Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Term 3 Week 4 5 August 2015

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Important Information for Parents

Last week the school celebrated Education Week. Our Open Day was held on Wednesday with parents, families and friends coming along to visit our classrooms, the Book Fair, the P&C Kingswood Café and the evening performance of our school musical Kids at Sea.

Thank you to all of our parents, families and friends who attended Open Day. It was a pleasure to see so many of you here supporting your children and the school. Thank you to Mrs Young, Mrs Edwards and the staff for manning the Book Fair. A total of $5281.00 was sold which is a terrific effort.

Thank you to the P&C Executive Committee, P&C members, parents and carers who ran our P&C Café and/or baked goodies to be sold on the day and at our musical. Your efforts are really appreciated.

The culmination of our Education Week celebrations was our school musical Kids at Sea. It was a fantastic performance by our very talented students across our school. School musicals take months of planning, work and rehearsals and is a whole school commitment. I would like to thank and acknowledged the phenomenal staff of our wonderful school for all the time and effort they put into the musical to ensure it was a great success. Thank you to our wonderful actors,
choirs, dancers and singers for their outstanding performances. A special thank you to Ms Napper who directed the musical and worked so hard with the students to ensure it was a fabulous experience for them and a wonderful memory of being students at our school. A DVD of the musical will be available to purchase at a later date. Parents will receive more information about this in the future.

**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, cardiovascular). 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

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

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The following students have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015: Rohan S1J, Oliver S1J, Jamie S1J, Fatima S1J, Erin S1/S2AE, Trey S2H, Emily S3B, Ameya S3D and Vivien S3D, Congratulations! A total of 117 students have now completed the PRC for this year. Well done to you all!

Student Reading Records must be completed by Wednesday 19 August.

Scholastic Book Fair Report 2015
Thank you for your wonderful support for our school’s Book Fair. A total of $5281 was spent on books, activity packs and stationery. Commission from the Book Fair sales will enable the school library to be stocked with many new resources.

A special thank you to the Watts, Brown, Morphett, Tariq, Flicker, Hanmore, Nestrovic, Wallis, McGrath, McGaughey, Wells and Kirkman families for kindly purchasing and donating books to our library. I’m sure all of these new books will prove to be very popular with our students.

I would particularly like to thank staff members Mrs Edwards, Mrs Shead, Mrs Boughton, Mrs Parkin, Mrs Prunty, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Dunsire for their valuable assistance during the day. I would also like to congratulate and thank our Library Monitors who assisted throughout the day.

The Lucky Door prize winners were Hallie S3B, Zaina S2H and Hayden S1O. Each student won books to the value of $20 which were kindly donated by Scholastic Book Fairs. The Book Fair was once again a huge success. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Mrs Young
Teacher Librarian

P&C
On Wednesday 28 July P&C opened their Cafe for Open Day as well as having a soup and cake stall on both Wednesday and Thursday evening for the school musical “Kids At Sea”.

I am delighted to say we had an enormous response from our parents and community by cooking and donating cakes and soup for all three events as well as helping to set up and serve on these days. I am pleased to say that we made a profit of approximately $1700.

I would like to thank the following people for their support as without you we would have not had the great success we did. A big thanks goes to Michelle Adams, Vanessa Kohalmi, Kelly Jenssen, Dea Kandasamy, Michelle Langford, Jasmine Crombie, Chris Haddow, Nikhit Haasan, Saima Yasmin, Kim Hall, Katie Fahey, Emily Hall, Lesley Taylor, Monica Beigbeder, Jeanette Powell, Ann Powell, Margaret Cooper, Marilyn Fahey, Amanda Cooper and Helen Hawken.

Christine Brown
P&C President

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.
## Canteen Menu 2015

### Sandwiches
- Egg or Egg & Lettuce (G, V, H) $2.00
- Ham or Devon or Chicken Salad add 80c (G, H) $2.70
- Tuna Salad add 80c (G, H) $2.70
- Salad (G, H) $2.80
- Vegemite or Jam or Honey or Cheese $1.70

### Wraps
- Wrap - Melted Cheese (G) $2.00
- Pizza Pocket - Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Pizza Sauce (G) $2.80
- Kids Chicken Schnitzel & Lettuce Wrap (G, H) $2.80
- Caesar Wrap With Lettuce & Mayo Add Chicken $1 (G) $3.20
- Salad Wrap Add Chicken $1 (G, H) $3.40
- Chicken Brezen Schnitzel Wrap Lettuce & Mayo (G, H) $4.00
- Hawaiian Wrap Chicken, Lett, Apple, Mayo (G, H) $4.20
- Sweet Chili Wrap Chicken Tenders, Lett, Mayo (A, H) $4.00

### Salads & Rice
- Caesar or Garden or Greek Salad Add Chicken $1 (G, V) $3.50
- Salad Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese (G, V) $4.50

### Burgers
- Fish Fillet Burger Lettuce, Mayo (G, H) $3.60
- Chicken Burger 100% Beef, Lettuce, Mayo (A, H) $3.60
- Hamburger Gourmet Beef, Tomato, Lettuce, BBQ Sauce (G, H) $3.60
- Veggie Burger (G, H) $3.80
- Kids Cheeseburger Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A) $2.00
- Cheeseburger Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A, H) $3.60

### Hot Favourites
- Garlic Bread Large Roll (G, H, V) $2.00
- Fish Finger (G, H) $0.70
- Corn Cob (G, H, V) $1.00
- Cup of Noodles Chicken Or Beef (G, H) $2.60
- Hot Dog With Sauce U/B Chicken Mayo - Not Porky (A, H) $2.60
- Chicken Nuggets Premium Bread (A, H) $0.70
- Popcorn Chicken Premium Bread (A, H) $3.00
- Hash Brown (A, H, V) $1.00
- Potato Wedges With Sauce (A, H, V) $2.00
- Cheese & Bacon Roll (A) $2.00
- Mini Spring Rolls Vegetarian (A, H, V) $0.70
- Nachos Beef Sauce & Cheese (A, H, V) $3.50
- Hot Cakes x2 with Maple Syrup (A, H, V) $3.00

### Pizza & Pasta
- Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian) (G, H) $3.50
- Spaghetti Bolognese (G, H) $3.50
- Macaroni & Cheese (G, H, V) $3.80
- Butter Chicken & Rice (G, H, V) $3.50
- Fried Rice (G, H, V) $3.50
- Pizza Hawaiian OR Bacon & Cheese (A) $2.60
- Pizza Slab Margarita (A) $3.80

### RECESS Snacks
- Potato Skins Melted Cheese or Salsa (G, H, V) $1.20
- Mini Muffins Homemade with Berries (G, H) $1.20

### Fresh Fruits
- Apple, Orange, Banana, Watermelon (G, V) $0.90
- Fruit Salad Cup (G, V) $1.50
- Grapes in a Cup (G, V) $1.60
- Fruit Salad Bowl Large (G, V) $3.00

### Snacks
- Fruit Nuggets 66% Fruit Gluten Free (V) $0.60
- Jelly Cup Add Fruit Stick (G, H) $1.00
- Popcorn Fresh & Hot (G, H) $1.00
- Yoghurt Vanilla (G, H) $2.00
- Bread Sticks Pizza Flavour (A) $0.20
- Yoghurt Filled Strawberry Bars (A) $0.30
- JJ's Chicken Crackers (A) $1.00
- Brownie (A, H) $1.00
- Manee Noodles (A, H) $1.00
- Jumpy's (A, H) $1.20
- Red Rock Chips Honey Soy (A, H) $1.50

### Milk Drinks
- 300ml Choc / Strawny / Vanilla Oak Fresh (G, H) $2.20
- 600ml Choc / Strawny / Vanilla Oak Fresh (G, H) $3.50
- Up & Go Choc / Strawny / Vanilla Breakfast Drink (G, H) $2.50
- Hot Chocolate (A, H) $1.50

### Cold Drinks
- Poppers 100% Juice 200ml (G, H) $1.50
- Water 350ml (G, H) $1.20
- Water 600ml (G, H) $1.60
- Orchy 350ml Fresh Juice Apple or Orange (G, H) $2.20
- Appletiser 250ml Sparkling Apple Juice 99% (G, H) $2.20
- Diet Lemonade No Artificial Colours or Flavours 300ml (A,H) $1.50
- Queenie Flavoured Mineral Water 350ml (A, H) $2.20
- Slushie 200ml (A, H) $2.00
- Slushie 285ml (A, H) $2.00
- Glee 250ml Assorted Colours Sparkling Juice (A) $2.20

### Ice Blocks
- Frozen Fruit Yoghurt (G, H) $2.50
- Jelly Sticks (A) $0.20
- Fruit Ice (A) $0.50
- Zeoper Dropper (A, H) $0.80
- Sour Snap Apart (A) $1.00
- Ice Mony (A) $1.20
- Paddle Pops (A, H) $1.60

### Pie & Sausage Roll
- Low Fat Party Pie (A, H) $1.00
- Sausage Roll (A, H) $1.20
- Meat Pie Traveller (A, H) $2.70
- Potato Pie (A, H) $3.80

### Crunch & Sip Special
- Apple, Orange or Banana + Bottled Water 350ml (G, H, V) $1.80

### Extras
- 20c Cheese Tomato Beetroot Cucumber Carrot 40c Pineapple

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### Monday
**Steamed Dumplings**
(Prawn 4 Per Serve)
**$4.00**

### Tuesday
**Sushi Rolls**
(Tuna or Chicken or Veg)
**$3 Regular $5 Large**

### Wednesday
**Hokkien Noodles**
(Chicken & Carrot)
**$3.80**

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*(G) Green - (A) Amber - (V) Vegetarian - (H) Halal*