Dear Parents / Caregivers,  

Term 1 Week 10 1 April 2015

Dates to Remember

Term 1

Week 10  Parent/Teacher Interview & Newsletter Week
31/03/15  Student Banking
02/04/15  Easter Hat Parade, P&C Easter Raffle & Mini iPad Draw, Last Day of Term
03/04/15  Good Friday
19/04/15  Stage 3 Students and Parents ANZAC March and Service (St Marys)

Term 2

Week 1
20/04/15  Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
21/04/15  Students Commence School, Stage 3 ANZAC Service at the Paceway, Student Banking
24/04/15  School ANZAC Service

Week 2
28/04/15  S3T Excursion to Warragamba Dam, S3D UWS Lecturer Visit, P&C Meeting, Student Banking
01/05/15  Stage Assemblies

Important Information for Parents

We have come to the end of a very busy Term 1. Thank you to the students and staff for their hard work this term. Thank you also to the P&C for their work and ongoing commitment to the school. Another two Interactive Whiteboards have been purchased and the school, with the support of the P&C, continues to work towards having an Interactive Whiteboard in every classroom. Please join us tomorrow at 9:30am for our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Easter Hat Parade and raffle draws.

On Tuesday 24 March the P&C held its AGM and general meeting. Congratulations to the 2015 P&C Executive:

- President – Christine Brown
- Vice Presidents – Marilyn Fahey, Nicole Kaniszewski and Michelle Adams
- Secretary – Helen Hawken
- Treasurer – Amanda Cooper

Staff Development Day will be held on Monday 20 April 2015. This is a pupil free day. All students commence school on Tuesday 21 April. I would like to wish all our students, staff and families a very safe and Happy Easter. I look forward to seeing you all next term.
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews are currently being held. Thank you to those parents and carers that attended these interviews. The Semester 1 reports will be sent home at the end of Term 2. Parents are most welcome to speak to their child’s class teacher during the school year. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

Interrelate
Kingswood Learning Community will be hosting Interrelate again this year. It will be held at Claremont Meadows Public School and families with students in Years 3 to 6 from Kingswood PS are invited to attend. The Interrelate sessions will be held on the evening of Tuesday 16 June 2015. The following sessions are being offered:

Session 1: Where did I come from? 1 hour session Years 3 – 6
Session 2: Preparing for puberty 1 hour session Years 5 – 6 (Years 3 – 4 can attend at a parent’s discretion)
Cost: 1 session $25 per family 2 sessions $30 per family

More information is available on the flyer attached. If you would like to attend please complete the form attached with the correct money in an envelope with your child’s name and class to the school office money slot.

New Attendance Policy
The Department of Education and Communities has released a new Attendance Policy. This policy highlights the importance of students attending each school day. Students who are frequently absent or are late for school miss vital learning experiences that may affect their educational, social and emotional wellbeing.

All parents have a responsibility to ensure that children attend school each day and to notify the school as soon as possible if their child is away. If your child is absent parents are required to provide the school with an absence note explaining why they were away. If your child is absent for 2 days or more (without notification from parents) the school will contact you to find out why they are absent and why the school was not notified. If your child is absent due to illness the school can request a medical certificate from the doctor. Please ensure that a written letter or notification through the Skoolbag app is provided upon your child’s return to school.

Schools have a legal requirement to record student attendance. A significant change to the policy is the expectation that students who travel within Australia or overseas for a holiday do so during school holidays. If students are going on holidays during school time an Application for Extended Leave – Travel must be completed by parents before travelling with copies of the itinerary attached. This absence will now be counted towards a student’s total absence and be recorded on your child’s Semester reports. Please consider the impact on your child’s learning before taking leave during school time. The Application for Extended Leave – Travel is available from the office. A Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel will be issued if the leave is approved. Please note that parents are responsible for supervision of children whilst on extended leave.

Letters are being issued to students who have been arriving early to school. Please note that supervision of students does not commence before 8:30am in the morning. Out of hours care is now available in our New Hall. If you require this service please contact Cubbyhouse on 1300 553 583.

Keeping Our Students Safe – Road Safety
Flashing lights have now been installed at the front of the school to remind drivers to slow down to 40km in the school zone during school days. We are also very fortunate to have two Crossing ladies who assist in getting our students across the road safely.
Second Avenue is a very busy road. The traffic has increased substantially due to university and TAFE students returning. The road is also currently being used as a detour for Caddens Road which is closed.

Please take extra care when dropping off and picking up your child/children at the start and end of the day. It only takes a split second for a tragedy to occur. Please obey the traffic rules when parking and use the crossing. Please also teach your child/children the importance of using the crossing and not walking through the staff car park which is out of bounds to all students at all times. We need to lead by example and work together to keep our students safe.

**General Permission to Publish**
A note has been sent home in regards to general permission to publish. Please read the note and return it completed and signed to your class teacher if you have not already done so.

**Skoolbag App**
The app is free and is available to iPhone, iPad and Android users. Some of the key features of the Skoolbag app include push notifications, email, newsletters and GPS Directional Mapping. As the newsletter is now available on the app, we will no longer be sending hard copies home. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the office and the newsletter can also be accessed on the schools website.

There has been a recent software upgrade so please check if you have the latest version of Skoolbag App.

**Cubbyhouse Out of School Hours Care Service**
Cubbyhouse offers an out of hours school care service in the New Hall each school day. Please contact Cubbyhouse directly for more information and to enrol your child/children on 1300 553 583.

**Communicating with Staff**
If you have any issues or concerns in regards to your child’s schooling and wish to speak to your child’s class teacher or the Assistant Principals supervising the Stage or myself, please contact the office to make an appointment time. Please speak to the class teacher before speaking to the Assistant Principal or myself as we will refer you to the class teacher if you have not already spoken to them.

Please be aware that teachers are extremely busy during the school day and may be attending meetings before or after school. It is really difficult to get a class settled in the morning if there are parents trying to speak to the teacher.

**Excursion Notes**
Please note we do not accept hand written notes or verbal permission for excursion or other school events. **A school permission note for each child must be completed for every excursion and or special event.**

**Early Arrivals**
Please be aware the morning duty begins at 8:30am. Students are not supervised before this time. Please do not send your children to school before this time. If children need to be dropped off early, please organise before school care. Cubbyhouse OSHC can be contacted on 1300 553 583.

**Running Late?**
Please pick up your children promptly at 3pm if you collect them from school. If you are running late or have been delayed, please notify the school as soon as possible. Many children become distressed when parents are not there to pick them up at the end of the day. Children can be picked up from the office.
Are Your Contact Details Current?
Please let the office know in person or in writing if your contact details have changed including emergency contact details. If your child is sick or we need to contact you for any reason, it can be really difficult if the numbers are not current.

Out of Hours After School Care Services off the School Site
If your child attends an After Care Service off the school site please contact the Centre directly if your child is not attending on the day. Some parents decide to pick their children up or vary their after school arrangements without notifying the After School Care Centre or our office. Executive staff are then required to spend a lot of time trying to find these ‘missing’ students. Your support in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Lost Property/Clothing Pool
Each term we have lots of lost property. Please label your child’s hats, bags, jumpers, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Lost property is located in the brick building closest to the entrance and exit gate. Due to hygiene issues, lost lunch boxes and drink bottles without names will be disposed of.

The P&C operates the Clothing Pool each Tuesday from 8:45am until just after 9:00am in the brick building located nearest to the front entrance of the school. Items can be purchased for a gold coin donation.

Medical Conditions
If your child/children have any medical conditions that the school should be made aware of such as Anaphylaxis or Asthma please contact the school office immediately and provide them with their health care plan if you have not already done so.

Anaphylaxis
An increasing number of our students are being diagnosed with Anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system (eg. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal, cardio vascular). A severe allergic reaction usually occurs within 20 minutes of exposure to the trigger and can rapidly become life threatening.

Common triggers include food such as peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, milk, eggs, fish, crustaceans and soy are the most common food triggers, which cause 90% of allergic reactions. It is important to understand that even trace amounts of foods can cause a life-threatening reaction. Other triggers include insect stings, medication or such things as latex.

We ask for your support and request that all students do not bring to school any nut products or foods that contain traces of nuts. This includes birthday cakes, cupcakes, doughnuts and lollies.

If you would like more information about Anaphylaxis or have a child who has this condition and you have not notified the school, please contact the office immediately.

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Students – Change of Clothes
If your child is in Early Stage 1 or Stage 1 could you please ensure that you have a change of underpants and shorts in your child’s bag in case of a toileting accident or wet weather. We have a very limited supply available at school and we would appreciate your support in this matter.

Voluntary Contribution
Each year families are asked to pay a voluntary contribution. The voluntary contribution is $40 per child or $70 per family. This year the P&C are running a competition for all those families
that have paid their voluntary contribution by the end of Term 1. **One family will win a Mini iPad.** Look out for the P&C flyer and the voluntary contribution note.

**Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices**

We discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school unless they are in the Opportunity Classes and they are travelling from another area to the school. Mobile phones must be handed in to the office each morning turned off and picked up at the end of the day. If you need to get a message to your child/children please contact the office.

Electronic devices are not to be brought to school. Please note that the school takes no responsibility if a student brings an electronic device to school and if an electronic device is lost or stolen.

**Bikes and Scooters**

Students are able to ride their bikes and scooters to school. These must be chained to the bike rack during the school day. A helmet must be worn at all times that the student is riding his or her bike or scooter to and from school. The school takes no responsibility for bikes or scooters brought to school.

**Keeping Our Students Safe**

Help us to keep our students safe by not walking your children through the car park or driving into the car park. **The car park is for staff parking and deliveries only.** The car park is out of bounds to all students at all times.

Please be aware that Traffic Rangers will be patrolling outside the school both in the mornings and afternoons issuing infringement notices for traffic violations.

**Dogs in the School Grounds**

The *Companion Animals Act 1998 – Sect 14* states that **dogs are prohibited from school grounds.** Please do not bring your dogs into the school grounds as many students are frightened of dogs and we are trying to keep all students safe.

**School Website**

The school has a fabulous website that parents can access for further information about the school including permission notes and the school newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Fox who maintains the website. The website address is [http://www.kingswood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kingswood-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**P&C - Making a Vital Contribution to Our School**

The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28 April 2015** at 2:00 in the staffroom. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Norma Petrocco  
Principal

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**Voluntary Contributions 2015**

Child’s Name/Names: ______________________________________________

Class/es: _____

Enclosed (please tick):

- [ ] $40 per child (one child in family)
- [ ] $70 per family (2 or more children)

Signed: _________________________ Date: _____________
When kids ask "the" questions...

Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school! With over 85 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. We know how to help break the ice. Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1-hour session, years 3-6)
This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent's discretion)
This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services Presents
a Special Evening Program

Family cost*: 1 session $25 per family | 2 sessions $30 per family
*GST exclusive – GST is payable/claimable by the school or organising body

Where: CLAREMONT MEADOWS PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Tuesday, 16th June 2015
Time: Where did I come from? – 6:00pm sharp | Preparing for puberty – 7:15pm sharp
Speciality books are available for purchase on the night

A Special Evening Program

Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labeled with child's name and class

Name of family: ________________________________________________________________

No. attending:   [ ] Session 1: Where did I come from?   [ ] Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: $ ___________  [ ] Cash  [ ] Cheque (payable to school)

Tel: (02) 8882 7875  |  Fax: (02) 8882 7890
schoolservices@interrelate.org.au  
www.interrelate.org.au
## Canteen Menu 2015

### Sandwiches
- Egg or Egg & Lettuce ($2.00)
- Ham or Deans or Chicken Salad Roll ($2.70)
- Tuna Salad Roll ($2.70)
- Beef ($2.60)
- Vegetarian or Ham or Honey or Cheese ($2.70)

### Wraps
- Cheese Rockho - Matted Cheese ($2.00)
- Pizza Rockho - Ham or Chicken, Cheese, and Tomato ($2.60)
- Kids' Chicken Schnitzel & Lettuce Wrap ($2.80)
- Caesar Wrap with Lettuce & Mayon. Apple Sauce ($3.80)
- Salad Wrap = Add Chicken ($3.50)
- Chicken Breast Schnitzel Wrap Lettuce & Mayon ($4.00)
- Hawaiian Wrap: Chicken, Lett, Papaya, Mango ($4.20)
- Sweet & Chewy Wrap: Chicken, Tenderloin, Lett, Mayon ($4.00)

### Salads, Nuts & Seeds
- Caesar or Garden or Greek Salad = Add Chicken ($3.50)
- Salads Beef, Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese ($4.50)

### Burgers
- Fish & Chips Burger = Lettuce, Mayon ($3.60)
- Chicken Burger with Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Mayon ($3.60)
- Ham & Cheese Burger = Lettuce, Tomato, Mayon & BBQ Sauce ($3.60)
- Veggie Burger = Lettuce, Mayon ($3.60)
- Kids Cheeseburger = Cheese, Tomato Sauce ($3.00)
- Cheeseburger = Cheese, Tomato Sauce, Lettuce ($3.60)

### Hot Serves
- Garlic Bread = Tapenade ($6.00)
- Fish Finger ($4.00)
- Corn Dog ($2.00)
- Cup of Noodles = Chicken or Beef ($2.60)
- Hot Dog, with Sauces ($2.00)
- Chicken Nuggets = Peppers ($2.00)
- Popcorn Chicken = Peppers ($2.00)
- Hash Brown ($2.00)
- Potato Wedges with Sauce ($3.00)
- Cheese & Bacon Roll ($2.00)
- Mini Spring Rolls = Vegetarian ($2.00)
- Nachos = Beef & Cheese ($2.50)
- Hot Cokes, with Macaroni & Cheese ($2.00)

### Desserts & Pastries
- Lemonade (Hot or Iced Tea) ($3.50)
- Muffins & Mince Pie ($0.50)
- Butter Chicken & Rice ($2.80)
- Fried Rice ($2.80)
- Pizza Hawaiian or Beef & Cheese ($2.80)
- Pizza with Mushrooms ($2.80)

### Fresh Fruits
- Apple, Orange, Banana, Watermelon ($1.00)
- Apple or Tuna ($1.50)
- Grapes in a Cup ($1.50)
- Fruit Salad - Large ($3.00)

### Snacks
- Fruit Nuggets = with Fruit Juice ($0.60)
- Jelly Cup = Apple Fruit ($1.00)
- Popcorn = Fruit ($1.00)
- Yoghurt Vanilla ($2.00)
- Chocolate Cookies ($2.00)
- Yoghurt Laid Strawberry Bars ($1.00)
- Lollies = Chicken Crackers ($1.00)
- Brownies ($1.00)
- Manna Noodles ($1.50)
- Lollipops ($1.00)
- Red Baked Chips = Coconut Soy ($1.50)

### Milk Drinks
- 200ml Choc / Strawberry / Vanilla = Cold Fresh ($3.20)
- 600ml Choc / Strawberry / Vanilla = Cold Fresh ($3.50)
- Cap & Ice Choc = Iced Tea / Vanilla = Fresh Cold ($3.20)
- Hot Chocolate = ($3.50)

### Soft Drinks
- Popcorn 200ml ($2.00)
- Water 350ml ($1.00)
- Water 600ml ($1.60)
- Onity 330ml Fresh Juice = Apple or Orange ($1.50)
- Appletiser = 250ml ($2.20)
- Diet Lemonade = ($1.20)
- Spanish Pomegranate = ($1.20)
- Studio 250ml ($1.00)
- Studio 500ml ($1.00)
- Etoile = 250ml Assorted Mineral Sparkling Water ($1.20)

### Ice Cream
- Ice Cream Vanilla ($1.20)
- Ice Cream Chocolate ($1.20)
- Ice Cream Strawberry ($1.20)
- Ice Cream Toffee ($1.20)
- Ice Cream Cookies & Cream ($1.20)

### Monday Menu

**Steamed Dumplings**
Prawn (4 PER SERVE) = $4.00

**Tuesday Menu**
Sushi Rolls = $3 Regular, $5 Large

**Wednesday Menu**
Horikien Noodles = $3.80

**EXTRA**
200g Cheese Tomato: $3.50

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### School Holiday Fun Guide

**Lollipops Penrith School Holiday Entertainment**

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- 200g Cheese Tomato: $3.50

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