COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

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(Calendar items are subject to change)

PRINCIPALS NEWS

Macleay Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed. We came 3rd overall which is an excellent result for the school.
Acacia R – 3rd 100m freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle, 3rd 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Backstroke, 2nd 50m Butterfly, 3rd 200m IM, 3rd Freestyle Relay
Jonte V – 4th 50m Freestyle, 4th 50m Backstroke, 3rd Freestyle Relay
Reece W – 3rd 50m Backstroke
Caleb M – 1st 50m Butterfly, 3rd 200m IM
Chayce B & Keira R – 200M Freestyle Relay
Thanks to the many parents that helped with transport and cheering. A special mention to Acacia R who was named 11 Year Girl Champion. Good luck tomorrow at the Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival to Acacia R, Jonte V, Reece W, Caleb M, Chayce B & Keira R.

Our Newsletter is Digital From Next Term
Our newsletter will only be available from the school website and Skoolbag as of next term. There will be a few hard copies available at the office for collection each week. If you do not have any access to a computer or phone that you can download the newsletter, please complete the form below in order to receive a hard copy.

REQUEST FOR NEWSLETTER
I would like to receive a hard copy of the school newsletter

Eldest Student Name ____________________________
__________________________
Class

Parent/Carer Signature: ____________________________
__________________________
Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________

Date: ___/___/___

HEAD LICE ALERT
We have been notified on an instance of head lice in the school. We ask that parents check their children’s hair and if they have head lice they need to be treated prior to returning to school.

URGENT REMINDERS

BILLABONG ZOO EXCURSION
Students in Kinder to Year 2 are reminded to return their permission note and $25 for the Billabong Zoo excursion no later than Friday 1 April.

LIBRARY USER AGREEMENT
Please ensure you have completed and returned the Library User Agreement. A copy of this form is later in the newsletter.

GENERAL PERMISSION NOTE & OTHER FORMS
Please ensure that you have returned the forms that were sent home with the first week’s newsletter for each student.

MATHLETICS & HOME READERS
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Next P&C Meeting - Wednesday 16th March 5.30pm
All parents are welcome to attend this meeting. It is also the AGM. Please do not feel that you will be given a job as we welcome parents to attend just for their contributions to the meeting. It is a great way to get to know what is happening and to be involved in your child’s education.

Egan Family Fundraiser
The staff are organising a community fundraiser for the Egan family, but have had to change the date due to the Kempsey Show. It is now on Wednesday 11th of May, starting at 5pm. At present we are seeking donations for bingo prizes and asking that if you can help, please sent them to the office at school. We are also organising a raffle that will be drawn on the night, but will be hoping that families can take tickets at the start of next term and sell some to the wider community. Food orders will also come home at that time.

New Welfare System
As explained on our Meet the Teachers Night, we are using a program called ClassDojo to record students Good Behaviour points and to notify you of Behaviour Notifications. Teachers have experienced some teething problems and talking to parents, so have many of you. We are hoping to fix our problems at our staff meeting this week. If you are experiencing problems and would like assistance, please return the slip at the end of the newsletter and we will organise a date.

Kind Regards,
Tim Trotter
Relieving Principal

P & C NEWS

P&C AGM
The 2016 P&C AGM will be held Wednesday 16th March, 5.30pm in the room across from the office. All positions will be up for nomination – even if you do not wish to have a position committee members are still needed. All are welcome and encouraged to attend – we would love to see some new faces on the committee and this is a great way to become involved in the school and have your say. Without our P&C we wouldn’t be able to hold events such as the Mother’s and Father’s Day Stalls, the school canteen is also run by our P&C and they do wonderful fundraising throughout the year which goes back into your child’s school.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED
The school canteen runs on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday however in order for the canteen to run efficiently we need more canteen volunteers. If you are interested you can contact Lil on 0403 467 682 (no calls after 8pm) or drop into the school to see her. If you are unable to volunteer but would still like to assist you are able to donate canned goods of beetroot, pineapple, corn kernels & crushed tomatoes.

MORNING DANCE CLASSES
Our dance classes are now up and running and there is still plenty of room for more participants. The cost is $5 per session and classes will run to week 10 of this term (payment must be in full for all remaining weeks, cannot be paid week-by-week).

Our boys hip hop class will move to Wednesday mornings from this week now that we have a few boys interested however we would love to see more boys otherwise this class will join back up with the girls.

Monday’s: K-2 Girls
Wednesday’s: K-6 Boys
Thursday’s: 3-6 Girls

Morning Dance Classes
I give permission for my child/ren to attend the morning dance classes.

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Amount Enclosed ($5 per session, cash only) $_____________
Parent/Carer Signature: ____________________________
Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________
Date: __/__/___

KINDER HOMEWORK BOOKS
Homework Books for our Kindergarten classes will soon be available for purchase from the front office. They have unfortunately not arrived as yet so we will notify parents via Skoolbag once they have arrived.
Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen by their peers as the Semester 1 SRC Representatives:

Montanna W
Jaypee F
Alex M
Dash T
Sarah W
Caleb M
Logan W
Caitlin W
Juliana L
Sam W
Ruby S
Oscar H
Pippa K
Duke L

These students will be presented with their SRC badges at this Friday’s assembly. Parents/carers are invited to attend.

Mrs Lollback’s Chess Club starts this Thursday at lunchtime in the library for students in years 3-6.

On Friday the 12th February the boys’ cricket team went to Eden 2 Oval to play West Kempsey Public School. We won the toss and chose to bowl. Unfortunately we were dominated. The score was 110/6 and our score was all out for 28. We want to thank the parents for supporting us and Mr Griffiths for umpiring.
Mackenzie B. (Captain)

Kempsey East Public School students again have the opportunity to compete in the University of NSW Educational Assessment Competitions. These assessments will be held during May, June & August in the areas of Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, Writing, English & Mathematics. All students in Years 3-6 are eligible to compete.

This is an excellent opportunity for the students from this school to showcase their academic skills, particularly those in the extension programs. Entry for all the competitions will close on 6 April 2016. If your child/ren would like to enter any of the competitions please fill in the form on this page and return it to their class teacher.

There is a minimum number of entries required for these assessments to proceed. If we do not receive the minimum number of entries you will be refunded. There will be no refunds for change of mind or missed assessments.

UNSW Education Assessments

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My child/ren would like to enter the UNSW competitions in:

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I understand that the entry in these competitions involves a non-refundable entry fee and have enclosed the fee.

Total Enclosed $ ________________

Signed (parent/carer) ________________________

Date ____/____/____

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students:


These awards will be handed out at this Friday’s assembly
Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. On Friday, 4th March, 2016 at 11am the SRC, students and teachers at our school will work together to clean up our school site and the neighbourhood block. Please send your child to school with a glove and plastic bag so that they may participate in Clean Up Australia Day.

FREE SCHOOL FURNITURE
The school has some old furniture which it is offering for free to anyone who wants/needs it. Limit is 1 free item per family and $5 each subsequent item. Please see the school office if you’re interested.

ASSISTANCE WITH CLASSDOJO REQUIRED
I am experiencing trouble with ClassDojo and would like to arrange a meeting.

Student Name: ____________________________
Class: ____________________________

Parent/Carer Signature: ____________________________
Parent/Carer Name: ____________________________
Date: __/__/___

RANGERS REGO DAYS

Don’t worry you haven’t missed out

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME
No matter your skill level
From under 6’s to Seniors

Register on-line www.myfootballclub.com.au

Come along to a rego day
Size up for your uniform

20th Feb 11pm – 2pm
Kempsey Macleay RSL Club
(Complimentary voucher to Tabatinga for non-competitive ages)

21st Feb 3pm to 5pm
Kempsey RSL Sports & Bowling Club

Need more info contact: Larisa
E: info@macleayvalleyrangers.com.au
M: 0407-597-375

FREDERICKTON NETBALL REGISTRATION DAYS

WHEN: 24th February and 2nd March 2016
WHERE: Club House Flanagan St, Frederickton
(off Great North Road)
TIME: 4.30 – 5.15pm

CONTACTS: Sandy Willis 6566 8307 and Belinda O’Meally 6566 8876

All ages. Everyone welcome. Subsidies available and early bird discount applies.

Thanks to our Sponsors –

Matts Windscreens
6562 3900

JNL Mechanical
0402 296 886

Macleay Valley Mower Centre
6562 8822

George McKeon Earthmoving
0407 417 563

Macleay Valley Nursery
6562 4934

Macleay Valley Factory Seconds
6563 1747
**Library User Agreement - Please complete & Return**

I understand that borrowing books from our school library is a privilege. I give permission for

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☐ if a student has not returned outstanding loans they will not be able to borrow until those overdue books are returned.
☐ if a book is missing for an extended period of time (1 term) the student will be issued with a notice listing the cost of the book(s).
☐ if a book is lost I agree to pay the replacement cost so the school can order another copy for other students to use. If missing books are found, the replacement cost will be refunded.
☐ if books are damaged beyond repair I agree to pay the replacement cost so that other students are not disadvantaged through unavailability.

Signed: .................................................................................................................. Name: .......................................................... Date: ....../....../......

(Parent/Guardian)

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**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**Early Explorers Transition Program to Kempsey East Public School**

Early Explorers is a transition program to Kempsey East Public School for 4-5 year olds commencing school in 2017.

The program is designed to make starting 'big' school at Kempsey East Public School as successful as possible for children, families and teachers.

Throughout the program, children participate in a variety of play based learning experiences and we welcome parents/carers who are willing to assist for the afternoon.

**Early Explorers Aims:**

* to get to know your child as an individual
* to enhance your child's oral language, literacy and numeracy skills
* to provide opportunities for parents/carers to share in their child's transition to KEPS
* to allow your child to develop relationships with children they will start kindergarten with, and
* to complement the benefits of early childhood education programs your child already attends.

If your child is going to start kindergarten at Kempsey East Public School in 2017 and you are interested in your child becoming involved in this program, please fill out an Early Explorers Expression of Interest form available from our school office and return it to our school office by Friday 26th February, 2016.

A parent information session for Early Explorers will be held at Kempsey East Public School on Tuesday 1st March, 2016 at 2.30pm.

Due to the high number of enrolments, attendance is on a fortnightly basis and will be held every Tuesday from 12.30 to 3.00 at Kempsey East Public School.

If you have any questions, please contact Alisia Byrne at Kempsey East Public School on 0265624927