### West Whispers

Excellence and innovation in a caring environment

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**Wednesday 21st October, 2015**

**Term 4 Week 3**

- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**

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<td><strong>Week 3</strong> Mon 19(^{th}) – Fri 23(^{rd})</td>
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| **Week 4** Wed 28\(^{th}\) – Fri 30\(^{th}\) |
| Spring into Art |
| Spring into Art Award Night |
| Pies ready for pick-up at 10.30am |

| **Week 5** 6\(^{th}\) Nov |
| **November** |
| Jump Rope for Heart |

| **Week 6** Mon 9\(^{th}\) – Fri 13\(^{th}\) |
| P & C Meeting |
| Mon 9\(^{th}\) to Fri 13\(^{th}\) |
| School Swimming and Water Safety Program |
| Fri 13\(^{th}\) |
| Out of Uniform day – Christmas Hamper Donation |

| **Week 7** Mon 16\(^{th}\) – Fri 20\(^{th}\) |
| School Swimming and Water Safety Program |
| Mon 16\(^{th}\) to Fri 20\(^{th}\) |
| School Captain Speeches |

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**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. The following students from our school will have their artworks on display.


**Thursday 22\(^{nd}\) October to Sunday 25\(^{th}\) October**

**Thursday 29\(^{th}\) October to Sunday 1\(^{st}\) November**

10am – 4pm

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**PARENT SURVEY**

Kempsey West Public School

You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers.

**Why should I participate?**

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of our school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

**What does it involve?**

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary.

**How can I participate?**

You can access the survey in the following ways, between 6 October and 23 October 2015.

- Collect your own unique login and password from the Front Office.
- Download a QR reader on your tablet and go directly to the Parent Survey using the QR Code provided.
- Complete after our school assemblies in our Computer Lab on Friday 9 October and Friday 23 October.
- Complete on Team.

Congratulations to the following students

**MERIT AWARDS**

- KH – Demi B, Jaiden S
- KJ – Grace H, Kimbol D
- K/1B – Harrison G, Harrison O ’B
- 1/2S – Jakiri F, Kaleb B
- 2D – Alena D, Cheyenne W
- 3G – Resharli R, Connor K
- S/4M – Mariyah C, Jayden F

**GOLD AWARDS**


**SILVER AWARDS**

- Kyara M, Grady J, Lauren C, Graceson D, Miley F, Abigail L, Harrison V.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

- Kaylen C, Ky-Tayha K, Christina B.

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**P & C Fundraiser**

Child’s BMX Cheetah Amigo 20 Bike

Tickets $1 or 3 for $2

Tickets are only available for purchase in the Library before school and at lunch times.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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PLEASE HELP US - *By sending in correct money with your child’s lunch order.
*By placing all hot food orders before 9.20am.
We are unable to change $50, $20 and $10 notes.
No money is kept in the Canteen overnight.

*New at the Canteen - COBS of CORN – 50c each – Please order before 9.20am
School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Monday 9th – Friday 20th November. Cost is $30. Years 2 to 6 can learn to swim. Notes going home today. **Spaces are limited so money needs to be in by Wednesday 4th November to the front office.**

**Keeping Kids Safe Online**

8. Forever is a long time. A lot of blogs and websites maintain information as part of cyberspace forever. By publishing without thinking of the future, your child’s innocent work online may be something that comes up later on that may negatively impact their career and personal life.

**Issue 7 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 23rd October, 2015.**

**Library News**

This week we are getting ready for the library stocktake. We need all of the library books returned by this Friday. Overdue notes were sent home last week; please spend some time looking for overdue books at home. If it has been lost or damaged please pay for the book at the front office. If there are any problems please come and see me.

Emma Bates, Teacher Librarian

**National Aboriginal Birth Certificate Project**

The National Aboriginal Birth Certificate Project is proudly delivered by Pathfinders Inc. and proudly supported by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet via the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. A new Birth Certificate is available for Aboriginal applicants that meet the following criteria:

- Are preparing to attend pre-school
- Are preparing to attend primary school
- Are preparing to attend secondary school
- Are transitioning from school to the workforce
- Are transitioning from school into further education

Last week we had the pleasure of working with a film crew from the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation to create a documentary of staff implementing the ALNF Program with Kindergarten students in our school.

**Live Grow Explore**

Kempsey West Public School received a $1000 grant to educate children about how to grow and harvest vegetables at school. The Live, Grow, Explore themed grants support schools aimed at making a positive difference to the environment and the local community. As part of the grant we are also buying a compost bin and worm farm where the food waste from the students can be collected and put into the compost bin which also teaches the students about sustainability and recycling.

**Class 1E**

**P and C News**

**Tumblegum Pie Drive**

Don’t forget to get your Pie Drive orders into the library before this **Friday 23rd October 2015** for your chance to purchase some delicious Tumblegum pies. Pies will be available for pick up on Friday 30th October at 10.30am in the Library.
Jump off day is 6th November
Please return your Sponsorship form and funds raised to the school on this day.

Practising for Jump Rope for Heart

The MECS Interschool Chess Tournament was held on Thursday 15/10/15. A number of Macleay Education Community Schools took part with over eighty students from Years 3-6 playing some very intense, mind boggling games of chess. Games started and finished with a handshake but perhaps the best part was seeing students learning from one another and making new friends. It was such an inspiring tournament where sportsmanship was at its best. Kempsey West had four girls and four boys compete and all students did very well. Congratulations to Cameron, Izacc, Connor, Luke, Rebecca, Tykea, Rogue and Codie. All these students received participation certificates.