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(Calendar items are subject to change)

**PRINCIPALS NEWS**

**Off to North Coast Swimming**

Congratulations Caleb M and Acacia R who have progressed to compete at the North Coast Swimming Carnival tomorrow. Good luck - swim well!

**Class Dojo**

As we need to have all parents able to monitor their child’s awards and behavior, Lea Jeffery will be contacting parents who have yet to engage with ClassDojo to offer assistance to get it set up. Lea will also assist parents to join Skoolbag and our Facebook page. We particularly want all of our parents connected to Skoolbag as this is the messaging app that we will use if there is an emergency and we need to send children home or have parents collect children. This has been the case when we have had floods and been given little notice to get children home.

**Easter Hat Parade Thursday 24th March**

It is time to get creative! We will be having our Easter Hat Parade at 9.30am. Parents and friends are welcome to come and watch the parade. The P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn on this day. Mary M and Mary P will be running some hat making lunches for the children who need to make their hat at school.

**NAPLAN**

Year 3 and Year 5 parents will be receiving a letter about the NAPLAN tests with this newsletter.

**Lost Property**

We are putting the lost property out on the verandah each day this week. Please encourage your children to check for items that they have left at school. Parents are welcome to come in and check for lost items as well.

**Boot Camp**

Sergeant Trotter has commenced Boot Camp this week. Selected groups of boys will be involved in physical activities that promote working in a team and developing respect for themselves and others.

**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.
Parent Teacher Evening
Notes will be going home with students today with information on our parent teacher evening. We recommend that you return these notes with your preferences asap so you get your preferred times.

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.

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 and will require a hard copy. Please inform the school if this is the case for you. If you have a note to return, you will need to print this from the digital copy. If we need to send a number of permission notes, these will be issued to students on Tuesdays.

Kind Regards,
Jenni Griffiths
Principal

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.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – Friday 18 March
The P&C is holding an out of uniform day in order to raise money for the Easter Raffle. Students can come out of uniform on Friday 18 March with a gold coin donation.

EASTER RAFFLE
Raffle tickets will go out this Friday for the Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade with 3 prizes. If you are able to donate Easter Eggs for this fundraiser it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

WHEN: Thursday 24th March
TIME: 9.30am
WHERE: At School

It’s time for kids to get crafty at home and to start designing and making their Easter Hats for this year’s Easter Hat Parade. Parents and friends are welcome to come and watch the parade. The P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn on this day. Mary M and Mary P will be running some hat making lunches for the children who need to make their hat at school.
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

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: ___/___/___

AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students:
Co-operation - Zoe K, Jaypee F, Ashleigh D, Emmaline M, Jette T

Respect – Edward H, Isabella K, Paige R, Byron B


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

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
Premiers Reading Challenge
This awesome reading program started yesterday, 7th March and finishes on the 26/8/16. K-2 will read 30 books with their class teacher. Students from years 3-6 need to independently read 20 books and enter these books online at the Premier's Reading Challenge website. It would be wonderful if parents could encourage years 3-6 participation, especially if you know your child is an avid reader.

Chess Club
This is on every Thursday. Any student from year 3-6 is encouraged to participate. The MECS Interschool Chess Tournaments for 2016 are:
- Term 2, Thursday 9th June
- Term 4, Thursday 17th November.

Library Monitor - Position Vacant
If you are interested in being a library monitor please apply in writing. You must be willing to regularly do the following:
- Shelf books correctly (this is a large part of the role of library monitor and if you are not interested in shelving, please do not apply).
- Borrow and return books using Oliver (yes the magic wand!)
- Help others locate/search for books using Oliver/Orbit (the online library catalogue).
- Direct students to where they can find books on the shelves.
- Help digitally turn on, shut down and pack computers away.
- Help others in packing up properly (including games) and guide others in where things are packed away.
- You must have manners and be happy to talk to borrowers politely.
You do not have to have these skills but you must be willing to learn. The library is open Monday to Thursday and as a library monitor you will need to commit to a minimum of 1/2 times per week. You must write a letter telling me why you think you would make a great library monitor and if you can or cannot already do any of the roles listed above.

Overdue Books
PLEASE return library books from home. Every student has library once a week. It is a good idea to house library bags with school bags at home for easy access. Library books are the student’s responsibility however it would be extremely helpful (and appreciated) if Mum and/or Dad could remind or return overdue books. Many of our students go between two houses so if you happen to find any stray books please return them as soon as possible.
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 ___/___/____

KEMPSEY EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY Inc

66th Vocal & Instrumental Eisteddfod
65th Speech & Drama Eisteddfod
Monday June 27, 2016 – Saturday July 2, 2016

35th Dance Eisteddfod
Saturday July 2, 2016 – Saturday July 9, 2016

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday April 8 2016

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Breakfast
Available between 8:30 and 9:00am daily
Toast & assorted spreads – 50c
Raisin toast – 60c
Crumpet & assorted spreads – 60c
Fresh fruit salad cup – 1.50
Vanilla yoghurt cup – 1.00
Flavoured moove milk – $1.80

All day menu
Banana chips – 50c
Slinky apple – 60c
Fresh fruit – 50c
Frozen pineapple ring – 20c
Fresh fruit salad cup – 1.50
Water crackers with cheese portions – 50c
Veggie dippers & hommos – 50c

Drinks and snacks
Moove milk, strawberry & chocolate – $1.80
Bottled spring water – $1.20
Glee, raspberry & blackcurrant – $2.20
Aroona water, red & blue – $2.00
Poppers – $1.60
Red rock deli chips, honey chicken & sea salt – $1.20
Jumpys, salt and vinegar & chicken – $1.00
Mamee noodle snacks – $1.00
Popcorn – $1.00

Cold food
Sandwiches & rice cakes
Below – $2.00
-Vegemite, honey, jam or cheese
Below – $3.00
-Shaved ham & cheese
-Poached chicken, mayo & lettuce
-Tuna, mayo & lettuce
-Cheese & tomato
-Egg & lettuce
Wraps & buns extra – $1.00
(please ask for any alternate combos, we will do our best to meet your child’s needs)
Fresh Salad cups: $2.00
Crunchy noodle salad
Wombok, shallots and fried noodles in sesame dressing
Garden salad
Lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, beetroot and French dressing
Pasta salad
Spiral pasta, sweet corn, carrot, shallots and celery in light mayo dressing
Add poached chicken, ham or tuna $1.00

Thursday special
rainbow fruit jelly cup $2.00

Friday special
large meat pie or sausage roll $3.00

Hot food
Lunch orders must be placed before 9:30am
Ham, pineapple and cheese pizza on a wholemeal muffin – $2.20
Meat pie mini – 1.00
Sausage roll mini – 80c
Chicken pops (4) – 2.50
Macaroni cheese – $3.80
Beef lasagne – $3.80
Mini nachos, mild lean mince and beans on cheesy corn chips topped with sour cream – $3.50
Garlic bread – 80c
Vegemite & cheese scroll – $1.20
Ham & cheese bun – $1.80
Chicken burger with lettuce and light mayo – $3.20
Warm beef burrito (soft taco) with salad, cheese and light sour cream – $3.00
Tomato sauce – 50c
Lunch bags (10) – $1.00
Snack packs – $4.50
Poached chicken, lettuce and mayo wrap with fresh fruit & popper or water
Hawaiian pizza with choice of salad cup & popper or water
Chicken nuggets (4) with choice of salad cup & popper or water
Mini sausage rolls (2) & sauce with choice of salad cup & popper or water
(Salad cups: garden, crunchy noodle or pasta salad)