**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4**

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(Calendar items are subject to change)

**URGENT REMINDERS**

**SYDNEY EXCURSION GOES ON MONDAY**
The Sydney Excursion for Stage 3 students leaves Monday morning at 6am sharp. Parents please ensure that you have checked all of the notes, another one will be sent home with students today.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – NOT ON NEXT WEEK DUE TO SYDNEY EXCURSION**
AASA is on this week however it is cancelled for next week (Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 October) as Mr Henry will be at the Sydney Excursion.

**CHESS TOURNAMENT**
If your child is participating in the Macleay Interschool Chess Tournament on Thursday 15/10/15 from 9.15am-2.15pm can you please refund the permission note and $5 entry fee.

**PRINCIPALS NEWS**

**Parent survey**
Most of our primary children have participated in the “Tell Them From Me’ survey which gives them the opportunity to feedback their opinions on their school life. We have the opportunity for parents to also participate in this survey and we would really appreciate it if you could take the time to complete it for us. The information appears later in the newsletter. (This is not our normal KEPS parent survey but another external one). Parents require an individual confidential password to complete the survey and one is stapled to the front of your newsletter. We would appreciate our parents making this a priority (we do understand how busy you are) as we rely on your feedback to make this school one that provides the very best education for your children. The survey is only open from 12 October to 23 October.

**Mathletics**
The majority of our students have access to this program. This was offered this year in lieu of a maths textbook as it can be accessed 24/7. We have received some data on the progress of our students and on average our students now score 84.98% in curriculum activities. This is an improvement of 30.55% on their first attempts. Please encourage your child to use the Mathletics program at home.

**Successful School Programs**
For the past few years we have been able to provide some new programs for students that have proven to be very popular and extremely beneficial in supporting our students. These programs have been possible due to the additional funding that the school receives from the Gonski Funding (now called NERA) initiative. This funding is due to finish in 2017. The major programs we provide due to this program are: Early Explorers, Quicksmart, MultiLit, extension numeracy and additional support for students with learning needs. The school also uses this funding to employ additional School learning Support Officers (Mrs
Micallef, Mrs Parker, Mr Henry and Mr Heuston). Thank goodness we have the funding to employ these people as we are not sure how we could run our school and give our students the extra support without them!!!

Play Well Jess and Angelina!
Jess P and Angelina B are off to represent Kempsey East playing cricket in the North Coast PSSA team in Dubbo 2-5 November.

Halloween Disco & Parent Info Night
We will be holding a Halloween Disco and Parent Info Night on Tuesday 27 October. Kinder-year 2 students will be from 5-6pm and years 3-6 from 6-7pm. More information will be sent home this week.

School Discipline Code
We are currently reviewing our School Discipline Code. This may mean changes in our Award system, how we monitor student progress to awards and recognition for good behavior. We will also be reviewing consequences for poor behaviour. Once we have a draft we would like to have parent consultation sessions so we can get parent feedback for the proposed changes. Stay tuned!

Congratulations McKenzie B
Congratulations to Mackenzie B who did well in the Akubra Classic on the weekend coming 3rd overall in his division after winning 2 of his 3 races. Also well done to our other keen motorcyclists Jamin H, Lilah B & Zara H.

Kind Regards,
Jenni Griffiths
Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster
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CANTENE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The canteen is in desperate need for volunteers on Monday’s, Tuesday’s & Thursday’s. Please contact Lea in the canteen if you are able to help. Our canteen needs volunteers in order to be able to open every day.

If you are unable to do your day please advise Lea as soon as possible. Canteen contact details are: Lea 6562 8126 or 0432 257 159 (no calls after 8.30pm).

UNIFORMS NOW IN STOCK
The canteen now has lots of shirts, shorts, skorts and hats available for purchase in a variety of sizes. Please remember that by purchasing uniforms from our school canteen, all profits go back into the school.

CANTEEN NEWS

AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students:

CORR AWARDS
These awards will be handed out at Friday’s assembly

GOLD AWARDS – 5 silvers
These awards will be handed out at Friday’s assembly

SILVERS
These awards will be handed out in class

PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Logan W, Emily D, Hannah L

WILLOW FAIR MEETING TOMORROW
The next Willow Fair meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 October at 6pm at the Kempsey Hotel.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE WILLOW FAIR
Our Willow Fair committee is in need of more helpers to organise next year’s Willow Fair which is the school’s major fundraiser. If you would like to volunteer for a job but cannot make the committee meetings please contact Jodi on 0429 624 820.
Please get behind this wonderful event as all profits go back to your child’s school.
Healthy Harold and the Life Education van will be visiting our school in November this year.

**When:** Wednesday 11 November to Friday 13 November

**Cost:** $6 per student

The children always love when the Life Education van visits so be sure to return the permission note with payment to secure your child’s place.

The cost includes the Life Education session, a student workbook and sticker for each child.

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**THE NRL COMES TO SCHOOL**

Students in Kinder to year 2 have been given the opportunity to learn basic skills and to have fun with the NRL. For 4 weeks the NRL will be coming to the school on a Friday which was made possible through our Sporting School Program grant.

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**FAMILY PORTRAITS**

Only $20

Receive a professional, studio quality 11x14 Inch print (limit 1 per family or person)

**Optional PACKAGE**

18 Prints
All your family images on high res CD Rom

ONLY $225

East Kempsey Public School is hosting a photography day with Jaspa Photography

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**PERMISSION NOTE – LIFE EDUCATION**

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Life Education visit.

Child Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________

Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________
Parent/Carer Signature: ____________________________
Date: __/__/___
Breanna Maghzay-Hayes from Coastal Dance Academy will be holding jazz & hip-hop dance classes on a Tuesday (Yr 3-6) and Thursday (K-2) before school 8.30am-9.15am.

**Cost**  
$5 per student, per session (payment is required up front)  
Term 4 $40 per student

**When:** Term 4 (weeks 1-8)

Please return the below permission note with payment to the school in order to secure your child’s place. Please remember you will not receive a refund for days missed.

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**DANCE CLASSES BEFORE SCHOOL**

I give permission for my child to attend the morning dance classes before school 8.30-9.15am.

Student Name ____________________________  
Class ____________________________

Term 4 $40  
Amount Enclosed $________________________

Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________  
Signed: ____________________________ Date: ___/___/___

Payment by cash only please

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**Melville High School Transition**

Melville High would like to offer Parents/Carers and students the opportunity to access extra transition times during Term 4 in weeks 1, 2 or 3.

Parents/Carers are requested to phone the school to make an individual appointment, at their convenience to tour the school, meet peer leaders, meet the Year 7 Advisor and have their questioned answered. Orientation Day is to be held on Thursday 3rd December (Week 9 Term 4).

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**Old School Chairs Need A New Home**

There are some old student chairs in good condition which need a new home. There are various sizes and colours to choose from.

If anyone is aware of a community organisation that may be in need of chairs can you please let the school know.

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**Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive lessons**

Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

It’s easy with Sport and Recreation.

For more information or to make a booking, visit  
or phone 13 13 02

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**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

Our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 12 October and the 23 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. Confidential login details are attached to your newsletter.

More information about the survey is available at:  