**Wednesday 9th March, 2016**

**Term 1 Week 7**

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**CRITERIA FOR AWARDS**

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| Behaviour Class / Playground | *May be detention but no suspensions or suspension warnings (per term).*  
*Follows school and negotiated class rules.* |
| School Work | *Attempts to complete all given tasks to the best of their ability.*  
*Mostly stays on task.*  
*Cooperates with others.*  
*Works independently where required.* |

*Please either ring for an appointment or come and see your child’s teacher.*

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**West Whispers**

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**Be Responsible**

Stay in lines  
Return to eating area after buying

**Be Respectful**

Follow instructions  
Consider others  
Wait your turn  
Speak politely

**Be Safe**

Walk  
Stand quietly in line  
Leave area promptly

**There will be NO School Assembly this Friday due to Parent/Teacher Interviews.**

**Parent Teacher/Interviews**

It is so important that you make time to meet and speak with your child’s teacher.

If you have not been able to attend a meeting, please either ring for an appointment or come and see your child’s teacher.

Meet the new Mrs Dockrill and Mrs Korn in Dress-ups by Class 2S
Congratulations to the following students

Classes:
• KH, KJ and KR Bright Sparks and 1T have been enjoying finding rhyming words in the “Hairy Maclary” book series. They have been reading along with the story and predicting the words because of the rhyming lines.
• 1/2M, 2S and 2/3D have been exploring the main characters in Leigh Hobbs’ books, particularly Old Tom and Horrible Harriet.
• 3G, 3/4M and 4/5S have been coming up with some very descriptive words when writing a character study of Tashi in the book series by Anna Fienberg.
• 5H, 5/6E and 6K have been delving deeper into Emily Rodda’s creation of the fantasy world of “Rowan of Rin” by thinking and writing about the first couple of chapters of the book.

News from the World of Children’s Books:
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) started this week. I will begin talking about this in lessons over the next couple of weeks and encouraging everyone to have a go at reading the books on the list for their particular age group. More news about this over coming weeks.

“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.” — Emilie Buchwald
Mrs (Robyn) Veugen – Teacher Librarian

SPORTING TRIALS – The school does not provide transport or send staff members to every sports trial. It is the parent/carer’s responsibility to ensure that the child is dropped off, supervised and picked up from the venue. Any relevant notes must be signed by the school and the parent/carer to enable your child to participate.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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<td>Michelle Rowe</td>
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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.

We are now selling Fried Rice $3.00 to be ordered before 9.20am

Lunch Bag to Go
Your Choice of a Vegemite, Cheese, Egg or Egg and Lettuce Sandwich - piece of fruit - drink
$5.00

CANTEEN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
The Annual General Meeting of the Canteen Committee will be held on Monday 14th March commencing at 12.30pm in the Canteen.

Assembly Awards Term 1 Week 6

MERIT AWARDS
KH – Michael E, Lucas S
KJ – Payton G, Tai B
K/1B – Imogen H, Roydan R
1T – Tobias B, Jaiden S
1/2M – Tanielle S, Zara L
2S – Toby H, Mikayla K

BOYS’ GROUP – Dylan E.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Tahn R, Mason M.

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
**Important Dates**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1:** Friday 8th April, 2016  
**STAFF RETURN:** Tuesday 26th April, 2016 (Staff Development Day – PUPIL FREE)  
**ANZAC DAY:** Monday 25th April, 2016  
**FIRST DAY OF TERM 2:** Wednesday 27th April, 2016 (Students Return)

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**NEWS FROM SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES**

Red Cross have partnered with the Rural Fire Service to trial workshops in Kempsey before it is offered throughout NSW. Families are offered a free information workshop to assist parents/carers in being better prepared for disasters, particularly bushfires. Parents will learn what to do to protect their lives and those of children in their care.

There will be a workshop on **Wednesday 16th March** from 10am to 12 noon at Kempsey Family Support Services, 21 Verge St, Kempsey (in playgroup time). Additional child care workers have been employed to support children whilst parents are busy in the workshop.

Vicki Kinna from our local Rural Fire Service will also be there to answer any fire safety/house fire questions you may have. Lauren Harris, Emergency Services Project Officer from Red Cross will be travelling up from Sydney and will also offer resources to parents who attend.

We look forward to parents from our playgroup attending as well as those families from our community who live in or near the bush and want to know how to prepare your home and stay safe in the event of a fire.

For more information contact Karen Hall, Schools as Community Centres Ph: 6562 1475 or Trudy, Kempsey Family Support Ph: 6563 1588.

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**The simplest way... to save time packing lunches.**

We know parents are eager to pack healthy, nutritious lunches.

But doing it five times a week, and getting the kids keen on healthy options such as fruit and vegetables, can feel like a chore.

Plan ahead to get organised and save time:

- Make sandwiches at the beginning of the week and freeze, then add fresh salad on the day.
- Cook extra at dinner and use leftovers for lunches - baked veg, stir fry, pasta and rice work well.
- Chop up sticks of carrot, capsicum, celery or cucumber and store in a container in the fridge until ready to use. Let the kids help prepare and select, saving you time and getting them interested.

For more information visit  
www.eatittobeattit.com.au  
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeattit

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The girls have been learning how to cook healthy meals. They have to serve and set the tables, wash and clean up.
We have been very busy this year setting up our beautiful classroom. We have lots of new resources and new furniture this year.

We start each day with our morning circle.

We have been enjoying some of the great new resources in our classroom - like this pea pod in our reading nook.

We love playing numeracy games on the iPads, especially when the levels get trickier!

Last week we used magnets, paper clips and string. We got a piece of string and put the paper clip at the end and then we stuck the string on the table with blue tac. We pulled the paper clip up with a magnet. **Micheal 5H**

Last week 5H played with magnets. We got a magnet, some string, tape and paper clip each. We got the string and put a bit of tape on the end and stuck it onto a chair leg or a table. We taped the paper clip on the other end of the string. Then we got the magnet and pulled the clip up with the magnet. **Rusty 5H**

5H figured out that magnets are in compass. North and north can’t attract but north and south can attract. We put one magnet on top of the desk and a big blue one underneath. **Allan 5H**

**Soccer**

Chloe and Connor have been selected for the Macleay girls and boys soccer teams. They will be playing at Port Macquarie on the 30th March.