



# *The Cudgegong Courier*

*A weekly newsletter issued by Rylstone Public School*

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## **From the Principal**

### Swimming Program

Next week we will see the start of the Intensive Swimming Program. Students who have sent their notes in will be travelling to Kandos Swimming Pool each day to participate in 30 minute swimming lessons. A reminder that students involved need to bring swimmers, a towel, goggles, a hat, sunscreen and plastic bag to put wet swimmers in.

### Infants Sports

Tomorrow all students in infants will be travelling to Kandos Public School for their annual Infants Sports Day. Students are reminded to wear their sports uniform, their school hat and that they all need to take a water bottle and their morning tea. It will be a great day but a hot one so please remember to wear sunscreen. Parents and family are welcome to cheer the kids on with the students leaving school at 9.30 for a 10.00am start.

### Dog Training

We were very fortunate yesterday to have Suzanne Bark a Professional Dog Behaviourist visit the school. Suzanne and her dog Spice demonstrated several training techniques and tricks. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students learn about dog behaviour and to gain an understanding of a dog's body language and how to handle dogs in their own home and in the community. If anyone would like more information on understanding a dogs body language, Suzanne has left information in the front office.

### Home Reading

The Home Reading program will finish Monday the 24th of November so if you have any home reading sheets that are at home please send them in by Monday the 24th so we can collate the results in time for the end of year Awards Assembly.

### Year Five Speeches

It is that time of year again where the next school leaders are starting to prepare their speeches as candidates for the 2015 school leadership positions. The students in Year Five will be presenting their speeches to the school on Monday the 1st of December at 9.30am.

### Year 6 Orientation Day

Today the students in Year Six have travelled to Kandos High for the first of two days of the High School Orientation Program. This is such an important and exciting time for the students and the transition program is a great way for the students to feel comfortable and confident when moving on to high school.

Alexandra Cashman  
Principal

*Years 3 & 4 at Scenic  
World, Katoomba*



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Week 6 Term 4

### Dates To Remember

#### Term 4

- 13 Nov K-2 Sports Day @ KPS
- 17 Nov P&C Mtg @ 5pm
- 17-28 Nov Intensive Swimming
- 18 Nov Yr 7 2015 @ KHS
- 30 Nov Tourist train @ Kandos
- 1 Dec 2015 Captains Speeches
- 5 Dec Awards Assembly
- 11 Dec Presentation Night
- 15 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Disco
- 16 Dec Market Day
- 17 Dec Talent Quest
- 17 Dec Students last day



*Above: Natasha, Jess, Felicity and Chloe hang on as they descend on the near vertical railway.*

*Left: Leah, Cooper & Lindsey with the Three Sisters in the background.*

**Uniform Shop open Friday  
morning this week.**



## K-1 NEWS

What a fun day we had at the Infants Sports Day today. There were lots of great activities. A big thank you to the staff and children of Kandos PS for all of their hard work.

In English we have been looking at persuasive texts and Year 1 will present a speech to the class trying to put across their ideas on a topic. Those children who are going swimming next week are getting very excited. **Mrs Balfoort**

## YEAR 2/3

This week saw Miss McNamara begin her first week of full-time, supervised teaching. The children are enjoying her youthful exuberance and having two teachers to listen to their stories, problems and ideas.

I've been assessing the students reading, spelling and Maths knowledge at this time and have been impressed with improvements shown, especially in reading.

Year 2 travelled to Kandos today for the Infants Sports Day. This is always a lot of fun, playing many different games with the students at KPS.

**Mrs Suttor**

## HOME READING

Just a reminder that all home reading sheets must be handed in by Monday 24th November. To achieve a gold medal you were required to read for 30 weeks. The medals will be presented at our Awards Assembly on Friday 5th December. Thanks to parents for helping their children achieve this very worthwhile goal. **Mrs Balfoort**

## BOOK CLUB

The second last order of the year has been placed and we are (eagerly) awaiting the arrival of the books. These will be distributed as soon as they 'land' at school. Thank you once again for supporting the school through the Book Club orders again this year. Your ongoing support of Scholastic Book Club has allowed for the acquisition of numerous books for the school. Many of these books have become 'frequently borrowed' from the library, whilst others have been put into individual classrooms to be loved and shared on a daily basis. The final Book Club order forms will appear at home in the near future. Happy shopping! **Mrs D'Ilio**

## VIRTUES WEEK 6 UNDERSTANDING

Understanding is thinking clearly. It is using your mind so that you can see the truth about things. It is paying attention and thinking about things in order to see their meaning. Understanding is also having empathy and showing compassion. Understanding gives us the power to think and learn, also to care.

## P & C NEWS

**P & C MEETING—MON 17 NOVEMBER @ 5PM**

### UNIFORM SHOP

This week the uniform shop will be open on Friday morning from 9-9.30am.

### JOLLY JOKER AT 'THE GLOBE'

Rylstone Public School P&C and the Rylstone Kandos Preschool are the beneficiaries of this fundraiser held each Friday evening at The Globe. This week the total has jackpotted again to **\$2700**. This week's ticket sellers are Gemma Suttor & Bec Guilfoyle.

### PERMISSION NOTE SUMMARY

Costume Donation—\$5 each

**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

**ILFORD – RUNNING STREAM  
VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**

Please join us to celebrate

**75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
& PRESENTATION OF  
50 YEAR LONG SERVICE MEDALS**

At: RUNNING STREAM HALL

22ND NOVEMBER 2014

11AM – 3PM

Heritage fire brigade vehicles, equipment &  
Memorabilia needed for display  
Please bring along  
Telephone Mitchell Clapham to coordinate.

CWA catering for lunch (sausage sizzle)  
Jumping castle for kids

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