Term 1  Week 8  Thursday 21st March 2013

From the Principal...

Sale of excess furniture.
There is still some furniture available. There are metal legged chairs and desks (various sizes) tote tray cupboards and many other items. If you are interested please contact the office to inspect and make an offer.

Music Festival
What a fantastic weekend. The weather was kind and the atmosphere of the festival was amazing. As I walked around on the weekend I felt extremely proud of Katoomba School and its community. The volunteers and all associated with the music festival worked tirelessly and made it all possible.

Ride Safely to School Day
Friday is Ride safe to school day. All children are encouraged to ride their bike, scooter, skateboard etc to school.

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat Parade is to be held on Thursday 28th March. Hats should be designed and constructed at home. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school math’s and 7/8 of high school math’s, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Amazing art
Autumn’s the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.
Find out more: http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

Sounding out aloud
Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.
Ride to School Day

All Katoomba Public School students are encouraged to ride their bikes, scooters, skates or skateboards to school tomorrow, as we will have an afternoon of bike riding on the oval. It is great if you ride a scooter or skateboard to school, but after lunch riding will be for bikes only.

So grab your helmet, get mum or dad to ride with you, and come out for an afternoon of practising your bike skills and having fun with friends!

K-6N & the Bendigo Bank Living Skills Project

This year K6N has been learning important living skills as part of a community access program. A huge thank you must go to The Bendigo Bank of Katoomba who has funded this project.

As part of the program, the students will be learning about road safety, how to travel safely on public transport, shopping and cooking.

So far the class has had a number of visits to Coles Katoomba and have seen a number of parents and ex-students of Katoomba Primary School.

Throughout the year K/6N will give updates on the Bendigo Bank Living Skills Project.

Free “Bat Night” Tomorrow Night

The National Parks & Wildlife Service are holding a free Bat Night at Katoomba Falls Kiosk on the evening of Friday 22nd March. It’s a wonderful opportunity for children and their parents to discover more about these marvellous and intriguing creatures native to the Blue Mountains.

Visitors will have the chance to watch bats using their ‘radar’ to catch insects attracted by the lights of Katoomba Falls, use special microphones to listen to the ultrasound of bats hunting, hear talks, watch DVDs and engage in fun activities.

Over 100 children attended Bat Night last year and were enthralled by what they saw and heard. Come along any time between 6.30pm and 9.30pm on Friday 22nd March, and no bookings are required. See the real Twilight and don’t get sucked into thinking all bats are vampires!!

Any enquiries to National Parks on 4787 8877.

EASTER HAT PARADE

We will be holding an Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March after lunch in the Pat Heffernan Hall.

Now is a good time to start planning your hat!

Parents most welcome to attend.
MUSIC NEWS IN MARCH

Term 1 is getting off to a busy start in the music department of KPS! Once again Katoomba Public School Choir successfully auditioned for the Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House. This is a terrific achievement as 135 schools across NSW applied but only 89 were accepted! Well done to all students who were involved in the audition!!!

This year 25 students from Stages 2 and 3 will have the wonderful experience of singing on the concert hall stage of the Sydney Opera House. Notes will be going home about the Festival this week.

This year the Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival will involve our choir students from Years 1, 2 and 3. We are now in the process of selecting the repertoire for this Festival.

The recorder group has also been offered a place at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House. Because of the popularity of this Festival, we are only allowed to take 20 students. I shall be offering students a place according to what year they are in and if they have played in the Festival previously. This does mean some students will be on a reserve list. Students offered a place, will need to return their notes and participation fee ASAP to secure their position.

Each Tuesday morning we have a guitar group that students are welcome to attend. This is run by two very keen guitar fathers, Lino and David, who offer their musical skills for any one interested in jamming and learning some songs. To be involved you just need to be able to play 3 chords!!!

School band rehearses every Friday afternoon, after school for one hour. Any new students who would be interested in joining the band, either see Mrs Schoeler-Jones on a Tuesday or come to a rehearsal and hear what great things our students are doing with Mr Schoeler, the conductor.

Mrs Schoeler-Jones
Music Teacher

KILN TENDER

Tenders are being called for an old electric kiln. The kiln's working condition is unknown and inspection is highly recommended.

It is being sold 'as is' and 'where is', and the successful tenderer is responsible for removal.

Please note that NO warranty or guarantee is provided for this kiln.

Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope by Friday 5th April addressed to the Principal.

Allan Hooper
Principal
Katoomba Public School

Funky Hair Friday last week resulted in $342.10 being raised for the Leukaemia Foundation. Well done everyone!
1/2S have been talking about Our Stories. We all brought in an artefact that tells a story about our family’s heritage.

These are some of the artworks we created with pastel chalks.