Wednesday 13th August, 2014

Term 3 Week 5

**Be Responsible**

- **Term 3**
  - **Week 6**
    - 16th – 24th August
    - National Science Week
    - Book Week and Book Fair
  - **Wed 20th**
    - Brain Storm Productions – “The Human Race” 2.05pm
  - **Thurs 21st**
    - Book Week Parade 10.30am
    - Hot Dog Lunch 11.20am
  - **Week 7**
    - Literacy and Numeracy Week
    - Literacy and Numeracy Assembly
  - **Week 8**
    - Spring into Art
    - 4th – 14th September
    - Pizza Meal Day
    - Fathers’ Day Stall
  - **Week 9**
    - P & C Meeting 3.30pm
    - Pre-schoolers Concert 10.30am
    - Grandparents Concert 12.15pm

**Be Respectful**

- Use toilets and toilet areas correctly
- Leave food and games outside toilet areas
- Follow instructions
- Use water sensibly
- Respect the privacy of others

**Be Safe**

- Walk
- Wash hands thoroughly
- Leave area promptly

This week in PBL – our three school rules in the TOILETS

Picking Up and Dropping Off Students – **Please be aware** that the Parking Inspector is about and **bus zones are not legal ‘drop off’ or ‘pick up’ points for your children.** We are aware that many car parks are taken at this time of day so would suggest that it would be safe for your child to walk to the front gate from Sea Street or Tozer Street if necessary. **Please DO NOT** park in our neighbours’ driveways.

How safe does your child cross the road?

**KINDERGARTEN 2015**

We are currently taking enrolments for students to start Kindergarten in 2015.

Any student who turns five before July 31st 2015 (who is four already) is eligible to start school next year at Kempsey West Public School.

Teachers are often asked if children are ready for school.

Our school is ready for your child no matter what their abilities or maturity. There is no need for children to be able to write their name, or count to 10 before starting school.

It is law that all children are enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

In saying this, any child who turns five this year **must** begin primary schooling next year.

Mattarley Kelly-Sines has been selected into the 12 years Budgies Australian Indigenous Schoolgirls Netball Team. This team will compete at the 12 years National Schoolgirls Championships which is being held at the Gold Coast from 30th August - 5th September 2014.

**Congratulations on this great achievement!**
Kempsey West Public School has much to be grateful for including the tireless people in the community who donate their own time to contribute to our school. While there have been many of these amazing volunteers (and more are always needed) - Colleen Williams is an outstanding example of someone who donates an extraordinary amount of time and effort. For more than four years Colleen, (grandmother to one of our students) has worked tirelessly in our gardens. She completes days of ‘back breaking’ weeding, pruning and planting to name just a few of the gardening tasks. Colleen is very modest about her considerable contribution to our school, but we want her to know how much she is appreciated for giving up her precious time to make our school look amazing.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time at our school, it would also be greatly appreciated.

Colleen working with some of our older students.

Assembly Awards - Term 3 Week 4

Congratulations to the following students

MERIT AWARDS
KR – Tahlia A, Myra T
KJ – Tyler W, Amos T
K/1E – Auron F, Killara W
1B – Jasmin F, Craig T
1/2S – Tayah P, Sharnieve D
2B – Destiny B, Deinara M

2/3D – Stanley W, Jessica D
3M – Nate R, Mia P
3/4F – Latoya W, Natoya Q
4/5H – Shianne D, Jakarlie C
5/6S – Famous I, Ronald M
3-6T – Dominic D, Brodie D

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Mikayla K, Elwyn W, Jayden C, Sarah F

CONTRATULATIONS to all Silver Award recipients. It’s now time to start working hard to earn your Gold Award.

Library News

Our Book Fair is here!

This week students have been taking time in our library lessons to preview some of the fantastic books that have arrived with our Book Fair. Students will be bringing home an information note and a brochure after their library lessons this week. Students are able to purchase from the Fair next Monday-Thursday before school and at lunch times.

On Tuesday the 19th August we will stay open until 4pm. Remember that some books, posters and pens are limited in quantity so come in Monday morning before school so that you don’t miss out.

I’m looking forward to some great Book Week costumes at the parade next Thursday. Don’t forget that hot dog notes and money must be returned to Mr Fraser’s yellow box by next Tuesday otherwise you may miss out! The SRC will be selling soft drinks for $2.

Please take some time next week to share a book with your child to celebrate Book Week 2014 "Connect to Reading."

Emma Bates, Teacher Librarian
Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘The Human Race’, a show about bullying and cultural diversity. This is a humorous and entertaining way to help children understand that although we are from different cultures and have different abilities, human beings all have feelings and need to be accepted and respected for who we are.

The message is clear: DON’T TEASE OR BULLY – IN PERSON OR ONLINE!

**AFL: PAUL KELLY CUP in SYDNEY**

*When we were travelling down to Sydney we had to travel all day and some night. We had arrived at the PCYC where we were staying. When we got inside we went up to our dorm and fixed our things up. The next day we had to wake up early to get to the Sydney Cricket Grounds. We played our first game at 10:30. When the games had finished there were two players that came out to sign our boots and we got an AFL ball signed. Thank you Miss Kenyon, Gary and Kevin for getting us all the way down there. Thelma 6K*

The best part about the trip was when we went to the aquarium in Sydney and saw all the sea creatures. It was so much fun. Also, when we played our first game of AFL at the SCG stadium I was so excited and when we played the semi-finals we got beaten but I didn’t really care if we lost. Some of us got our boots signed by Sydney Swans players. I also liked where we were staying at the PCYC and thanks to Miss Kenyon and Kevin and Mr Maxwell. *Nataya 5/6S*

The best part about the trip was that the buildings were so high and they looked pretty. The trip took more than six hours. The day we played the game of AFL we only lost one game and out of sixteen different teams we came third. After that we went to Centrepoint Tower. The tower was so tall that you could see the whole city. One of the towers looked odd because the top had a spiral on the roof. A special thanks to Miss Kenyon and Kevin for helping us and raising the money for the trip to Sydney and to Mr Maxwell for driving. *Tori 5/6P*

A big thank you to parent and carers for their support and flexibility with regards to the Lower North Coast Athletics which was held at Wauchope on Friday.

All Macleay students who were unable to attend have had their times and distances entered into the Lower North Coast Carnival for consideration for the North Coast.

All schools will be notified this week of the results and notes will be sent for distribution.
Support Unit Students visited the Council Information Morning

Kindergarten Excursion to Billabong Park