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Diary Dates

Friday 23 February

- ✓ ScopeIT

Monday 26 February

- ✓ Lunch Canteen Available

Tuesday 27 February

- ✓ Library
- ✓ Scripture

Wednesday 28 February

- ✓ Parent Teacher Meetings
- ✓ Recess Canteen Available

Thursday 29 February

- ✓ **Small Schools Swimming Carnival** for students (8yrs & over). Must meet eligibility criteria to compete in events.

Friday 1 March

- ✓ ScopeIT

Monday 4 March

- ✓ Lunch Canteen Available

Tuesday 5 March

- ✓ Library
- ✓ Bookmobile at Kulnura PS
- ✓ Scripture

Wednesday 6 March

- ✓ Recess Canteen Available

Thursday 7 March

- ✓ **Brisbane Water Zone Swimming Carnival** for qualifying students from the Small Schools Carnival.

Friday 8 March

- ✓ ScopeIT

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAPLAN – for Years 3 & 5

- Monday 13 Match to Monday 25 March

Monday 17 June to Wednesday 19 June 2024

- Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Canberra Excursion

2024 – Month/Dates to be confirmed

- Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Zoo Snooz excursion

Principal's Message

Our P&C volunteers staged a successful **Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser** at West Gosford last Saturday. **I would like to thank all P&C helpers and staff for their assistance.** Our P&C will look at doing this fundraiser in 2025 and there is always room for more helpers. We thank Wayne VanGemmert, Levi Smith, Stephanie Alchin, and Sciberra's Fresh for their kind donations towards the fundraiser.



Next Thursday is our **Small Schools Swimming Carnival** and students turning 8 years and up this year are eligible to attend. All students will be able to enter novelty events to increase water confidence. Kick board races, floating races and the like will be held between competition races. Parents are invited to attend and cheer our school on. **Entry fees for students are to be paid to the school.** Parents/spectators are to pay entry at the pool. Students not attending will attend school as normal. **Any student who does not attend and is absent on Thursday 29 February, will require a doctor's certificate.**

A reminder to everyone, the **P&C AGM will be held in March**. If you are interested in a role on the P&C Committee, please leave details at the school office. 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.



Stewart House Donation Drive (NSW Public Education's Charity of Choice) is an amazing charity organisation that continually improves the lives of students. Over the years, **Kulnura Public**

School and its families have supported the fundraising activities of Stewart House as it lies close to our heart with Kulnura PS students being involved in the Manly based programs. The annual **Stewart House Donation Drive** envelopes will be sent home soon. **Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and will also give an entry into their prize draw**. A \$2 donation will give you the chance to win a travel voucher **valued at \$4,000**. Any assistance is greatly appreciated for this worthwhile cause. Our school receives an amazing platinum award each year for the fundraising efforts from staff and students.

Mrs Booth will be taking leave next Thursday 29 February till Monday 4 March. **Ms Alison Wade** will have the class for this time. Ms Wade is a regular visitor to our school for classes and will continue the teaching and learning routines established to date.

Kulnura Public School will be participating in **NAPLAN Assessments** from Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March 2024. NAPLAN is one component of our assessment and reporting process.

Helpful information about NAPLAN:

- ✓ All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- ✓ NAPLAN tests students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- ✓ The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- ✓ Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- ✓ The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.
- ✓ Students do four different tests. The names of the four tests are: Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.
- ✓ Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- ✓ Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- ✓ Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- ✓ Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- ✓ Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.

The KPS staff and students would like to **wish the Year 3 and Year 5 students all the best**. Our word of advice is to **relax and do your very best**. You are only competing against yourself – **we are very proud of you and your learning achievements**.

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held next **Wednesday 28 February**. Please ensure notes with your 1st ,2nd & 3rd preference times are returned to the school office no later than Monday 26 February. Thank you.

Steve Collins
PRINCIPAL

From the School Office

Thank you to everyone who have returned their notes so quickly. The organisation of events and activities can take a considerable amount of time to plan and manage. The prompt return of these notes and payments certainly helps things flow more smoothly.



If you have **any questions** or concerns regarding these activities, **or do not wish your child to participate**, please contact their class teacher or the office to discuss.

Please remember

- **Online payments/consent** – can be made via the Kulnura Public School Website <https://kulnura-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> or the Compass Portal where applicable.
- **Attendance** – If your child will be absent from school, please ensure you contact the school prior to 9:30am. Notification can be made via the Compass Parent Portal, 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 Thursday each fortnight (even weeks).
- **Library Day** – Tuesdays
- **Central Coast Mobile Library at KPS** each fortnight on Tuesdays.
- **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.

Current Collections

- ✓ Small Schools' Swimming Carnival – Students 8yrs and above
- ✓ ScopeIT – Notes/Creative Kids Vouchers or payments
- ✓ Online Learning Resource Fees
- ✓ Voluntary School Contributions (optional)
- ✓ Stage 3 Canberra Excursion Note/Deposit

Bus Safety Week reminds all road users to **'Be Bus Aware'**. Our school bus operator, Busways, is reminding all road users,



parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running Feb 19 - 25. Bus Safety Week, part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, sees Governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in and around buses and spread the message to 'Be Bus Aware'. The initiative provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are. We all have a part to play in bus safety. **The 'Be Bus Aware' campaign has been developed with input from Bus NSW, NSW Police and Transport for NSW.**



For more information on bus safety or to learn about **Transport for NSW's 'Be Bus Aware' campaign**, visit:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/>

or visit the Busways website:

<https://www.busways.com.au/>



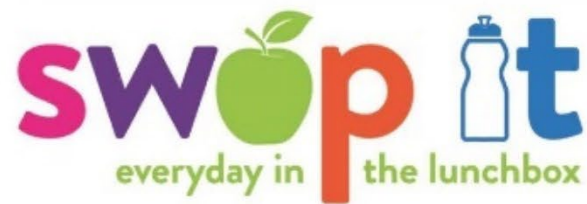
Let's be SunSafe

Slop on SPF50+, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Slap on a broadbrimmed hat

Seek shade

Slide on sunglasses



A fresh start for the new year

Our school is proud to be a SWAP IT school - encouraging students to eat everyday foods to help them grow, learn and play!

Start the year strong by packing lunchboxes full of everyday foods and drinks.

What's in an everyday lunchbox?

- **Veg & Fruit Break:** Fresh vegetables or fruit
- **Recess:** Vegetables or fruit and one other everyday snack e.g. air-popped popcorn, reduced fat yoghurt, rice crackers
- **Lunch:** A sandwich, wrap, roll or alternative such as pasta salad
- **Drink:** Water and/or plain milk
- **Something to keep the lunchbox cool:** e.g. an ice brick

An everyday lunchbox gives kids energy to learn and play all day at school.

