

Mount Kuring-gai Public School Newsletter



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Term 4, Week 9

From the Principal

Wednesday, 7th saw a thank you morning tea for our parent helpers. I believe this experience signified Mount Kuring-Gai Public School. Our staff to one, under the guidance of Mrs. Wasowski thoroughly enjoyed putting this gathering together. Without the support of the community, a school will never reach its full potential. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to once again thank the community and helpers for making 2011 such an educational success.

At the last P&C meeting, I presented the 2011 final Principal's Report. Within that report I outlined many of the academic successes achieved through 2011. These successes would not be possible without a staff with capacity, professionalism and a true love of the craft of teaching. I believe the students of our school are extremely fortunate to have such a staff. I thank them for their outstanding efforts through 2011.

I have received some wonderful feedback from parents after the 2012 leadership speeches. As the students stood in front of their peers, parents and community members, I was extremely proud of every candidate. I am looking forward to working with every candidate in 2012 where we will be launching the new 'Leader In Me' program.

2012 will also see the launch of our new whole school community welfare program 'You Can Do It – Program Achieve'. An integral part of the program is the *Investing in Parents* project. Having implemented this program at a previous school, I strongly believe our community will respond positively to the project. It will create a bond and shared understanding between the school and community at a new level.

Thank you to all community members who completed our evaluation surveys. The feedback was honest and appreciated.

2012 classes: Please see over for an explanation of our current and future position.

I wish everyone a safe and happy break.

Kind regards,
 Glenn O'Neill

Calendar Dates

<u>Term 4, Week 10</u>		<u>Term 1, Week 1 (2012)</u>	
Monday, 12th December	COL dress rehearsal	Friday, 27th January	Staff Development Day No students
Tuesday, 13th December	Celebration of Learning	<u>Term 1, Week 2</u>	
Wednesday, 14th December	Year 6 Mini Fete	Monday, 30th January	Students return
	School band performing at Berowra Senior Citizens	Monday, 30th January	Best Start Assessments Commence (Kindergarten)
Friday, 16th December	Year 6 Farewell	Thursday, 2nd February	Kindergarten commence classes
	Last day for students	<u>Term 1, Week 3</u>	
	Reports home	Wednesday, 8th February	Leadership camp

2012 staffing and classes

Planning for 2012—2014 school cycle is well underway. An important part of this planning is developing a strong, supportive and most importantly sustainable staffing model. With variations to enrolments comes variations to plans and this year is no different to many I have encountered in the past.

I have sought the advice of our P&C, your representative body on various staffing models and sources of funding. After serious consideration and conversations with our staff and colleague principals I have decided to fund all staffing and class structures from our government 'Global' allocation.

It was my wish to have announced classes and structures this year for 2012, however, this will not be possible.

My priorities are to ensure that the students in our school are placed in class structures that maximize the resources and learning outcomes for every child. To that end, all students will be placed in classes on Monday, 30th, January 2012. It is important to note that these classes (as in every NSW DEC school) are temporary until the principal receives final confirmation of enrolment and funding (18th, February).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our P&C executive for their advice and support in this matter.

From the office

Are there any green thumbs, landscape designers or just all-round gardening enthusiasts. The office staff are looking for ideas / designs for re-developing the front of our administration block using recycled products. This is part of our school improvement program and we would love some help.

Thanks a bunch :)
Glenn and the office staff.

OOSH News

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

As mentioned in the school newsletter Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December are Staff Development Days.

OOSH plans on being open 7.15am-6.30pm, we are also looking at having an excursion on the Monday 19th.

Cost is \$35 for non-excursion or \$45 for an excursion day. Excursion days in the past have been lots of fun for the kids. School children who do not attend Mt Kuring-Gai Public can also attend but will need to also pay the registration fee and complete a registration form. CCB and CCR are applicable for Staff Development Days.

Please confirm by Thursday 8 December if you would like to book in for the staff development days so we can organise staffing requirements.

OOSH RAFFLE Thank you to those that have already donated to the Christmas Hamper it is greatly appreciated. Donations are still being accepted if you have not had a chance to drop off a donation as yet at OOSH. So far we have hamper items, a quilted Christmas Fairy wall hanging, a voucher for a car detail and bottles of wine as prizes. Don't forget to pick up a book of 10 raffle tickets from OOSH to sell to friends, family, colleagues and neighbours. If you are able to sell more than 1 book please let OOSH staff know so that they can organise an additional book/s for you. Tickets are \$1 each or 10 for \$8. Sold ticket books are to be returned to OOSH by 12 December 2011.

I wish to thank all of the OOSH staff and executive for maintaining one of the best OOSH programs in the North Sydney Region. Congratulations and all the best for the festive season

Glenn O'Neill.

Canteen News.

What a busy and exciting year it has been using our new canteen. We have survived and I know the children have enjoyed it. To quote one excited Kindy child,

“Mrs West, is the cafeteria open?”

As the year draws to a close I will be running the canteen stock down. With only two more trading days left it may be necessary to offer alternatives if we are out of stock of certain items. So please be patient. We still have stock of delicious Spaghetti Bolognese for \$2.00 a portion. So why not give it a try.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to such a wonderful year. There are too many volunteers to mention, but you know who you are. A heartfelt thanks from me to you for assisting with the smooth running of the canteen.

Also, a special thank-you to our trusty office ladies who assisted me with any administration requirements. It has been fun and the kids will agree with that.

We were successful in opening the canteen on both Monday and Thursdays from term 2 and plan on continuing this into 2012 for the whole year. However this is only possible with the trusty canteen Mums and Dads who volunteer their precious time.

Could all existing canteen volunteers and anyone else wishing to join the “Canteen Team” please let me know if you are available for the roster in 2012.

If I don't hear from you I will assume you are happy to continue. Please email or phone me on 0421 922 537 or 9457 0636 or westmalb@tpg.com.au

I would like to say a special farewell to Judy Friend who will be leaving the canteen and the school after many years of volunteering. Good luck with high school.

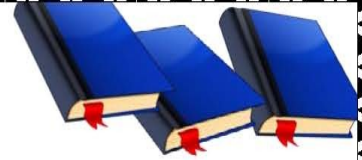
On a final note:

The canteen will reopen for business on Monday the 6th February 2012. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Healthy 2012. I Look forward to working with you all again in the new year!

On behalf of the students and staff of our great school, I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation to Abby and her incredibly hard working team. Have a great and very well deserved break.

Glenn O'Neill.

LIBRARY Wrap-up 2011



Well, 2011 has been an exciting but busy year for the Library!

Over the course of the year we have:

- benefited from the formal introduction of four library monitors
- celebrated a record number of students completing the Premier's Reading Challenge
- participated in our first ever book swap day that raised money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation for kids in remote communities
- enjoyed our annual book parade with guest author Sue Whiting who gave a wonderful book presentation and a special writers' workshop
- gained \$700 worth of books from the scholastic book fair
- transformed the library to make it more appealing to readers
- participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time to promote the importance of literacy and reading
- removed 500 old and damaged books from the library
- purchased \$1000 in new books to meet the reading interests of our students
- identified more than 200 existing books as PRC books

OVERDUE BOOKS

Please return any library books to the library by Wednesday 14thh December, 2011.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge!

HELPERS

A big thank you to Meralyn Tarte, Fiona Lisle, Erica Wendeborn and Lucinda Bennie for assisting me in the library. Your contributions have been invaluable.

Thank you to everyone for your support during my first year as Librarian. I have greatly enjoyed the experience. I am looking forward to promoting reading even more next year as well as continuing to make improvements to our wonderful school library.

Kind Regards,

Miss Morrison

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ACTIVE HIRE

We're Still Swimming!

Hornsby Swim Club would like to invite swimmers of all ages and ability to come and join us at our new home at the Knox Grammar School Aquatic Centre on Friday nights!

We are back in the swim and our club nights are better than ever! We have 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m and relay events on offer every Friday night. You are essentially racing against yourself to improve your PB each week. Our members love being together and in the water again, especially since the loss of our beloved Hornsby Pool. Every club night finishes before 9.30pm and leaves the weekend free for other activities!

If you are a keen swimmer, or would just like to make Friday nights' Family night around the pool, come along, experience the club and "test the waters" every Friday night from 7.15pm (race entry) at Knox Pool, Woodville Ave, Warrawee.

For more information, please email the committee at hornsbyswimteam@yahoo.com.au or visit our website www.hornsbyswimclub.com

Holiday Swim Program



Keep your kids fit, active and healthy these holidays by joining our school holiday program.

Week 1 (4 days): Tues 3rd to Fri 6th January Cost \$61.60

Week 2 (5 days): Mon 9th to Fri 13th January Cost: \$77.00

Week 3 (5 days): Mon 16th to Friday 20th January Cost: \$77.00

Week 4 (3 days): Mon 23rd to Wed 25th January Cost: \$46.20

We are located at **33 Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook** (adjacent to entry to Greenway Park). For bookings or information phone **9980 7822**.

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BEROWRA NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS FOR WINTER SEASON 2012

Will be held on Saturday 28 January 2012 at the Berowra Soccer Clubhouse 9am to 3pm

We welcome new players of all ages and also seniors wishing to register a whole team

All new netta players (aged 7 – 8) will receive a CLUB PLAYING SHIRT FREE on registration.

For further information contact David on 9456 5182 Julie on 9456 4664
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2012 Jan. Holiday Clinics: You can pick up a form in our website!
Wk1 9-13; Wk2 16-20; Wk 3 23-27(not 26th)
Contact us on 94824341 or email: kaz@hondagymnastics.com.au

Geoff Spotswood

SPORTS COACHING CLINICS

Enrol now for the school holidays!

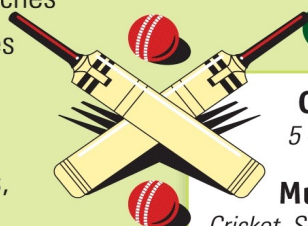
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\$60 per day (9am - 1pm clinic)

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LOCATIONS & DATES

Centennial Parklands **NEW VENUE**

19 - 22 December 2011

9am - 1pm (\$200) or 9am - 4pm (\$350)

3 - 6 January 2012

9am - 1pm (\$200) or 9am - 4pm (\$350)

Turrumurra, Turrumurra Oval

21 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

10 - 13 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

Nth Sydney, Nth Sydney Oval No. 2

20 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

9 - 12 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

16 - 19 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

Lindfield, Lindfield Oval

20 - 23 December 2011 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

17 - 20 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

23 - 25 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

St. Ives, Hassell Park

16 - 19 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$200)

Baulkham Hills, Ted Horwood Reserve

23 - 25 January 2012 - 9am - 1pm (\$150)

Book online or phone Geoff: 0401 382 409 or 9489 8187 Email: geoff@cricketcoachingclinics.com.au

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Apex Christmas Calendar of Events:



Date

Thursday Dec 1st:

Thursday Dec 8th:

Friday Dec 9th:

Saturday Dec 10th:

Thursday Dec 15th:

2011 Events

Santa Sleigh - Barnett's Reserve, Barnett's Road - Santa sleigh arrives at 7pm

Santa Sleigh - Warrina Street Oval - Santa sleigh arrives at 7pm

Christmas Tree sales - Crossroads Park, Behind Bambino's

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Santa Sleigh - Berowra Park Oval - Santa Sleigh arrives at 7pm

Time

From 6-30pm

From 6-30pm

From 3pm

7am to 3pm

From 6-30pm

Weather permitting we will also have a jumping castle at the Warrina St and Berowra Oval events. All Santa Sleigh events will have a sausage sizzle and drinks available

All funds raised are donated to the local community and charities



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CAROLS IN THE CARPARK

Sunday 18th December 2011
St John's Anglican Church, Royston
Pde Asquith
6pm - Entertainment, free sausage
sizzle, face painting & jumping castle
7.30pm - Carols by glowlight
Bring a folding chair

Opening accounts for School Banking – great news!

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking.

Take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot – it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open the account on line as well!

From January 2012 when children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive \$5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.



ASQUITH LEAGUES NETBALL CLUB

(Girls and Boys)

5th February 2012

At Asquith Leagues Club

10am till 2.00pm

Contact our President Linda Wilton on 0403214410 or email linda70@optusnet.com.au to receive a reminder to register for the 2012 season or to enquire about your child playing Netball for great skills,