Upcoming Events

**Term 4 Week 7**

- **Year 5 School Service Program Continues** Mon 16/11
- **Out of Uniform Day for Music Week** Wed 18/11
- **Dance to be Fit** Thur 19/11
- **Milkshake Day** Thur 19/11
- **Primary Assembly 2pm** Fri 20/11

**Term 4 Week 8**

- **Year 5 School Service Program continues** Mon 23/11
- **Year 4 Swim Program** Mon 23/11
- **Year 5 Visit Glendale High School** Tue 24/11
- **Year 4 Swim Program** Tue 24/11
- **Matilda Musical** Wed 25/11
- **Band Committee Meeting 5.15pm** Wed 25/11
- **Dance to be Fit** Thur 26/11
- **Year 4 Swim School** Thur 26/11
- **Stage 3 Lessons Afloat Excursion** Fri 27/11
- **Year 4 Swim Program** Fri 27/11
- **Infants Assembly 2pm – KC** Fri 27/11

**Term 4 Week 9**

- **Parent Helpers Morning Tea** Tue 1/12
- **Glendale High Orientation Day** Tue 1/12
- **Blue & Gold Day** Wed 2/12
- **Dance to be Fit** Thur 3/12
- **Lambton High Orientation Day** Thur 3/12
- **Callaghan College Wallsend Orientation Day** Thur 3/12
- **School Leader Speeches/Voting** Thur 3/12
- **Stage Assemblies** Fri 4/12

**2016 Intentions**

We are at that time of year where everybody is keen to know what is happening in regard to classes for next year. Unfortunately we are unable to assist you with that information as we cannot form classes or even allocate teachers to classes until our numbers are stable. At this point of time we have some students moving out of the area, which then creates opportunities for new students to move into the area. Obviously there is no guarantee that they will be in the same year as those who leave which can significantly alter the combinations of classes.

If you know you are leaving or are aware of someone who is seeking enrolment next year please let the ladies in the office know as soon as you can. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

**OOSH**

The prospect of getting a school based OOSH has been a topic of conversation for some time. I am pleased to say that this is going ahead. Our OOSH has gone out to tender and last Tuesday our school was open to all service providers to inspect the facilities as part of this process. It was wonderful to see so much interest in our school.

I have been informed though that it will be very unlikely that it will get the final go ahead for Term 1. The proposed start date at this stage will be Term 2. However, I will pass on any information as soon as it comes to hand.

**Skipathon**

Thank you to everyone who supported our skipathon fundraiser. Not only did this raise funds for both the school and the Heart Foundation it also provided our students with new skills, plenty to do at recess and lunch and additional exercise which they might not normally have participated in.

We hope that the students will continue to engage in skipping as a lunchtime activity.

More information including prize winners and photos will be in next Friday’s newsletter. Thank you to Miss Pawl for all her time and effort in organizing this wonderful event.
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

Please note we have had whooping cough diagnosed in our school.

Band Buzz - Music Week

To celebrate Australia Music Week and support our school band, students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favorite musician, singer or pop star on Wednesday 18th November. The band will be collecting a gold coin donation which will go towards the ongoing costs of running and maintain a school concert band.

Matilda Musical

Our excursion to Matilda, the musical is just around the corner. If your child is one of the lucky ones who have already indicated they will be attending and you have not yet completed your payment, it would be appreciated if that could be finalised this week.
Canteen Roster

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Canteen News

Canteen Helpers Required

Additional hands in the canteen would be greatly appreciated especially as we move towards the festive season. As you can see on the roster extra help is required on Tuesdays as well as milkshake day and Friday 20th November.

Slush Puppie Promotion

The Slush Puppie promotion started on Monday 9th November. Students have a 1 in 5 chance of winning a free Slush Puppie. The top of the cup rolls up to reveal a winning symbol. While we understand this can be difficult for infants, the canteen ladies will help where possible.

Alternatively students may choose to take the cup home if they are finding it difficult to unroll the prize section on the cup. If they have won a prize they can bring the cup back when they are ready to claim their prize.

You can also log on to www.slushpuppie.com.au to be in with a chance to win other prizes including Slush Puppie merchandise or iPads.

Milkshake Day

Thursday 19th November. If you have some spare time on this day Deb would appreciate some extra help at recess and lunch time.

Milkshakes are $2 each and students can choose from chocolate, strawberry or caramel.

School Student Transport Scheme Applications

From 2 November 2015, a new online SSTIS application process is being introduced for schools within the Opal network, coinciding with the introduction of the School Opal card.

You won't need to apply for a School Opal card if you have already been given a school student travel pass for the current year.

However, you will need to complete an application form if:

- Applying for SSTIS for the first time
- Enrolling in kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting a new additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Application for 2016 School Opal Cards and SSTIS passes starts from Monday 2 November.

School Opal cards which are being automatically renewed will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

To order a replacement card students go direct to www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131500.

For further information please go to: https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/howToApply
KC has been busy bees this term!

After reading the story ‘Fancy Nancy’, KC got a little bit fancy and we made our own parfaits!

Fancy Nancy is fancy because she has sprinkles on her ice cream and she wears a crown. She also has a purple pencil with a feather at the end. Fancy Nancy is so, so fancy. I want to be fancy too!

By Sofia Bell

We are very good at measuring and comparing length. We measured our names using unifix cubes.

Taj has the shortest name in KC.

Gabrielle has the longest name in KC.

We also write very creative Power Sentences....

The beautiful flowers are as colourful as a Christmas tree.

By Cyanna Kirkwood

The cheeky boy in my class is as funny as a pop off!

By Gaius Bowditch