Message from the Principal

Teacher/ Parent Information Sessions

Over the next 2 weeks, teachers will be conduct Parent Information Sessions commencing at 3.15pm and will be held in the classrooms. Notes were issued to students last week outlining the dates and times of each session.

Teachers work with a focus on providing differentiated teaching and learning programs which are responsive to student's needs. We hope to inspire students into becoming life-long learners. Our nurturing environment encourages students to become confident and successful while upholding the PBL values of Excellence, Respect and Responsibility.

Class Newsletters highlighting class structures, curriculum delivery, timetables and expectations will be provided by class teachers. Parent Information Sessions will be held on:

- **Monday 23/2/15**: Year 4 - Mrs Bridgman / Mrs Ireland
- **Tuesday 24/2/15**: Kinder - Mrs Simpson
- **Wednesday 25/2/15**: Class 1/2R & 1/2G (1/2G’s room) - Mrs Gordon, Mrs Raftery, Mrs Dalton & Mrs Kradzins
- **Thursday 26/2/15**: Year 3 – Mr Podmore
- **Monday 2/3/15**: Year 5/6 – Mr Gilks & representative from Kincumber High School

A Message from Kincumber HS

The Year 6 to 7 transition process started last week with a very productive Transition Meeting involving Kincumber High School and all partner primary schools in the Kincumba Learning Community. Transition to high school is one of those landmark events in a student’s journey through school and every effort is made to ensure this occurs smoothly and with a sound knowledge of your child’s learning and emotional needs. The first major event of the 2015 Transition Program is a Transition Information Session at each of the partner primary schools. We are looking forward to meeting the parents of Pretty Beach PS students in 5/6 on Monday 2 March commencing at 3.15pm

Paul Broadbent
Deputy Principal: Year 7 2016

Kincumber High School Newsletter is now available on their school website: [www.kincumberhigh.com.au](http://www.kincumberhigh.com.au)

Sanitarium TRYathletes

We received the following email from Sanitarium.

**Congratulations to TRYathletes from Pretty Beach Public School!**

10 students from Pretty Beach Public School took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in Woy Woy on 8 February 2015. These TRYathletes from Pretty Beach Public School are:

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Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be returning once again in 2016 and we hope to see you then.

Brett Lee - National Ambassador
Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Welcome Picnic

We look forward to meeting and greeting new families at our “Welcome to Pretty Beach PS” picnic tomorrow straight after school. Thank you to the P&C for organising this event.

Friday’s Assembly

Our school assembly (held every second week) will be held in the community room under the Pre-School at 2.15pm tomorrow. Year 4 students will be leading the assembly. Students K – 6 will be receiving class merit awards. All parent/ caregivers are welcome to attend the assembly.

Swimming Carnival

Next Tuesday 24 February all students (Yrs. 3 – 6) will be competing in the 2015 swimming carnival. Today a reminder letter was given to students who have not yet returned their permission note/money. Please ensure that your child returns the signed permission note ASAP. Thanks to Mr Podmore for organising this year’s carnival.

Deborah Callender
Principal
**Term 1 Week 4**

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards at our last assembly.

Kinder  Jaylen, Che, Anastasia
1/2DK  Taj, Ben, Alex, Karina
1/2G   Ellie, Benjamin, Jasper
Yr 3   Neilla, Leo, Lucia
Yr 4   Xainna, Lauren, Oscar
Yr 5/6 Jhon, Molly, Olivia, Rafferty

**Diary Dates**

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**Kinder Update**

Just a reminder from Mrs. Simpson for kinder parents to return the Kindergarten Transition Questionaire that was handed out to parents on the first day of school. Please return to the school office as soon as possible.

**Lands Walk Photography Workshop**

Some of our students participated in this photography workshop with a professional photographer Sally Maer.

They were taught how to set up, take and print their digital photos. The students explored our playground and surrounds looking for patterns to photograph in both nature and man-made structures. They used colour variations and various ways to photograph their subject. At the end of the day they all chose 5 photos to print.

One photo from each of the students will also be on display at the MacMasters Beach Surf Club on the day of the 5 Lands Walk, 20 June, 2015.
Term 1 Week 4

School Banking

A reminder that our School Banking day is Monday. **Please hand your bank book in at the office.**

To encourage regular savings behaviour the CBA offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. **The reward items available this term are:**

- ET DVD, (Term 1)
- Planet Handball, (Term 1)

Thank you to Jane Cassidy and ‘Pat’ from the Commonwealth Bank for relaunching our School Banking Program last Monday.

Canteen News

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help on the days listed below. **(This is also on the webpage calendar).** A reminder you are only required from **10:30 am to approximately 11:45 am.**

Note: Canteen volunteers must sign in at the office before entering the canteen and the required working with children check needs to be completed prior to volunteering.

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P&C News

**Poppies to Remember Them ANZAC 100yrs**

Join our School Knitting Club
Starting up Friday 27th February

During school lunchtime @11.15am in “A” Block
We are knitting poppies for every child @ PBPS
For the ANZAC Day Centenary Service.
Bring size10 knitting needles & red acrylic wool
Poppy knitting pattern available at school office
Only very basic knitting skills needed.
Adults needed to knit & help the students
Any queries text Leah B. 0418218340

**Afternoon Tea**

3-5pm after Assembly 20-2-15
A welcome to new families from our great school community
Bring a picnic blanket & food to share.
P&C are providing cakes, tea, coffee & fruit drinks.
School Canteen will be open for the sale of iceblocks, drinks & usual over the counter sales.
everyone welcome & remember our no nuts policy (food only)

Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club has resumed second half of lunch each Wednesday. This is one of the many activities our students can take part in during lunch breaks.

We have an eager bunch of students who help maintain the school veggie garden. We use the veggies in our school canteen and the helpers also get to taste and take home some of our harvested items. We have just planted some lettuce, broccoli, cauliflowers and kale for our winter crops. The students also assist with feeding our worms in the worm farms we have in our garden.

Any parents’ wishing to help can also join us. **You will need to have completed the ‘Working with Children Check’ and are required to sign in and out at the office when volunteering.**

**Schools Clean Up Australia Day**

Friday 27 February is ‘Schools Clean Up Australia Day’ and students are asked to bring in a pair of gloves and/or tongs to help clean up around our school grounds. Each class will be allocated an area and given time to participate in the clean-up under the supervision of their teacher. Please support this worthwhile cause so we can keep Australia beautiful.
Health and Safety is everyone’s responsibility.

If you are visiting our school and you see a hazard, please report it to the office staff immediately. Let’s keep everyone safe.

**If your child is absent from school, arriving after the bell or leaving early.**
If your child is absent from school for any reason, please send a signed note to the class teacher explaining the reason for the absence when your child returns to school. If they will be away for more than two days please ring the school and let the teacher know.
If your child arrives in the morning after the bell has rung please go to the office and sign your child in. If you are picking your child up from school early please go to the office to sign them out. A yellow slip will be given to you to take to the class teacher. For safety reasons no child is allowed to leave the class or playground early without a yellow slip from the office.
If you are planning a family holiday during the school term, even if it is only for a few days, you need to apply for an exemption from attendance from school. Please ask the office staff for an application for exemption from attendance. Once completed please return to the Principal at least two weeks prior to the leave. When approved a ‘Certificate of Exemption’ will be issued. The original certificate will be signed, copied for school records and returned to you. This needs to be carried with you during leave as it must be produced when requested by police or other authorised attendance officers.
Please note: If you have more than one child at school a separate application must be made for each student.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.
Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.
Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.
C. Knitted poppies.

1) LYNN’S EASY RIBBED KNIT PATTERN
This pattern gives a full ribbed knitted poppy and is an easy pattern for beginners.

The ply of your yarn does not matter providing you adjust your needle size to suit. Use a smaller needle size than you may otherwise use.

For instance if you are using 8 ply yarn and usually knit with 4mm needles, try a 3.75. The size of the poppy will change depending on your yarn and needles.

Col A 1 ball red yarn (one ball will make a number of poppies)
Col B Small amount of very dark green or black for centre of poppy or a black button.
Col C Scrap of black yarn.

Body of Poppy
Using Col A Cast on 60 st
Row 1 - 10 : K2 P2 (for a slightly smaller poppy do 8 rows of rib).
Row 11 : K2 tog across the row.
Row 12 : S1 1 K2 tog psso ... repeat across the row.

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Join edges with mattress stitch

Centre of Poppy
Using Col B
Cast on 8 stitches and knit a square (approx 8-10 rows) of stocking stitch. Cut yarn leaving a tail and thread through live stitches.

The purl side is the right side.

Run a line of running stitch around the outside of the knitted square and ease enough to pull the edges of the square into a round and tuck under.

Finishing
Stitch the centre tucked side down to body of poppy and overstitch with black yarn, or alternatively use a black or green button as the centre of your poppy.
Eyelash yarn may also be used – stitched around centre of poppy.

Selective High School Test prep

Just a month to go until thousands of students across Sydney and the Central Coast sit these extremely competitive exams. The difference between success and failure can be just a couple of marks. Give your child support and tuition to polish their skills and allow them to perform at their best on the day.

Selective Test Prep special: 10% discount for students of Pretty Beach Public.

By appointment - afternoons, evenings or weekends,
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Phone Monica Cram on 0405 601 770