KEMPSEY WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

West Whispers

Excellence and innovation in a caring environment
A Proud Member of the Macleay Educational Community of Public Schools

Wednesday 10th February, 2016
Term 1 Week 3

Be Responsible

- P & C Meeting
- PSSA Boys’ Cricket Knockout

Be Respectful

- Rugby League Clinic
- Macleay Swimming Carnival
- Crazy Hair Day

Be Safe

- LNC Swimming Carnival
- LNC Boys’ Cricket

2016
Term 1
February

Week 3
Mon 8th
Fri 12th
P & C Meeting
PSSA Boys’ Cricket Knockout

Week 4
Mon 15th
Wed 17th
Fri 19th
Rugby League Clinic
Macleay Swimming Carnival
Crazy Hair Day

Week 5
Wed 24th
Thurs 25th
LNC Swimming Carnival
LNC Boys’ Cricket

Our School Rules - IN THE COLA

Responsible
- Line up on time and in class area
- Eat before going on the field
- Report to teacher any problems

Be Respectful
- Follow instructions
- Speak politely
- Listen when teacher speaks at the front of assembled class
- Place all rubbish in bins

Be Safe
- Play in correct areas
- Let teachers sort out problems
- Follow all adult directions
- Walk at all times
- Tennis balls only

NO HAT – NO PLAY IN THE SUN
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.

My name is Miss Jamie and I am back after having my daughter Aurora Blue to run the Arts program. I am really excited to be back.

Hi everyone my name is Kerry Cosato and I am a Learning and Support teacher. Your children know me as Mrs C. I am new to Kempsey but have been working with schools and community on the Mid North Coast since 1995. I look forward to meeting more of you over the coming year.

Classes for 2016

Kindergarten KR - Tamie Ring
Kindergarten KH - Kim Hodge
Kindergarten KJ - Janine King
Kindergarten K/1B - Belinda O'Meally
Year 1T - Tiffany Deans
Year 1/2M - Melissa Barry
Year 2S - Sue Shirt
Year 2/3D - Joshua Davis
Year 3G - Gabrielle McElwaine
Year 3/4M - Natalie Mealing
Year 4/5S - Matthew Scott
Year 5H - Rebecca Harwood
Year 5/6E - Leonie Evans
Year 6K - Kellie Kenyon
K-6J - Jodi Smith
K-6T - Wendy Taylor
K-6H - Jay Hart
K-6M - Michelle Harris
K-6S - Melissa Stevens

I look forward to a settled year and please make contact with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns and if your child has any particular needs.

Lyn Dockrill, Principal

Friday 19th February 2016
Come to school with your Crazy Hair Design/Colour
Gold coin donation
To help fund the Life Education Van later this year
Student Representative Council
This week in library lessons we have been thinking about dinosaurs, and using the books and models of dinosaur footprints and fossils that came in the Museum in a Box from the Australia Museum.

We have also started borrowing books. Remember that you need a library bag to protect the books when you borrow from the library, so please remember to bring a library bag on your library day.

We have changed KH’s library day. It is now on Tuesdays.

Just a reminder that library lessons are:

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

**Library Monitors**

Library monitors help out in the library during the 1st lunch break. I had a meeting today with students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 who are interested in being a Library Monitor. We talked about what they would do as a Library Monitor and what day they would come. For most of the interested students this will be one day per week. Library Monitors will start next week and I will put this information in the newsletter next week.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.” — Dr. Seuss

Mrs (Robyn) Veugen – Teacher Librarian

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**We’re using an app to communicate with you**

**Tiqbiz** – Available for iPhone and Android

You are able to:

- Sign permission notes
- Send absent notes
- View School Newsletters
- View Canteen Price List
- Link to the school website

Plus much more

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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**Kindergarten students started school last Thursday with a search for the Gingerbread Man. He was finally found in Mrs Dockrill’s office and then gobbled up!**

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**Issue 1 order forms will be sent home with students this 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 19th February, 2016**

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**Book Club**

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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.

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**This week’s SPECIAL** - CORN on the COB 50c each, to be ordered with your lunch order.
Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new Kindergarten children and their families. There are services in our community that can support parents and children who are experiencing difficulties or just want some help with parenting. I am located down at the cottage within our school grounds at 23 Marsh Street, if you are not sure where to go for assistance I can help you find the best service to support you if you need it.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS PROGRAM
This is a free 6 week program run by Kempsey Family Support Service located at 21 Verge Street, Kempsey. The course can help parents look at things differently, how children develop so that parents can better understand their behaviour, giving and receiving messages, using your child’s behaviour as a way to tap into their needs and feelings, think about your parenting so that you can make your relationship with your child even better. We have childcare during playgroup time whilst you attend the workshop which is held on Wednesdays starting 10th February from 10am to 12.30pm. Call Kempsey Family Support Service on 65631588 to reserve your place.

Karen Hall, Facilitator, Schools as Community Centres, Kempsey

Assembly Awards Term 1 Week 2

Congratulations to the following students:

MERIT AWARDS
KR – Judy H, Bailey R
KH – Blake S, Joshua B
KJ – Dani W, Harley McI
K/1B – Miley T, Harrison O'B
1T – Jayden B, Matilda C
1/2M – Kimbol D, Abigail L
2/3D – Sharnieva D, Tahn J
3G – Chaise H, Patrick P, Xavier H
3/4M – Thomas H
4/5S – Charles T, Tameira W
5H – Shylie D, Alan McC
5/6E – Nicholas G, Rune H
6K – Justin R, Marley R
K-6H – Joshua M, Samuel H
K-6T – James F
K-6M – Mason M

Swimming Carnival

Winning house was Parkes 162
Deakin 137
Barton 132
Wentworth 103

A great day was had by everyone and thank you to the family members who came and attended our carnival. Macleay Carnival is on Wednesday 17th February. Children who have made the qualifying times for the carnival will be given a note next week.

Age Champions:
Junior Girl (joint winner) - Shylie D, Annelise H
Junior Boy - Lachlan M
11yr old girl – Jessica L
11 yr old boy – Lamarh K
Senior Girl – Chloe K
(joint winner) – Glen B, Justin K

Age Champions
Hi my name is Chloe Kerr. I am the Vice Captain of 2016. I like to dance, swim and play AFL, soccer, netball and cricket at Kempsey West Public School. I have been coming to this school for seven years. I like maths and dancing with Miss Kenyon. I am looking forward to helping students this year. I am in Miss Kenyon’s class (6K) this year and I’m hoping to have a fun year.

Hi my name is Bailey Fletcher and I’m the Vice Captain of Kempsey West Public School 2016. I enjoy playing cricket and golf at home with my Pops and also at school. I have been attending Kempsey West Public School for seven years. My favourite subjects at school are Maths and Literacy. I’m looking forward to Year 6 and representing the school in cricket this year.