COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

**23 Nov – 4 Dec**
- Swim School

**Wednesday 25 November**
- QUEST Reward Day

**Thursday 26 November**
- Volunteers’ Morning Tea

**Friday 27 November**
- Scripture Concert 2.15pm

**Thursday 3 December**
- Captain’s Speeches
- Year 6 Melville High Orientation Day

**Monday 7 December**
- Last Day to submit Principal’s Badge

**Tuesday 8 December**
- Out of Uniform Day
- Aboriginal Awards Night

**Wednesday 9 December**
- Reward Day

**Friday 11 December**
- Presentation Day

**Monday 14 December**
- Year 6 Farewell

**Tuesday 15 December**
- School Concert

**Wednesday 16 December**
- Last Day for Students

**Thursday 17 December**
- P & C Meeting 5.30pm

COMING EVENTS FOR 2016

**Wednesday 27 January**
- School Development Day

**Thursday 28 January**
- First Day Back for Students

(Calendar items are subject to change)

PRINCIPALS NEWS

**Parent Survey**
We really value your feedback to help make our school a better learning environment for all of our students. We would really appreciate it if you could fill in our 2015 Parent Survey. This can be completed online or by a paper copy on request. If you would like to complete it online please email Tammy at tammy.phelps1@det.nsw.edu.au so that the link can be emailed to you. The results from this survey will be analysed to help us focus of what is working well and what things we need to prepare for 2016.

**Canteen**
Please remember that there are no canteen services available on Mondays and Tuesdays. We are organising for volunteers just to open to sell ice blocks and chips in the second break Monday to Friday. However, as this is staffed by volunteers we cannot always guarantee that it will be open. You may have noticed that Lea is no longer in our school canteen. Lea has started a new adventure as a foster carer and so is unable to work in the position of our canteen supervisor. Jasmine has been doing a great job filling the position for the remainder of the year. The position is currently being advertised for the start of 2016. I would like to thank Lea for her dedication that she showed towards the canteen.

**Kindergarten 2016**
If you know of any families in the area that have not yet enrolled for kindergarten next year please ask them to come and see the school as soon as possible.

**Captains and Ministers for 2016**
Next Thursday 3 December current Year five students will have the opportunity to present a captain and minister speech to their peers. This is a fantastic leadership opportunity for these students in 2016. It will enable the selected students to develop their self confidence, public speaking and leadership skills. I encourage all students to have a go at this opportunity.
QUEST Rewards Day
I would like to thank all of our QUEST leaders for 2015. These students have been a fantastic example for their younger peers in the playground displaying our schools CORR values. There is an award day for these students tomorrow Wednesday 25th November. Parents and family members of our leaders are invited to the celebration from 2:45-3:15pm. Students will be presented with their certificates followed by afternoon tea.

Apply for Principal’s Badge
Once a student attains their School Award they may apply for a Principal’s Badge Award. This application is available at the front office and must be submitted by 7 December. Each year there are approximately 30 awarded. Consideration is given to overall school behavior, citizenship and participation in a variety of activities. Using this criteria the successful recipients are often in the primary school, however in some years younger children have received the award.

School Uniform
Orders are still being taken until Friday 27 November. An order form is available from the office.

Kind Regards,
Penny Chow
Relieving Principal

P & C NEWS

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – Tuesday 8 December
We will be holding an out of uniform day on Tuesday 8 December. Please bring a donation for our lucky jar stall (ie. cars, pencils, hairclips, wrapped lollies etc).

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS
It’s that time of year again when we are asking for donations for our Christmas Hamper. This will be held on the end of year Christmas Raffle. Items can include non-perishable food goods and other items.

BULK UNIFORM ORDER
Order in by this Friday 27.11.15

We will be placing a uniform order this term which will give you a chance to have new uniforms ready for 2016. Order forms are available at the front office and are required back by this Friday 27 November. The orders will be received back prior to the end of term and payment (cash only) is required when collecting your uniforms.

You are more than welcome to come and try on uniforms for sizing purposes and you can now do this at the front office.

Please remember that the new uniform change over period will finish at the end of this year which means all students will need to be wearing the new uniform in 2016 so this is your last chance to order uniforms ready for first day of school 2016. All profits from the schools uniform shop go back into your school.

AWARDS
CORR AWARDS

GOLD AWARDS (5 SILVERS)

SCHOOL AWARDS (6 SILVERS)

7 SILVERS
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THE CANTEEN WILL NOW BE CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.
Parents, carers and community members are invited to attend our annual School Presentation which will be held in the school hall this year. Letters have been sent out to parents/carers of students who will be receiving awards and we ask that you do not tell your child they are receiving an award so it can be a surprise on the day.

WHEN: Friday 11 December
TIME: 10am
WHERE: KEPS School Hall
WHO: Whole School, Kindergarten to Year 6
COST: No Cost

We look forward to seeing you at this special school event.

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**VOLUNTEERS’ MORNING TEA INVITATION**

The value of volunteers is immense; you play an important role in the success of daily school life and activities. Kempsey East Public School Staff and Students would like to invite all volunteers to a Volunteers’ Morning Tea as a sincere 'Thank You' for your efforts. This will be held in our school library at 11.30am on Thursday 26/11/15. Can you please indicate below if you are able to attend (this will help with catering), we look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteers’ Morning Tea

____________________________ will / will not be attending the volunteers morning tea on Thursday 26/11/2015 at 11.30am (please note: this slip is to be returned to the front office).

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**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS**

If anyone living near the school notices suspicious behaviour on school premises, mainly on weekends, can you please report this to the police as we have had a number of incidents of vandalism in the canteen area.

Thank You

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**QUEST Presentation**

Parents & Carers of QUEST students are invited to attend their certificate presentation tomorrow Wednesday 25 November from 2.45 – 3.15pm.

The presentation will be held outside the school hall, under the covered area.
When: Tuesday, 15th December  
Who: Whole School K-6  
Where: Melville High School  
Time: 5.30 for 6pm start  
Tickets: Available at the door  
Cost: $3 a ticket or $10 for a family (2 adults and 2 non-performing children over 5 years of age)  

Children need to come dressed in costume.

SCHOOL CONCERT REHEARSAL – Tuesday 15/12/2015  
Students will be travelling by bus for a rehearsal from 11am – 2.30pm on Tuesday 15/12/2015. The cost for the bus is $2 per student which is payable on the day. Please return the permission note below in order for your child to attend.

PERMISSION NOTE – School Concert Rehearsal  
I give permission for my child/ren to catch the bus to Melville High School on Tuesday 15/12/2015 for the school concert rehearsal.

Parent/Carer Name: ________________________________ Date: ___/___/____

Parent/Carer Signature: ________________________________
Thanks to our Sponsors –

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  0408 624 827
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Whole School Requirements 2016
In addition to the year requirements below, each student needs to bring:
- A Box of Tissues
- Liquid Soap

These items will be shared around each class.

Year 1 & 2 Requirements for 2016
Year 1 & 2 packs will be available shortly from the front office, we will advise prices in next week’s newsletter. Alternatively, if you would like to purchase your own supplies, students will require:

- 5 HB Lead Pencils
- 5 Glue Sticks
- 3 Whiteboard Markers
- 1 Set of Coloured Twist Crayons
- 1 Headphones

The Year 1 & 2 pack available at the school also contains the Home Reader. This will be available for separate purchase from the school at the start of 2016 if you choose not to purchase the Year 1 & 2 pack.

These items need not be new, items left from last year are quite acceptable and may be replaced later in the year as needed.

All items must be labelled with child’s name please.

Year 3 – 6 Requirements for 2016
- 1 30cm ruler (not metal)
- 1 Art shirt
- 1 Liquid soap
- 1 Library bag
- 1 Pair safety scissors
- 1 USB stick
- 1 Box of Whiteboard Markers
- 1 Headphones

Each Term:
- 1 Small pencil case containing:
  - 6 HB pencils – to be replenished if required
  - 2 Blue biros
  - 2 Red biros
  - 1 Eraser
  - 1 Pencil sharpener
  - 1 Basic set of coloured pencils
  - 1 Glue stick (not liquid glue)
  - 1 Set coloured crayons – Texta zoom twist crayons are very good
  - 1 Felt Tip Fine Black Artline Pen

These items need not be new, items left from last year are quite acceptable and may be replaced later in the year as needed.

All items must be labelled with child’s name please.

GUINEA PIGS TO GOOD HOMES
Free to good homes, male guinea pigs. Female guinea pigs will be available once they are a little older.
Please contact Jim Child on 0402 296 886

Kindergarten Requirements for 2016
Kindergarten packs available for purchase from the front office for $48. Alternatively, if you would like to purchase your own supplies, students will require:

- 4 2B Pencils
- 1 Pack of 12 Twist Crayons
- 6 Glue Sticks
- 4 Black Whiteboard Markers
- 1 Headphones
- 2 A4 Size Scrapbooks
- 1 Art Smock (to cover clothes when painting)
- 1 A4 Size Whiteboard
- 1 Pencil Case

The Kindergarten pack available at the school also contains the Home Reader. This will be available for separate purchase from the school at the start of 2016 if you choose not to purchase the Kindergarten pack.

Kindergarten children should also carry spare underwear in their bags each day.
All items must be labelled with child’s name please.

Orientation Day
at Melville High School
Thursday 3rd December 2015

- Year 8 students could make their way to MHS as per normal eg: by bus, walk or dropped off by parent/carer and meet at Hall 1 from 8.30am to sign on, collect their Orientation Day timetable and sticker.
- Assembly in Hall 1 from 9am - Parents/Carers are more than welcome to attend. This will include an introduction to school, Principal, Deputy Principal, Year 7 Advisers, Welfare Officer and representative from MHS P&C who will give a short address, musical & dance items, school uniform parade. There will also be the Year 7 book pack and the school calculator available to purchase. We will also have new and second hand school uniforms available to purchase on the day.
- After assembly Parents/Carers are welcome to stay and have morning tea in the school library.
- After assembly students will break up into their class groups and be given instruction for the day and supported by Year 7 students to attend their activities and periods 3, 4 & 5.
- Students will need to bring recess or use the school canteen.
- The students will receive a sausage sizzle, fruit and icebreaker for lunch in the Quad area and there will be entertainment provided.
- Period 6 all students will meet back in Hall 1 for a debrief and prepare for buses, walk home or parents/carers to collect from 3pm.

If you have any questions or you would like to make appointment for a tour of the school, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Troy Stewart (Deputy Principal), Ms. Sue Ring (Transition Co-ordinator 2015) or Robyn Townsend (Community Liaison Officer) on 6562 7511