Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Dates to Remember

**Term 3 Week 6 20 August 2015**

**Term 3** Week 6 **Newsletter Week**
- 17/08/15 UWS Pre-School Visit
- 19/08/15 District Athletics Carnival, Dance Group Rehearsal, Starting School Group, Maths Olympiad
- 20/08/15 District Athletics Carnival
- 21/08/15 Ethics/Scripture Classes, Whole School Assembly, Peer Support

**Term 3 Week 7 Book Week**
- 24/08/15 Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival – Dance Groups Matinee & Evening Performances
- 25/08/15 UWS Visit S3D, UWS Pre-School Visit, P&C Meeting
- 26/08/15 Starting School Group
- 28/08/15 Crazy Hair Day, Ethics/Scripture Classes, Stage Assemblies, Peer Support

**Term 3 Week 8 Newsletter Week**
- 31/08/15 Stage 3 Graffiti Presentations
- 02/09/15 P&C Father’s Day Stall, Starting School Group, UWS Pre-School Visit
- 04/09/15 Ethics/Scripture Classes, Stage Assemblies, Peer Support

**Important Information for Parents**

**New NSW K-10 Syllabuses**
Since 2014 all NSW schools have been part of the staged implementation of the new NSW K-10 syllabuses. These syllabuses are based on the new Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these learning areas includes content statements that represent essential learning for all Australian students.

In NSW the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) has further developed the NSW syllabuses to include Australian curriculum content and more detail that clarifies learning. As a result, Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses provide direction to ensure greater consistency between NSW schools.

The new syllabuses build on the strength of the existing NSW curriculum. Many features of the new K-10 English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K-6) and History syllabuses are retained. Literacy and numeracy remain important areas of focus in K-6 where essential foundation skills are developed.
The syllabuses identify the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to develop in each learning area. They are designed to provide flexibility for teachers to develop their teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of their students.

In addition to subject based content, all syllabuses address important contemporary themes and general capabilities as students prepare to live and work successfully in the 21st century. These include Australian curriculum cross-curriculum priorities and general capabilities and other learning across the curriculum areas.

At Kingswood Public School all teachers are teaching the new NSW English, Mathematics and Science and Technology syllabuses. This year the teachers are also working with new History syllabus for full implementation next year. The new Geography syllabus will follow after the implementation of the History syllabus.

The Department of Education is currently reviewing the way we report to parents. Reports will change to reflect the requirement of the policy standards for NSW schools. You will notice changes to our Semester 2 report. Please note that these changes are ongoing and will fully reflect the reporting requirements once this has been decided by the Department of Education. Further information for parents can be found on the parent page on the BOSTES website http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/parents

**Starting School Group**
Our Starting School Group began on Wednesday 22 July (Week 2 Term 3) in the Old Hall commencing at 9:15 till 11:00 and continuing every Wednesday morning in Terms 3 and 4. This playgroup is for children starting school in 2016 and is FREE to attend. Parents stay with their child during the playgroup and younger siblings are also welcome. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Program**
The school is participating in this program again this year commencing on Wednesday 15 July until Tuesday 8 September. Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (conditions apply). Stick the Woolworths Sticker onto the Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. Once it’s completed, pop the sheet into a Collection Box at our school or local store. You can download more Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Sheets from the website woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Points raised will go towards the purchase of equipment and resources for students across the school.

**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 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.

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.

** 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 track pants/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. Thank you to those families who have already paid their contribution. Your support is appreciated.

**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 25 August 2015** at 2:00 in the staffroom. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

Norma Petrocco
Principal
Congratulations Ms Petrocco!

Congratulations to our Principal Ms Norma Petrocco who was recently awarded an ACEL NSW Fellowship. ACEL is the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. Each year ACEL recognise NSW Educational Leaders who are members of ACEL and have made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of student and organisational achievement through their leadership.

As a school community we are very proud of Ms Petrocco’s achievements and outstanding work as a Principal in Western Sydney and the current President of the Penrith/Blue Mountains Primary Principal’s Association. Through these, Ms Petrocco is able to impart her extensive knowledge and leadership capacity throughout the region.

Ms Petrocco is a most worthy recipient of this award.

Mrs Meredith Jeff
Assistant Principal

'Kids at Sea' Musical DVD

Students will be able to purchase a copy of the DVD of the musical "Kids at Sea" which includes both the musical and the Stage One dancers who performed during Intermission. The cost is $10.00 per DVD and students are able to purchase multiple copies if they wish to give to family and friends.

A note was sent home last week for students to purchase the DVD.

Please place the correct money and note in the money slot in the school office by Friday 28 August 2015. Please note that no payment will be accepted after this date.

Thank you
Mrs Hall

Crazy Hair Day

On Friday 28 August all students are invited to come to school with crazy hair in exchange for a gold coin donation. Examples of crazy hair can include: lots of plaits, coloured hair spray, bows and ribbons or spiky hair. The money collected will be donated to the Starlight Children's Foundation. This charity was voted for by the Student Representative Council (SRC).

Students are required to wear their school uniforms and wear their school broad brimmed hats. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Mrs Hall
Premier's Reading Challenge
The following students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015: Eddie ES1D, Amir ES1D, Jarece ES1D, Safia ES1F, Snigdha ES1F, Abdullah ES1F, Alessa ES1/S1H, Tim S1J, Omar S1J, Janani S1J, Ahmad S1O, Akriti S1O, Christina S1O, Zariyah S1O, Chris S1P, Ryan S1/S2AE, Lucas S1/S2AE, Isabel S1/S2AE, Nicole S1/S2AE, Zaina S2H, Lara S2H, Alina S2H, Laura S2H, Anette S2H, Roshan S2K, Alexander S2K, Amy S2K, Amaan S2L, Aneela S2L, Megha S3D, Ciana S3D, Aleena S3J, Irene S3J, Mahd S3T, Alison S3D, Ravin S3D, Andrew S3D, Robin S3D, Ansh S3D, Sofia S3D, Abhijith S3D, Paramvir S3T, Madi S3T and Zadid S3T. Congratulations!

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015 has now concluded. 156 students completed the PRC this year. This is a record number for our school. Well done to you all! Students will receive their Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates at the end of Term 4.

Mrs Young
Teacher Librarian

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: _____________
ABEL SCHOOLWEAR

Abel Schoolwear has advised that they are experiencing ongoing problems with their telephone and fax lines since their relocation to Unit 1, 5 Coombes Drive Penrith due to problems with the NBNCo.

Calls are currently being diverted to mobile phones and they are trying their best to answer all calls.

Please contact Abel Schoolwear via email: abelschoolwear@bigpond.com.au

Abel Schoolwear apologises for any inconvenience as it may be mid to late June before the problems can be fixed by Telstra.
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**MONDAY**

**STEAMED DUMPLINGS**

**PRawn (4 Per Serve)** $4.00

**TUESDAY**

**SUSHI ROLLS**

**TUNA OR CHICKEN OR VEGE**

$3 Regular $5 Large

**WEDNESDAY**

**HOKkien NOODLES**

**CHICKEN & CARROT** $3.80

(G) GREEN   -   (A) AMBER   -   (V) VEGETARIAN   -   (H) HALAL