

Newsletter 28

KAS

Term Three

18 September 2013



From The Principal...

MOVING FORWARD

Each year, the end of Term Three marks the end of classes for our school's current Year 12 class. Hence, on Friday this week, 13 years of formal schooling for our Year 12 students will have been completed and, following their HSC exams after the mid-semester break, they will embark on the next stage of their lives.

As a school we have a number of traditions that serve to acknowledge this important milestone in their lives, including a breakfast at school on Friday morning, where our Secondary staff serve the Year 12 students prior to them participating in the final Year 12 Chapel program of the year. This chapel program is designed to highlight the achievements of the Year 12 class and also hand the baton on to the Year 11 class by announcing the new school captains who will take up their posts from the start of Term 4. Of course, parents are welcome to attend this chapel.

Following the mid-semester break, our Year 12 students will be participating in the school's annual Study Camp program at the Yarrahapinni Ecology Centre, where the final steps will be taken in preparation for the HSC exams which commence the following week.

The Year 12 Formal will follow the completion of the HSC exams, after which many of our Year 12 students will be travelling to Nepal to complete a service project in the Chitwan Province. The legacy created by our Year 12 students who have also completed post-HSC service projects in locations such as Cambodia, is something that each one of us as school community members can be proud of.

I'm reminded of a famous quote which goes something like, "What the world needs today is not more wealth, power, position or possessions. What the world needs most is men and women whose characters will withstand the challenges that life will throw at them, men and women who will stand with integrity, despite the world spinning around them."

Unquestionably, it is our hope as a school that our graduating Year 12 students will take from KAS far more than simply a formal education. We hope that the life lessons they have had the opportunity to experience at the school will stand them in good stead, and that the characters they have developed in their time at the school will mark them as young adults of integrity, authenticity and value.

Of course, as a school we wish them all the best as they sit their HSC exams. We know that they have been well prepared by their teachers, and the final weeks which they spend in preparation and study will see them reap the benefits of the efforts they have made to this point in time.

Best wishes to our graduating class of 2013 and welcome to our new senior class and our new student leaders. Best wishes also to our whole school community for the holiday break. I'll look forward to seeing you all back at KAS for Term Four.

Kind Regards

Rohan Deanshaw

KAS Principal

ALL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS LONG

During the holidays Miss Long will be getting married and we wish her all the best as she marries her long time friend. When she returns she will be Mrs Rosendahl, however, her class will still be known as KL because it is Kindergarten and there is only one term left for this year.

SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS

We have been notified that our school will have flashing lights installed on the road outside the school sometime in the next 18 months.

NAPLAN INFORMATION

"On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities

HOLIDAY UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIME:

**Thursday, 3 October
11AM-1PM**

Most secondhand items half price!

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(TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay."

UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that the uniform shop is now only open on Thursdays, however, uniform can be ordered and paid for at the school office at any time.

PRE-KINDY FUNDRAISER

Pre-Kindy Toys and More Fundraiser orders are due at the end of this week, as orders will be posted during the holidays. Extra order forms are available from Pre-Kindy or the office.

KAS Learning Information Centre Update

How to give your kids a healthy media diet

With so many new programs and technology coming out all the time -- many of which are aimed at kids -- it's hard to tell what's good, what's age-appropriate, and what has the "nutritional value" to entertain -- and hopefully educate -- your kids.

But by keeping three simple rules in mind, you can help serve your kids a healthy media diet. Here's how:

Use media together. Whenever you can, watch, play, and listen *with* your kids. Talk about the content. When you can't be there, ask them about the media they've used. Help kids question and analyze media messages. Share your own values

Be a role model. When kids are around, set an example by using media the way you want them to use it. Don't bring your phone to the dinner table, and turn the television off when it's not actively being watched. Record shows that may be inappropriate for your

kids to watch -- even the news -- and watch them later, when kids aren't around.

Keep an eye on the clock. Keep an eye on how long kids spend online, in front of the television, watching movies, playing video games. The secret to healthy media use is to establish time limits and stick to them -- before your kids turn on and tune in.

Common Sense Media (2013). Retrieved from <http://www.commonsensemedia.org/advice-for-parents/3-simple-rules-for-a-healthy-media-diet>

This week I have included some apps and a website that have been given a high rating by Common Sense Media that you may like to explore with your under 10 year olds.

5yr olds – The The Lorax Garden

[iPhone](#), [iPod Touch](#), [iPad](#)

Price: \$1.99

Category: [Kids Games](#)

8yr olds

Solitaire Chess by ThinkFun

[iPhone](#), [iPod Touch](#), [iPad](#), [Android](#)

Price: \$1.99-\$2.99

Category: [Puzzle Games](#)

ColorSplash

[iPhone](#), [iPod Touch](#), [iPad](#)

Price: \$1.99

Category: [Photo & Video](#)

Stack the Countries

[iPhone](#), [iPod Touch](#), [iPad](#)

Price: \$1.99

Category: [Education](#)

Yellowstone National Park Just for Kids (Website)

<http://www.nps.gov/yell/forkids/index.htm>

Age 10

Have a wonderful time with your children over the holidays .

Vanessa Hardy

KAS

Teacher Librarian

School holiday story time and cupcake decorating activity at Kempsey Library

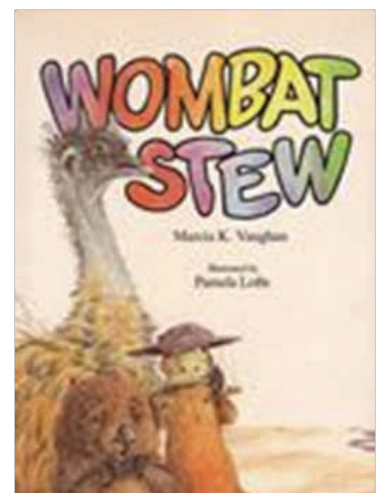
Join Angie and Ruth at Kempsey Library on Friday 27 September at 10.30am for a special story time and cupcake decorating activity.

Angie will read *Wombat Stew*, by Marcia K. Vaughan - a story about wily, wild Dingo dog who catches a poor, woebegone Wombat and decides to make Wombat stew. The other animals try to save Wombat by insisting that the stew will not be complete without blobs of mud, feathers, flies, "slugs and bugs and creepy crawlies", and gumnuts. Much to the animals' delight, the concoction tastes so terrible that Dingo howls and runs away, never again to sing about "yummy, chewy, Wombat stew".

After the story, Ruth will help kids decorate their own cupcake.

All ages are welcome – parents are to assist with pre-school aged children.

Bookings are essential and must be made on or before Wednesday 25 September. Contact the library on 6566 3210, or send an email to ksclibrary@kempsey.nsw.gov.au



PRIMARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TERM OF READING – READING IS FUN

Reading is fun! Wow, what a term it has been! We have listened to stories read by Year 6 outside, enjoyed stories read by different teachers, sent letters to authors, read in unusual places, bought books from the Book Fair, dressed up as book characters, enjoyed a talk by an author, read with a partner three times a week and taken part in a reading marathon. I hope that all of the children now understand that reading is enjoyable, challenging, emotional, life-changing and, above all, FUN! Thank you to you all for supporting your children during the term.

This week: Paired reading finishes, Diamond award winners = special book-related reward time!

Next week: You can read at home as much as you like!!!

Top tip: Use Reading Eggs or Lexia at home. Ask your teacher for a Lexia disc.

Mrs Rachel Bennett

Teacher – Learning Support

LAST DAY

The final day of school for each term is traditionally an out of uniform day in the primary school. This term is no different. Students who choose to come to school out of uniform must wear closed in shoes and clothing that covered the shoulders. Clothing is not to have negative symbols e.g. skulls, devils, dragons etc. A gold coin donation is expected for the privilege of wearing other clothes and this money goes towards our Asian Aid sponsor children.

FRIDAY CELEBRATION DAY

If your child receives their Diamond Award this term they will also receive a letter notifying parents of the events of the day. Students who receive either the Gold or Silver will participate in part of the event for the day.

K-2 will have games and a Teddy Bears Picnic with afternoon tea. Diamond awardees will participate in all those events. Gold awardees will participate in the games only and Silver awardees will participate in some of the games.

Spring Holiday 2013 Tennis Camp

Kempsey Tennis Club

3 days of games, coaching, match play and a BBQ lunch each day.

\$50 Mon 30 Sept-Wed 2 Oct 9AM-1PM.

Enquiries Geoff 6562 7866 or 0414 345 662

Available now in our uniform shop - for \$12
Boys and girls fragrances available.



Yr3-6 students will have games and craft and a Mad Hatters' Tea Party. Again, Diamond awardees will participate in all the events. Gold awardees will participate in the games and craft and Silver awardees will participate in the games only.

HATS

We are doing our best to keep the correct hat on each child's head. Please assist the teachers' by ensuring that your child's hat is labeled on the hat not just the tag.

LICE

Now that the weather is warming up the lice are out and about. Please check your child's head regularly and treat accordingly. Remember, Thursday is Head Lice check night.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

YR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

The Yr 10 work experience weeks are in the school calendar for 18-29 November. The holidays will give you a good opportunity to get out and visit workplaces to organise work experience. Mr Baronian has handed out the documents you will need so, students, if you missed out please see him as soon as possible.

YR 9 GIRLS 'TRY A TRADE' MORNING

On Friday, 1 November, Mid Coast Connect are running a Girls "try a trade" morning. This is an opportunity for Year 9 girls to try out a number of trades such as carpentry, plumbing, engineering, mechanics, electrical or others. There are still a couple of places available so if you are interested then please see Mr Bottin, Stage 5 Dean.

STUDENT TAX FILE NUMBERS

Student Tax File Number application forms are available from the front office for students who might be starting employment. Everyone will need a tax file number eventually so to apply for one while still at school is much less complicated than if you were to apply through the Centerlink office.

Lost Property Found For Collection At Student Services Office

JUMPERS	HATS	JK
Jason Bell	Rhonda	JM
Kaitlyn OB	Amali Sheppard	Dyson
Flynn Treloar	Nick	Bella
	Jordan Mullins	Dylan Partridge
JACKET	Lenna C	Campigli
Hayden Booth	DT	Zack
Travis Kennett	Farrell	Aiden Bowen
Carson Hudson	Graham	Joel Haggart
Flynn Treloar	LK	

There are also many unnamed clothing items in the Student Services office.

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UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will only be open on Thursdays until further notice.

Our holiday opening time is Thursday 3 October from 11AM - 1PM. Many secondhand items will be half price, including pre-loved school bags in excellent condition.

FOR SALE

Boys high school pants, size 77 - good condition - \$20
 boys high school shorts - size 62 - taken up - hardly worn - \$15
 boys high school shorts - size 77 - good condition - \$10
 2 x boys sport shorts - size 14 - \$10 each or \$15 for both
 boys sport shirt - medium - \$10
 school jacket - size XL - hardly worn - \$25
 school jacket - size 16 - good condition - \$20
 Contact Rai - 0439300176

Sec girls skirt sz 8 worn once \$30 Phone Julie on 0409 023 756

Girls sz 10 shorts x 3 \$10 each
 Girls sz 10 slacks x 1 \$15 each
 Phone Ruth 6562 3451

DRUM LESSONS

By Jay Prescott—held locally at 448 Pacific Hwy, Kempsey after school. \$12 for 30 min or \$20 for 1 hr. Beginner to intermediate. Contact him on 6563 1944 or 0421 640 046

LOST

An iPod was lost at school recently. Please hand it into the office if you have found it.
 Alanah Tilson's jackets—they have her name on them!

FOUND

A DS game - see Mrs Bottin in student services.

HEAD TO HEAD WALK RUN

If you are interested in volunteering at this community event we have forms to be completed in the school office. For more information go to headtoheadwalkrun@org.au

FREE

Big W Incline Bench
 Ring Chyral on 6562 3966.

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT

All children aged between 0-18 are eligible to receive free general dental treatment through the Mid North Coast Local Health Network. Parents do not need to hold a pension card or health care card for their child to be eligible.

Please call the Oral Health Contact Centre on 1300 651 625 if you would like your child to have a check-up. Although they may be placed on a list, the waiting times are minimal at present. Clinic is at Kempsey Community Health Campus (in hospital grounds),

Calendar

15-25 Sept	Year 10 Expedition to Fraser Island
17 Sept	Home and School Meeting 6:30PM Yr 12 Nepal Meeting 6:30PM LIC
19 Sept	Year 12 Social evening
20 Sept	Yr 12 & Staff Breakfast Yr 12 Chapel Finale' Primary Casual Dress Day Last Day of Term 3
8 Oct	Term 4 Starts

CANTEEN HELPERS

Thurs, 19 Sept	Roxanne	Help needed
Fri, 29 Sept	Jacqui	Tracey

SPORT & LIBRARY TIMETABLE

CLASS	SUBJECT	DAY
PreKindy (Mrs Humphries)	Library	Friday
Kindergarten (Mrs Hodgekiss & Miss Long)	Sport Library	Friday Friday
Year 1 (Mrs Baywood)	Sport Library	Thursday Monday
Year 1 (Mrs Hancock)	Sport Library	Friday Tuesday
Year 2 (Miss Robinson)	Sport Library	Friday Wednesday
Year 3 (Miss Hasan)	Sport Library	Friday Wednesday
Year 4 (Miss Muller)	Sport Library	Friday Wednesday
Year 5 (Mrs Mainey)	Sport Library	Wednesday Monday
Year 6 (Mr Humphries)	Yr 6 Shirt day Sport Library	Monday Thursday Monday

We hope you enjoy the school holidays and we'll see you back on Tuesday, 8 October!