

# Newsletter

# KAS

Term Four

18 November 2011

## YR 12 FORMAL

The Year 12 formal, which was held at South West Rocks Country Club, was a night filled with fun and fond reminiscing as we celebrated the achievements of the second Year 12 cohort to graduate from Kempsey Adventist School. The girls were absolutely gorgeous and the boys extremely handsome as they dressed up and reveled in the completion of their HSC Examinations and their secondary schooling. One of the highlights of the night were the speeches, as teachers were given the opportunity to talk about their students, and the students returned the favour by sharing some insights into their teachers. It is always amazing to witness the personal impact that staff and students have on each other's lives during their shared time at school and this year that connection was especially evident. Mr Mazzaferri provided the comic relief for the night with his speech about Holly Wells. He could only be topped by Holly herself who provided both hilarious and heartfelt words in her speech about Mrs Green, an entertaining end to an excellent night. While we farewell the Year 12s from the school, they are hopefully not gone from our lives as we look forward to hearing about their adventures in the years to come.





## From the Principal...

### Teaching Staff Update

In recent weeks both Mrs Hardy (Kindergarten) and Ms Dixon (Yr 1) have announced that due to personal reasons they will not be continuing in their current roles at KAS in 2012. As a school community we thank Mrs Hardy and Ms Dixon for their contribution to the infants area of our school and wish them the very best for 2012. Mrs Hardy is taking a year's leave and we hope that she is able to rejoin us at KAS in 2013.

It is an unfortunate reality of workplaces that overtime there will be changes to staffing and, whilst it is always with sadness that we farewell staff, such occasions also hold the potential for new growth and new opportunities through the appointment of new team members.

KAS considers the staffing of the lower primary classes to be of high significance, as these formative years are critical periods in student learning and the attainment of core skills. Hence, the appointment of new staff into the primary school will always be a considered process, with KAS committed to staffing the school with the very best teachers who are available at this stage of the year.

The process of working through applications and completing interviews should be completed in the coming days, at which time the school should be in a position to announce a finalised list of KAS teaching staff for the 2012 school year. Significantly, this final teaching staff list will reflect a growth in the number of experienced teachers and the appointment of several highly capable younger teachers, all of whom have been selected with the strategic growth of the school's learning program in mind.

Kind Regards

*Rohan Deanshaw*  
KAS Principal

## KAS 2012 YEARBOOK

As we draw closer to the Presentation Night on Wednesday 7 December, we are also drawing closer to the release of this year's KAS yearbook. Each family will receive a copy of the yearbook at Presentation Night, along with student reports and other important documentation.

The new look KAS yearbook is being released this year under a new name. Once again, it will contain numerous written reflections and photos which help to capture the past year at KAS.

Thanks in advance to Mrs Neirinckx and her team for all the hard work that goes into making the yearbook a reality.

## LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS AT KAS THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

Put your child in the hands of caring,  
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## KAS KIDS Pre-Kindy

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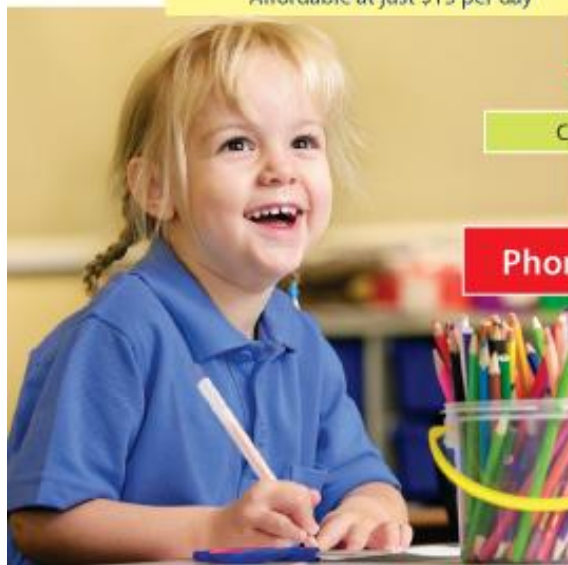
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## YR 9/10 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORTS STUDIES EXCURSION



In early November, the Year 9 and 10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies class went to Hat Head for an activities day. As a part of the day they went surfing, participated in a Year 9 vs Year 10 Ironman Challenge and went to the Hungry Head sand dunes where they enjoyed a variety of activities. It was an excellent day and both the students and the staff had a great time.



# HOW TO STOP LITERACY LOSS OVER THE SUMMER

As children's first and most important teachers, families have a major role to play in motivating children to read during the summer months. There are many ways that families can use to encourage summertime reading.

## *Combine activities with books*

Summer leaves lots of time for children to enjoy fun activities, such as going to the beach or seeing a movie. Why not also encourage them to read a book about the activity? If you're going to a sports game, suggest that your child read a book or article about a favourite player beforehand. In the car, you'll have lots of time to talk about the book and the game.

## *Lead by example*

Read the newspaper at breakfast, pick up a magazine at the doctors and pack a paperback into your beach bag. If children see the adults around them reading, they understand that books and other reading material are a fun and important part of their summer days.

## *Talk it up*

Talking with your children about what you have read also lets them know that reading is an important part of your life. Tell them why you liked a book, what you learned from it, or how it helped you. Soon they might start doing the same.

## *Help children find time to read*

By the end of a long, sunny day, children may be too tired to pick up a book. Make some time for reading, such as before bedtime or after breakfast.

## *Relax the rules for summer*

During the school year, children have busy schedules and often have required reading for classes. Summer is a time when children can read what, when, and how they please.

Don't set daily time requirements or decide the number of pages they have to read. Instead, make sure they pick up books for fun and help find ways for them to choose to read on their own.

## *Have plenty of reading material around*

Storybooks aren't the only thing that children can read for fun. Newspapers, magazines and informational material can spark the interest of a young reader. Encourage them to read about an interest or to extend their knowledge.

## *Use books to break the boredom*

Without the regular school regimen, adults and children need more activities to fill the hours. Books that teach children how to make or do something are a great way to get children reading and keep them occupied.

## *Read aloud with children*

Take your children to see a local storyteller—or be one yourself. The summer months leave extra time for enthusiastic read-alouds with children, no matter their age. Find your inner actor and improvise different voices or wear a silly hat to make the story that much more interesting! Starting an engrossing book at the start of the holidays can become a highly anticipated part of the day for all the family.

*Acknowledgement: Reading is Fundamental*





# PRIMARY AWARDS



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Canoeing training for students in Years 7 & 8 will take place at the following times. All parents should have received an information letter about this. Please contact Mr Luchow if you have any questions. Year 8A: Monday 21 November, Year 7L: Wednesday 23 November, Year 7S: Thursday 24 November, Year 8N: Monday 28 November, Year 8A: Tuesday 29 November, Year 8N: Thursday 1 December



# PRIMARY AWARDS



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Australiana Carols in the COLA Sunday 27 November 4.30 pm start

Come along to an evening of fun and fine entertainment at Kempsey Adventist School. The festivities start at 4.30 pm with **free** amusements for the family:-



Giant Slide  
Jumping Castle  
Sumo Suits  
Aerojumps

- ★ Delicious food items to buy for dinner.
- ★ Stay for carolling with the Kempsey District Silver Band.
- ★ Enjoy the Kindies' nativity play and the story of Jesus' birth.

*PS Santa will be making an appearance to spread some Christmas cheer and listen to some Christmas wishes.*



**KEMPSEY**  
ADVENTIST SCHOOL



"Parents, it's nearly that time of year again. Are you looking for something for your kids to do in the school holidays? Kempsey PCYC has an exciting Vacation Care Program organized and is now taking enrolments so get in quick as places fill up fast".

Thank you

**Kempsey PCYC**  
38 Bloomfield St  
Ph: 02 6562 8399



Come and see our kindies present their version of the nativity at Carols in the COLA!

The Kempsey District Silver Band is offering one of six scholarships to either an adult or a youth in the Kempsey Shire who is willing to have an ongoing commitment to developing their music skills and attend playouts that the Silver Band is involved in.

A scholarship will be the equivalent to \$60 worth of fees and can be used for

- One term of Beginner sessions for reed, flute or brass on a Wednesday afternoon after 4pm
  - Two terms of Intermediate Band sessions held 4.30-5.30, under the tuition of Will Dodds
  - Four terms in the Senior Band for experienced players, held on a Tuesday from 5:50 -7.30pm
- Nominees will need to
- pay their KDSB membership fee of \$25, if selected
  - outline their full contact details, including an email address
  - outline their current/past music experience and the instrument they wish to play
  - have their nomination endorsed by their school's music director (if a school student)
  - be at least Year 4 (unless their ability to concentrate can be verified by their teacher)
  - outline their ability to regularly attend the relevant rehearsal sessions as outlined, and occasional playouts on a weekend. (These playouts are generally no longer than 1.5 hours in duration, except for Anzac Day, Australia Day and the Kempsey Carols at the Racecourse, once the player graduates to Intermediate or Senior level)
  - be prepared to purchase a shirt for \$32 prior to their first playout (Uniform consists of black trousers or skirt, black shoes, tie for males and a green Akubra hat, issued by the Band)

not be an existing member or immediate relative of a Band member

Nominations need to be emailed to [kempseysilverband@gmail.com](mailto:kempseysilverband@gmail.com) or dropped into the Richard Blight Music Centre on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening after 4.30pm by Tuesday December 6 2011.

The winners of the scholarships will be announced at the Kempsey Carols at the Racecourse on Thursday 15 December from 6pm.

Please ring Leonie Capararo, Bandmaster, after hours on 6562 8243 for more information.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

If paying your fees by internet transfer, please ensure you write your family code or family name on the transfer. Currently, we have two payments that have been made without names attached and we are unable to put them towards someone's account.

## STATIONERY PACKS

We are asking that students in the secondary school in 2012 purchase a stationery pack to ensure they have the correct stationery requirements to participate in their classes. Details on how to purchase these packs will be given soon.

## LIBRARY BOOKS

Parents of primary children, please help your children to remember their library day and make sure they bring along their library books so that they can borrow some more.

## SECONDARY TEXT BOOKS

Parents of secondary students are reminded that their text books which have been hired from the school are due back once the students have finished their examinations. All text books must be returned before the conclusion of the year.

## MACLEAY VALLEY ASPERGERS AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

WHEN: Monday 21st November 2011

WHERE: Living Skills House

8 Wide Street, West Kempsey

TIME: 6.30pm

*If you have any questions or wish to know more please call Belinda on 0412 497 725*

## MANY RIVERS DIABETES PREVENTION SURVEY

Those students participating in the survey and have not yet returned their green permission notes, please do this ASAP.

## TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Do You Drive Your Children to a Bus Stop?

You may be entitled to a payment from NSW Transport.

The Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy is available for eligible school students, where there is no public transport available for all or part of the journey. The PVC Subsidy is paid based on the distance between their home and the nearest transport pick up point or school. The PVC Subsidy may also be available on medical grounds.

If you would like to apply for PVC assistance, please ask at the school office.

## RRISK EXCURSION

Year 12 students will be heading down to Port Macquarie on Tuesday, 22 November, to attend a RRISK program. This aims to reduce adolescent risk taking associated with alcohol and drug use, driving and celebrating. Students are reminded that they need to be at school on time ready to leave by 8:45am and will be back in time for catching buses at the end of the day. They should also bring all their food for the day and wear sports uniform, however, if they do not have a sports uniform they should wear their academic uniform.

## SWIMMING ACTIVITIES DAY

Students in Kindy – Year 2 will participate in a Swimming Activities Day on the 30 November 2011 at the Kempsey pool in lieu of the swimming carnival at the beginning of the year. Parents are

welcome to attend this event as helpers - please let Mrs Walsh know if you would like to be involved. Students will be at the pool from 10am-2pm. They will need to bring lunch and a drink on the day. Please do not send money as the students will not be permitted to purchase food from the canteen. A note with further details will be sent home within the next week.

## PRE-KINDY

If you are planning on sending any children to Pre-Kindy next year, now is the time to complete an application form and have an interview with the principal, as the classes are beginning to fill up. Contact Mrs Lisa Hanrahan at school if you are hoping to enrol a Pre-Kindy child for 2012.

## OPERATION GIVE@KAS

Hi Everyone, Last year KAS participated in Operation Christmas Child and raised 268 Christmas Child Boxes. This year classes from Pre-Kindy to Year 12 will have the opportunity to give to people in poverty through ADRA or an aid organisation chosen by each class. Our mission is to save and improve the lives of fellow humans around the world who are suffering from starvation, thirst, disease and various other problems. Please assist your child, our students, as they work with their class to make a difference. Class groups (Pre-Kindy-Yr 12) will be sharing what they gave in our last Chapel (Primary & Secondary) of 2011, which is on Friday, December 2.

Kieren Jackson & Kristie Thompson, School Chaplains @ KAS

- On Wed 16th (K,1&2), Thurs 17th (3&4) and Friday 18th (5&6) we are having PARTY WEEK. At lunch time there will be fabulous party games, like Bobs and Statues, Musical Chairs etc. There is a \$1 entry fee.

## DIAMOND REWARD DAY

Mrs Walsh is seeking the assistance of some volunteers to accompany the students on the Diamond Reward Day adventure on December 5. Students in K-2 will be going to Jumbos in Port Macquarie and 2 extra people are needed to attend. Year 3-6 are off to Centre of Gravity to go Rock Climbing and four extra people are needed to assist there. People who volunteer for the Centre of Gravity adventure are needed to assist students when they are rock climbing. If you are interested in attending on the day please let Mrs Walsh know ASAP.

## SECONDARY PICNIC DAY

A reminder that permission slips and payment (\$5) should be made at the school office by Friday this week.

## PRESENTATION EVENING

School community are reminded that our presentation evening will occur on Wednesday, 7 December. Please keep this evening free. More details as the date gets nearer.

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

This year, the Year 6 Graduation Dinner will be at the Riverbank Cafe in Gladstone on December 1. Parents are asked to drop their children off at 6PM for photos and may stay until 6:30PM. Please collect your children at 8:45PM.

## CANTEEN SPECIAL

Last week only – 6-8 December

Killer Pythons 70c

Pop Rocks 50c

Rosy Apples 40c

Mini Red Callipo 90c

# Announcements

## STRING TUTOR AVAILABLE

Violin and viola tuition by experienced teacher on Wednesdays. Contact 6584 8875 or 0401 349 440.

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM

If you have some used uniform in good condition, you are most welcome to advertise it in our newsletter. Send all details to [Idean-shaw@kas.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Idean-shaw@kas.nsw.edu.au).

- Primary Slouch Hat—Unworn Size 59 \$10  
Size 6 ½ running spikes \$10  
Contact Sharon 6566 0606
- Size 10 girl's primary skirt  
Size 14 school jumper \$30  
Size 10 tracksuit pants \$10  
Jennie 65699383

## LOST AND FOUND

There are a number of items that have been handed into the office including a MP3 player, a watch and various pieces of jewelry. There are also 3 pair of children's reading glasses in the office that have been

## Calendar

18 Nov	Koorong Kids orders due
22 Nov	Yr 8 ESSA Test
25 Nov	Music Recital 1PM
27 Nov	Carols In the COLA
28 Nov	Yr 10 PreHSC Course begins
1 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
2 Dec	The Shack
5 & 7 Dec	Primary Gold Reward Day
5 Dec	Primary Diamond Reward Day
7 Dec	Presentation Night
8 Dec	Last day of 2011 Primary Picnic Day and Mega Waterfight Secondary Activities Day at Yarrahappini
9 Dec	Parent Teacher Interviews



**LAST SHACK OF THE YEAR**  
Friday night, 2 December, 7PM—9PM

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

8:30AM-9:00AM

3:00PM-3:30PM

Contact Mrs Deanshaw in the office if you need to come at another time.

**(GET IN EARLY BEFORE NEXT YEAR'S RUSH!)**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

Class	Subject	Task	Date Due
12	Biology	Maintaining a balance experimental procedure	23.11.11
12	Chemistry	Esters Experimental Procedure	24.11.11
12 (2012)	English	Belonging	6.12.11
12 (2012)	Visual Arts	Initial Body of Work Assessment Task	9.12.11

**Avoid the January rush and small price rises by purchasing your uniform before next year!**

## 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	Thursday Wednesday
Year 2 (Mrs Baywood)	Sport Library	Tuesday Friday
Year 3 (Miss Salt)	Sport Library	Wednesday Friday
Year 4 (Miss Donn-Paterson)	Sport Library Music	Wed + Fri Tuesday Tuesday
Year 5 (Miss Hasan)	Sport Library Music	Friday Tuesday Tuesday
Year 6 (Mr Humphries)	Sport Library Music	Tues + Fri Wednesday Tuesday
Year 7 & 8	PDHPE Sport	Thursday
Year 9 & 10	PDHPE Sport	Thursday
Year 11	PDHPE	
Year 12	PDHPE Sport	Thursday