KEMPSEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

West Whispers
Excellence and innovation in a caring environment
A Proud Member of the Macleay Educational Community of Public Schools

Wednesday 14th May, 2014
Term 2 Week 3

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May
Week 3
Mon 12th
PSSA Rugby League
Knockout
P & C Meeting at 3.30pm

Tues 13th – Thurs 15th
NAPLAN Years 3 and 5

Thurs 15th
School and Family Photos – Classes 5/6S, 5/6P and 6K

Fri 16th
LNC Touch

Week 4
Mon 19th
LNC Hockey Trials
UNSW Computer

Tues 20th
Competition

Wed 21st
Simultaneous Reading Time 11am

Fri 23rd
National Walk to School Day

Week 5
National Reconciliation Week 27th May – 3rd June
Wed 28th
SRC Milo and Muffin Day

Fri 30th
LNC Cross Country

P & C NEWS

Our last P & C Meeting was held on Monday 12th May, 2014.

At this meeting we discussed:

- Fitness equipment for primary playground.
- Kindergarten sandpit.
- Supporting students representing North Coast teams at State Carnivals.

A big thank you to our School Canteen for their recent donation. This has enabled us to buy a variety of resources for our classrooms.

Just a reminder that three classes are having their photos taken tomorrow– 5/6S, 5/6P and 6K. Also, family photos with these students will also take place.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ORDER FORM AND CORRECT MONEY TO SCHOOL TOMORROW.

Our School Rules - IN THE COLA

Be Responsible
- Line up on time and in class area
- Eat before going on the field
- Report to teacher any problem

Be Respectful
- Follow instructions
- Speak politely
- Listen when teacher speaks at the front of assembled classes
- Place all rubbish in bins

Be Safe
- Play in correct areas
- Let teachers sort out problems
- Follow all adult directions
- Walk at all times
- Tennis balls only

NAFLAN – This week across Australia, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are completing NAPLAN tests. There are four tests, Reading, Numeracy, Writing and Language Conventions. The results of these tests are usually distributed in Term 3 and parents need to consider these results in conjunction with class teacher report and comment. School reports will be handed out at the end of this term.

School Uniform - The cooler weather has arrived and we would like to remind parents that our school jumpers are plain navy blue, with no patterns. It is very important that students wear full school uniform every day and be proud of our school.

Head Lice Warning

There have been a few cases of head lice in the school. We ask that parents check their child’s hair and if they do have head lice, please ensure that they are treated prior to the child coming to school. As part of our school’s head lice eradication program if your child is found with live lice you will be contacted and your child will have to go home for treatment.

As you may have read in yesterday’s Argus, I will be travelling to England to play hockey for Australia over the next few weeks. Whilst I am away Mrs Cathy Korn will be the Relieving Principal supported by Mr Christian Pettitt, in the front office.

Lyn Dockrill, Principal

Give your child a Bright Start to school life at Kempsey West Public School
Taking 2015 Kindergarten enrolments now.
Contact us on 6562 7044 or come and visit us.
STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2014

Stewart House is a charity that supports students from NSW Public Schools, providing health care and support to families in need. If you wish to donate to this outstanding charity, please return the envelope with your donation inside to the front office. **Donations must be in by this Friday 16th May, 2014.** Thank you for your support!

**WANTED** – Donations of Muffin Mix for our SRC Fundraiser “Milo and Muffin Day” - to be held on Wednesday 28th May. Thank you.

We need your support! 2014 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The amount we ask families to pay goes 100% towards your child’s education, buying items that we could not afford without your support. We are asking that you contribute as follows:

- **1 Child** - $15.00 for the whole year
- **2 or more children** - $20.00 for the whole year

**Issue 3 order forms were sent home with students last week.** Please complete order forms and place in an envelope with correct money, marked with child’s name and class and return to the canteen by **9.30am Friday 16th May 2014.**

Assembly Awards - Term 2 Week 2

Congratulations to the following students:

KH – Curttrell K, Harrison G
KJ – Paula B, Lachlan R
K/1E – Bobby B, Bailey L
1B – Fetina C, Malaki C
2B – David H, Amber G
2/3D – Holly R, Dylan E
3M – Latifa R, Robert I
3/4F – Sophia D, Connor B
4/5H – Anton A, Chantelle H
5/6P – Taneisha L, Jayda C
6K – Kylerah W, Sherrilee C
3-6T – Tyrone M, Trent F
SH – Joshua D, Jaleel C
SL – Claudia R
SM – Bree-Anna S

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - Joshua W, Natoya Q

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Please send in correct money with your child’s lunch order. Please place all hot food orders before 9.20am. We do not keep money in the Canteen overnight. We are unable to change $50, $20 and $10 notes.

Please advise Gwen if you are unable to help on your day.
**Phone @ school: 6562 7044**

**Out of School Activities**

**Kempsey Under 8's Rugby Union**

Boys & Girls turning 7 or 8 this year.
Trainings – 4.00pm, Tuesdays, behind Kempsey Toyota, next to the cricket nets.
Drills & Skills + Game – 5.30pm Fridays, Stuart Park, Port Macquarie – the players will do some drills and skills and then play a game of tag for the first half of the season then play some tackle as they develop.
The fees will be $35 which covers insurance, you can place an order for playing shorts, socks and a t-shirt (extra $35)
For more information, please call James after hours 0428 778879.
**State Soccer** - Two weeks ago I travelled to Grafton to play soccer with the Lower North Coast team. After three games I was chosen for the Possibles and Probables to play another game and then I heard I’d made it to the North Coast team. I get to go this weekend to Woodburn to bond with my team mates. In June I get to go to Nelson Bay for State Soccer and I can’t wait!

  
  by Charntaye 6K

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**Paul Kelly Cup**

Boys’ and Girls’ Teams played at South Kempsey and won their games. They will now travel to Coffs Harbour and play at the International Stadium on Wednesday the 25th June.

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**State Basketball** - I am leaving this Sunday by car and then flying from Sydney to go to the State Championships in Albury. I want to play really well and I like basketball. Another girl from my team, Nicole, from Port Macquarie will be travelling with me. Amarah 5/6S

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**Touch Football** - Kalil, Shane, Amarah, Maleah, Mattarley will be travelling on the 16th May to Port Macquarie to try out for the Lower North Coast.
Last Thursday all of the Year 6 children went to the Science Challenge that was held at Kempsey High School. We competed in two activities. There were 6 groups or more that were named after a colour. I was in pink. There were various challenges for us to do and I did string-a-long, which was a game that tests your mental strategies. We had to use the least amount of string to try and get as many bolts covered as possible.

In my group there was Maleah, Kalil, Ellie and me. Kempsey West came sixth and Frederickton came first. My challenge was to make a buggy for a rocky road. The challenge was the Mars Rover. What we had to do was pull the buggy on the course as fast as possible without losing our blocks of wood that we had to carry.

Another challenge was to build a bridge to hold as much weight as it possibly could. We were able to get 5kg over, but when we hit 6 it snapped like a twig.  

Last Thursday most Year Sixes got to participate in the Science Challenge at Kempsey High. Miss Kenyon picked the teams and I was with Sherrilee, Amy, Paton, Tamiesha and we were in blue. It went for the whole day and we got to do two challenges each. It was a fun day. I got to do a challenge called Minipult. This is where you have to build a mini catapult out of straight sticks and elastic bands to hold the spoon so that you don’t have to use your finger to launch it. We had an hour to complete a stable and strong catapult then we had to go over to the testing area to test it if it would work and if it didn’t we had to fix it up. Our team was successful on the 2nd round of testing. Then the actual launching began we had to launch and aim it in a hula hoop. When it was our turn we aimed and missed but the second go we got it in. Next it was 4 metres and we missed both times after that we had to do 6m and we missed. But at the end of the day we had lots of fun!

What I liked most was the Bridge Builder and seeing how much weight it could hold without breaking. My bridge broke at 5 weights. The next challenge was the Mars Rover Builder. We had to build a rover that can get across a track without the cargo falling off. It was a good fun day.  

My challenge was to build a bridge. I had to work as a team with Amarah, Mattarley, Michael and Tom. We had to make it out of paper and all different materials such as straw and paddle pop sticks. At the end of the day we had to test the strength. We got 6 weights over but we had a good day and we learnt a lot.