

## Welcome New Year 7s

Last Wednesday, our Year 7 Orientation Day welcomed nearly 50 Year 7s for next year. The nervousness, that was clearly evident as new and current students met together for the first time, soon dissipated as teachers and staff provided activities that helped the students feel comfortable at secondary school at KAS. The students played games, cooked, completed an art activity, learnt about photoshop and were introduced to a secondary school science lab. Mrs Pead and her happy helpers, Mrs Small and Mrs Prior, provided magnificent canteen lunches for each child. By home time, there were many weary, but happy faces, as they headed back to their families and to complete their final few weeks of primary schooling. We look forward to seeing them all back at KAS at the commencement of 2011. Enrolments are still open for this class, although vacancies are limited.

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### SCHOOL PICKUP

Thank you to those who have adjusted to the new pick up arrangements after school during the HSC period. We would encourage you to stay in your car and proceed around the roundabout to collect your children as this is the safest and most efficient pick up method we are currently able to employ. If you arrive between 3:15 and 3:25 the buses have usually left and you should not have to wait in the roundabout long. Thankyou





## From The Principal...

### Preparing for Life beyond School

Over the past few years KAS has enjoyed the success generated from the school's interstate and overseas expedition programs. Many students have returned from such programs full of enthusiasm and commitment in regards to both their own study program and the opportunity they have had to make a meaningful contribution in the lives of others.

In 2011, KAS will be taking the expeditions program one step further. In past years, students have been subsidized up to 60% of the cost of a program they have attended. Whilst this process has served both the students and KAS well, it has probably served to create an unrealistic expectation for many students in regards to the true cost of such programs and has, therefore, impacted on the potential benefits for them to really contribute to the service activities they have been involved in.

Research relating to student involvement in service programs indicates that students/community members who are involved in service most often receive the greatest benefit from their involvement when they themselves have worked, sacrificed and/or made a significant contribution to the cost of their involvement in any such service program. That is, students who contribute significantly to the cost of the program themselves obtain the greatest benefit from their involvement because they attach a higher value to their attendance.

It is for this reason that so many schools that run the KAS-type expedition programs require their students to apply to attend and then become actively involved in fund raising to cover the cost of their involvement and the materials used to provide the service activity they are participating in. Hence, in 2011, KAS will be requiring students wishing to participate in the Yrs 10-12 expeditions to apply in writing to participate and to actively engage in fund raising activities to cover the student contribution to the programs' costs. KAS is committed to supporting our students to fundraise to cover the cost of their involvement in these programs as we believe that such a commitment on the part of our students will only increase the overall benefit that they obtain from the program.

In 2011, KAS students will once again have the opportunity to travel to Outback Australia, the South Pacific and Asia to provide service in 'high needs communities.' Whilst we will always be committed as a school to providing rich learning experiences through such travel opportunities, we are also committed to ensuring that the preparation that our students receive prior to any such school travel will also best equip them to receive the maximum benefit from these experiences. From that perspective, a commitment from students to fundraise to support their involvement in such programs is ideal preparation, not only for such school events but also for life after school.

Kind Regards  
*Rohan Deanshaw*  
Principal

### Re-enrolment for 2011

Documentation has now been mailed out to all KAS families (apart from current yr 6 students, which occurred earlier this year) in regards to re-enrolment for 2011.

Please assist us by returning the completed documentation to KAS asap as the information provided will assist us greatly as we plan for an expanded learning program in 2011.

With a high number of families seeking new enrolments at KAS in 2011, ensuring places for current families is our first priority, as such, by completing the documentation and returning it to KAS immediately, your child's place at KAS for 2011 can be assured.

Thank you for prompt your assistance with this matter.

### Growing Good Corn

*There once was a farmer who grew the best corn in the district. Each year he entered his corn in the agricultural show where it won first prize.*

*One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbours.*

*Why do you share your best seed corn with your neighbours when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.*

*"It is obvious." said the farmer. "The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and blows it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will eventually destroy the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn."*

*As a farmer, he knew the connectedness of life. He knew he and his neighbours were inter-dependent. He knew his corn could not improve unless his neighbours' corn also improved.*

*Our lives are like that. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbours to live in peace.*

*Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for riches cannot be achieved and enjoyed when you are surrounded by poverty.*

*The best scholars in the world become even better by sharing their learning and by learning from others.*

*And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.*

*The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbours grow good corn.*

***It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the generous man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself.***

*The Bible, Proverbs 11:24-25*



# Waste Into Art Exhibition



Congratulations to Wynonna Dixon whose dress made of plastic shopping bags gained for her a highly commended in the recent Waste Into Art Exhibition at Gladstone Art Gallery.

Thankyou, too, to Mrs Neirinckx, our wonderful art teacher, for encouraging our students as they made their art works.

## **Myths About Primary School Attendance**

**Myth 1. Attendance isn't a big problem until the secondary level.**

*In fact, up to 30% of primary school students can miss at least a month of school every year. Most primary students are staying home with their parents' knowledge, and schools need to do more to help change the pattern.*

**Myth 2. Absences in the early grades don't affect academic achievement.**

*To the contrary, studies have shown that poor attendance from the first years affects achievement all the way through the primary grades, poor attendance in sixth grade predicts high-school dropout, and poor attendance in ninth grade is more highly correlated with dropping out than eighth-grade achievement. When too many students miss too much school, the classroom churn starts to affect the entire class, as teachers repeat material to help children catch up. (Hedy Chang, Education Week)*

## **National Bandanna Day**

Since its inception in 1994, National Bandanna Day has grown to become one of Australia's leading not-for-profit fundraising and awareness raising events. Amazingly, almost one million CanTeen bandannas are sold nationally each year and these can be seen worn on beaches, in gyms and on Aussie streets throughout the year! A symbol of the cancer experience for young people, the bandanna is more than just a fashion accessory. At the same time, the funky and youthfully designed bandannas (designed by Industrie Clothing since 2005) symbolise the emphasis that CanTeen places on enjoying every moment and living life to the full. "Image is a big thing for young people, and if you lose your hair because of cancer treatments you are stuck with wearing a wig or a hat or a bandanna. To see everyone wearing a bandanna on Bandanna Day, for me symbolises unity between all people; underneath it, we're all the same," Chris Bond, CanTeen Member, diagnosed with leukemia at 19.

National Bandanna Day is a great opportunity for individuals, schools and organisations in the community to show their support for young people living with cancer by selling bandannas during October, and buying a bandanna to wear on National Bandanna Day, **Friday 29 October**.

National Bandanna Day is CanTeen's biggest annual fundraiser and awareness day, with this year's goal to sell 1 million bandannas. When you wear your bandanna on National Bandanna Day, you are showing young people living with cancer that they are not alone - so thank you for your support!

KAS students are invited to buy a bandanna (or a pen) from Mrs Walsh and then to wear it **this Friday**.

## **HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE INFORMATION -FOR EVERYONE TO READ!**

The Higher School Certificate examinations begin this Thursday. Our students will be taking their exams in the hall. As you can imagine, the noise of children can be quite distracting so we need to make alternate entry and exit arrangements into and out of the school.

During the HSC Examination period, students who are walked into school need to be walked through the main bus gate and around to the left, rather than past the seating and bubblers. Also, students who sit on the benches at the back of the hall will now wait for their pick ups on the COLA. As you drive around we will call your child up to the gate for you. If you normally park and walk to the bottom gate, you will need to come through the main entrance gate (where the bus students line up) and proceed to your left to collect your children from the COLA.

We understand that these arrangements are not ideal, but want to give our Year 12 students the very best chance at success.

For your information, the following lists each HSC examination that our students may be involved in:

Friday 29 October: HSC Exam – Studies of Religion II – 9:25 AM to 12:30 PM

Wednesday 3 November: HSC Exam – Chemistry – 9:25 AM to 12:30 PM

Friday 5 November: HSC Exam – Biology – 9:25 AM to 12:30 PM

Friday 5 November: HSC Exam – Industrial Technology – 1:55 AM to 3:30 PM

Wednesday 10 November: HSC Exam – Visual Arts – 1:55 PM to 3:30 PM



# Primary Awards



We are having people enquiring and applying for KASKIDS PreKindy for next year nearly every day. If you are hoping to send your child next year, please request an application form from the school office as soon as possible to ensure that you can be accommodated.

The Uniform Shop has recently received a new shipment of KAS school bags. Whilst KAS schoolbags are not compulsory, we do recommend the features and durability of these bags.

They are priced at \$56 for the smaller size and \$62 for the larger size. They are suitable for both primary and secondary students.

Alternatively, if you would like to order a schoolbag to be collected and paid for in January, you are able to do this, ensuring that you do not miss out next year.

Due to lack of storage areas, we do not carry a large amount of these bags at any one time.



# Whooping Cough Alert

NSW HEALTH

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media release

15 October 2010

## NSW Whooping Cough Alert

NSW Health today issued a warning to all parents to be on alert for whooping cough (pertussis) following an increase in the number of school-aged children diagnosed with the disease over the last few weeks.

Whooping cough is a serious respiratory infection that causes a long coughing illness, and can be life-threatening for babies. Older children can bring home whooping cough from school or childcare and the infection can then be passed on to babies in the home.

Dr Jeremy McNulty, Acting Director Health Protection said parents can protect newborns by making sure their baby's vaccines are up-to-date and watching out for new coughs in their older children.

"The best thing new parents can do is to protect their babies at this time," Dr McNulty said.

"Babies are given whooping cough vaccines at two, four and six months of age, with the first dose given from six weeks. It's also important to be on time with each vaccine in order to get the best protection.

"Parents need to ensure that they protect their babies from anyone with a new cough, especially older children who may have picked up whooping cough from school. As the infection is spread by coughing and close contact, it's a good idea not to let anyone with a new cough hold your baby," he added.

Whooping cough boosters are also important for older children at four years and later in high school. Boosters give the immune system a top-up and give added protection against whooping cough and help stop the spread to others. Whooping cough immunity fades with time. This means that children and adults can still get the infection even if they've been immunised against the disease.

Whooping cough starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough. The cough usually gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing develop. This can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking big gasping breaths which causes the "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night. Some older children and adults just get a cough that doesn't go away and they may not get any of the other symptoms.

Whooping cough is highly infectious in the first three weeks and can spread easily through families, childcare centres and schools. General practitioners can test for whooping cough and treat early infections to reduce spread to other people.

Anyone who is infectious with whooping cough should avoid contact with babies and stay at home from work, school or childcare until they are no longer at risk of passing the infection on.

For a limited time, a free adult booster is still available for new parents and other adults who care for babies up to 12 months of age. New parents can get their booster from their general practitioner.

Further information can be obtained at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html>

For a range of health information, go online to [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

# Poet's Corner

Students in both the primary school and secondary school have been busy writing poetry lately. We invite you to read some of their creative works.

## ***Kempsey Adventist School***

I go to Kempsey Adventist School  
We sometimes go to the pool  
Miss Lynch, my English teacher held me when she was in grade eight  
And my dad; well he is just really great

I like drawing, painting, colouring and sketching in art  
Mr Luchow can add 1+1, he must be really smart  
In technology my dad taught me how to use Photoshop  
Sometimes people are doing Lexia so we have to use a laptop

In history I saw someone who looked like a mummy  
And some pictures made me feel sick in the tummy  
At times in Science it is really boring  
But some day I might regret ignoring

In music Mr Gwilliam teaches the advanced band  
I press down the keys with the fingers on my hand  
To get the right note I press down different keys  
When I finish I rest my saxophone on my knees.

In enrichment I get to choose my subjects  
We use many different objects  
In pastoral care we are learning how to take the right path  
And sometimes if I choose the wrong path, I might end up in a cold bath.

**Jacob Northey Year 7**

## ***David and Goliath***

This is the story of a mighty fight  
About a young boy on the side of right  
One day he was looking after the flock  
What his father told him gave him a shock  
He wanted him to go to the army site  
To make sure his brothers were still alright  
The Israelites were struck with fear  
Because they knew the end was near  
Goliath was a giant man  
He said come kill me if you can  
This war will end  
With the death of one man  
The winners army can have it all  
But the losers kingdom will have to fall  
David told the king that he would go  
And that he could beat the giant foe  
He said that things would be alright  
Because he was fighting with gods might  
He slung a stone at Goliath's head  
His aim was good, Goliath fell dead  
The Philistine army turned and fled  
As he cut off Goliath's head.  
This proves that stone can beat sword  
If you have faith in the Lord.

**Glenn Macdonald Year 7**

## ***The 3 Generations***

Excitement came as his daughter was born  
But what to call her? A name had to be found.  
Happy Appy won the race and exclaimed, Ah ha!  
I know what name, Beverley  
For he had just ridden from Beverley to Perth.

Happy Appy with his love for bikes, wanted to make his child a bike.  
The Master went to work day and night,  
To produce the perfect little 18 inch bike.  
Northam, a wonderful place for Happy Appy, loved the space.  
On the council in the town, Rotary Clubs and all,  
Happy Appy's name and fame was widely known.  
In his last days, Happy Appy was filled with praise.  
For Grandson Pete carried on the name and bike riding was his game.  
And Peter said 'I'll ride my bike across Australia, you'll see'  
And true to his word that's what he did  
Set out from Perth, across the land, desert and sand  
And finished in the little town of Coffs.  
Four and a half weeks of riding rain, hail and shine,  
All he could say was 'the pleasure was mine'.  
Before Pete knew it, he was a young married lad,  
With two daughters and was very, very glad.  
As Happy Appy was laid to rest,  
His bike and all was on his chest.  
Beverley was sad but had a reason to be glad,  
For her grandchildren, Keneshia and Bianca,  
Reminded her of her dad.

**Bianca Chapman Year 7**

## ***Freo Dockers***

There was a football team from the west  
Who clearly played the best  
Red, purple, green and white  
The army is ready to fight  
All the way to the Grand Final test.

**Dana Chatman**

## ***Ripstick***

I twist and I  
Turn and the  
cement we burn  
As I zoom  
downhill with a  
boom. I whoop  
and I swoop, I glide  
and I slide as I  
go racing again  
downhill. I rocket  
back up as I sway  
serve. I had a  
ripper of a trip  
shooting back up the hill.  
Samantha Doyle Year 5

## ***Jemma***

I love riding my horse  
The saddle goes on it's back of course.,  
Jemma hates the saddle  
So we have a battle.  
I love the wind blowing  
as I see her mane flowing.  
I like the sound of her feet clicking  
And the rocks flicking  
I remember when I got her  
She was covered with a lot of fur.  
Now she is a pretty mare  
She knows I love and care.  
Grace Gorman Year 5

# Announcements

## YEAR 12 TEXTBOOKS

Year 12 students are asked to kindly return their textbooks to the library after their exams as our new Year 12s are waiting to use them.

## LOST SCHOOL JUMPER

A size 14 jumper that has KC on it has gotten itself lost. If you have it please hand it in to the school office.

## SMENCILS!



Smencils are environmentally-friendly coloured pencils that kids love. There are ten different pencils:

- . Bubble gum
- . Orange
- . Cinhamon
- . Tropical Blast
- . Chocolate
- . Sarsparilla
- . Cotton Candy
- . Very Berry
- . Grape
- . Watermelon

Available now in the uniform shop!

**\$1.20 each**



## NIPPERS

Kempsey Crescent Head Nippers season starts Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. It is for under 6s right through to under 13s and our KAS students are sure to know many people there. You can register any Sunday from 17<sup>th</sup> October at the surf club at Crescent Head from 9AM-11AM.

## FLUTE AND PIANO TUITION

Jenny Fink is an experienced performer, composer, teacher and accompanist. She is available during school hours for lessons in flute, piano, recorder, theory, musicianship and composition. Jenny studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the University of Sydney, graduating with honours. She has performed in Japan and the U.S.A. All ages welcome. Please phone Jenny on 65667683 for further information.

## Kempsey Blood Donor Centre

Kempsey District Hospital, 119 River Street

**Now open every Monday 8am-3pm & Thursday 12pm-6pm**

Donated blood is used to help people with cancer, heart stomach & bowel disease, burns victims, people undergoing surgery, mothers and their new born babies.

Your help is needed to ensure blood products are available for those in need.

If you are aged between 16 & 70 years, and in good health, chances are you can give blood.

Phone 13 14 95 to make an appointment or visit

[www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

## "Fun Gymnastics at Kempsey PCYC"

Let's have fun with a new coach and some new equipment on the way our gymnastics program has had a makeover with the introduction of Gym for life which includes loads of tumbling and fun. Do you want to be part of a display team and show off your skills? Then come along and join in the fun Gymnastics a great way to make friends and have fun

When: **Thursday afternoons Cost \$8**

**Coming Soon: Trampoline**

For more information contact Kempsey PCYC on 65628399

## KEMPSEY BASKETBALL

Kempsey Basketball are commencing their junior development season with 'Come and Try' afternoons for all primary aged children interested in learning a new sport. When: Thursdays 4-6PM at Melville High School Hall. Cost is \$2. For more information ring Ev Jacobs on 0418 463278

## CAREERS COLUMN

*A reminder to Year 10 Students that Work Experience forms are now overdue*

### APPRENTICESHIP

Country Energy are offering 85 apprenticeships in 2011 in the following areas: Powerline worker, Cable joiner, Gas distribution Carpenter, Electrical Technician, Electrical Technician (Sub-station).

These spread over the following locations Queanbeyan, Walgett Griffith, Armidale, Wagga Wagga, Tamworth, Forbes, Moruya, Leeton, Maclean, Bathurst, Orange, Dubbo

Visit [www.countryenergy.com.au/careers](http://www.countryenergy.com.au/careers) or 1800255777

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**SPORTS for SCHOOLS**

**Sports gear for your school!**  
**Collect vouchers now at Coles!**

Collect a voucher for every \$10 you spend in store from 2 September - 31 October 2010.  
Pick up a leaflet in store or visit [coles.com.au/sportsforschools](http://coles.com.au/sportsforschools).

Excludes purchases on gift cards, mobile recharge, calling cards, iTunes, tobacco and tobacco related products

**LAST DAY TO COLLECT COUPONS IS THIS SUNDAY!**

Please make sure you send them into the school as we then have to take them all to Coles to be weighed!

# Announcements

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you would like to purchase uniform for next year at 2010 prices, you are encouraged to do so during the early part of Term 4. No more uniform supplies will be ordered so once these supplies are exhausted there will be no more until January next year.

## FREE

2 x student desks with drawers.  
Phone 65621712 or talk to Mrs Hardy

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM

There is currently some secondhand uniform on display in the uniform shop at reasonable prices. If you would like to purchase some, you will need to come to the uniform shop in the advertised hours.

To resubmit any secondhand items please email [ideanshaw@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ideanshaw@kas.nsw.edu.au). Anyone is welcome to advertise secondhand uniform in good condition. Contact Mrs Deanshaw with all of your details.

1 sz 14 prim. Girls skirt \$21  
1 sz 12 primary girls slacks \$17.50  
2 sz 10 primary girls blouses \$17 each  
1 sz 8 sports polo shirt \$16.50  
1 sz 10 sports shorts \$11.50  
Near new Grosby school shoes, Size 7 & 8, 2 for \$30ONO. Contact Sandra Read 6566 8165 or 0402 640 976

**Canteen Price Rises** Large flavoured milk \$3.30  
Pineapple Rings .50c

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Thurs, 28 Oct 3:10-3:30PM  
Mon, 1 Nov 3:10-3:30PM  
Thurs, 4 Nov 3:10-3:30PM

## Dates to remember for 2011

**Term 1** 31 Jan-8 Apr  
**Term 2** 27 Apr-24 Jun  
**Term 3** 18 Jul-23 September  
**Term 4** 10 Oct-8 Dec

## WORK DUE DATES TO REMEMBER

Class	Subject	Task	Date Due
4	Science	Magnetism Homework Project	1.11.10
7	English	Newspaper report Hatchet essay	4.11.10 12.11.10
8	Indonesian	Essay task	11.11.10
10	Religion	Yearly Test	1.11.10
10	Art	Greek Pottery	2.11.10

## Calendar

National Bandanna Day	29 Oct
Koorong Kids Club Orders Due	5 Nov
The Shack	5 Nov
School Certificate Examinations	8-12 Nov
Home and School Meeting 6PM	9 Nov
Yr 12 Formal	11 Nov
Yr 7-9 Exams	15-19 Nov
Year 10 Work Experience	15-26 Nov
Primary MegaWater Fight	26 Nov
The Shack	26 Nov
Yr 10 PreHSC Prog Commences	29 Nov
Carols in the COLA	5 Dec
Presentation Evenings	8 Dec
KAS Picnic Day & Last day of School	9 Dec
Parent/Teacher Interviews	10 Dec

## SPORT & LIBRARY TIMETABLE

CLASS	SUBJECT	DAY
Kindergarten (Mrs Hardy)	Sport Library	Wednesday Friday
Year 1 (Mrs Hodgekiss)	Sport Library	Tuesday Monday
Year 2 (Mrs Hosea)	Sport Library	Monday Tuesday
Year 3 (Miss Salt)	Sport Library	Monday Tuesday
Year 4 (Mr Bibby)	Sport Library Music	Tuesday Thursday Friday
Year 5 (Mrs Reid)	Sport Library Music	Thursday Friday Friday
Year 6 (Mr Humphries)	Sport Library Music	Mon + Thurs Tuesday Friday
Year 7 & 8	PE Sport	Tuesday Thursday
Year 9 & 10	PE Sport	Tuesday Friday