

KULNURA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 5 Term 1



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Diary Dates

Thursday 23 February

- ✓ **Recess Canteen available.** Order forms have been sent home with students today
- ✓ **Small Schools Swimming Carnival** for eligible students (8yrs & over)

Friday 24 February

- ✓ ScopeIT – all students K–6
- ✓ Family information updates and general note packs due for return.
- ✓ **No Year 6 Fundraising Friday this week**

Monday 27 February

- ✓ **Lunch Canteen available.** Order forms will be sent home with students on Friday

Tuesday 28 February

- ✓ Scripture

Wednesday 1 March

- ✓ Library – Please ensure your child/ren have a library bag

Thursday 2 March

- ✓ **Recess Canteen available.**

Friday 3 March

- ✓ ScopeIT – all students K–6

Monday 6 March

- ✓ **Lunch Canteen available.** Order forms will be sent home with students on Friday

Tuesday 7 March

- ✓ Scripture classes
- ✓ Assembly – **2:30pm.** Families welcome to attend

Wednesday 8 March

- ✓ Library – Please ensure your child/ren have a library bag

Principal's Message

Our first assembly for this year was held yesterday afternoon. This was the first official event for our 2023 School Leaders, **Angus & Jesse**. It was great to see so many parents, carers and family members in attendance and supporting our students. At the conclusion, families enjoyed a range of treats for afternoon tea which included freshly cooked leek and feta fritters baked by Mrs Wriley, Mrs Ginbey and our KPS2 students in their Kitchen, Garden, Sustainability class.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with families.

Congratulations to Jesse, who successfully trialled for the Combined PSSA Southern Central Coast & Brisbane Waters AFL Team. Jesse was selected to participate at the Sydney North trials on Tuesday 28



February. We wish Jesse all the best at this next level of competition and know he will be a great ambassador for Kulnura PS. Well done, Jesse!

The **Small Schools' Swimming Carnival** will be held at **Gosford Olympic Pool tomorrow, Thursday 23 February**. The carnival will go ahead regardless of weather. We wish the best of luck to our participating students – Angus, Ellie, Jesse and Matilda.



Crunch 'n' Sip: For some children it is a long time between breakfast and their first meal break at 11:10am. When they are hungry, they lose focus in the classroom, are tired and can be restless. For this reason, our school participates in the **Crunch 'n' Sip initiative**. This is a short break at 10:00am for students to stop and eat fruit or vegetables or sip water, sent from home. Parents/Carers are asked to ensure **fruit or veg and a water bottle** are in their child's bag for this break.



Cyber Safety Update - As the school year gets underway it is timely to remind parents of the dangers of online activity for children. The Commonwealth Government has dedicated significant resources to support parents ensure the safety of their children online. Further information, webinars and resources can be found on the eSafety Commissioner website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Attendance at school is critical and it is important that parents and carers work with the school to ensure students attend school each day.

Research shows:

- ✓ School students who miss more than 10 percent of school are more likely to fail in later years.
- ✓ Absences affect achievement. Students who miss class, lose opportunities to ask questions and hear answers to classmates' questions.
- ✓ Peer relationships suffer when students miss school. A child who misses school often will have fewer friends.
- ✓ Parents have the most significant influence on their children's school attendance.

We encourage parents and carers to speak to their children and reinforce that school **is important** and you expect them to be in school on time every day. School absences become a habit that can be avoided, if you insist your child be at school every day.

NAPLAN 2023 The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar & punctuation) and numeracy. **From 2023,**

NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly. NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding, and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked. Students and parents can access the public demonstration site

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.



Our **Compass Parent Portal** is now up and running. If you have not received an email with information and password for accessing your portal, please contact Ms Jager at the office. Families who have already registered, we would love to hear your feedback.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Teachers will be hosting our term one parent/teacher interviews in Week 7. **All interviews are by appointment and a note with interview times will be sent home to families next week.** These appointments will be confirmed by phone call or confirmation slip from your child's teacher. If you are not able to attend an appointment for an interview, please contact the school to arrange an alternative time.

It is very important that families remember that we are always happy to have parent conversations. We value sharing information and being kept up to date with parent/student concerns, changes in the home circumstances and positive happenings in the student's world. If at any point you need to make an appointment, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Steve Collins
PRINCIPAL

KITCHEN + GARDEN + SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM – TUESDAY'S

We are going to be getting our hands dirty on Tuesday mornings and learning in the school grounds.

KPS1 will be following the Kitchen Garden Program developed by Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre including garden safety, soil science, nature's recyclers, seeds, seasonal eating, kitchen safety and how to read a recipe this term.



FEAST

FOOD EDUCATION AND
SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING

KPS2 will be engaging in a program called FEAST - Food Education and Sustainability Training. **FEAST** is a curriculum-aligned education program, inspiring the older kids to eat healthy, waste less and become change-makers in their local community. FEAST has been developed by **OZHarvest**, the food rescue heroes. Like any good FEAST, it's designed to be fun, engaging and filled with good food! Thanks to Mingara for sponsoring our school.

IMPORTANT.....

Parents/Carers, please be sure to notify the school office about any food allergies (i.e. milk, eggs, nuts). This is very important.

Lisa Wriley
Coordinator



From the School Office

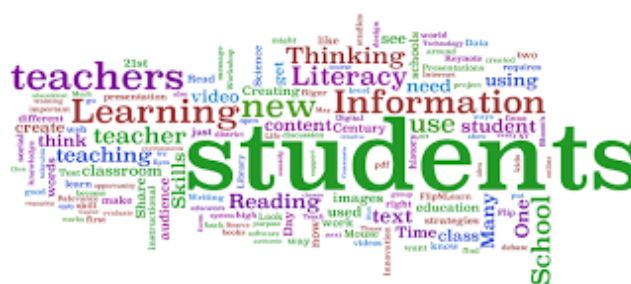
A big thankyou to those who have already returned their family information updates and general note packs to the office.

If you have not already done so, please return by **Friday 24 February, 2023.**



- **Yellow notes** – these are our boomerang colour (they need to be signed and returned to the office)
- **Online payments & Voluntary Contributions** can be made via the Kulnura Public School Website <https://kulnura-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or the Compass Portal.
- **Attendance** – If your child will be absent from school, please ensure you contact the school prior to 9:30am. Notifications can be made via phone, email or verbally to the class teacher or the office and also via the parent portal.
- **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)
- **Library Day** – Wednesdays
- **Scripture Classes** – Tuesdays
- **Canteen available** – Lunch on Mondays & Recess on Thursdays
- **General Permission Notes** – please return by Friday 24 February

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



Assembly



Congratulations to our Merit Award Recipients



Kitchen/Garden/Sustainability Program





