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## Diary Dates

### Friday 3 February

- ✓ ScopeIT - Permission notes and Creative Kids Voucher or payment due

### Wednesday 8 February

- ✓ Library

### Friday 10 February

- ✓ ScopeIT - all students K-6

### Tuesday 14 February

- ✓ Scripture classes resume for Term 1

### Wednesday 15 February

- ✓ Library

### Thursday 16 February

- ✓ P&C Meeting 7pm

### Friday 17 February

- ✓ ScopeIT - all students K-6

### Wednesday 22 February

- ✓ Library

### Thursday 23 February

- ✓ Small Schools Swimming Carnival for eligible students (8yrs & over)



## Canteen

Lunch and Recess Canteen will be available over the coming weeks. Families will be notified when commencement dates are confirmed.

## Principal's Message

Welcome back to our students, families, and staff for 2023 and a special welcome to our new Kindergarten students Lola, Mazey, Mia, Michael, Ryan, Tommy and also to our new families who have their first child attending Kulnura Public School.

It was fantastic to see so many parents, carers and their families come to see their children attend on the first day of school.

We hope you have made the most of the opportunities you have had to rest and relax, recover, and prepare yourself for the start of the school year. Like you, we have really valued the time spent in company with family and friends, travelling here and there and enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. It has been wonderful to stop, breathe and notice our local environment.

This year we welcome **Ms Natalie Vella** who is appointed as **KPS2 teacher** for 2023. Parents and carers will have an opportunity to meet with Ms Vella after we settle into routines and our students make a positive start to learning.

**Mrs Booth** will continue teaching **KPS1** and continue with her experience and expertise to lay a solid foundation to learning for the K-2 students.

Our **Teacher/Librarian** will be **Mr Michael Barrett**, who will be working Wednesdays each week.

**Ms Lisa Wriley** will be working as our **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program guru**. Ms Wriley will be at school on Tuesdays for at least three terms.

**Mrs Kerri Goldspink** is appointed as our **Assistant Principal Curriculum Implementation** and will be at Kulnura PS on Tuesdays as well as the role of **Digital Classroom Officer** on Fridays.

**Mrs Lyndal Young, Ms Bree Jolley and Mrs Tasha Egan** will continue to support classes throughout the year on a rotational basis. All staff

are ready and prepared to continue learning for our students for the coming year.

Our **newsletters** will continue this term on odd weeks. This newsletter is a special edition due to last week being staff only, where they were busy preparing for the return of students in a covid safe manner.



**ScopelT** will again be at our school during Term 1. ScopelT Education has been proudly helping schools on the Central Coast since 2015 with in-school lessons in all things technology. Students at these schools have participated in classes such as Coding, App Design, Electronics, 3D Printing and Robotics just to name a few. The cost for the 15 lesson program can be paid with your child's **Creative Kids voucher**. If you do not wish to use your child's voucher for this program the cost will be \$100 per student. This program is delivered by professionally trained instructors and these fun and engaging lessons are enjoyed by all students K-6. Permission notes were sent home this week. **Please ensure both the permission note and a copy of your child's Creative Kids Voucher (if applicable) are returned to the school office by Friday 3 February 2023.**

Due to a change in scheduling, ScopelT lessons will now commence on Friday 10 February.



### Compass Parent Portal – 2023

Next week KPS will be launching our Parent Portal via Compass. Parents/Carers will be able to view information pertaining to their child/children, complete various actions (i.e., enter attendance notes, consent/pay for events etc) and access information posted to them by staff at the school. Parents/Carers will have the ability to:

- Monitor their child's attendance and enter in explanations for late arrivals or absences.
- Communicate with their child's teachers and update their family contact details.
- Download and view their child's progress and semester reports.
- View 'My News', a news feed of school announcements, alerts and updates.
- View the school calendar.
- Pay and provide consent for events, excursion and school fees.

Access to the above items will be implemented over a few weeks. Parents/carers will receive information and passwords next week via email on how to set up their portal access.

Further information on accessing Compass will be emailed to families along with this newsletter.

**School uniform** is one aspect of school that gives students an identity and sense of pride. Our uniform is a sky/navy blue polo shirt and navy shorts or skort with black joggers. It is fabulous to see all students in school uniform for our first two days of school. Let's hope this continues for the rest of 2023.

**P&C – Our first P&C Meeting for the year will be held at school on Thursday 16 February at 7pm.** We welcome all parents and carers to attend.

The **P&C AGM** (Annual General Meeting) will be in March and if you are interested in a role on the P&C committee, please leave details at the school office. Parents, carers and community members are encouraged to join the P&C as it provides opportunities for families to be involved in their child's education and the broader school community. Functions of the P&C but not limited to are:

- To foster community interest in educational matters.
- To encourage closer cooperation between the parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students at the school.
- To provide advice and recommendations to the principal of the school on issues and concerns in respect of students and the general operation and management of the school.
- To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students at the school.



Please contact the school if you would like further information. The P&C Committee are an essential part of our school community who work with the school to provide support for all our students. Please consider taking on a role, it is a very rewarding experience.



We are looking forward to working with our families in 2023. Thank you.

**Steve Collins**  
PRINCIPAL

## Welcome Back



## From the School Office

Many of you will already be aware, the beginning of a new school year means a bombardment of notes to be completed and returned. **Over the next few weeks**, there will be family packs sent home containing a number of messages and notes for return. **Please check/amend/complete and return to the office by the required return date.**

- **Yellow notes** – these are our boomerang colour (they need to be signed and returned to the office)
- **Online payments** – can be made via the Kulnura Public School Website <https://kulnura-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or the Compass Portal when open.
- **Attendance** – If your child will be absent from school, please ensure you contact the school prior to 9:30am. Notification can be made via phone, email or verbally to the class teacher or the office.
- **Family details** – In case of an emergency, please ensure family details (address, email, phone numbers etc.) are kept up to date.
- **Newsletters** – will be Wednesday each fortnight (odd weeks). *This is a special edition due to last week being staff only.*
- **Library Day** – Wednesdays
- **Scripture Classes** – Tuesdays

**Should you have any queries** or wish to discuss payment plans for any event or activity, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**Days missed = years lost**

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
<b>1</b> day per fortnight 	= <b>4</b> weeks	= Over <b>1</b> year missed
<b>1</b> day per week 	= <b>8</b> weeks	= Over <b>2.5</b> years missed

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