



KNPS NEWS

Respect Responsibility Resilience

G'Day, Kurra North!

Professional Learning Update

Positive Partnerships is a national project to support school-aged students on the Autism spectrum. Mrs Cherie Wilson (our school learning support officer) and myself, attended a two day course to help improve educational outcomes for our students on the Autism spectrum.

After each session, we were given tasks to complete to help build our capacity to support our students and maximise learning. Since completing the course we have improved our practices and implemented some new ideas. We are using a visual Hassle Log for incidents in the playground. This resource makes it easier for many children to explain to staff what has happened and calm themselves in the process.

We have interviewed parents, and are working together to identify their child's strengths and weaknesses in different areas. This information is used in the classroom to maximise learning.

We are also planning a calming, sensory area in the playground for children to escape the sometimes overwhelming business of the playground. All staff now have a better understanding of the needs of children on the Autism spectrum.

Mrs Robinson

Important Dates

September	
18	P&C Meeting
19	Regional Athletics
28	Term 3 Ends
October	
14	Term 4 begins

Birthdays

September	
1 – Faith R	9 - Byron J
4 – Jessica M	10 – Joshua N
7 – Pippa R	15 – Ava M
7 – Samuel T	27 – Ella M



Permission Notes & Payments Due

- School Fees \$80
- Voluntary School Contribution \$48 (tax deductible)

Sports Days Term 4

Next term we have Ty in again to support us in providing sport coaching for all grades K-6. We are able to fund Ty through a grant we receive from the Federal Government – Sporting Schools Australia. The students benefit immensely from the skill development they take part in, as well as the improvement in fitness that we see through kids regularly participating in physical activity.

We have also implemented a fitness routine where all students K-6 spend the first 15 minutes of Monday – Thursday running. We will change up the activities over time to include obstacle courses and various other fitness activities, however at this stage students have been running over a set course each morning. We have implemented tracking sheets, and students are challenging themselves to complete more laps each day and work towards goals over time.

As we are running each day we are asking that families consider the footwear and uniform that students are wearing. We understand that there are uniform requirements and we are currently reviewing the uniform policy to allow for students to take part in physical activity on a more regular basis. It is a department requirement that students take part in physical activity for at least two hours a week.

If your children are requiring new shoes and you were thinking of purchasing these during the holidays, please consider black runners. You can purchase good quality jogger style school shoes, which offer more support than a jogger, but are black in keeping with the uniform and allow for students to run freely. We are by no means asking parents to go out and purchase new shoes for next term. However, if you do need new shoes for your children this may be a consideration when selecting the style of shoe.

Bush Fire

With the bush fire season already upon us and the weather warming up we have some information for the community about various aspects of our bush fire management plan. Accompanying this newsletter we have included information about arrangements for potential school closure due to a catastrophic fire danger rating. Please read the attached information and if you have any concerns, please contact me to clarify. In short, if a catastrophic fire danger warning is issued, the school will be notified after 4.30pm. A decision will then be made to close the school. Parents will be notified via SMS in the first instance. It's important that you reply to the phone number in the message to let us know that you have received the notification and are aware that the school will be closed. The chances are very small that we will have to enact this plan, however we need to ensure that our systems are in place. We will also update Facebook and send a Flexibuzz notification as secondary measures to notify the community.

Our Bushfire Plan will be available from early next term. This will include information about how we respond if a bush fire were to occur close to the school, as well as shelter and evacuation procedures.

Miss Griffiths

Miss Griffiths will be away from school as of yesterday and will return on Monday of Week 3 next term. We have Miss Burkys working on the 3/4 class in Miss Griffiths' absence. Miss Burkys works with the 3/4 class on a regular basis and is very familiar with the routines of the class and school. We look forward to Miss Griffiths return 😊

Calendar

We are currently working on creating a term calendar which parents can access through the Sentral Parent Portal. All parents have access to the Parent Portal as this is how we booked our interviews last term. As an interim measure we are sending out a PDF copy for parents which includes important information and dates that are known to us at this point.

However, things change and this is why we are looking at developing an electronic calendar which can be updated regularly.

We hope to have the Sentral Calendar operational in the near future, however in the interim if you have forgotten your password, you need to go to the Sentral Parent Portal <https://knps.sentral.com.au/portal> and click on the forgot password link. If you never had access or forget your email address, please contact the school and we will issue a new letter with instructions.

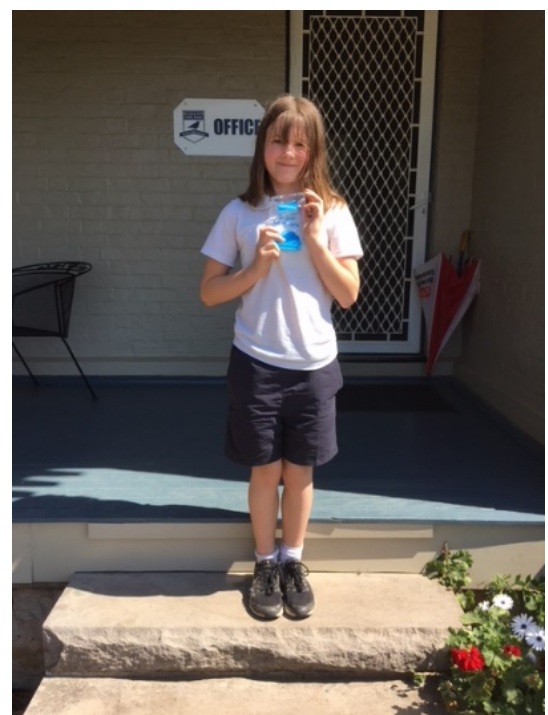
Thanks for your patience and support with this matter 😊

Mathletics 2018

Amelia has worked extremely hard this fortnight on her Mathematics skills. She topped the scores in week 5 and 6 and is a much deserved winner this fortnight. Well done to Amelia and all those who worked hard on their Mathematics skills over the fortnight.

Term 3 Week 10

K	Amelie D	2060
1/2	Oliver J	1000
1/2	Jazmin C-H	290
2/3	Sienna M	1060
2/3	William W	2766
3/4	Samad R	1200
3/4	Amelia K	3100
5/6	Iona K	764
5/6	Corbin C	1180



Principal's Award

This fortnight's Principal's Award has been given to a student who has demonstrated a huge amount of compassion and consideration for her fellow peers. This fortnight Eva has taken it upon herself to ensure that all of her classmates were included and being treated fairly in the classroom. Some wonderful traits to possess Eva, you are a shining example for all of us 😊



Regards,

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K	Amelie D, Jackson L, Laykin C, Evangeline B
1/2	Lillian P, Ciaran F, Rachel K
2/3	Harry B, Leila B, Olivia M
3/4	Jemma C, Samad R, Cooper C, Bonny M, Amelia K, Jorja J
5/6	Emma H, Jess M, Iona K
Principal's Award	Eva C
Captain's Award	Noah B, Josephine S
Sport	Ella M, Felix B
Library/Science	Holly B
Mathletics	Amelia K

CONGRATULATIONS

