 billion items of plastic litter from entering the environment in NSW over the next 20 years. What's banned from 1 November:

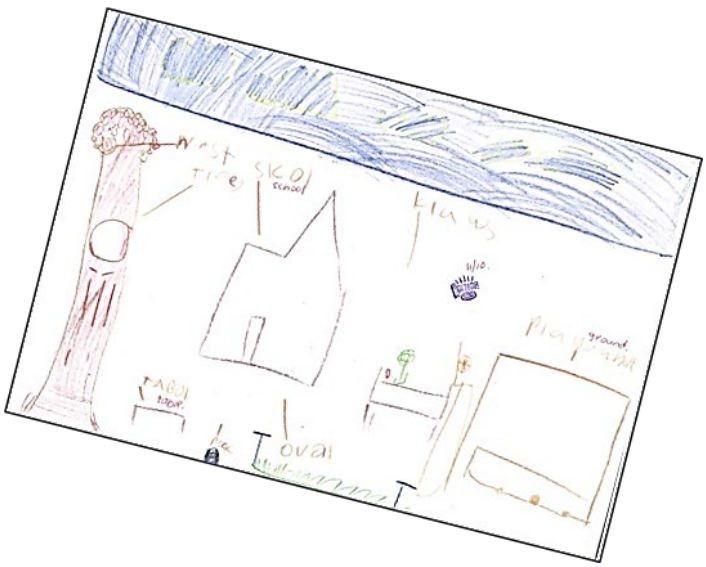
- Single-use plastic straws, stirrers, and cutlery
- Single-use plastic plates, bowls, and cotton buds
- Expanded polystyrene food ware (such as clamshell containers, cups, plates and bowls)
- Rinse-off personal care products containing plastic microbeads

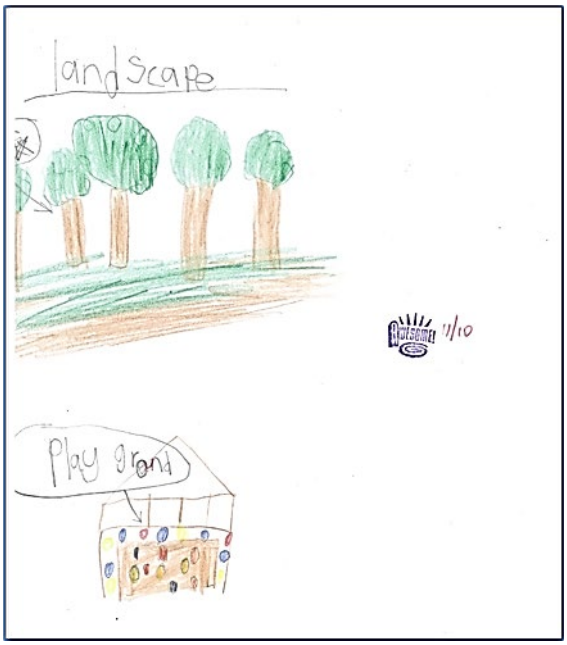
This follows the ban on lightweight plastic bags with handles (35 microns or less) from 1 June this year. **Central Coast Council have information about comingle recycling which may be of use to families.** We all have a responsibility to look after our environment.

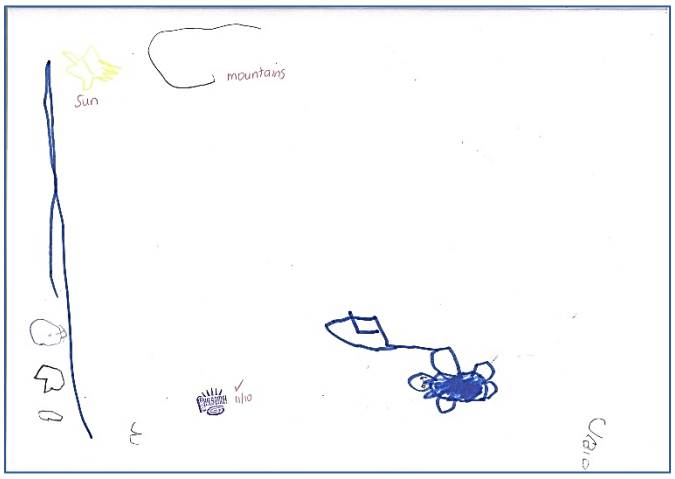
Steve Collins
PRINCIPAL

KPS 1 - Landscapes









Community Announcements

Transport for NSW

NSW GOVERNMENT

School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can apply or update details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use.

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback