Wednesday 21st May, 2014
Term 2 Week 4

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Week 4 May
Mon 19th LNC Hockey Trials
Tues 20th UNSW Computer Competition
Wed 21st National Simultaneous Story
Fri 23rd National Walk to School

Week 5 National Reconciliation
Week 27th May – 3rd June
Wed 28th SRC Milo and Muffin Breakfast
Thurs 29th NRL Schubert 7’s
Fri 30th LNC Cross Country

Week 6 June
Mon 2nd PSSA Soccer Knockout Gala Day
-Boys and Girls
Wed 4th UNSW Science Competition
6th June Little shop of Horrors at
- Melville High School
- North Coast Cross Country

Week 7 Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Just a reminder that on Friday our Year six students will be visiting Kempsey High School for an informal meet and greet. Students will leave from Kempsey West Public School and walk up to the High School with Miss Kenyon.

Disability Data Collection 2014
Our school will soon be participating in the National Consistent Data Collection for school students with disability. The Federal Government through the Department of Education and Communities is determining how many students in Australian Schools have a disability determined under the definition with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). This definition is quite broad and includes students that not only have disabilities that most people are aware of but also children that may require additional support such as those with learning difficulties, significant reading difficulties eg, dyslexia etc.

The government will use this information to better target funding and resources.

There is no information that is sent in the collection process about individual students. The collection does not include names or personal information. The only information we send in is the total number of students we have in the school that have a disability under the definition of the DDA and the level of support that we currently provide for them.

I/we ___________________ do not want my child ___________________ to be counted
Name of parent/carer Name of child

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: ___________________ Date: _______________

School is a very busy place!
I have found it such a pleasure visiting our more creative groups this week and seeing their progress.
The Dance group, Choir and Band are all practising for the many different festivals and concerts happening throughout the year.
Next Wednesday the Dance Group will be auditioning for the Southern Network Dance Festival.
A big thank you to Miss Kenyon, Luke Dockrill and Ms Ottery for putting in so much time and effort for our students.

Cathy Korn, Relieving Principal
MILO AND MUFFIN BREAKFAST

The SRC will be holding a Milo and Muffin Breakfast next Wednesday the 28th May 2014 from 8.50am. This is one of our in-school fundraisers to pay for the Life Education Van visit (Healthy Harold). We would appreciate you supporting this event by sending in MUFFIN MIXES by MONDAY. Muffin Mixes will be collected from classrooms.

Thank you for your support. Student Representative Council

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

Assembly Awards - Term 2 Week 3

Congratulations to the following students

MERIT AWARDS
KR – Ryke D, Kristian R
KH – Samuel C, Miley F
KJ – Berdina D, Mia C
K/1E – Rachael J, Joshua D
1B – Montanna H, Maggie R
2B – Jonty J, Arwen S
2/3D – Rogue S, Stanley W
3M – Grady J, Mikeyah W
3/4F – Jamika Mc, Chase N
4/5H – Jamie G, Jakarlie C
5/6S – Kalil P, Tomika C
6K – Leisha B, Joe M
3-6T – Dominic D, Shane B
SH – Kurt T, James K
SM – Tiana Mc

CAMP HELPERS AWARD – Mitchell K, Michael G,
LOU’S CAFÉ RESTAURANT REWARD VOUCHER – Mervyn D

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

Library News

Today was National Simultaneous Storytime. This is an annual event which has been running for 14 years. The aim of simultaneous storytime is to encourage students to read and enjoy reading. At 11am our school read "Too Many Elephants in This House" by Ursula Dubosarsky.

Please talk to your child and ask them about their simultaneous storytime experience and see what their favourite part of the story was.

Remember we are continuing on with the Premier’s Reading Challenge. All books on the challenge list are clearly marked and if you need help choosing books for your challenge please come and see me.

Emma Bates, Teacher Librarian
SCABIES – There has been a case of Scabies at our school. You are being notified so you can monitor your child.

Signs and Symptoms – Severe itchiness for days or weeks. Tiny mites burrow under the skin on parts of the body such as wrists, armpits, buttocks and between the skin folds of fingers and toes. Where the skin has been scratched, infection may cause pus-filled sores. It spreads quickly from person to person by close contact. Please keep your child home until you have seen a chemist and begun treatment. Please notify the school. You do not need to keep your child at home, but you should check them regularly for signs of scabies once they have been treated.

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parents’ and Citizens’ Association, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&C’s, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

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Don't forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch& SIP® everyday!

Walk Safely to School Day
Friday 23 May 2014

Wednesday June 4th
11.00 am
The cost will be $7.50 per student
Melville High School
Years 3-6

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.

Sport News

Charntaye: I went to Port Macquarie for Touch Football. Amarah, Kalil and I were lucky enough to make it to Grafton in the Lower North Coast team on the 12th June.

Jack: I travelled to Grafton to play in the Lower North Coast Hockey team. Our team was competitive but unfortunately none of my team was able to get through to the State Hockey carnival. I had a great time playing on the 18th May.
K/1E tending their garden beds.

They are soon to plant strawberries, beans, snow peas, tomatoes and some flowers.

Music Bells

Savanna and Destini from 5/6P interviewed some students for their comments about our new music system.

Eddie 1/2S: My favourite is Happy because everyone is happy.
Tayah 1/2S: My favourite song is Katie Perry singing Roar.
Youlinda 2/3D: It’s cool. It’s better than my old school. My favourite song is Trumpets. I’d like to hear it please.
Evan 2/3D: The old bells were boring and not as interesting. My favourite is Everything is Awesome from the Lego Movie so I hope that is played soon.
Kaden 3/4F: I prefer the old bells because the music bells are quiet to start with but they get too loud.
Dyln 2/3D: I like it better than the old bells. It makes you feel happy. I like the cup song - When I'm Gone. Miss Deans plays this in the classroom a lot too. I think it's her favourite too. I'd like to hear Red Foo's songs.
Connor 3/4F: I like the old bells because the songs are too long.
Kynan 5/6P: You feel happier to go to class. My favourite is Katie Perry - Roar.

Tyrell 5/6P: I like the music because it's not as annoying as the bells. I like Katie Perry.
Savanna: It's more fun to come to the Cola. It's danceable and you can count your steps on your pedometer. I like Katie Perry. I would like to hear Ke$ha sing her song, We Are Who We Are.
Destini: It's better than the bells and it's more fun. My favourite is Pharrell William's song Happy.