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# Kinchela News

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2018	
Mon 13 – Fri 17 August	National Science Week
Sunday 19 Aug (10pm) -Thurs 23 Aug	Year 5/6 Canberra excursion
Wednesday 22 Aug- Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Year 3/4 Coffs Coast excursion
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Golf @ SWR K-6
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	LNC PSSA Athletics
Tuesday 11 Sept	Glasshouse excursion Years 4-6
Friday 14 Sept	Special Assembly 2.30pm Waterwise Presentation

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to term 3. The year is going by extremely fast and we are frantically trying to place all our activities into the term. I would like to thank everyone for their well wishes. I am back on deck for 3 days per week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Christie Williams will be teaching the 4/5/6 class on Thursdays and Fridays. If you need to contact Christie or myself, please ring the office and they can make an appointment for you.



Naitwon, Brent and Patrick at Macleay Athletics

We have just competed in the Macleay Athletics Carnival. As you can see from the pictures in this newsletter and on our Facebook page, our students performed to their very best and must be congratulated on their performance and how they represented our school. Congratulations to all who attended the day.

I would like to inform all parents/carers of our new Discipline and Well Being Policies that have been re-written. The staff will be working with these policies to help with their implementation over the next few weeks. We will be placing both policies on our website in the near future. We have had several incidences at school that show our students need to be reminded that school is a place for learning and everyone has the right to be in a safe environment and enjoy coming to school. The classroom is not the place for discussions around what game we are going to play or who we are playing with. Not only do the students have a right to learn, but the teacher has a right to teach. Some students need reminding that this is what we are here for and there is a need for them to respect that right.

Our P&C, who do a wonderful job for our school, are in need of some new members. We can't continue having our meetings unless we have some new faces to help out. We have our fete coming up in November and things will need to be organised. So if you have a spare hour to come along to our monthly meetings, which are held on a Tuesday at 5pm, please feel very welcome.

In the coming weeks, most of our senior students will be heading off to camp, either Canberra or Coffs Harbour. Please speak with your children regarding their behaviour on these camps. Many staff members have put in considerable time to make these camps possible, so we need children to understand that their behaviour is important and they need to follow the directions given, so everyone enjoys their time away.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Abby Westerman for her outstanding results this year. Abby was selected as our outstanding school member for the Macleay Public Schools Excellence Assembly. She has represented her school with pride, worked tirelessly in class and is a wonderful school captain. AWESOME EFFORT ABBY.

Mrs Kylie Nicholson  
Principal

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## NEWS FROM MRS WILLIAMS

There is such a lot happening over the next few weeks, my head is spinning, so stay informed and please make sure you read all notes and as always, please call the school if you have any questions.

This Friday, Uncle Fred Kelly will be coming to the school to work with our senior boys on cultural identity and awareness within the school environment. After the morning session, all of the boys will travel by bus to Smithtown for a community of schools project.

Fridays at school, we will be holding our interest groups and all students at school will participate in a variety of activities including cooking, gardening, guitar and photography. Last week the cooking group made lemon myrtle cheesecake and it was very yummy!!!! This week we will be making mince chow mein with lots of yummy vegetables. We make enough for the whole school to enjoy after their hard work in the garden.



Preparation for Lemon Myrtle Cheesecake  
Deacon, Mrs Williams and Olivia



Willow and Ruby enjoying fruit salad with chia seeds and  
yoghurt from Week 2 Cooking Class



Guitar with Alwyn: Lauren, Tyrell, Maya, Ashley

In Academics: Last Thursday the Macleay Public Schools had the annual School Excellence assembly and this year's recipient for Kinchela Public School was Abby Westerman. Well done Abby. A well-deserved reward for the hard work you consistently do in the classroom. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. I was very proud to represent our school on behalf of Mrs Nicholson and the rest of the staff and it was fantastic to be able to present this award to Abby.



Mrs Williams and Abby

Week 4 already and camps next week! An exciting first few weeks back and so much has happened. I am very excited about going to Canberra next week with the Stage 3 students but am a bit worried about how cold it will be down there. I will have to remember to pack very warm clothes, gloves, lots of socks and a big, warm jacket for our snow day!

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Mrs Christie Williams  
Relieving Principal

## SPORTING SCHOOLS GRANT

We have been successful in obtaining a \$1000 Sporting Schools Grant from the Australian Government. Our chosen sport this term is Golf. We are already learning the fundamentals of golf, and the students appear to really like this program as it is a bit different for them. With our grant funding, we will be attending the South West Rocks Golf Club on Wednesdays over a four week period, commencing Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Students will be able to get further tuition from two accredited professionals, and students who are ready will get to experience a few holes on the actual course. Transport will be by Lower Macleay Community bus and a permission note will be sent out shortly. There is no cost for this program due to the successful \$1000 grant.

For the first few weeks of school golf, our sports award recipient was Ashley, who appears to have taken to golf, listens well and her style is quite good.

Mrs Andrews  
Sports Co-Ordinator



### K-3 BUSY BEES END OF TERM WIND UP

This term students have been learning about families and our history, through viewing texts and listening to clips about items and people from days of old. At present they are interviewing a grandparent and completing a basic family tree for homework. I hope that parents are able to assist students with these tasks and it is not too much to tack onto your busy work days. I really appreciate your assistance with this task.

In mathematics we have looked at 2D & 3D shapes, multiplication strategies and are now on addition and subtraction strategies.

#### Student of the Week

Leo



#### Citizenship:

Ashtyn-Leo



#### Most Improved learner:

Charlie



### FRIDAY ETHICS CLASSES

I have also been taking the whole school every second Friday to teach Healthy Habits of Mind for students in our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. Students are engaging and learning many things including how to be proactive, plan and balance our time, remain healthy and positive, and start with the end in mind to achieve a win/win outcome. Each week one student is observed in the school as practising the previous week's lessons in their daily school life. Our first student to achieve this award was Naye. Congratulations and well done Naye! This week I am looking for team players that resolve problems amicably to achieve a win/win outcome. Good luck everyone!

Mrs Andrews  
Classroom Teacher

### SPORT NEWS

Our athletics students went to Kempsey last Friday, with the exception of Abby, who unfortunately was quite ill on the day. Patrick gained second place in the 200m sprint and Naitwon was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in long jump. They are both off to the next level of Lower North Coast PSSA, together with our P5 Relay team. Congratulations and my appreciation for all students' efforts last Friday. Thank you to parents who took them on the day, as well!

### IN THE CLASSROOM WITH 4/5/6

This term we have been studying Australian government, in preparation for our visit to Canberra. We have looked at the 3 levels of government, local, state and federal and have learnt about federation. We have looked briefly at the First Fleet and discovery of Australia but our main focus this semester is on Australia as a Nation. We will be learning about how laws are made this week before trekking down to Canberra to see what it looks like in real life. I am excited about our adventure and know the kids are too!

Mrs Williams

### SCHOOL & COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Thank you to Kim from Cascade Garden Centre Gladstone who donated vegetable seedlings and fertilizer for our Garden Program. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have been advised that the school website will be under maintenance for the next few weeks. We will not be able to edit or update the current website during this period. Families will be notified in the newsletter when the new website is up and running.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Reports were issued and sent home with your child at the end of last term. If any parent/carer wishes to have an interview with their child's teacher, please telephone the school office so a mutually convenient appointment time can be arranged.

### ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

If you know of anyone who will be enrolling their child at Kinchela Public School in 2019 could you please advise the school office as it is important we have correct enrolment numbers for our Enrolment and Entitlement Return to be submitted later this term.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Over the past two weeks we have been reading books by Mem Fox. Ruby this week had the class enthralled reading Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox. It was a beautiful story about memories. As we sat around the table after the reading, we talked about what our earliest memories were. Some are only a couple of years old!



We then used our "memories" from the book that Cassius had read to the class the week before called "A Particular Cow". That cow turned everything upside down as it careered from disaster to disaster in the book. The students cut cows out and pasted them upside down on their sheets and then used their own faces on different bodies which were pasted next to the cow.

Our student of the week was Cassius who spent his lunchbreak helping Lyn set the lesson up in the library and then cleaning up afterwards. Thank you Cassius.

## PHOTOGRAPHY WITH LYN

We have recommenced Photography Club this term with a bang. Friday, 3rd August our topics were Turn the World Upside Down and The Eyes have it. The Turn the World Upside Down topic linked with our current library book, A Particular Cow by Mem Fox. We had many beautiful photographs of students hanging up-side down and close-ups of their eyes.

This past Friday, 10th August, our topics were Outside My Window and Playing with Shadows. We had students take photographs of flowers and nature they would like to see out their windows, we then had some students playing around with shadows so it looked like they were actually playing with them.



## K/1/2/3 TECHNOLOGY NEWS

In the first session each Friday morning, the K/1/2/3's have been heading to the computer lab for technology lessons.

We are currently logging in and working on Reading Eggs, Matific and Sound Waves, which they are all familiar with. Lyn is showing them how to use a new software program called Sway. It is like a high quality version of Slideshow and the children love it.

Charlie (pictured right) was able to present his Sway project to the whole school in the last assembly and it certainly got their enthusiasm going as they were very impressed with how easy it is to use and what it can actually do. I am sure we will be seeing more presentations and projects done on the Sway software.



Lyn Foran  
School Learning Support Officer

