Come and be involved - P&C tonight

A reminder to everyone that there is a P&C meeting on tonight and everyone is most welcome to attend.

When: Thursday 5 August – tonight!
Time: 6pm
Where: Our school library

Kindy Transition Orientation day

It is that time of year again when we start welcoming our new Kindergarten students for 2016. We will be holding a special family orientation day for our new families to introduce them to our school and allow them to answer any questions they may have about starting school.

When: Friday 14th August
Time: 10am
Who: All families and friends of Kindy students 2016

Spelling Bee – 12th August

Parents and carers are welcome to come along to support our students at the Spelling Bee being held next Wednesday 12 August at 12.30pm in the hall.

Our students have been practising every recess and are looking forward to the Spelling Bee.

If you know of any students that may be of school age please invite them to contact the school and we can pass on all the details to them.
**Zone Athletics – Mon 17th Aug**

Notes have been sent home to all children who were successful in making it into the Zone Athletics Carnival. This will be held at the Hunter Athletics Centre at Glendale. If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Mr King.

**Public Speaking Champs!**

A huge congratulations to all of the students who represented our school in the regional Public Speaking competition. What a terrific effort from all of you!

**Paper Plane Competition**

This week our students have been working really hard on building their paper planes for the much anticipated paper plane flying competition.

There was plenty of team work as students taught each other how to get the right model plane for distance.

A huge congratulations to Lydon whose plane took out the competition.

**Library helpers?**

If there are any parents, grandparents, carers, friends or family members who have some time to volunteer to the school, we would love your help in the library. There are books to organise and shelves to sort and we would cherish any time you have to spare. If you think you can help, please contact the school.

We are looking forward to having some new faces in our library 😊
Cooranbongs Got Talent – 21st August

Our school has been alive with many dancers, singers, acrobats and special acts who have been practising for the upcoming Cooranbong’s Got Talent show.

As soon as the students have finalised their entries, we will let you know what time the extravaganza will begin.

Evacuation Drill

Every term our students are reminded about the protocols and procedures of the evacuation and lock down processes, in case an emergency should arise. In the next few weeks our children will be involved in an evacuation. This is always done in a calm and gentle manner and our students are very well prepared. If you have any queries about the process please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sports Shorts

We have been busy this term in sport. In Cricket the boys team defeated Rathmines with Will, Eddie and Jackson our best players. The Girl's Cricket team were defeated by Charlestown East with all girls playing their best.

A boy’s game of Milo Cricket is coming up in about 3 weeks.

In Girl's soccer Morisset defeated Cooranbong. Imogen, Millie and Maegan's efforts were outstanding.

The Soccer point scores are:

7 Allstars – 12 points
Socceroos Jnr – 11 points
Chelsea – 9 points
Red Bull – 8 points
Cookie Monsters – 10 points
Elmo’s World – 9 points
Despicable Me – 9 points
Year 6 students attend Aboriginal Art Day

Darla, Jack and Joey all attended a Western Shores Learning Alliance Aboriginal art day. Our students joined their friends from other schools in our alliance and caught the train to Booragul Art Gallery where they not only toured the gallery but participated in a ceramic workshop.

"The experience was fun, I really liked the echidna necklace, it was made out of the spikes. It was black and white. We were in two groups. I was in group 2. After looking at the art we had to make bags out of clay. I learnt there are 240 Aboriginal groups in NSW. It was awesome and I want to go again."  Joey

"My name is Jack and my experience at the gallery was exciting. My favourite part was the art because it is so fascinating, mainly the echidna necklace. I met some old friends there. The train ride was fun and making the bags. I hope I can go back before the exhibition ends. I had fun learning about my culture and the golf club wind spinning thing."  Joey

"My experience was awesome. I loved making the clay sugar bags and I loved all the artwork. Some of the art was really awesome. It was really fun learning about my culture."  Darla
Woolworths Earn and Learn

Yes! Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Please place your sticker books in our bin in the front foyer of the school. Thank you.

P&C News

Please come along to our P&C Meeting being held tonight at 6pm in the school Library. Your input is always welcome.

Community Connecting Workshops

Our Workshops are into the second week and those attending are enjoying learning about digital mediums and how to use apps like Facebook, Pinterest and School Stream.

Please spread the word about these Workshops which run every Thursday from 9-10am in the School Community Room.

Preparations for our Family Fun Afternoon on Friday 4 December are well underway and this year looks to be bigger and more exciting than last year!

There will be activities and stalls for young and old including free activities such as a jumping castle, petting zoo with native animals and a magic show.

The MC for this year’s event is Debbie Worthington, the owner/manager of Mortgage Choice in Morisset. She has kindly offered her time to help us out on the night.

The stall convenors this year are:

Cake Stall – Jo O’Sullivan
Raffle Tickets – Jo Pfahl
White Elephant Stall – Sarah Ireland
Kitchen Garden Stall – Vanessa Miller
Facepainting/Tatts/Crazy Hair – Krysti Prytz
BBQ by Playgroup – Kay Fernance

Thank you for putting your hand up to convene these stalls. If you would like to help in any way here are a few ideas of ways to assist –

- Volunteer to help on a stall
- Donate to the White Elephant Stall
- Bake or cook for the Cake Stall
- Approach a local business to donate something (donation letters are available at the office)
- Spread the word to all your friends about the afternoon.

We are always grateful for any assistance you can provide.

Thanks
Kay Fernance & Jo O’Sullivan
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We need some strong Dads/ Granddads to help put our 5 garden beds in for us. They are already built, they just need to put in the ground. If you are able to help us at a time that’s convenient for you please see Mrs Miller.

**Kidpreneur – CK Challenge**

This year some students from Mr King’s class will be trialling the Kidpreneur CK Challenge. There will be 3 groups of 3 students who will come up with a business idea, create the business and then sell products or services to the community at the P&C Family Fun Day.

The CK Challenge develops your child’s vital life skills including financial literacy, confidence, adaptability, creativity and resilience. It allows all kinds of students to excel in this program and helps children develop their worldwide, ethical understanding and social responsibility, plus provides community engagement.

Kidpreneur has started and we are looking for 3 people who run their own business to be business mentors for 3 groups of Kidpreneurs. If you have some time on a Tuesday afternoon between 2-3pm we would love to hear from you.

Our school are hosting the BBQ at Bunnings, Morisset on Saturday 15th August and we need your help. We need people to do the shopping for snags, bread, sauce etc.. We need help cooking the BBQ and serving.

This is a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful school and raise money, but it cannot be done without your help.

Please fill in the form below if you can help and return to the school.

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**BUNNINGS BBQ HELP**

Name: ______________________________

Phone Contact: ____________________

I would love to help with: (Please circle selection)

- Shopping
- BBQ
- Serving

I can help from (Please circle selection)

- 8.30- 9.30
- 9.30 - 10.30
- 10.30-11.30
- 11.30-12.30
- 12.30-1.30
- 1.30-2.30
- 2.30-3.00
FACT SHEET #38

Winter Fire Safety Checklist

FACT
Each year, the Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 90% of them occurring in winter months, and 47% of fires starting in the kitchen.

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?
We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire-free this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

- Never leave cooking unattended. “Keep Looking, Keep Cooking”
- Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure they test them regularly.
- Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
- Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
- If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean and properly vented.
- If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
- Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before plugging on the bed.
- Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
- Keep wet clothing at least 1 meter from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.
- If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
- Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.
- Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.
- Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.
- Store matches or lighter in a secure place not accessible to young children.
- Assist the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment in your home. The use of this type of equipment increases the build up of carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS
- Use only authorized units of fixed heating appliances.
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit.
- In case of an emergency get out Stay Out and Call Triple Zero (000).

AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?
You are invited to Carer Connections Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker: Intereolate
Topic: Strengthening Changing Relationships within Caring Roles
WHERE: Kiahbah Sportsclub, 63 Keinba Avenue, Kiahbah
TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm
COST: FREE - includes Morning Tea
WHEN: Tuesday 11 August 2015
RSVP: Wednesday 5 August 2015

For more information or to register contact HNSC Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educate.djung@health.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)
How to Make Bread
By students in 2/3M