Welcome Kindies

Our new Kindergarten children began their school career on Monday. Their energy and enthusiasm always amazes me. Ms Charlton and Mrs. Baird are both very complementary of their new classes.
I hope they all have a wonderful time at KPS.

Meet the Teacher afternoon

Our meet the teacher afternoon is to be held on Tuesday 12th February. Full details are on page 3 of this newsletter.

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Katoomba Public School P&C

Hello and welcome (to the best school in Australia!) to all our new students and their families. Our P&C meets on the second Thursday of each month, with all welcome. It's an opportunity for all parents to hear from Mr Hooper and his executive team about all the important and exciting KPS events and activities. You can check out our finances, find out about our awesome kitchen garden, our canteen and uniform shop too.

Come along if you can find the time, to help make some decisions and/or join in a discussion after the meeting. Younger children welcome too. If you have items you would like to discuss at the meeting, please contact P&C President Nerolie Stodart on 0434 536 256 or Treasurer Toni Clark on 0404 046 982.

PS: The agenda for the P&C General Meeting on Thursday 14th February is on the carousel in the front office
P&C WELCOME BBQ
The Katoomba Public School P&C invites you to our FREE WELCOME BBQ!

When: Tuesday 19th February
Time: 5pm - 7pm
Where: In the Courtyard next to the Canteen

EVERYONE’S INVITED!
Come along, welcome our new families and meet new friends!
Desperately seeking helpers on the day - salad makers, BBQ chefs & clean up crew. Please see Hali Gabardi (mum of Luca 2W and Mila KC) or telephone the school on 4782 1226.

Breakfast Club Has Resumed
Breakfast Club runs every Tuesday morning between 8.40am and 9am. Free toast and chocolate milk is available to the children. If any parents are able to volunteer they would be most welcome.

School Banking
School Banking will resume in Week 3 (Tuesday 12th February). Teachers will collect the money on Tuesdays, and our volunteer banking co-ordinators Katie Atkins and Rachael Healey will bank it on Wednesdays. This year there are some exciting incentives - more about them in future newsletters!

UNIFORM NEWS
Due to a supplier increase, we have unfortunately had to increase some of our uniform prices. New price lists and order forms are available from the front office. These new prices are effective from today.

At the moment, we still have a lot of uncollected orders in the office. Could any parents who have ordered goods please pick them up promptly.

Any orders from now on must be lodged with payment. We have discontinued the practice of payment on collection, as it resulted in ordered stock that was not paid for or collected last year.

What a fabulous event this turned out to be!!!!!! On Saturday 2nd February myself, Ms Williams, Sophia Long, April Neale and Ivy Downes showed Leura Mall just how talented the people at Katoomba Public School really are. We got all frocked up, put on our best heels and pearls and helped our community break the world record for the most people dancing the Charleston at one time. The weather wasn't great but the dancing was on FIRE!!!!!!!

I just want to say a great big thank you to, Ms Williams for helping organise our school to be a part of this event, to those dedicated and talented students who participated and to all the wonderful parents, carers and students who came to support us. I have a feeling that this might just be an annual event so I will keep you posted.

Amanda Galbraith
Attention All Parents

You are invited to

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

Tuesday 12th February from 4pm – 5pm

Where: Meet in the Hall

The afternoon will begin with a short introduction of staff, followed by an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher.

Early stage 1 and Stage 1 – Mrs Lawless’s Room
Stage 2 – Mrs Barrie’s room
Stage 3 – Mrs Abbey’s room

Please understand that this is not an afternoon for children to attend.

STAGE 1: K-2     STAGE 2: 3-4     STAGE 3: 5-6

CANTINEEN NEWS

The canteen is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at lunchtime for snacks only. Please ensure your child brings lunch to school every day.

There will be a meeting in the canteen on Wednesday 13th February at 12.30pm for any parents interested in helping this year. If you can’t come to the meeting but would like to be involved, please leave your details at the school office, or call me on 4782 3663. Thank you.

Rachel Isaacs
Canteen Co-ordinator

CANTINEEN MENU

SNACKS
Sesame Snaps 20c
Bread Sticks 2 for 30c
Rice Cracker Snacks 40c
Carob Licorice 40c
Popcorn 50c
Pretzels 70c
Grain Waves 90c
Vege Chips 90c

DRINKS
Popper Juice 70c
Flavoured Milk 1.20
LOL Fizzy fruit juice 1.50

HOT FOOD
Pastizzi 70c
Garlic Bread 70c
Cheesy Bun 80c

FROZEN FOOD
Quelch Sticks 40c
Paddle Pops 1.00
Splits 1.00
Frosty Fruits 1.00
Frozen Yoghurt 1.60

PLAY & CHAT PLAYGROUP IN THE GREEN HALL

ALL WELCOME

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Are you interested in volunteering for the 2013 Blue Mountains Music Music Festival on March 15\textsuperscript{th}, 16\textsuperscript{th}, 17\textsuperscript{th} but want to know more?

Each year the Katoomba Public School (KPS) Parents and Citizens (P&C) and a team of volunteers work hard at the festival to raise a huge amount of money for the school.

In previous years this money has gone towards supporting
- the kitchen garden
- music opportunities and new instruments
- purchasing new classroom books
- funding a dance and drama program
- funding a maths program
- purchasing sports equipment and uniforms

As you know all of the above directly help the child you know to have the best opportunity to experience a supportive and caring learning environment.

Some changes:
KPS has been incredibly lucky to have such a terrific fundraising opportunity generously offered to us by the festival organisers Bob Charter and Al Ward. Last year KPS P&C decided to share this opportunity with Katoomba High School (KHS) P&C. KHS P&C members are now part of the festival organising committee and KHS will also invite high school parents, students and staff to volunteer for the festival. The proceeds from the Guinness Bar will go to Katoomba High School. KPS P&C welcomes the involvement of KHS P&C and we look forward to sharing the excitement, adventure and hard work that is the Blue Mountain Music Festival.

The work the KPS and KHS P & C volunteers do is separated into 2 components. Bar work (Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate essential) where you are required to serve alcohol, and Clean up duties including recycling, rubbish and keeping the dining areas clean.

If you can volunteer for 10 hours (3x3hr shifts plus 1x1hr meeting to be held a week before the festival) you will receive a Festival weekend ticket, a Festival T-Shirt and an invitation to the volunteers thank you party held after the festival.

Roster shifts fill up quickly. Check the festival website [www.bmff.org.au](http://www.bmff.org.au) to help plan your shifts.
Every effort is made to offer you the shift you prefer however this cannot always be accommodated.
The roster times can change so check the final confirmation letter that will come out closer to the festival weekend for the most accurate shift times.

Please complete the Volunteer Nomination 2013 form.
Any questions contact the Katoomba Public School P & C Volunteer Coordinator: Imelda Eames 0435 055 815
Email: emaildamay@yahoo.com.au
Volunteer Expression of Interest 2013
Katoomba Public School P&C and
Katoomba High School P&C

Your Name: ____________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________(Home) _________________________ (Mobile)

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Circle which school you would prefer to volunteer on behalf of:

Katoomba High School           Katoomba Public School              No preference

Do you have a current RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol):  Y/N
Copy of RSA certificate req. Only those with an RSA will be able to serve in the bar.

Shift Confirmation: by email    Child to bring home:  

Child’s Name & Class: _______________________________________________________________

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

◊ Please circle 3 shifts which suit you best.
◊ You will be contacted only if there is a problem with your preferences.
◊ If you are not contacted it is likely there has not been a problem with your preferences.
◊ Every effort is made to give you your preference however it may not be possible.
◊ Shift times may change closer to the festival date due unforeseen circumstances.
◊ You will get a confirmation letter closer to the festival weekend with shift allocation and the
  expectations and responsibilities of volunteers.

Conditions of a free festival ticket: 3 shifts = 9 hrs shifts plus
1x1hr volunteer meeting to be held one week before the festival.

Katoomba Public School P&C
Volunteer Coordinator: Imelda Eames
Phone ½0435 055 815 mob
Email ½ emaildamay@yahoo.com.au

Katoomba High School P&C
P&C President: Trevor Shearston
Phone ½ 4782 3151
Email ½ t.shearston@aapt.net.au

KPS: Please place your forms in the P&C box at the front office or indicate by email.

KHS: Please place your forms at the school front office or indicate by email.
2013 Shift Roster Times

Big Top Bar proceeds go to Katoomba Public School
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