



Kingswood Park

Public School

Darug Country, Caloola Avenue Penrith NSW 2750
Ph: 4721 4414 email: kingswook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Fax: 4721 0904

46th
EDITION

February 2021

It was wonderful to see so many families able to join us for Meet the Teacher.



If you were unable to come and would like to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher please phone the office to arrange an appointment.

...NEWSLETTER...

A MESSAGE FROM MRS SNELL



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. We have had a busy start to the year at KPPS beginning with our Incursion day welcoming students back to school and then straight into work the very next week while our new classes were sorted. This year is the first time for a while that the majority of our classes are in our K-2 space and we can see our enrolments are starting to become larger in the younger years.

On the very last day of school last year we were excited to be notified that we had been successful in gaining a grant to support the delivery of an Aboriginal Languages Program for our Preschool. The staff decided to extend this across the school leading to the naming of our 2021 classes using Darug animal names. We understand that some of these are a little hard to spell and pronounce but we encourage our community to give it a go and remember you can always use the English animal word too. How to pronounce the Darug words and which animal they are can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

We are currently working on our new school plan after a rigorous evaluation process in late 2020. We are hoping to organise some meetings to allow parents and the wider community time to provide feedback and suggestions to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students. We have also started putting posts on Facebook asking you to share your thoughts about the school. We hope to see many of our families involved.

STAFFING UPDATE

In 2020, our General Assistant and School Administration Manager positions were filled temporarily by Mr Chris Marsh and Mrs Kim Rylewski. Both of these positions are currently being recruited and we hope the successful permanent applicants will begin at KPPS in Term 2.

COMMUNICATION WITH OUR COMMUNITY



We continually update our Facebook page as the main source of information and celebration for our school community. Please make sure a member of your household follows our Facebook page.

Class teachers use Seesaw to communicate and share learning directly with parents. Links to join your child's class have been sent home this week. Please ensure you have downloaded the FREE Seesaw Parent and Family App.



If you would like to speak with your child's class teacher, supervisor or Mrs Snell regarding a concern please make an appointment by calling our office or sending a message to the class teacher on Seesaw. The teacher or our office staff will pass on your request to the appropriate person and staff will make contact with you to organise a mutually agreeable time for all.

INCURSION EXCURSION FEE

Our usual IncurSION Excursion fee will only cover IncurSIONs in 2021 at a cost per student of \$50 due to the uncertainty around Covid 19 restrictions. Any excursions that are booked will have their own notes and fees attached. A note went home earlier this week. Please contact us if you need another note.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture will begin in Week 5 for Anglican and Week 7 for Catholic and is held from 1-1:30pm every Tuesday. All students will attend scripture classes as per the information families communicated in 2020. If you have had a change in circumstances or you would like to check which scripture class your child is in please phone the office to discuss the matter further.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We recently engaged a new supplier for our school shirts and now have 2 designs being sold. Both designs are considered school uniform. We are selling our school shirts and hats in the school office or you can order through the school website using the “Make a payment” tab.

BIRTHDAYS

We love to celebrate birthdays with our students. However, this year due to student health conditions and Covid 19 we have made the decision to allow only **two options** when celebrating your child’s birthday at school. You may wish to send **share packs of chocolates** (e.g. freddo frogs) or you can purchase a \$5 **Zooper Dooper Deal** from Lisa in the canteen and we will supply all the students in your child’s class with a Zooper Dooper at break time. We seek your support in not sending other items to school.

SMITH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Smith Family advised us last year that they were only accepting student reports that were uploaded through your family portal. Later this term a Smith Family representative will come to the school to assist families who need help to upload reports.



KINGSWOOD PARK OSH

KINGSWOOD

6.30 - 8.30am & 3 - 6pm
Caloola Avenue, Penrith.

Our school based Before and After School Care offers our young people opportunities to learn, discover, explore, develop new skills and share interests in a warm caring familiar environment that supports all areas of our young people’s lives.

CHILDREN’S
SERVICES
PENRITH
CITY COUNCIL

Our service provides programs like rock and water, physical activities, cooking, incursions, excursions, tween workshops and more.

Breakfast and a nutritious afternoon tea is provided.

Child Care Subsidy is available for families who qualify.

To enrol your child contact 0427 089 521 or the Children’s Services Team on 4732 7844 or email csclerical@penrith.city

penrith.city/childcare

KPPS Classes 2021

CLASS	NAME	TEACHER	SLSO
P1	Wirriga - Goanna	Miss Jess White	Mrs Lauren Peel
P2	Guganigine - Kookaburra		Mrs Cowell (F)
K	Mariong – <i>mari ong</i> Emu	Miss Mel White	Miss Staci (M-F)
K/1	Wubin – <i>wob in</i> Feather-tailed glider	Miss Meaghan Ryder	
1/2	Mulgo – <i>mul go</i> Black swan	Mrs Belinda Dundas	Miss Lorraine (M, T)
2	Durali – <i>du ra li</i> Brolga	Ms Robyn Miles	Mr Liam (W, Th, F)
3	Bunduluk – <i>bundle uk</i> Eastern Rosella	Mr Wayne Thomson	Miss Jo (M-W)
4/5/6	Barugin – <i>bur roo gin</i> Echidna	Mrs Rebecca Haladus	Miss Michelle (M-F)
4/5/6	Kutukulung – <i>kutu ku lung</i> Long-necked turtle	Miss Taryn Doggett	

Other staff

Staff name	Role
Emma Snell	Principal
Julie Lewis	Instructional Leader
Matt Kean	Assistant Principal Years 3-6
Susan Harding	Assistant Principal (Years K-2)
Tracy Schwatzkoff	Learning and Support Teacher
Lyn Hartwig and Victoria Joyner	Counsellors
Jess Farrell and Rory McGeown	Aboriginal Education Officers
Chloe Marks	School Chaplaincy Program
Cathy Young	School Administration Manager (T1)
Charmain Richardson	School Administration Officer (T1)
Chris Marsh	General Assistant (T1)
Lisa Daniels	Canteen Manager