Thursday 4th February, 2016
Term 1 Week 2

Be Responsible  Be Respectful  Be Safe

Welcome to a wonderful year of quality teaching and learning. At this time we have set up temporary classes until our enrolment numbers are secure. A special welcome to new parents to our school and we look forward to working closely with you and your child. Please discuss any issues with your child's teacher or executive.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – Congratulations to all students for wearing a school uniform every day. Students take pride in their uniform and their school.

HATS IN THE PLAYGROUND – As of next week, all students will need to have a hat on their head if they want to play out in the sun on the playground or on the basketball court. School hats can be purchased from the library after assembly on Friday. $12 bucket hat and $7 for caps. Alternatively children may wear their own hat.

Congratulations to Mrs Natalie Mealing and Gabrielle McElwaine for their outstanding organisation of the swimming carnival yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many parents at the pool supporting their children.

Lyn Dockrill, Principal

Parents’ and Citizens’ Association
Next Monday 8th February is our first P&C meeting for 2016. If you are a parent or carer who would like to attend please meet in the senior staffroom at 3:30pm. Becoming a member of the P&C is a great way to become involved in your child’s school community. We discuss school events such as school uniform and fundraising ideas. You are welcome to bring your children along as we have activities to keep them occupied. We look forward to seeing lots of new and familiar faces.

Hi, my name is Mr Davis. I am teaching Class 2/3D this year. I’m excited and looking forward to a great year ahead.

Hello, my name is Miss Fuller. I am teaching class K-2S with Miss Stevens and Tori (School Learning Support Officer). I’m looking forward to a wonderful year.
Welcome back to the Library for 2016! My name is Mrs Veugen (pronounced “view-gun”) and I will be the Teacher Librarian this year while Mrs Bates is on maternity leave.

I have been teaching for about 16 years, in the Coffs Harbour area over the last few years and in Queensland and the Northern Territory before that. A few years ago I focused on teaching in the Library because I love reading and stories and also love using computers for finding information.

Library lessons have started this week. Please remember to bring a library bag with you so that you can borrow library books.

Library lessons will be on:
• Mondays - KJ, K/1B and 5H
• Tuesdays – 1T and 6K
• Wednesdays – 2/3D and 4/5S
• Thursdays – KH, 2S, 3G and 5/6E
• Fridays – KR Bright Sparks, 1/2M and 3/4M

We are looking at the “Museum in a Box” about DINOSAURS from the Australia Museum over the new few weeks. There are all sorts of interesting things in the box from the museum. Ask your children what they have learned.

Finally, I would like to wish Mrs Bates all the best for her maternity leave. We’re looking forward to meeting her new baby in a few weeks.

Mrs (Robyn) Veugen – Teacher Librarian

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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.

Please advise Gwen if you are unable to help on your day.

Phone @ school: 6562 7044

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Gwen would like to welcome back all students, volunteers and staff for another year at Kempsey West. Hope you all had a great holiday 😊

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Download it onto your phone or computer, tick the box for “whole School” and also the year/s that your child/ren are in. If you are having problems with the app please see us at the school or phone Tiqbiz on 8091 6826

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**We need your support! 2016 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

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**School Swimming Carnival**
INFORMATION SESSION

Nyssa Murray from University of Wollongong has been working in our community for the past six months and has visited our playgroup a few times to consult with families from our community. The project is to design a promotional marketing program for media to encourage the promotion of early childhood education to parents/carers and the wider community.

An information session to gain feedback will be held at Dunghutti Elders on **Monday 15th Feb at 12.30pm**. Parents who attend will receive a free book voucher to the value of $20.
Hi my name is Natoya Quinlan and I am the school captain of Kempsey West Public School 2016. My favourite subjects at school are History and Art. I have been attending Kempsey West for seven years. I love to draw whenever I get time to, at school or at home. I am looking forward to a fun year with my teachers and classmates as well.

Hi, my name is Bailey Kelly. I am proud to be school captain for 2016. I like to swim and cook spaghetti bolognase and other meals at my Nan’s and at school. I am in Class 6K and I have been here at Kempsey West for seven years. I will try the best I can to help you if you are hurt. I am looking forward to the Forster Education Camp this year.