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Diary Dates

Thursday 23 March

- ✓ [Recess Canteen available](#)
- ✓ Touch Football
- ✓ Sydney Nth Swimming Carnival – Good luck to our participants.

Friday 24 March

- ✓ ScopelT – all students K-6
- ✓ **Year 6 Fundraising Friday – Blender Bike**

Monday 27 March – **Vegetable Week**

- ✓ [Lunch Canteen available](#)
- ✓ Touch Football
- ✓ Bright Futures STEM Program for Year 5 & 6 students – Peats Ridge PS

Tuesday 28 March

- ✓ Scripture

Wednesday 29 March

- ✓ Library

Thursday 30 March

- ✓ [Recess Canteen available](#)
- ✓ Touch Football
- ✓ **Big Veggie Crunch – 10am**

Friday 31 March

- ✓ ScopelT – all students K-6
- ✓ **Year 6 Fundraising Friday**

Monday 3 April

- ✓ [Lunch Canteen available](#)
- ✓ Touch Football
- ✓ **Stewart House 2023 Donation Drive due for return.**

Tuesday 4 April

- ✓ Scripture classes
- ✓ Assembly, Easter Bilby Hat Parade and P&C Raffle draw – 2:15pm Families welcome to attend. **Please note time change.**

Wednesday 5 April

- ✓ Library

Diary Dates cont.

Thursday 6 April

- ✓ [Recess Canteen available](#)
- ✓ Touch Football
- ✓ ANZAC Day Service 11am – Families welcome
- ✓ **Last day of Term 1** for students and staff

TERM 2

Monday 24 April

- ✓ School commences for staff on Monday 24 April. **Please note** this is a student free day

Wednesday 26 April

- ✓ School resumes for Term 2 for all students K-6

Tuesday 9 May

- ✓ Assembly and Mother's Day **High Tea – 2:15pm**

Principal's Message

Kulnura Public School is celebrating **Harmony Week**, which is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Students have been participating in a number of fun and engaging activities throughout **Harmony Week** to celebrate different **cultures around the world** and **Australia's cultural diversity**. A special thank you to Mr & Mrs Vella (Ms Vella's parents) for travelling to our school from Sydney to give students a demonstration on cheese making and to our families who made cultural finger food for our Harmony Day celebration.

One of the activities for Harmony Week was our school assembly yesterday afternoon. It was great to see our families attend and share foods across their cultures.

In the lead up to Harmony Week we had multicultural round last weekend in the NRL and on Monday the Sydney Roosters women's stars Leilani and Jocelyn came to school to do footy skills and drills to enhance our school's PDHPE program. This program will continue to run until the end of Term 1 on Mondays and Thursdays.

Our annual P&C AGM was held last week to elect our 2023 Committee. At the meeting we farewelled our outgoing committee with a BBQ and a cake to acknowledge their efforts and celebrate P&C Day. A **huge thank you** to them all for their tireless work over the past year and their support to our school.

We **welcome a new committee** who will be calling on our parents and community members to assist with events to fundraise for our students and school.

We welcome the new President **Claire Miles**, the Secretary once again is **Amy Sultana** and the Treasurer is **Christine Jones**. **Stephanie Alchin** is the Canteen Coordinator and Uniform Coordinator. There will be events where the P&C will require helpers throughout the year. Please help where you can, to support our kids and our school.



Each family should have received their **Easter raffle donation** details and tickets. Raffle donations received from families will receive a **free raffle ticket** in the draw. The raffle will be drawn on **Tuesday 4 April 2023** at the **Easter Bilby Hat Parade** and Assembly. Students will be creating hats at school for the parade. **Parent helpers** will be **required** on Monday 3 April to prepare raffle prizes. Please **contact the school** if you can help.



Regular attendance at school is required from all students each day the school is open. It is our job as educators, and it is a NSW Department of Education (DoE) requirement that we **ensure attendance procedures are followed and accurate attendance records** are maintained. To do this we ask for families to assist us by keeping us up to date when children are away. This can be done by phoning the office, sending an email or notifying via the Compass Parent Portal.

When a student is sick or unable to attend school for any reason, families are asked to **contact the school on the day of the absence by 9:30am.**

This includes regular updates if the absence is for an extended period. If a student is absent due to illness, parents and carers are reminded that a **medical certificate is required** if the absence is **longer than two days.**

Continued absences can add up quickly and time away from education can have a detrimental effect on student learning. In accordance with the NSW DoE Policy, if a **student drops below 85%**, regardless of reason, parents will receive a letter advising of the absences and a meeting will be held with the school principal to assist with strategies for children to **attend school regularly.**

If your child has had a number of **days absent this term, please contact the school to arrange a meeting.** The DoE Home School Liaison Officer can assist with getting children to school and support families to promote regular attendance.

Kulnura students in Stage 3 are participating in the **Bright Future STEM program** next week. With significant growth forecast in the resources and energy industry and a demand in STEM careers for Australia's future generations, Bright Future STEM aims to attract an interest in students early, prior to high school.

Bright Future STEM introduces industry role models from the resource and energy industry, predominantly female, employed in STEM careers to share their journey, before engaging students in a range of STEM based activities, ranging from virtual reality, engineering and robotics. All activities are curriculum aligned and relate to real world opportunities, not to mention fun!

The program aims to break down traditional gender stereotypes of male dominated careers and industries, to encourage more women into the STEM workforce of the future! The Bright Future STEM program will be held at Peats Ridge Public School next Monday.

Family Statements will be sent home next week. Should you have any concerns about your statement, be experiencing financial difficulty or would like to arrange a payment plan, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Steve Collins
PRINCIPAL

HARMONY WEEK

A Chaplain's perspective for Harmony week...

Harmony week is among my favourite celebrations as a Chaplain as it brings the wellbeing and inclusion of all people into focus. It defines my passion for people to see them thrive and to enjoy the rich benefits of our shared experiences of life, by allowing ourselves to see life through the eyes of others. Not to mention the amazing food we also get to share from our multicultural friends.

Some thoughts I have around creating the type of Harmony that helps us all thrive:

- To quote the theme of harmony week - Everyone belongs – reminds us to include others in our games and activities, invite them to join in, or better still, to ask if we can join them.
- We acknowledge how different we are, alongside how many ways we are quite the same, for example, how we are all involved here at the same school.
- Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world
- There are 10 international languages spoken in Australia, other than English and 70 Indigenous languages spoken in Australia - These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data.
- I love to be curious about all people, to understand the world through their eyes. Because we truly all belong, we all have our path, our lane, our purpose and values.
- No matter where we each stand today, I am the dreamer, that hopes that together we can see every child, from every culture around the world, having a bright future. Starting here at Kulnura, because this is where we get the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of every single person, we see almost every day.
- You belong – I look forward to learning more about your cultural experiences, your background and family histories today and as we journey out this year together.

If you do have any special requests, difficult or special circumstances or needs, as a school we want to support you. It helps us too, as we holistically care for our students. It is so rewarding to see them thrive within their community. I welcome you to reach out – If I can't help myself, I will do my best to connect you with someone in our communities who can 😊 You can often find me around the school gates at pickup time on Monday's and Tuesday's, if you'd like to chat – or please call the school office.



KITCHEN + GARDEN + SUSTAINABILITY



FEAST
FOOD EDUCATION AND
SUSTAINABILITY TRAINING

KPS2 have been learning about food waste and have been set a cooking challenge by OZHarvest, for homework if possible:

Cook a recipe that uses food that is commonly thrown out at your place or in NSW e.g. fruit, veg (especially bagged greens), bread, milk, eggs!



Take at least 4 photos of the Steps to Make the food item. Focus on the food. Make it the star.

- Write out the Ingredients
- Write out the Instructions
- Do the draft in your writing book and the final version on the computer while at school. This could be done as a Google Slides presentation (2 slides maximum)
- Email photos and share the file to lisa.wriley2@det.nsw.edu.au Please let me know if you need to make it at school so we can plan for it.

These Food saving recipes will be compiled into a booklet for all KPS2 families and for possible inclusion in a display at Mangrove Mountain Country Fair, later in the year. Thank you to Mingara for sponsoring our FEAST program.



Lisa Wriley
Coordinator



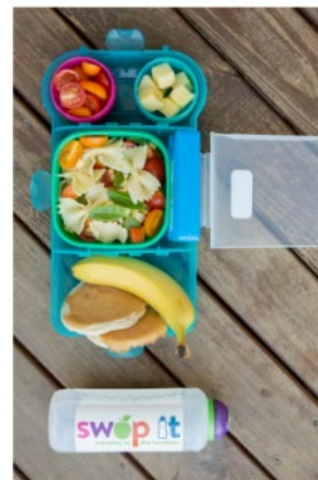
Leftovers are lunchbox lifesavers!

Using leftovers in the lunchbox is a great way to save time and money! Why not try these ideas:

- Use leftover meat on a sandwich or wrap – such as rissoles or kofta with salad
- Pack baked veggies or corn on the cob as a snack
- Pack leftover pasta or fried rice for lunch

Make sure you store your leftovers in the fridge overnight and pack them with an ice brick in the lunchbox!

Find more ideas at: www.swapit.net.au



Artwork: 'Heart of a child' by Lara Went Worimi Artist

Library News

Kulnura PS students have been busy during library sessions over the last couple of weeks.

As part of the KPS2 history unit, students have started a research project investigating a significant person from Australia's past. For this project, students are encouraged to collect information from the internet, books and through conversations with family members. Towards the end of the unit of study, KPS2 students will share their information in a short speech to the class.

As part of the KPS1 history unit, students have been discussing chores that children used to do at school in the past, including burning rubbish in a school incinerator (without adult supervision!) and banging chalk dusters. Students learnt a trick for quickly determining the direction the wind is blowing, which was usefully employed by youngsters who had to bang chalk dusters in days gone by. Students have learnt about businesses that no longer exist or that might not be around for much longer, including blacksmiths, milk delivery run and video hire stores. Students have predicted that newsagencies might be the next type of business to disappear.

In the middle of each two-hour session, we take a break outside to eat fruit, drink water and engage in a variety of physical activities. Please remember to pack fruit for your child to eat during these breaks.

I'll leave you with a quick library riddle...

Q. Why can't you go to the world's biggest library?

A. It's always overbooked!

Keep reading!

Mr Barrett
Librarian

Assembly - Harmony Day



Congratulations to our Week 9 Award Recipients!





Year 6 Fundraising

Friday fundraiser

- This week our Year 6 fundraiser will be smoothies. Instead of just getting your smoothie we will have to work for it. You will have to ride a bike it is called the blender bike
- \$2 per smoothie 1 smoothie each.





STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2023

Every year 1,700 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12-day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 10 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.

All other costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations.

Each year Stewart House holds a donation drive to raise funds to cover costs and have again asked public schools to support this worthwhile cause.

Envelopes have been sent home with students today, in which you can place a \$2.00 coin for a chance to **win a \$4,000 family holiday/gift voucher.**

For administration reasons, envelopes must be **returned to Kulnura School by Monday 3 April** to allow entries to be returned to Stewart House **before the end of this term.** Families may enter more than once by requesting an additional envelope from school.

Thank you for helping Kulnura Public School support the Stewart House annual fundraiser.