**West Whispers**

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**Wednesday 17th February, 2016**

**Term 1 Week 4**

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

| **Week 6**           |
| Fri 4th March        | Clean Up Australia (Kempsey West) |

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**Our School Rules - in the PLAYGROUND**

- **Be Responsible**
  - Play by the rules
  - Eat before going on the field
  - Use equipment as intended
  - Report to the teacher any problems

- **Be Respectful**
  - Follow instructions
  - Speak politely
  - Consider others
  - Be a good sport

- **Be Safe**
  - Play in correct areas
  - Let teachers sort out problems
  - Follow all adult directions

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**BEING LATE IS NOT OKAY**

When children arrive late and take time to settle, valuable learning time is lost. Current research shows that mornings for children are the best times for learning.

School starts at 9.20am each day.

*It is a request from The Department of Education and Communities and our School Policy that if your child is late to school an adult must sign him/her into school.*

We thank you for your patience while the road works have been happening but would appreciate you accompanying your child in to the front office to sign them in. Thank you.

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**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

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**Crazy Hair Day**

**Thank you** to all the students who are wearing hats in the playground.

We are a Sun Safe school and we encourage all students to wear a hat in the playground.

Lyn Dockrill, Principal
Congratulations to the following students:

A huge THANK YOU goes to Mrs Lisa Austin from the front office and her family who have kindly donated a couch for the library. (Thanks also to the male staff members who carried it up to the library on Tuesday). Ms Trees has also picked up some bean bags for the library, so the children will soon have comfortable places to sit and read a good book.

Library Monitors: I had so many students keen to be a Library Monitor that there isn’t room for all their names here! There is a list of the students rostered on for each day on the main door to the library. Please check to see when you are rostered on. If your name isn’t on the list and you are keen to help in the library during the 1st lunch break, please see Mrs Veugen.

Library Lessons: This is our final week with the dinosaur information in the Museum in a Box from the Australia Museum. We are learning about the fossil footprints found in Winton (Qld) and what they tell us about Australian dinosaurs. Remember 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

Please remember to bring a library bag to protect the books when you borrow from the library, both to take the books home and to return them to school. We have already had one book destroyed because a student’s yoghurt spilled in their school bag. If the library book had been in a separate library bag, there would have been no harm done to the book.

“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.” — Walt Disney

Mrs (Robyn) Veugen – Teacher Librarian

Issue 1 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 19th February, 2016

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.

SPECIAL - “Wests Mighty Burger” – beef patti with lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot, cheese and BBQ sauce $5.00
to be ordered with your lunch order before 9.20am

NEWS FROM SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES KEMPSEY

FAMILY REFERRAL SERVICE
The Mid North Coast Family Referral Service provides a voluntary referral service for families, children and young people who need support. They are able to identify the most important concerns and connect you with a service that can provide the help needed. This service is now managed by Pathfinders and is located at 3/37 Forth Street, Kempsey and their phone number is 1800 758 589.

Karen Hall, Facilitator, Schools as Community Centres, Kempsey

Assembly Awards Term 1 Week 3

Congratulations to the following students:

MERIT AWARDS
KR – Malikye M, Izabella C
KH – Kaylee R, Addison W
KJ – Brayden W, Zayne C
K/1B – Cooper B, Lexi W
1T – Benjamin C, Shakyha J
1/2M – Tyler W, Tanayah V
2S – Bryce G, Curttrell K
2/3D – Tallarah R, William W
3G – Bodan H, Shkiah M
3/4M – Annelise H, Jonty J
4/5S – Clifford L, Ameka M
5H – Emily P, Nate R
5/6E – Kaeden K, Joshua S
6K – Quenten C, Kimberley G
K-6H – James R, Jacob F
K-6T – Chloe P
K-6M – Tallis H

BOYS’ GROUP – Bailyn A.
More of our new Kindergarten Students on their first day

These students are representing Kempsey West Public School today at the Macleay Swimming Carnival in a variety of events.

**Back** - Brittania, Jessica, Lachlan, Justin, Lachlan and Connor.

**Front** - Chloe, Ky-Tayha, Xavier, Mekhi and Rusty

*absent* Tallis, Glen and Shylee    **GOOD LUCK**

On Monday we had an NRL clinic and we really enjoyed it. We got split up into class groups, some of us played Oz Tag but not my group. We had to run around cones tackle a bag and score a goal with the ball on top. We also learnt to tackle and kick.

*Hannah 6K*

On Monday the NRL were nice enough to give us a free clinic session. One group tackled a bag and the other kicked the ball on the ground and went around cones. It was so much fun and it was great to have people from the NRL teams to come and teach us some skills.

*Bailey 6K*

We went to the NRL clinic and our classes were divided into groups and we played two different games. My friends and I thought it was really cool to improve our catching and running speed.

*Kieren 5/6E*

When we went to the NRL clinic we played Oz Tag as a class and it was a lot of fun. You had to put two tags in the end of your pants and run until all of your tags were taken out. Then we played a game with a football and we had to throw a ball to another player and then to each other. The first group that finished won.

*Codie 5/6E*
**BARTON**

*L to R Vice Captain:* Michael Q, *Captain:* Marley R  
*Vice Captain:* Ky-Tayha K, *Captain:* Chantelle H

**PARKES**

*L to R Captain:* Jayson B, *Vice Captain:* Justin K  
*Vice Captain:* Shianne D, *Captain:* Amy W

**WENTWORTH**


**DEAKIN**

*L to R Captain:* Kimberly G, *Vice Captain:* Codie N,  
*Captain:* Lachlan B, *Vice Captain Joint:* Connor B, Evan O