WHAT’S IN THIS ISSUE

The swimming lessons have gone very well thanks to the support of parents and the organisation, both before and during the lesson times. Thank you to all parents for ensuring your children have been organised for swimming – this has been much appreciated by the teachers. I would also like to thank Nick Hood, one of our education assistants, who has spent the past four weeks at the pool supervising the boys. He has done an awesome job making life much easier for school and swimming pool staff and, more importantly, for the students.

MINISTER VISIT – 400 CELEBRATION

On Wednesday 21st August, at Kinross Primary School, there is a celebration of 400 registrations of the School Breakfast Club through Foodbank. Many people, including the Minister for Education, will be attending this invitation only event commencing at 7.45 a.m. and concluding around 9.30 a.m. Invited guests from the school include the Senior Leadership Team, Taia Rae – Breakfast Club coordinator, Trish Blasdale – P&C President, Roger Crook – the School Board Chair and Lloyd Page - Principal Kinross College. Taia has also invited a couple of important supporters of the Breakfast Club.

Parking for the event is at a premium and we will be using the grass area at the corner of Kinross Drive and Callender Ave with the visitors accessing the area through the staff car park. The gate will be closed to other parking on that day – except for staff parking.

Please Note: Lunch orders are to be taken to the classrooms on this day as the undercover area will be in use before school. Please ensure you have the correct change with the order. Boxes will be provided in the classrooms for lunch orders.

STAFF CAR PARK

Despite repeated requests for parents not to use the staff car park this continues to be an issue. A decision has been made to close the gate to restrict access from 8.20 a.m. to 8.50 a.m. Monday to Friday and from 2.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. each afternoon except Wednesday, when it will be closed from 2.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

While I recognise that this will be an inconvenience to parents the safety of children is paramount in our decision making and we will be steadfast in our application of this restriction. The gate will be manned at these times to allow access for people with an ACCROD card and for confirmed visitors to the school, including maintenance people. I am hopeful that parents will understand our reasons for taking this action.
PROTECTIVE COVERING OUTSIDE THE DEMOUNTABLES

The area between the demountables and the back of the undercover area has been measured up and the building materials are being manufactured at the moment. It is envisaged that this area will be covered by the end of this month, ensuring a much more protected area for students and teachers, both during the wet winter months and hot summer months. I am sure this will be much appreciated. Thank you to the P&C for your support in this project.

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE DISPLAY

If you happen to be in the school I would recommend a visit to the Library Resource Centre to witness the absolutely fantastic display that Denise Chadbund has created around the BOOK WEEK theme “Across the Universe”. Denise regularly goes above and beyond her role of Library Officer and this display is no exception. Thank you very much Denise – this display is a credit to you and very aptly demonstrates your commitment to ensuring the students at this school are able to fully experience wonderful events.

KISS & DRIVE

The Kiss and Drive continues to attract more and more users. As such, it is essential that some safety rules are recognised and respected by all users. Please do not use the intersection of Callendar Avenue and Lauder Place to turn around; it restricts the view of other road users and pedestrians. It is much safer for all concerned if you use the two roundabouts for this purpose.

Also it would be appreciated if parents could move as far forward as possible in the Kiss and Drive area – this enables others to more easily move into the area behind those already waiting.

Thank you.

Ed de Ruiter
Principal

P&C SPORTS CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER

Special lunch order forms will be sent out next week with all the information. Parents will also be able to pre-order their lunches. Any volunteers for this day (Thursday 5 September) would be greatly appreciated.
CONGRATULATIONS TO LIAM JEANS

Liam went to Sydney recently for the Australian Championships. He competed in 3 events which were Under 11 Individual Trampoline, Under 11 Double Mini Trampoline and Under 13 Synchronized Trampoline.

In Under 11 Individual Trampoline he made the finals and came 6th in Australia, for Under 11 Double Mini Trampoline he made the finals and came away with 2nd in Australia and a Silver Medal and for U13 Synchronized Trampoline they just missed out on finals and came 8th, this was also a great achievement as Liam was competing up an age group.

What a fantastic achievement, well done Liam.

BOOK WEEK—BOOKWEEK SPECTACULAR

Week 5 is Book Week. This year’s theme is “Read Across the Universe”. To celebrate we will be having a Bookfair from August 19-23. Monday August 19 is our incursion “From Halfway Around the World” (letters went our earlier this week). Finally we will have a space themed dress up day on Thursday August 22. We look forward to lots of participation and fun! For further information on the shortlisted books go to www.cbc.org.au.

Thank you, Library Staff

CHAPLAIN NEWS

LAURA MACKEY
SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Hello again! I have some very exciting news....

Following in Tim's footsteps, this year we will again do the Operation Christmas Child shoe box collection. This involves filling a shoe box with small, useful gifts to give to a child in less fortunate countries. Children who receive an Operation Christmas Child shoe box may have never received a gift before, so when they realize all the gifts inside the shoe box are for them, they can't contain their joy and excitement! If you'd like to join us in this wonderful opportunity and for ideas of what to pack, please have a look at the posters around the school, pick up a brochure from the front office, or visit operationchristmaschild.org.au.

Please fill and return your box to me by Friday October 18th along with $9 (to cover shipping costs). I'm very excited about this, and what a great way of teaching your children about the many blessings we have here in Australia.
BOOK COVERING BUSY BEE

The school has purchased a large number of fabulous reading resources that require covering. If you have a few hours to spare, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

It’s a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a delicious morning tea.

If you are able to help, please complete the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible.

I __________________________________________ TA __________________(Childs TA) am able to assist with covering books on

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