



Kahibah Public School

Positive Relationships for Positive Learning.

12th December, 2017

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STUDENT WEEKLY PROGRAM.....

Classes Begin - 9am and finish 3pm

Monday - Assembly @ 2.00pm fortnightly

Wednesday - Student Banking

Wednesday - Drum Lessons

Thursday - Band & Music Lessons

Thursday - Guitar Lessons

Friday - Band & Music Lessons

Friday - School Sport

Uniform Shop - open 8.35 - 9am Friday

WHAT'S COMING UP.....

- ♦ Tues, 12th Dec - Parent Thankyou Breakfast @ 8.15am
- ♦ Wed, 13th Dec - Class Parties
- ♦ Fri, 15th Dec - Last Day of Term 4
- ♦ Fri, 15th Dec - Yr 6 Clap Out @.....
- ♦ Fri, 15th Dec - **CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN**
- ♦ Mon, 29th Jan - Staff Development Day
- ♦ Tues, 30th Jan - First day of school for Yrs1—6
- ♦ Fri, 2nd Feb - First day of school for Kindergarten students

Principal's Report

Quality Work

Throughout the term identified students participated in the gifted and talented Project Based Learning (PBL) programs with Mr Peter Davis, who kindly volunteered his services to the school. Some Stage 3 students worked on a project related to improvement of the school sandpit while others engaged in classes to support exam techniques for selective high school placement tests. Some Stage 2 students worked on a project with an environmental theme and investigated the school recycling processes, while others worked mathematically on algebra, trigonometry and calculus. Stage 1 students collaboratively worked on a project to improve the Peace Garden area and came up with some solutions that Mr Shotton, our GA will be able to work on over the Christmas holiday period. Students took pleasure in applying their new found PBL skills to school identified problems and reported great satisfaction in using the 4Cs of Education; communication collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity, to solve real life problems and take their learning beyond the classroom. It was a pleasure to sit with students this week as they share their PBL experiences and we hope the school can act on some of their suggested solutions.

Students in 5/6B have enjoyed Creative Art lessons and this term have developed their pottery skills as they created ceramic sculptures including pinched pots, coil pots and Christmas ornaments. I was able to admire their handy work when the delicate pieces were still hot from the kiln. Beautiful work, 5/6B!



Quality Behaviour

The following students have been recognised by a teacher for;

Working hard to complete 12 levels of the MultiLit Word Attack Skills Reading Program; congratulations on your determination and effort – Shaniqua S-R

Completing 5 levels of the MacqLit reading program; making improvements to their reading accuracy and fluency which is reflected in their assessments and their increasing enjoyment of reading - Harmony Y, Kayde R, Koby I, Aria D, Claire A & Eden P

Almost completing 5 levels of the MacqLit reading program; making improvements to their reading accuracy and fluency which is reflected in their assessments and their increasing enjoyment of reading - April G, Isabel, Brayden C, Leo M & Gemma W

Commitment to complete 17 levels the Multi-Lit Word Attack Skills reading program; congratulations and well done – Bailey W

High School Orientation Day

Whitebridge HS, Merewether HS and Hunter School of the Performing Arts held their Year 7 orientation visits in recent weeks. This was a wonderful opportunity for the year 6 students to attend their future high school in preparation for 2018.

Reading Recovery Program

Congratulations to our hard working Reading Recovery teacher Mrs Amanda Thompson who has successfully graduated the Reading Recovery training and development course. The Reading Recovery program is a research-based early literacy program which aims to accelerate student progress of Year 1 students, to the average level of the grade as quickly as possible so students obtain maximum benefit from classroom instruction. This is achieved by trained Reading Recovery teachers who provide intensive one to one teaching for 30mins each day for an average period of 12 to 20 weeks to students who are experiencing difficulty with reading. Well done Mrs Thompson, you have made a difference to the Yr 1 students at Kahibah PS!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the BYOD Q&A session last week and to Mrs Audet and Archie A, Jesse H, Imogen S & Gemma W who contributed to the presentation. We hope the information shared was helpful as you make decisions for your children.

Thank you to Mrs Vitnell and her team of volunteers who organised the Yr 6 Farewell; the ladies in the office for all the ordering, printing, shopping & phone calls etc; students & staff who assisted with set up and clean up; Mrs Murphy for the cake; Mr Faasisila for putting on a feast; and the parent helpers for serving the evening meal. What a wonderful evening for our graduating class of 2017!

Thank you to all the parents, carers, family and friends for joining us on Presentation Day. What a wonderful celebration of learning and commitment to school life. I would like to say a special thank you to those who assisted in the organisation of the Presentation Day Assembly, particularly Mrs Tagaroulis, Mrs Wand and Mrs Boyle and all the other helpers behind the scenes.

Thank you to all our school helpers / volunteers who were able to join us this week for our *Thank You Breakfast*, and of course a thank you to those that couldn't attend because we love you too! It really is the combined efforts of the home, school and local community that make a childhood what it is...what a blessing it is for the children of Kahibah PS to be supported by so many who love and take a high interest in their learning & wellbeing. We appreciate all that you do!

School Self Evaluation

The School Self Evaluation Committee has wrapped up the evaluation process by analysing the information gained from the surveys, interviews and focus group discussions. Thank you to everyone that participated by providing feedback, thoughts, opinions and suggestions.

All of this information has been evaluated and will be reported upon in the 2017 School Report and as a result, three key strategic directions have been identified for the 2018-2020 school plan;

Quality Learning – every student, everyday

Quality Teaching – professionalism & commitment

Quality Leadership – instructional, transformational & distributed

Processes are currently being defined that will support the school in achieving the desired products and practices. Once the school plan is developed it will be shared with the school community in early 2018.

Reports to Parents

I had the pleasure of reading 333 student yearly reports over the last week and a half. Congratulations to all the students who put their best effort into their learning during second semester. Parents and carers should receive these reports on Wednesday when they will be distributed to the children. Parent / teacher interviews are available upon request.

Staff Changes for 2018

Kahibah PS will be having some staffing changes in 2018. We wish to thank Mrs Shannon Hardy who has been teaching Stage 2; Mrs Amanda Thompson who has been working as the Reading Recovery teacher and the Science teacher; and Mr Paul Gorton who has been team teaching computers and supporting staff and students in Literacy

initiatives; all on temporary appointments. Due to permanent members of staff returning from leave and with the anticipated appointment of new teachers, Kahibah PS does not have suitable vacancies available in 2018. We have appreciated the contribution of these valued members of staff and wish them well as other schools are likely to snatch them up. Of course we may try to bring them back on occasions when a casual teacher is needed – if they're not too busy teaching elsewhere!

School Development Day

The last day for students in Term 4 is Friday 15th December, 2017. Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December are designated School Development Days for teacher professional learning. Please be advised that Kahibah Public School rescheduled the School Development Day dates to ½ day afternoon/evening sessions earlier in the year; meaning that the school will not be open on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December.

2018 School Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 29th January – Friday 13th April (Students in years 1 to 6 return to school on Tuesday 30th January, KPS Kindergarten students begin on Friday 2nd February)

Term 2: Monday 30th April – Friday 6th July (All students return to school on Tuesday 1st May)

Term 3: Monday 23rd July – Friday 28th September (All students return to school on Tuesday 24th July)

Term 4: Monday 15th October – Friday 21st December (All students finish school on Wednesday 19th December)

The last day of school for students this year is Friday 15th December, 2017. Looking forward to seeing students shine on stage at the annual Talent Show and please be reminded that students are welcome to come out of uniform on the last day.

Have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Honi Faasisila
Principal

Sport Report

Over the weekend of 24th and 25th November, Mackenzie Wall attended the Australian All Star Cheer and Dance Championships in Melbourne. There were 40,000 competitors. She represented her club "Oxygen All Stars" from Beresfield. Mackenzie competed with her 28 team members, "Legacy" and they were awarded 2nd in the nation. What an incredible achievement. Congratulations Mackenzie!!

Chaplain's Report 2017

Well what an awesome year 2017 has been. I am so grateful and thankful that I am able to work alongside the beautiful staff and Community at Kahibah Public School.

March seems like such a long time ago that I was appointed the Chaplain here at KPS, from the very first time I came along to Kahibah Public School I have felt the warmth and love from everyone.

Some of the things that have happened this year has been challenging but rewarding. I have met so many families and have managed to learn most people's names – even if there may be some slight promptings!!

I have participated/facilitated in a number of programs - Seasons for Growth, Shine Program, Friendship & Resilience and beautiful fun times in the playground. Lots of UNO challenges in my office and some lovely quality time in various classrooms.

Fourth Term has seen the start of Breakfast club. A huge thankyou to the P&C for their kind donation which enabled the school to purchase a 6 slice commercial toaster, lovely blankets and cushions to enjoy breakfast on and also the new set up with plates, bowls, cutlery, cups, mugs and various other items to get us started. Also thank you to Bee Sting Bakery for donating the bread. The kids love the fresh bread. We gather from 8:15am every Monday and look to increasing our days in 2018. The children are having a blast of a morning listening to some fun tunes and mingling together whilst sharing a meal. It is a beautiful time and I am truly honoured to be able to spend time with the children. All welcome to come along and hang out at Breakfast Club. Watch this space in 2018.

I would love to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to getting to know more of you in 2018.

Love and blessings
Sally-Anne Linde
School Chaplain

Canteen

Thank you for all the support that everyone has given me, this year and a special thankyou to all my lovely canteen helpers.

It has been an awesome year, meeting you all and working with you.

Wishing all the teachers, students, parents & grandparents a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Have a safe holiday.

See you all in 2018
Kura Connolly
Canteen Supervisor

FREE Aboriginal Bicycle Safety Program



Practical Bike Skills

Free bike service and minor repairs

Free Helmet

Refreshments provided

Date: Friday 15th December, 2017

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Place: PCYC Newcastle, Young Rd, Broadmeadow

For more information contact 0411 260 735

The Program is funded by the NSW Government



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FREE Aboriginal Bicycle Safety Program



- Practical Bike Skills
- Free bike service and minor repairs
- Free Helmet
- Refreshments provided

Date: Tuesday 19th December, 2017

Time: 9am to 12pm

Place: PCYC Lake Macquarie, Lake St Windale

For further information contact 0411 260 735

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MOVIES

\$15 including Kids Meal

FROM 11AM

16TH JAN CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

23RD JAN LEGO NINGAJO

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The New Way

There will be changes in route services which may affect students

Newcastle Transport announced the new network last week, with more than a thousand extra bus and ferry services to be delivered when the new network is implemented on 14 January 2018.

The new network will improve bus connections between major hubs and the Newcastle CBD offering services every 15 minutes during the day, and will also strengthen links between suburbs and town centers.

Most of the bus routes have been revised and new bus routes have been added to the network to better meet customer needs. To match the new network, we have simplified the route numbers to double digits.

There are no changes to dedicated school services.

School students who use regular routes will need to check their route to and from school. Our Travel Concierge can be contacted at newcastletransport.info to provide assistance to parents and students in understanding the changes and planning their new trip.

There are a number of ways customers and the community can access information, including:

- At newcastletransport.info where you can view an interactive map of the network, download the new map and read about key timetable and route changes by area.
- Our Travel Concierge will provide assistance to customers to understand the changes and plan their new trip.
- The Newcastle Transport Hub at 152 Hunter Street, Newcastle, where the community can talk to the Newcastle Transport team face to face and provide feedback. The Hub is open Monday to Friday, between 8am and 5pm and between Saturdays 9am and 5pm.
- The Newcastle Transport Facebook page.
- Our customer service team will be out and about on the network and in local shopping centres. A calendar of locations will be available on the Newcastle Transport website.

We would appreciate if you could pass this information on to parents and students.

Should you have any questions about dedicated school services, please contact Margaret Pannell or Alex Bowler by email at newway@newcastletransport.info.

Regards,

The Newcastle Transport team

Visit newcastletransport.info
6th December 2017



