**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS  Kirsty Squires**

**Splash-a-thon**
This Friday will be an exciting day for us all as it is our Splash-a-thon day. The day will begin at 11:40am with a school assembly in the hall, followed at 12:15pm with a sausage sizzle. At 1pm the Splash-a-thon activities will commence and all parents are invited to stay and help run groups. The aim of the day is to raise funds to help us extend our COLA to fit a full size multipurpose court underneath. Donation cards were sent home two weeks ago and there has been a lot of talk from the children about how full their cards are, so keep on collecting for the chance to win some great prizes.

Students can wear mufti on the day, however they will need to wear enclosed footwear, a sun shirt and hats to participate in the games. They will also need a towel and a change of clothes as they will be getting wet. If you do not wish for your child to participate please contact me as soon as possible.

K/1
Mrs Cranstone will return from Long Service Leave next Monday, with lots of stories to share I’m sure.

I would like to thank Miss Ebert for running the class program whilst Mrs Cranstone was away.

**Year 7 2014**
Next week Expression of Interest forms will be sent home to students in Year 6. These forms must be filled in and returned to school by Friday, 22nd March and will contain information regarding your child’s local high school.

Students who applied for Selective School placement will sit the test next Thursday, 14th March at Gosford High School. These students should have received written confirmation regarding times and the location for the test. If you did not could you contact me as soon as possible.

**Computers**
This Thursday our school is having its computer server migrated over to another system. This process should be glitch free, however we may experience computer problems this week and we apologise in advance.

**Busways Safety Talk**
On Thursday a representative from Busways will be at school to discuss safe bus travel with the students. This is a timely and important reminder to the all about the importance of being responsible on the bus.

**CWA Cooking Competition**
Congratulations Bella and Kyle for placing in the Somersby CWA cooking competition. We wish them all the best for the next round where they will be cooking for the Gosford District CWA on 21 March in Gosford.
P & C
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Open every Tuesday
from 8:30am—9:15am
0407 039 479
Chontelle Singh
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CANTEEN:
Open as usual this Friday

Office News

- ICAS tests return by 5th April. Note and money
- Zone swimming notes

P&C Easter Raffle
Donations for the Easter Hampers would be greatly appreciated. Goods can be dropped into the office

Quote of the week
Be thankful for what you have; you will end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.
Oprah Winfrey

Did you know?
Australia is believed to be the oldest corner of planet earth.

School Security Number
In the event of anything suspicious you may see on passing please phone 1300 880 021

P&C
It is the AGM for the P&C tomorrow night beginning at 7pm. I would encourage you to come along and join us. It is a way for you to keep well informed about the running of the school in a friendly and supportive environment.

Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL)
The focus for PBL this week is ‘Care for our school.’ During our lesson students were encouraged to list the many ways in which we care for our school, and to illustrate what it would look like if we didn’t. During the week you could ask your child what they came up with and relate that back to your own homes. This program is one that will be able to flow over to various aspects of your child’s life, not just school.

Farewell and Thank You
This week will be the last week that Mrs Padgett will be here four days a week. We will continue to see her but on a less regular basis. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate for the hard work and dedication she has shown in her time here. I know that her daily work with students here will be greatly missed. For those students who have been working with Mrs Padgett, their program will continue so please ensure that home readers and sight words continue to come back to school each day.

Kyle, Dane and Hayley

2/3 NEWS
Just a reminder to all students that your Library day is on Wednesday this week, let’s aim for over 20 borrowers this week.
Also a reminder that, ‘at home’ projects are due on your Public Speaking Day during Week 9. Remember you are to represent the order of the planets. Be as creative as you like.

Laura Knight

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Due to the heavy rainfall on Friday, we have had to postpone our clean up at our school. We ask that students keep their gloves in their school bags until a suitable date is arranged.

LIBRARY NEWS
Thank you to the Borrowdale family for their kind donation of books for our school library.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Thank you to all of those who have returned their participation note already. Personal reading logs will be handed out to Students this week. Happy Reading!

Daniela Suazo

SWIMMING
Congratulations to all of the students who represented our school at the Small Schools’ Carnival. Their efforts resulted in our school winning on outright points. We also had two age champions: Nathan T 11years boy and Hannah S 12/13 years girl.

“Worthy Daily Living”
Students who have qualified for the Brisbane Water Carnival have been given an information/permission note today. Please return as soon as possible. A big thank you to all of the Somersby parents who helped run the Small Schools’ Carnival. You did a great job.

Year 6 News
Our class had another interesting art lesson with Suzanne Holman on Thursday. She will be returning this week to continue preparing the RSPCA mural. A number of students will be presenting a small play at an upcoming school assembly. We have written it as part of our Space theme. We will let you know the presentation date.

Neil Mitchell

P&C News
Sausage Sizzle this Friday. Parents are welcome to attend please pre-order your sausage. Canteen will be open for snacks and drinks only.

Splashathon - Friday, 8 March
Here’s hoping for fine weather on Friday for our Splashathon! An exciting afternoon is planned and the children are excited about this water-themed event. Come along and watch (or join) the fun! To make the day a success, we will need parent help to staff the event and also loan the following equipment: garden hoses, trigger nozzles and buckets. If you can help with any of this equipment, please call Leanne Jones on 0417 443 960, so that we know what is coming. Children will need to return the cards and money on the day, with prizes for the highest fundraisers to be awarded at the assembly on Friday, 22 March.

Kariong Festival stall - Sunday, 17 March
Can you lend an hour or two on Sunday, 17 March to assist at the P&C’s craft stall at the Kariong Festival? We will be providing children’s activities such as mask-making and plaster painting. Volunteers are needed to set up and dismantle the stall and staff it during the day. Set-up will be at 8am, and the festival runs until 3pm. This is a great opportunity to promote our school in the wider community. If you can help, please contact Jenny Tinworth on 0411 443 555.

2012 presentation DVD
DVD copies of the school presentation day are available for $5 per copy from the school office.

Next meeting - Wednesday, 6 March
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held in the library at 7pm tomorrow night. New officers will be elected for the 2013 year. It will immediately be followed by the monthly general meeting, where reports from the principal, president, fundraising officer and treasurer will be key items of business. P&C meetings are a great opportunity to hear Mrs Squires talk about the details of what is happening in school life.

‘Konversation Hour’ - 7 & 20 March
Kincumber High has launched ‘Konversation Hour’ - a regular program of guest speakers which may be of interest to the community. Upcoming speakers are:

- March 7: Paralympian Liesl Tesch and Dr Ibithal Samarayi, who is the author of ‘Refugee to Resident’, and a University of Newcastle academic and artist.
- March 20: Dr Joyce Barry, who in 2012 received her PhD at age 87; Aunty Anita Selwyn, a local Indigenous elder who in 2009 received her BA at the age of 70; Helen Ross, who at 91 is about to publish her second book (her first, ‘Vaila’s Capri’, was published at age 89).

‘Konversation Hours’ are held in the Kincumber High School Library at 7.30pm.

On This Day
1900 - The American Hall of fame was founded.
1943 - Germany called 15 & 16 year olds for military service due to war losses.
1946 - Winston Churchill delivered his ‘Iron Curtain Speech’.
1956 - The US Supreme Court affirmed the ban on segregation in Public Schools.
1997 - North Korea and South Korea met for the first time in 25 years for peace talks.
1998 - NASA announced that an orbiting craft had found enough water on the moon to support a human colony and rocket fueling station.
Hi my name is Bella. I have had Jimmy since October last year and I love him lots. He is 10 years old and is very fast. He is a bay coloured, 12.3 hands high Riding Pony. His show name is Longmead Buffet. My favourite things about Jimmy are that he likes to cross country jump and he is a very good sporter. Jimmy and I have won lots of ribbons together.

Jimmy and I like to show jump, cross country jump, compete in dressage, sport and go to Pony Club.

I have been riding since I was 3 years old.

On Friday, 1st March I went to Sydney to compete in an Interschool School Equestrian Competition. I got 1st in Turnout Rider, 2nd in Rider, 2nd in Pair of Riders, 2nd in Pair of Ponies, 3rd in Educated Pony, 3rd in Bare Back and 8th in Show Hunter.

I came in the top 2 for National Qualifiers which unfortunately is in Perth this year. I had lots of fun. Sophie

Hi my name is Hamish my horse’s name is Oscar. Before I got Oscar he had competed in many events like the Easter Show and Sydney Royal. I have been riding Oscar for 3 years and even though he is a small horse he has a very high jump! My favourites things to do with him are dressage and sporting. Together we make a great team and have won lots of ribbons.