

Newsletter 23

KAS

Term Three

8 August 2012

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME AND SCHOOL (P & C) MEETING

The next Home and School Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 August at 6PM in Room 8. Everyone is welcome and we value your participation. The meetings are held to build school community and is an avenue where we, as parents or carers, can support the school through planning for fundraisers, school community events, and is also a forum for the discussion of school and parenting issues. All parents are welcome to attend - the Home and School committee is not a closed group.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tirell and Ethan Dungay have a new baby sister, Taleah. Congratulations to the family.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

The staff and students of KAS would like to invite family, friends and community members to help us celebrate NAIDOC Week from 6-10 August.

Tues – Tent Embassy display

Wed – Teachers vs Students touch football match at 12.15pm

Thurs – Cultural festivities & art exhibition

Fri - 9am – Primary NAIDOC Chapel , 10.30 Aboriginal Dance Display , 11.30 secondary school NAIDOC Chapel followed by a community luncheon in the hall. All Welcome. For enquiries please contact Mrs Clarke at school.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK 27-31 Aug

Monday – Wednesday teachers will have special reading lessons each morning. Each teacher will have the opportunity to swap their classes with another class and teach a reading lesson to that class.

Thursday – Whole school spelling bee. In previous years we have held this event under the COLA. With the size of the school this is no longer possible. Each pod of class groups will hold their own spelling test and the results from all the tests will determine which HOUSE wins the Spelling Bee Trophy for 2012.

Friday – Dress up day. THEME – Bedtime Stories. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a bedtime story book. A parade will be held on the Friday after chapel to celebrate our favourite stories. Please be reminded that witches, warlocks, Harry Potter, etc, are not acceptable at these type of events.

HATS

We have some children who have not brought their hats back to school after the school holidays. Please do so as children are not permitted to play at lunch and recess without a hat on.

HOMEWORK

Just a quick reminder that children are to return their homework folders each day for checking, notes to be put into the folder and any communication to be added to the diary.

ABSENCE AT SCHOOL

If your child is absent from school for any reason they are required to bring a note to school the first day they arrive back and give it to their teacher. This is a government requirement. Please ensure that you send a note in with

your child the day they arrive back at school.

ARRIVING LATE AND LEAVING EARLY

If your child is arriving late to school or leaving early they must be signed in and out at the front office. We are required to keep accurate records of children's attendance at school. If your child arrives late to school please make sure they are signed in at the front office and receive a late note to give to their teacher. This will ensure they are not marked as absent for that day.

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY FROM SCHOOL

On the odd occasion when you may need to collect your child early from school, please ensure that you send a note to your child's teacher asking for them to come to the school office at the required time. Due to the busyness of the school office, it is sometimes very difficult to collect your child for you at short notice.

MOBILE PHONES IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Under no circumstances are primary school students to bring mobile phones to school. Please leave them at home.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNIFORM

In recent weeks, students in the secondary school have been reminded about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. Thank you to the bulk of students who correctly wear their uniform on a daily basis. As of this week, any student who is not wearing the correct uniform including wearing their hair down, earrings other than a small stud, incorrect footwear, wrong uniform on the wrong day eg sports uniform outside of Thursdays, rolled up shorts or shirt sleeves, etc, will receive an automatic 4 point demerit. Three demerits are equal to a detention. In the unlikely event that a student continues to wear the incorrect uniform, three detentions will mean that their decision to continue to wear incorrect uniform will be reviewed by the Discipline Committee and they will be at risk of suspension. As a school we believe that being consistent about students wearing their correct uniform in a neat and tidy manner supports the positive culture of our school.

BUSHWALKING COURSE

Recently Mr Bottin, Miss Jones, Mr Bustos and Miss Bougaardt completed a Bushwalking Certificate. While we were tucked up in our warm beds they braved the crisp, cool and chilly climate of Barrington Tops to learn about how to navigate off track with a compass and map, how to plan, brief and debrief a bushwalking trip, as well as camping basics. It was also an opportunity for the staff going on the Year 10 trip to liaise with and plan with their Avondale College colleagues for our Year 10 trip to the Jatbula Trail in the Northern Territory.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS/WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

*Please keep collecting and let your extended families
and friends know they can collect for KAS!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION WITH PHIL BEADLE

Last Wednesday, all secondary staff were involved in a delightful, day long workshop with Phil Beadle (former Teacher of the Year UK). Phil was an engaging speaker who focused on practical ways to teach Literacy in all subjects. Staff feedback about the usefulness of the session was extremely positive with many of them very excited about trying to incorporate some of the activities he shared with them into their teaching. Special thanks goes to Knox Grammar who made this possible.

NAIDOC AND MULTICULTURAL WEEK

We have a wonderful week of activities planned to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. On Monday afternoon, Aunty Eileen and Aunty Mavis, Dughutti elders, presented the history of Aboriginal people in the Kempsey area, important cultural aspects, as well as a dream for the future to all the teaching staff in their staff meeting. All families are welcome to join us throughout the week for the different activities, but particularly for the indigenous dance which will begin promptly at 10:30am on Friday morning. All secondary families are welcome to join us for our NAIDOC Chapel at 11:15am, followed by a community lunch at 1pm. At this time, families will be invited to see the Art Exhibition, including works from local artist, world renowned Richard Campbell and Elwyn Toby, as well as art work from our own students, as well as those from Macleay Vocational College students.

YR 12 STUDY RETREAT

All Year 12 students will be involved in a Study Retreat during the first week of Term 4 at Yarrahappini Mon 8 Oct- Fri 12 Oct. A range of staff will be rostered to support study sessions throughout the week, while students will also have the opportunity to study in quiet spaces by themselves or in small groups. The study sessions will have scheduled exercise breaks to support the students in helping their brains and bodies to work effectively. A newsletter will be sent home within the next week outlining more detailed information.

YR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

A reminder that these important examinations will be held 20-24 August. Please make sure that your Yr 12 student is on track with their preparations.

SECONDHAND UNIFORM

2 x Sec boys trousers sz 92 \$25 each (as new condition)
2 x Pri boys shorts sz 14 \$15 each
1 x Pri boys trousers sz 18 (small size) \$20 (never worn)
Contact Donna 0438 668912

FOR SALE

Budgies for sale \$20 each - Fledged March 2012
1 aqua female
1 blue/green paint pots males- Fledged June 13 2012
1 baby blue – unsexed
1 light blue – unsexed

CANTEEN HELPERS

Wed, 8 Aug	Sandra Prosper	Thea Miles
Thurs, 9 Aug	Kim Smith	Karen Keleidaveta
Fri, 10 Aug	Jacqui	Nanette?
Tues, 14 Aug	Tracey Small	Help needed
Wed, 15 Aug	Karen Keleidaveta	Desiree Archer
Thurs, 16 Aug	Michelle Dundas	Christine Moody
Fri, 17 Aug	Ruth Hall	Tracey Small

Calendar

6-10 Aug	Naidoc /Multicultural Week
14 Aug	ICAS Mathematics NCIS Athletics (Coffs Harbour)
17 Aug	Free Dress Day (Secondary school only)
20-24 Aug	Yr 12 Trial Exams
24 Aug	Scholarship Applications Due
27-31 Aug	National Literacy and Numeracy Week
5-7 Sept	Yr 5 Camp
6 Sept	Yr 7 2013 Orientation Day 1
6-21 Sept	Yr 10 Jatbula NT Trip
7 Sept	The Shack
10 Sept	Yr 12 Parent Teacher Student Interviews
10-14 Sept	Yr 11 Semester Two Examinations

SECONDARY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

Class	Subject	Task	Date Due
7	English	Newspaper Article draft Final Copy	9.8.12 22.8.12
8	English	Parody Presentation-Lyrics Final Presentation	8.8.12 22.8.12
10	Religion	AT3	9.8.12
11	Music	AT2	8.8.12
11	Maths	AT2	9.8.12
11	Religion	AT2	8.8.12
12	English	AT5	8.8.12
12	SOR	AT4	9.8.12

SPORT & LIBRARY TIMETABLE

CLASS	SUBJECT	DAY
PreKindy (Mrs Humphries & Mrs Cooper)	Library	Friday
Kindergarten (Mrs Walsh & Mrs Humphries)	Sport Library	Monday Friday
Kindergarten (Mrs Hodgekiss)	Sport Library	Monday Friday
Year 1 (Mrs Baywood)	Sport Library	Monday Friday
Year 2 (Miss Robinson)	Sport Library	Wednesday Wednesday
Year 3 (Miss Salt)	Sport Library	Wednesday Friday
Year 4 (Miss Muller)	Sport Library	Wednesday Thursday
Year 5 (Miss Hasan)	Sport Library	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 6 (Mr Humphries)	Sport Library	Mon + Wed Wednesday
Secondary Students	Sport	Thursday