



## PRINCIPAL NEWS

What a week to end the term! It was fantastic to finish with a whole school Assembly and our Easter Hat Parade is tomorrow. This week we were reminded that even though we have been able to manage COVID free for so long, we still need to remain vigilant. Thank you for your understanding as some staff have had to be part of the lockdown that has been implemented due to the Brisbane cluster. Some of our students have also had to lockdown for three days.

It's been a very productive term and we hope you have enjoyed being able to come into the school again.

We were so excited to have our PBL rewards day last Friday. Congratulations to all staff and students for reaching our target so quickly! I hope you heard many stories about how amazing the day was!

If you are going away in the upcoming school holidays, please make sure you travel safely. Monday 19 April is a staff development day and Tuesday 20 April students return.

**Brad Lyne**  
Principal

### Applications are now open for Kingscliff High School Year 7 Endeavour Program of 2022

Each year Kingscliff High School runs a program to cater for aspirational Year 7 students. Applications are now open for Year 6 students intending to enrol at Kingscliff High School in 2022. More information, including how to apply can be found on the school's website under the heading Our School /Enrolment/Year 6 into Year 7

<https://www.kingscliff.nsw.edu.au/our-school/year-6-into-year-7/>

Applications close Tuesday 4 May 2021.

## PBL Fun Day



**DEPUTY NEWS**

**Tell Them From Me** - Students in Years 4-6 will have completed the Tell Them From Me survey by the end of this week. Survey results will be provided to us early next term. When these are received, I shall inform the community of the findings.

A great term has been had by all. Enjoy your family time over the holidays and stay safe.

**Jenny Foster - Deputy Principal**



**OFFICE NEWS**

**Upcoming New Features** - From the commencement of Term 2 Sentral Parent Portal will become our schools go to communication tool. We are moving towards all permission notes being uploaded to the portal. All school events and activities happening will be featured on the calendar. Another feature is that you are able receive alerts, by setting up your notifications within the app.

**Have you logged on to access your parent portal?**

- 2020 all families were supplied with an access key.
- 2021 all new Kindergarten families were issued with an access key.
- 2021 all new Year 1 to Year 6 have been issued with an access key.

You will need access to be able to use the parent portal and its features. To use please log on to the Internet and register for access to our Parent Portal: <https://pottsvillebeachps.sentral.com.au/portal.register> If you don't have your access key please contact the office on 6676 1161.

**Permission Notes** - Our aim is to have all families connected to our Parent Portal. At the beginning of Term 2 all families will receive a letter detailing information about excursions, sport and other events. How to use this system which is an online consent. To use this system each family will be required to "opt in".

**Benefits of the Parent Portal**

- Up to date information of what is happening at school via calendar and Daily Notices.
- Online Consent for excursion etc.
- Absentees – you can explain your child's absence, no need to ring the

school or provide a handwritten note.

- Alerts – In the case that we have a broken down bus/late bus etc. you can receive an alert.
- You are able to look at all your child's reports.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you need assistance with your Parent Portal.

**Susan Matheson - School Administrative Manager**

**ES1 NEWS**

**High Frequency Words - Week 10** - Our high frequency words for this week are 'us, here, an, up'. It is always helpful for students to revise these words and our other Term 1 words at home to consolidate their learning.

**Home Reading** - Thanks to all our students completing their home reading nightly. Please keep up the fantastic effort and remember to return home reading folders daily. We encourage you to continue reading over the holidays, you might like to read old favourites at home or visit your local library to borrow new books to read.

**Thanks for your participation in National Ride2School day** - National Ride2School day was last Friday and it was wonderful to see so many of our students getting active on their way to school. We look forward to participating again next year.

**Road Safety** - When going on holidays, the road conditions can be different. Holiday parks and camping grounds also bring their own set of road safety challenges for your child. There will be more children out walking and riding bikes and scooters. Remember:

- The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.
- Talk to your child daily about road safety.
- Remind other adults and carers about this too.

**Happy and Safe Holidays** - Kindergarten teachers wish you a happy and safe Easter break and holiday! If students are looking for some learning to do at home, we encourage students to revise the sounds and high frequency words we have been learning this term. These can be found on our Term 1 Overview. We can't wait to see everyone again in Term 2.

**Easter Hat Parade** - Our Pottsville Beach Public School Easter Hat parade is this Thursday. The Kindergarten parade will commence at 9.15am and the Stage 1 parade will commence at 10.00am. Spectators will be required to stay in their allocated spectator zone and remain socially distanced. We ask that you please adhere to government guidelines by remaining COVID safe. Spectators will need to be limited, please see as follows -

**Kindergarten parade** – 3 spectators (including siblings) per child

**Stage 1 parade** – 2 spectators (including siblings) per child  
 Spectators will be required to fill out the external visitor's registration form that was sent home with students last week. This form must be brought on the day of the event.

If it is wet weather or predicted to be raining on the day of the event, the parade will still go ahead for our K-2 students, but unfortunately parents **WILL NOT** be able to attend. This is due to our COVID guidelines and restrictions.

**Eleanor Collier - Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 1 NEWS**

What a term! We have been so incredibly busy in our classrooms that the end of term was here before we knew it. Term 1 has been a great success and it has been an absolute delight getting to know you and your children.


**Home Reading** - Well done to all our students for your dedication and perseverance to your Home Reading this term and a special congratulations to those students who have reached the Home Reader

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**  
 "1-2-3 What are we?"  
 "SAFE-RESPECTFUL-LEARNERS!"

Students enjoyed themselves thoroughly at the first pop-up PBL rewards day. Photos have been sent out on the school's communication platforms and there was positive feedback all round from students, staff and parents. This was a well-deserved reward for students who have taken to the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative with great enthusiasm displaying the targeted behaviours with vigour and diligence. Students have been earning Safe, Respectful and Learner tokens with high volume and feedback on each token given to the student by each teacher.

We look to Term 2 with great expectation to build on the great start Pottsville Beach Public School has demonstrated.

**PBL Team**





Club 25. Continue to practise your reading skills over the holidays with our school home readers, books from home, Reading Eggs library or the town library. Consider enjoying a more sustained read with your child during the break - there's nothing like taking an adventure through the pages of a good book. Reading to your child has many great benefits for your child's reading - it models skilled reading practices and provides opportunities for you and your child to discuss aspects of the book, such as characters, events in the story and vocabulary.

**Story Dogs** - Thank you to Pam, Jim, Chevy and Marley for visiting our school this term to allow Stage 1 students to read with them. We look forward to your visits next term. Thank You Ms Stone for your organisation to ensure this amazing program is part of our school.

**Safe and Happy Holidays** - From all Stage 1 teachers, we would like to thank you for helping to make the start of this year a great success. We would like to wish all our families a safe, happy and enjoyable holiday together and look forward to returning recharged and ready for Term 2.

**Amy Paron - S1 Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 2 NEWS**

Well done to all Stage 2 students who continue to earn safe, respectful and learner reward tokens. We have enjoyed a stage reward of some extra play time and participated in the awesome whole school pop up inflatable day.

On behalf of Stage 2 teachers we wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday. We'll see you all back for another exciting term of fun and learning in two weeks time.

**David Mercer - S2 Relieving Assistant Principal**

**STAGE 3 NEWS**

**Head Phones** - Please send in a set of headphones for your child to use in class. Students work on independent tasks throughout the day and headphones assist them to concentrate with greater focus on the tasks. Headphones are essential for assessments including the Department of Education Check in Assessments. Year 6 students participate in these assessments from Week 1 next term.

**NAPLAN** - Year 5 will take place next term from Tuesday 11 May Week 4, Term 2 starting with Language Convention and Writing, Reading on the following day, Numeracy on Thursday with Friday reserved for any catch ups required.

**FNC Dance** - Students in the Far North Coast Dance troupe will be performing in Lismore on the evening of Wednesday 19 May 2021. Notes to follow early next term.

**Leonie Richards - S3 Assistant Principal**

**SPORT NEWS**

**Cross Country** - will be held Term 2 Week 1 Wednesday 21 April.

**Tennis** - Congratulations to Tilly O, Madison M, Keane M and Zachary D for their victory over Mullumbimby PS on Wednesday 24 March at Mullumbimby tennis courts on a hot and steamy morning for the NSWPSA North Coast Tennis Knockout competition.

**Rugby League** - Congratulations to Mason S (opens), Parker K, Jack S, Caleb D (opens), Sam E (11s), Madden C, Wil L, Isaac W, Heath M (11s) on their selection in the District Rugby League team. Congratulations to Madden C, Sam E (11s), Parker K, Mason S (Opens) on their selection in the FNC Rugby League team.

**Soccer** - Congratulations to Ethan H, Noah H, Josha B, Kurt O, Kyla M,

Violet K who have been selected in the District Soccer teams.

**AFL** - Congratulations to Noah V, Patrick E, Sam E, Max B, Heath M, Declan B, Will F on their selection in the FNC AFL team.

**Peter Rologas - Sport Coordinator**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Recently popular author Tristan Bancks visited Stage 3 to share his best writing tips. Tristan's anecdotes about his movie, media and writing experiences ensured students were highly entertained.

Unfortunately our most recent book club brochures went astray in the post and arrived too late for orders (disappointing quite a few students). Issue 3 will be available early next term so hopefully it's a bumper issue! Our library staff would like to wish all of our families a happy and safe Easter holiday.

**Renai Hollis - Teacher Librarian**



**CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS**

This past week we have been busy running the handball championships and creating lots of Easter arts and craft. Camp Australia is launching the new Rocketeer program, all children that attend these school holidays receive a merchandise pack. We have some extraordinary experiences coming your way from defying gravity at Bounce to checking out the animals at the Macadamia Castle. For more details about our holiday program check out our website or call customer services on 1300 105 343. Our hours for before school care are 6.30am - 8.30am and for after school care 3.00pm - 6.00pm. Holiday club hours are 6.30am - 6.00pm. We are closed over the Easter public holidays.

**Donna and the Camp Australia Team**

**WELLBEING**

**Wellbeing Tips!**



School holidays are just around the corner and all the children have been working with enthusiasm this term and have grown in so many ways. I know they are also looking forward to spending time with their families and developing their other pursuits.

With the beautiful Autumn weather here, why not get outside these holidays for some family fun. Head to the beach, bike ride, swim, use your backyards, camp and play! Use these holidays to relax and enjoy your time together, play board games and cards, craft and cook, create cubby's and read together.

Enjoy, relax and play.

**Dannielle Thomson - Student Wellbeing Teacher**



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