COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

- **Friday 4 March**: Clean Up Australia Day 11am
- **Monday 7 March**: Premiers Reading Challenge Starts
- **Tuesday 8 March**: Early Explorers 12.30pm
- **Wednesday 9 March**: NC Swimming Kempsey
- **Friday 11 March**: Girls Cricket vs SWR PS 10am Kempsey
- **Tuesday 15 March**: Early Explorers 12.30pm
- **Wednesday 16 March**: P&C AGM 5.30pm
- **Thursday 17 March**: North Coast Netball Cup
- **Tuesday 22 March**: Early Explorers 12.30pm
- **Thursday 24 March**: Easter Hat Parade 9.30am
- **Tuesday 29 March**: Early Explorers 12.30pm
- **Wednesday 30 March**: Parent Teacher Evening
- **Thursday 31 March**: School Cross Country
- **Tuesday 5 April**: Early Explorers 12.30pm
- **Friday 8 April**: Assembly of Excellence School ANZAC Service

(Calendar items are subject to change)

PRINCIPALS NEWS

**Our New Playground Delivery Date Is Getting Closer**

We have signed the tender agreements today. This will mean that we will have a fantastic new K-2 playground installed early next term. P&C have contributed 10% towards the cost of the playground. Now to fundraise for a roof over the playground...

**Lower North Coast Swimming**

Well done to the following students who competed in the Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival last week: Acacia R, Jonte V, Reece W, Caleb M, Chayce B & Keira R. Congratulations to Acacia R and Caleb M who will now progress to the North Coast Swimming Carnival which will be held on Wednesday 9 March in Kempsey.

**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.

**New Welfare System**

As of next week we will be contacting parents who have yet to sign up to ClassDojo to see if we can provide any support. We would like all of our families involved as this is the only way we notify awards and behaviour incidents. As was to be expected, we are having some teething problems with this, but are working towards solving them as we become aware of the issues.

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.

**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**

You are still able to purchase your child’s home reader/senior diary and Mathletics access from the front office.
Going Digital Next Term
There will be no hard copies of the newsletter issued from the beginning of term 2 unless you have no internet contact and will require a hard copy. Please complete the slip on the last page if you require a hard copy.

Community Involvement Program
We had such a wonderful response from the kids on this program last year so we will be starting it up again in term 2. If you are able to assist by providing your expertise in a particular area please contact the school.

UNSW Education Assessments
This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their academic skills in the areas of Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, Writing, English & Mathematics. If you wish for your child to compete in these assessments please ensure that you have returned the permission slip and payment by 6 April.

Kind Regards,
Jenni Griffiths
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.

MOTHERS DAY STALL – DONATIONS NEEDED
The P&C will once again be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May. We are asking for donations for the stall such as face washers, soaps, candles and other items that would be suitable. These can be dropped into the front office.

P & C NEWS

AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students:

Co-operation - Hunter P, Jayden M, Lakia W, Amelya S, Holly M, Claire H

Respect – Justin B, Deegan H, Reece W, Jack B, Caleb B


These awards will be handed out at this Friday’s assembly

KINDER HOMEWORK BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

Homework Books for our Kindergarten classes are now available for purchase from the front office. They are $12 each and EFTPOS is available.
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 has moved to Wednesday’s 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

Clean Up Australia Day

THIS FRIDAY!

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.

Term 2 Tuesday Community Involvement Program

Last year we began this program to broaden the range of opportunities for our students and to gain additional community and parent involvement. Thank you to those who got involved with these Tuesday afternoon activities. The student survey showed that over 90 percent of students learned something different and 85 percent enjoyed the activities they chose. This year we are again looking for a variety of activities to offer and again need your expertise and support. Any parents wishing to lead an activity, need to call the school office and leave me a message so that I can help you with the organisation. Remembering that a teacher will be with the group too – you are just providing the technical advice. In addition, we would love parents and grandparents to just get involved by coming and joining us each Tuesday as participants. The activities need to be finalised by Easter, so the offers can be made to the students to start at the beginning of term 2. This will allow students to take home notes to discuss their choices with you before returning them. Remember that preference is given to the first returned notes and stage 3 students get an extra day as seniors.

Tim Trotter – Co-ordinator
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: __/__/__

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: __/__/__

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.

KEMPSEY JUNIOR RUGBY UNION REGISTRATION
4pm, Tuesday 22 & 29 March at the field behind Kempsey Toyota
U8s to U10s - $55.00
U12s to U14s - $70.00
If your child wishes to order gear, the prices are t-shirt $15, shorts $20 & socks $8
Kempsey Juniors U8 to U12 will play in the Port Macquarie Friday night competition, with several home games at Crescent Head on Sunday morning.
Training starts 4pm Tuesday 10 \textsuperscript{th} March at the field behind Kempsey Toyota
For more information, please check Kempsey Cannonballs Facebook page.

Rangers Registrations
Parents don’t worry you haven’t missed out in registering the kids this season

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME
No matter your skill level

Spots available in junior teams
Register on-line www.myfootballclub.com.au

Contact Larisa
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E: info@macleayvalleyrangers.com.au

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