

# Newsletter 2

# KAS

Term One

10 February 2011



Congratulations to our first group of **Students of the Week**. What a handsome bunch they are. Each week in chapel the primary teachers acknowledge various students who have achieved in an area throughout that week. Parents are always welcome to come to the weekly chapel program which is held in the church at the front of the property, Primary from 9:05 am and secondary from 12:55pm.

## HAT POLICY

All students at KAS from PreKindy to Year 12 are expected to have a broad-brimmed hat. All hats are available currently in the Uniform Shop. Parents, we ask for your support as we seek to help your children take some responsibility for looking after their skin.





## From the Principal...

### Taking Learning into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

KAS is aiming to achieve new heights in teaching and learning innovation throughout 2011 with the roll-out of a range of new technologies to support each of our students.

These new technologies include:

- 8 new Promethean interactive whiteboards (including individual student handsets for all Year 7 students)
- An expansion of the school electronic library resources to include 40 new Kindle multifunction reading tablets (each device can store up to 1000 books)
- A further fully equipped desktop computer lab for our primary school (this is in addition to our current desktop lab which will become solely for the use of our secondary students)
- A comprehensive software program of online testing, storage and tracking of student results to better inform each teacher of student progress, attainment and any required support

Through the use of these new technologies at KAS, our teachers will be better equipped to deliver a diverse and differentiated learning program that suits the needs of each individual student.

I welcome your feedback and comments in regards to the teaching and learning program as we strive to continually refine and adapt our processes to ensure that our students are best equipped for the education and employment marketplaces of the future. Please feel free to email your comments and/or views to me at [pa@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pa@kas.nsw.edu.au) as both myself and the teaching team at KAS place a high value on your support and feedback.

Kind Regards

*Rohan Deanshaw*  
KAS Principal

## Announcements

### Primary (K-6) Information Evening

You should have received an Information Sheet about this annual event **next** Monday, 14 February. Parents and students will meet in the chapel at 6PM for general information. Then class teachers will be holding two sessions in their classrooms to inform parents of class practices. These will be at 6:30PM and 7PM to enable you to visit two classrooms if you have more than one child in the primary school.

### Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons

You should have received an Information Sheet about swimming lessons. If not, please contact your child's teacher.

### Year 7 Camp

The parents/carers of all Year 7 students are reminded that an information sheet was sent out on Tuesday 1 February regarding the upcoming camp.

### Head Lice Check

We check primary students' hair weekly for head lice. These checks occur on Thursdays. If your child is found to have lice, they will be removed from the classroom and you will be required to collect them from school. Please help us keep head lice out of our school by regularly checking your child's hair at home and treating it if necessary.

### Birdwatchers

Are there any school family who are into bird watching? We have at least one student who is interested and would like to look at commencing a birdwatching group during secondary lunch hour once per week. Do we have any enthusiasts out there who would be willing to come in one lunch hour per week? Please contact Mrs Hoinville if you are interested in helping out.

### Koorong Kids Book Club

All students in the primary school and those who wish in the secondary school will receive a catalogue. These catalogues are handed out monthly and you are able to order from them. Order and money should be put in a sealed envelope and given to your child's teacher or handed in to the office for processing. Orders this month are due back on Friday, March 4.

### Yr 12 Information Evening

All Year 12 parents and students are invited to attend an information evening next Thursday, 17 February. More details will be given shortly.



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## Triple P Parenting Course

**FREE parenting course**  
for families with children aged 3 - 8 years

Parenting can be tough. Now internationally acclaimed parenting course Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) is coming to Kempsey in Term 1 2011.

Sign up today to find practical answers to your everyday parenting concerns, and learn how to raise happy, healthy children.

Triple P is available free to all families with children aged 3-8 years.

**Date:** Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
**Time:** 10:00 am to 12:30 pm  
**Location:** Kempsey Family Support Service  
**Cost:** Free

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – phone Heath or Donna on 65 63 1588

# INSIGHTS

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## Help your children make sense of natural disasters

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as natural disasters. In reality we can't do this.



The Queensland floods and the Victorian floods wreak incredible havoc on so many people's lives and will no doubt leave an indelible imprint on our collective psyches. These two natural disasters have been brought into our living rooms via the media over the last few weeks, and will continue to do so in the immediate future.

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as natural disasters. In reality we can't do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when the natural disasters fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society? **Here are some ideas:**

**1. Reassure children that they are safe.** The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don't understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.

**2. Be available.** Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

**3. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television.** Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

**4. Support children's concerns for others.** They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

**5. Let them explore feelings beyond fear.** Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions. They may feel sadder for the loss of wildlife, than for loss of human life, which is impersonal for them.

**6. Help children and young people find a legitimate course of action if they wish.** Action is a great antidote to stress and anxiety so finding simple ways to help, including donating some pocket money can assist kids to cope and teaches them to contribute.

**7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time.** The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.

**8. Be aware of your own actions.** Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

**9. Take action yourself.** Children who know their parents, teachers, or other significant caregivers are working to make a difference feel hope. They feel safer and more positive about the future. So do something. It will make you feel more hopeful, too. And hope is one of the most valuable gifts we can give children and ourselves.

Children's worlds can be affected in ways that we can't even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children's needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

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# KAS Staffing

## School Handbook

The KAS 2011 School Handbook has been published in electronic format on the school website located at [www.kas.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kas.nsw.edu.au) The School Handbook contains up-to-date information in regards to a range of school processes and policies and is located in the Policies and Publications section accessed from the website homepage.

## KAS Staff in 2011

KAS has welcomed a number of new staff to our team for 2011. Published below is a complete staffing list which includes email addresses where applicable. Please feel free to email our teacher as required as many families find that this is a convenient way to keep in touch with their child's teacher and up-to-date with any learning and/or behavioural issues which may arise throughout the year.

### School Executive:

Principal Rohan Deanshaw([principal@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:principal@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Assistant Principal (Primary) Joyanne Walsh([jwalsh@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jwalsh@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Assistant Principal (Secondary) Leanne Lesic([llesic@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:llesic@kas.nsw.edu.au))

### School Office Staff:

Business Manager Phil Hawkins([phawkins@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:phawkins@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
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School Secretary Kim Milicevic([admin@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Accounts Clerk Maritess Mazzaferri([accounts@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:accounts@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Marketing & Events Manager Leanne Deanshaw([ldeanshaw@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ldeanshaw@kas.nsw.edu.au))

### School Administration Team:

Principal Rohan Deanshaw([principal@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:principal@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Assistant Principal (Primary) Joyanne Walsh([jwalsh@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jwalsh@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
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Student Services Coordinator (Primary) Ian Humphries([ihumphries@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ihumphries@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Student Services Coordinator (Secondary) Clare Chapman([cchapman@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cchapman@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Academic Coordinator Michael Mazzaferri([mmazzaferri@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mmazzaferri@kas.nsw.edu.au))

### Teaching Coordinators:

Student Services Coordinator (Primary) Ian Humphries([ihumphries@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ihumphries@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Student Services Coordinator (Secondary) Clare Chapman([cchapman@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cchapman@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Academic Coordinator Michael Mazzaferri  
([mmazzaferri@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mmazzaferri@kas.nsw.edu.au))  
Sport Coordinator Nathan Luchow([nluchow@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nluchow@kas.nsw.edu.au))

### Teacher Staff – Primary:

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Year 6 Ian Humphries([ihumphries@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ihumphries@kas.nsw.edu.au))



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### Teaching Staff – Secondary (Major teaching areas listed):

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Religious Studies/Maths Neil Bustos(nbustos@kas.nsw.edu.au)  
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English/Studies of Religion Nicole Green(ngreen@kas.nsw.edu.au)  
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### Teaching Staff – Learning Support:

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### Teacher Aides:

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Canteen Donna Pead  
Cleaning David Bennett  
Cleaning Tom Dowd



## Secondhand Uniform

At KAS we are unable to sell your secondhand uniform for you but are able to offer you space in the newsletter to sell your items. Please email the items, sizes, state (eg. Good, excellent, etc) and price to [Ideanshaw@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Ideanshaw@kas.nsw.edu.au) and it will be inserted into the newsletter. Please notify also when it is sold. Items will be taken out of the newsletter at the commencement of each term, however, you should email again if you still have items to sell. If you would like to donate your secondhand uniform that is still in good condition, please leave it at the school office.

1. Sec boys shirts sz 16 x3 Good condition \$15 each  
Sec boys shorts sz 72 x3 Good condition \$20 each  
Contact Robyn on 6562 8898
2. Pm boys shirts sz 6 x4 \$15 each  
Pm boys shorts sz 10 x 4 \$10 each  
Or buy all four sets for \$100  
Contact Evonne on 0413136565
3. Sec boys shirts sz 16 x2 \$15 each  
Sports shirt sz S \$15  
Sports shorts sz M \$15  
All good condition.  
Contact Stephanie on 6566 5332 or 0438 456 293
4. Pm girls skirts sz 12 x 4 \$18 each  
Pm girls shorts sz 16 x 2 \$17 each  
Pm girls blouses sz 12 x 5 \$17 each  
All good condition—no stains.  
Contact Jasmine on 0400 984 050
5. WANTED size 10 sec girls uniforms. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

## Other Announcements

**The Christian Surfers** would like to remind students that the Christian Surfers Clubroom is open on Saturday night from 6-9PM for hanging out, playing games and watching surf movies on the big screen. The clubroom is located on the beach access road, just before the caravan park office.

**Kempsey Basketball** will hold a junior muster from 4-6PM on Thursday, Feb 3 and Feb 10 for the Thursday afternoon juniors comp. This is inclusive of all age groups from 8-18. All juniors wishing to play Northern Junior League need to contact Mrs Jacobs this week. Seniors will start next Tuesday with a session running from 5:30-7PM. Cost is \$4 per session for both juniors and seniors. For further information contact Ruth Waite at the Library or Ev Jacobs at Melville High or phone 0418 463 278.

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday at the following times:

8:30AM-9:00AM

11:30AM-12:30AM

3:00PM-3:30PM

## Calendar

14 Feb	Primary Information Evening 6PM
14-17 Feb	Yr 7 Camp
17 Feb	Primary Swimming Carnival
17 Feb	Yr 12 Parent Information Night
20-25 Feb	Yr 6 Canberra Trip
21 Feb	Yr 10 & 11 Info Night
24 Feb	Secondary Swimming Carnival
1 Mar	NCSA Swimming Ballina

### School Car Park

**Please do not use the lower driveway as entry to the school property. This driveway is for staff and residents only.**

**All parents/guardians should be entering the school via the driveway next to the church.**

Guinea Pigs for sale—2 males and 2 females for \$5 each. See Mr Simmons if you are interested.

### SPORT & LIBRARY TIMETABLE

CLASS	SUBJECT	DAY
PreKindy (Mrs Humphries)	Library	Friday
Kindergarten (Mrs Hardy)	Sport Library	Monday Thursday
Kindergarten (Mrs Hodgekiss)	Sport Library	Monday thursday
Year 1 (Mrs Dixon)	Sport Library	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 2 (Mrs Hosea)	Sport Library	Tuesday Library
Year 3 (Miss Salt)	Sport Library	Wednesday Friday
Year 4 (Mrs Smythe)	Sport Library Music	Library Tuesday
Year 5 (Miss Hasan)	Sport Library Music	Friday Thursday Tuesday
Year 6 (Mr Humphries)	Sport Library Music	Tues + Thurs Wednesday Tuesday
Year 7 & 8	PDHPE Sport	Thursday
Year 9 & 10	PDHPE Sport	Thursday
Year 11	PDHPE	
Year 12	PDHPE Sport	Thursday