Term 1  Week 9 Thursday 28th March 2013

From the Principal...

Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade today was wonderful. There were many imaginative, clever and fun designs and the students had a great time parading them for the audience.

Easter Break

Easter holidays are upon us. They are from Friday 29th March until Monday 1st April (dates are inclusive). For those going away travel safely. To everyone have a relaxing break and do something enjoyable with your family.

Sale of excess furniture.

There is still some furniture available, particularly metal legged chairs and desks (various sizes). Most of the tote tray cupboards have been sold, but there a still a few left. If you are interested please contact the office to inspect and make an offer.

School zone safety

A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays. School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28 March, then resume on Tuesday 2 April. Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days.


Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx

Don't forget that next Friday the 5th of April is our Cross Country Carnival at K.P.S. Keep up your training and get ready for some fun competition. The course is open to run at both recess and lunch, just let the teacher on duty know that you will be training.
Cross Country - Fun Run

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children (not turning eight this year) will be participating in a Cross Country - Fun Run on Friday 5th April 2013 - same day as Primary Cross Country Carnival. The Primary Carnival will include all children turning eight in Year 2.

The Fun Run will be in the kitchen garden starting at 12.15pm followed by a picnic lunch around 1pm.

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for this event - e.g. shorts, joggers, hat and sunscreen. Children should also bring a water bottle to drink during the event as well as lunch, fruit and snacks for the picnic.

Please come and join us for this exciting event.

Solly Wallace & Dennise Lawless

School Banking

A big thank you to Klay Baskerville’s mum Rachael who has been a volunteer with Katie Atkins on School Banking. Unfortunately, Rachael can no longer help out and Katie needs another volunteer. If you can spare an hour or so on a Wednesday morning, please let us know at the office and we can pass on your details to Katie.

Commemoration Services – Anzac Day 2013

The President and Members of the Katoomba RSL Sub-Branch have invited our students to participate in the Anzac Day Commemoration Services on Thursday 25th April, 2013. (Which is in the school holidays.)

The Commemoration march will form at Carrington Place at 10.50am and proceed via Katoomba, Waratah and Lurline Streets to the Memorial at the RSL. A wreath laying ceremony will follow.

All students are welcome in this march. Students are to wear full school uniform and need to be accompanied by their parents/carers.

Orpheus Strings

Is there anyone who could volunteer to help in the canteen on Sunday 7th April from 1.30pm? Rachel Isaacs co-ordinates the catering for the Orpheus Strings concerts and more helpers are needed to prepare and serve the afternoon tea at Sunday’s concert in the Pat Heffernan Hall. The P&C raise funds doing this, and in return you can hear some wonderful music as well as experiencing that warm inner glow from knowing you are helping the school! Contact Rachel on 4782 3663 if you can help.
**Community News**

**Katoomba Cricket Club**

On Saturday 16th March, six Katoomba Public School boys played for Katoomba Cricket Club in the BMCA under 10’s Grand Final. Keiran Stodart, Jim Schoeler, Oscar Jones-Romeo, Eddy Lucas, Ethan Gallagher and Olias Heslip-Morgan, all in Year 4, together with students from Katoomba North Public School, beat the Hazelbrook team 115 runs to 79 runs! They all played like the champions they now are - Blue Mountains Cricket Association Under 10 Premiers 2012/2013. Well done boys!

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**Blue Mountains Music Festival**

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who worked at the 2013 Blue Mountains Music Festival. Volunteering over the weekend we had 10 KPS staff, 18 parents and a handful of people that just love to be associated with KPS. Not to mention the hard working organising committee members.

The Bo-Ho (Big Top Bar) looked spectacular, the bar staff were professional, the clean up crew did a brilliant job with the trial of composting rubbish and the set up/set down crew were efficient and fabulous.

It will take a while to work out how much was raised after expenses, but by all accounts it was a terrific weekend with fun, sun and music.

Thanks to all,
Imelda Eames, P&C Volunteer Co-ordinator BMMF 2013

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**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

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**FOUND**

A black Kathmandu jacket (adult size) was left at the last P&C meeting on 14th March. It can be collected from the front office.
Ride to School Day
Katoomba P.S was alive with the sound of bicycle wheels last Friday afternoon for the 2013 Ride 2 School Day. Students of all ages rode to school with parents and friends and had an afternoon of challenging their skills on our oval after lunch. This year the cycling course had hills, bumps, a race track and plenty of smiles through the afternoon. Riding bicycles, scooters and skateboards is a great way to stay active with friends and to have a lot of fun. It is great to see K.P.S students using their own power to get to and from school!

Earn & Learn Program
Our school will once again be participating in the Earn & Learn Program with Woolworths. A collection box is in the school foyer, and we are arranging for one to be placed in Woolworths at Leura as well.

Andrew Nicholson

Community News - Youth Movie Night
There will be a supervised movie night for primary aged children at the Edge Cinema on Friday 5th April. The movie to be shown is "The Croods" and it starts at 6pm and runs until 7.40pm. Supervision by Rotary and the Police will be provided from 5.30pm. There are prizes to be won and bookings are recommended. Contact the Edge Cinema on 4782 8900 or www.edgecinema.com.au