



Newsletter

Kempsey South Public School

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Responsibility

Respect

Learning

Safety

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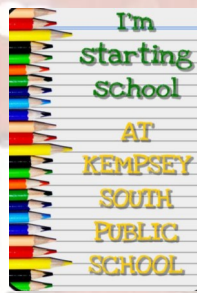
Celebrating 50 years of Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Term 4 Week 7

Monday 16th November 2015

Principal's Message

Starting Big School



Do you have a child starting big school in 2016?

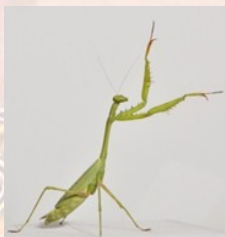
They will start the year by participating in a Best Start appointment. This will allow their teachers some one-on-one time with them to get to know them and to learn exactly where they are academically and socially. This will mean their learning can be

pinpointed to suit their needs. These interviews will happen on the first three days of the year.

29 January – all Year 1 to Year 6 students return to school

29 January to 2 February – 30 minute Best Start appointments for new kindergarten students will happen somewhere over the first three days

3 February – all kindergarten students start school.



Education – A new way

Our school is heavily focused on ensuring a premium education for all students. Central to this is the involvement of parents both in our school and in the discussion about the education of young people generally.

To this end, an **educational summit on 1 December at the Showground** will be taking place and all Aboriginal parents and families are invited to attend. Surveys on schooling are also available from the front office to ensure we receive your input into the most important aspect of your child's lives – their education.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

The Great Aussie Bush Camp is fast approaching and spots are filling fast. We need



your deposits in so that we can finalise all bookings and prices. As always, the price will be heavily subsidised but we do need to finalise our numbers in the coming weeks.

Students will participate in a range of fun learning experiences, including outdoor adventure activities.

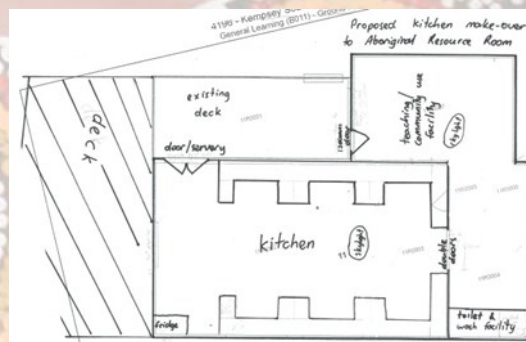
Remembrance Day

Our school paid tribute to the outstanding dedication and service of the servicemen and women who protected our nation in World War 1 and all other wars. Our school was represented by Zahli, Shakahri and Arika at the cenotaph while all students served a minutes silence in their classrooms.



School Kitchen

As I said in last week's newsletter, we are very excited about the planned renovation to the Aboriginal Resource Room. We are planning on



removing a series of internal walls to allow for the building to house a large, 6 bay kitchen and also a large gathering area. In addition, a sizeable covered deck will be added.

If you have any feedback or ideas that you would like added to our design, please send them in to our front office.

Andrew Kuchling
Principal



Dates To Remember

Term 4 Week 7

Fri 20.11.15 Assembly by 1/2J

Term 4 Week 8

Mon 23.11.15 Kindergarten Transition 9-11
 Mon 23.11.15 Intensive Swimming
 Tues 24.11.15 Kindergarten Transition 9-11
 Tues 24.11.15 Intensive Swimming
 Wed 25.11.15 Kindergarten Transition 9-11
 Wed 25.11.15 Intensive Swimming
 Thurs 26.11.15 Kindergarten Transition 9-11
 Thurs 26.11.15 Intensive Swimming
 Fri 27.11.15 Intensive Swimming
 Fri 27.11.15 Assembly by KH



Happy Birthday

Angela

Absent Note. When your child is away from school on any occasion a note must be provided with the reason for the absence.

The note shown can be used for this purpose. All you have to do is fill it in then cut it out and return it to school.

KEMPSEY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Teacher

_____ was absent from school

on _____

because he/she was _____

Signed : _____ Date: _____

Please return to Class Teacher

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KH

Jamelia working hard with word work

K/1N

Monica always showing respect to visitors to our school

1/2J

Ned great concentration in writing
 Lashonda Learning
 Jacinta Respect
 Nataya Respect
 Cayleb Learning
 Clint Learning
 Dean Learning

3/4K

Chloe Improved participation

3/6W

No awards given

5/6D

Arika Responsibility
 Zahli Responsibility
 Shenayde Responsibility
 Shenayde Learning

BOOK CLUB

Book club is due back **Thursday 19th November.**

CANTEEN

TREAT OF THE WEEK

Fruit Salad and custard
 \$ 1.00





MULBERRY TREES

Mulberry bushes are for sale for just \$10 as part of our fundraising for 2016 Year 6 camp.



**READY MOB
GET FIT & QUIT—
KEMPSEY**



10 WEEK Fitness Program
Start Date Tuesday 10th November
Time 5.30 to 6.30pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Location Netball Courts

Feel free to bring along the family
Tailored to meet the needs of the Aboriginal
Community.
Registrations available now from Durri AMS or
call Nat & Aaron on 0423 731 256 or 0459 952
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Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District

Vision Screening Clinics

**Is your child starting school?
Have they had their eyes checked?**

You can have their Eyes checked at our
StEPS Clinics,

Conducted by Nurses, trained in Eye screening.

Centrelink have now made compulsory the 4 year old Vision
(StEPS or Opt) and Healthy Kids Check (GP or Child & Family
Health), for the continuation of Family Tax Benefit A and
Child care Benefit payments

AT: Kempsey District Hospital

Please ring to make an appointment
For the end of January

Wendy, the StEPS coordinator on **66567 061**

Or email: wendy.mutton@mcchs.health.nsw.gov.au



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).

For more information or to make a booking, visit
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive
or phone 13 13 02



Bus Safety – Parent Information

Travelling safely on a bus does not end when you step off the bus. Care must also be taken before and after riding the bus, which is when most casualties occur. Talking with your child about safe behaviour in traffic areas on a regular basis can build their confidence and help them to feel secure. One of the best ways to keep your child safe is to practise how to cross the road safely especially before boarding and after leaving the bus.



Please make sure your child understands the safety procedure below:

1. **WAIT** on the footpath until the bus has been driven away and then choose the safest place to cross.
2. **WATCH** until there is no traffic or the traffic has stopped.
3. **WALK** across the road, turning your head both ways to look and listen for traffic.

Other ways you can assist your child to become a safer bus traveller include:

- Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to and from the bus stop.
- Wait for your child on the same side of the road as the stopping bus.
- Never call for your child to cross the road to meet you.
- Discuss what to do should your child miss the bus or catch the wrong one.

Important tips for your child on the bus:

- Always wait until the bus has completely stopped before walking towards the bus
- Always sit quietly on the bus as noise can distract the driver
- Always wait until the bus has left before crossing the road.

Slim Dusty Centre

Everyone is invited to the Official Opening Ceremony! Thursday November 19 at 1pm

"We've done us proud to come this far, Down through the years to where we are, Side by side, hand in hand, we've lived and died, For this great land, we've done us proud."

'We've Done Us Proud' - written by Graeme Connors and recorded by Slim Dusty

The **Slim Dusty Centre** in Kempsey is inviting members of the public and media to attend the **Official Opening Ceremony on Thursday November 19 at 1pm**, joining the distinguished guests, country music community, locals and tourists to celebrate the life and music of **Slim Dusty AO MBE** as the Centre is officially opened by **Joy McKean OAM**.

Ray Hadley OAM will be the MC for the Opening Ceremony that will run **from 1pm for an hour** on the grassed area in front of the Slim Dusty Centre, in Slim's hometown of Kempsey. The Ceremony will include Slim's family – wife **Joy McKean**, daughter **Anne Kirkpatrick** and son **David Kirkpatrick** – and **special guest performances** including a beautiful rendition of one of Slim's most famous recordings '**We've Done Us Proud**' by its composer **Graeme Connors** and the **West Kempsey Primary School Choir**, and other yet to be announced performances.

Key members of the country music community have already shown their collective support for the day with artists including **Lee Kernaghan**, **Troy Cassar-Daley**, **Graeme Connors** and **Adam Harvey** already confirmed to attend this historic occasion*.

The **Slim Dusty Centre** includes a **Museum**, a **Travelling Exhibition Gallery**, a **Visitors Centre**, a retail shop called **The General Store**, a **Function Centre** and the **Dusty's Dinner Camp Café**, and will be **operating as usual on November 19**. The Centre is for schoolchildren, adults, fans, locals, international visitors, catering to all manner of ages and backgrounds, because in addition to being a tribute to the Country Music Icon, it helps to tell the story of Australia and its history.

Ahead of the official Opening Ceremony, the Slim Dusty Centre very successfully opened its doors to the public on October 17, with an average of more than **200 people per day** visiting the multi purpose facility during the first week. Visitors came from all over Australia, including Mt Isa, WA, Broken Hill, Brisbane, Victoria and New Zealand, and had only positive things to say.

To coincide with the opening of the Slim Dusty Centre, EMI Music will release a **new Slim Dusty album, 'The Den Tapes'**. Released on November 13, the new album features 10 recently unearthed recordings and represent the last known unreleased songs by Slim. The album will be released on CD, vinyl and digital and is available to pre-order now: <http://SlimDusty.Ink.to/TheDenTapes>.

The official Opening Ceremony follows the 12th annual Slim Dusty Country Music Festival held at the historic showgrounds, with numbers at the main concert for the 2015 week long event up by an estimated 25%.

**With high numbers of people coming to celebrate this historic day, members of the public are advised to pack a chair.*

Slim Dusty Centre – 490 Macleay Valley Way, South Kempsey

The Museum is open daily from 10am-4pm, 7 days a week

www.slimdustycentre.com.au

For further information please contact: Valerie MacIver valerie.maciver@vmpr.com.au or 02 9415 1424

www.summerreadingclub.org.au

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