# West Whispers

**Wednesday 3rd September, 2014**

**Term 3 Week 8**

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**Term 3 September**

- **Be Responsible**
  - Be on time
  - Stay in lines
  - Care for property

- **Be Respectful**
  - Follow instructions
  - Speak politely
  - Consider others
  - Listen
  - Be a good audience member

- **Be Safe**
  - Be in the right place
  - Walk
  - Sit on chairs properly

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**This Week in PBL**

- Our three school rules for going to and being in the **HALL**

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**This Week is:**

- **National Recognition Week for all School Administrative and Support Staff**
- **(SAS Staff)**

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The Kempsey West Public School staff, students and parents would like to thank our wonderful School Administrative and Support Staff. This week, we acknowledge the constant efforts put in each day to support the staff and students and to help make our school the wonderful place it is. Our SAS Staff play a vital role in students’ learning and we are grateful for the contributions they make.

**Thank you SAS Staff! You are amazing!**

**Spring into Art** — The Macleay Educational Community of Schools (MECS) is displaying art work from students in Kindergarten to Year 12 at the Gladstone Art Gallery until Sunday 14th September. The following students from our school will have their artworks on display from Thursday 4th September to Sunday 14th September from 10.30am to 4.00pm - Carlin D, Tyreece D, Pypa C, Ruby H, Rosetta R, Kaylen K, Mekhi K, Tayah P, Malakai C, Paula B, Dakota M, Mariyah C, Joshua D, Nathaniel N, Kurt T, Amarah L, Miley F, Jarraminda W, Brendon R, Shaye S, and Class 3/4F.

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**Cathy Korn,** Relieving Principal

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**Domino’s Pizza Meal Day**

**Lunch 1 - Tomorrow**

**Thursday 4/9/14**

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**Fathers’ Day** — **Sunday 7th September** - The Fundraising Committee will be holding its Fathers’ Day stall **this Friday 5th September** to enable students to buy gifts from school. Kindergarten students will be able to buy gifts after assembly and then all students will have access to the stall to purchase gifts. Gifts will range in price from $2.00 - $7.00. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please bring to the Library.
Macleay Educational Community of Schools Award Night (which is being held tonight)

Kellie Kenyon is an outstanding teacher at our school. Currently she is teaching Year 6 and her classroom program reflects quality teaching skills. Kellie has initiated and developed dance programs with students in our school and they have successfully performed at Dance Festivals both in the Macleay and Hastings areas. She has an inclusive policy for dance and more than seventy-five students are part of this exciting program. As well, Kellie coaches sports teams in the school. She trains soccer and AFL during her lunch break. Indeed, Kellie has just returned from Sydney with the girls’ AFL team who competed in the Paul Kelly Cup. They were the North Coast Champions and came third in the state. Kellie organises our School Representative Council from Kinder to Year 6. They regularly meet and raise money for children less fortunate than themselves. She is supportive of her colleagues and is friendly and welcoming to our parents and community. Kellie possesses those skills, abilities and qualities that make a difference to the educational lives of all students at Kempsey West Public School.

Sharron Stuckey is an outstanding staff member of Kempsey West School. She is a School Learning Support Officer and works in the Support Unit with our students who have severe intellectual and physical disabilities. She has been a member of our staff for over 25 years and is highly respected by her colleagues, students and community. She is passionate that all students have the right to an education and she has supported these students through so many phases of their lives. Parents feel comforted by Sharron’s advice and support. From bolus and tube feeding to hydrotherapy, Sharron has always been there for every student. As well as her school activities, Sharron has provided respite care for students with disabilities in her own home and has continued accompanying these students on trips and outings over the weekend and holiday periods. She is an enthusiastic, dedicated and much loved staff member throughout the area and has had such a positive impact on the lives of many students and their families.

Pre-schoolers’ Concert
Tuesday 9th September 2014
from 10.30am
All pre-schoolers welcome

Grandparents’ Concert
Thursday 11th September 2014
from 12.15pm
All grandparents are most welcome to attend

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Numeracy and Literacy Week

Awards

Congratulations to the following students


PSSA NETBALL – On Thursday the girls’ team went to the Kempsey Indoor Centre to play against Wauchope. They lost 37-8. We then played a fun game against South West Rocks and had a draw 9 all. Thank you to Casey Morris and Mrs Taylor for coaching us and also to Mrs Cooper for assisting with transport.
This week we have been busy reading Jandamarra by Mark Greenwood and Terry Denton. This is a shortlisted information book telling of the three year battle that Jandamarra (a member of the Bunuba People from the Kimberley region) had with the white settlers. The beautiful illustrations have helped students in our primary classes to understand the struggle that Jandamarra faced when he was caught between helping his European friends and his people. 

Emma Bates, Teacher Librarian

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**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

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Issue 6 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 5th September, 2014.

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**Important Dates**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 3:** Friday 19th September, 2014  
**LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY:** Monday 6th October, 2014  
**FIRST DAY OF TERM 4:** Tuesday 7th October, 2014  
(All Staff and Students Return)

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**NEWS FROM SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES**

**HEARING AWARENESS WEEK**

Let’s hear it for our ears. Last week was hearing awareness week and now it’s a good time to think about what you can do to help your child improve their hearing health.

- It is important to have your child’s hearing tested every year; this can be done with the Nurse Audiologist at Kempsey Community Health on phone 6562 6066, or Durri AMS phone 6560 2300 - Australian Hearing visit Durri once a month as well.
- Do not smoke around your child as it can affect their sinus and increase the chance of asthma.
- If your child regularly has a runny nose or sore ears, please take them to the doctor as they could have a middle ear infection, which can be called glue ear or otitis media. Remember, repeated ear infections can cause hearing loss.
- Teach your child how to blow their nose and remember they need to wash their hands after to reduce spreading germs and cross infection.

"Special thanks to all the students who participated in the Speak Out 4 Kids activities recently, the children learned more about how you feel when you are unsafe, who they can talk to if they feel unsafe, their safe people at home, at school and in the community, as well as emergency services. This activity was supported by Schools as Community Centres, Benevolent Society and Kempsey Family Support Services. It was great that they were able to visit our school and support Child Protection in our community. All students placed a hand print on a bali flag which will be on display around town during Child Protection Week and at the Macleay River Festival in September. The flags will be returned to school after the Term 3 holidays."  

Karen Hall, SACC
Spring into Art
Macleay Regional Gallery at Gladstone
Thursday 4th September – Sunday 14th September

Some of the Students’ Artwork which will be on display