The start of next term is different from previous years as there are two staff development days at the beginning of the first week. An extra day has been allocated for teachers to work on aspects of the implementation of the new National Curriculum. So Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April are pupil free days where teachers will be engaged in professional development activities. The first day for students to attend is Wednesday 1st May.

As daylight saving has ended and routines have changed it is important to remember that children who don't get a good night's sleep do worse in school than those who receive an appropriate nights sleep for their age and stage of development. For example, a Kindergarten student needs around 11 hours sleep a night while a Year 6 student needs 9 to 9 and a half hours sleep every night. It has also been found that sleep deprivation affects children in different ways to adults – sleepy children tend to 'rev up' rather than slow down.

I would like to congratulate all students who received a Satisfactory rating. I would also like to remind students and parents that a rating of 3 means that a student has demonstrated satisfactory behaviour during the previous 5 weeks. A rating of 3 or above is worthy of celebration & congratulations.

Our Core Value for this week is CARE. We highlight care this week as we focus on caring for ourselves, our school and our families, especially during the upcoming school holiday period. We do this by caring about our appearance, (Are we wearing school uniform?), our work (Am I doing my best?), the way we behave (Am I doing the right thing, in the right place at the right time?) and our environment (Am I looking after the things around me?).

I am looking forward to a wonderful week where all students are able to make the most of their learning opportunities.

Jim Lindsell
Principal (Rel)
ASSEMBLY AWARDS
No assembly due to Swimming Carnival

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

Last Friday, our school had a fantastic day at the pool celebrating our first sporting carnival as a small school. Our 2013 Swimming Carnival was the inaugural outing for our two new sporting Houses – Wambuyn (Kangaroos – Green) and Yanggaayi (Sharks – Blue). Competing over a number of the usual events, all children displayed great endeavour and a willingness to participate to earn points for their House.

During the day, a number of novelty events were run in the form of a tabloid, whereby all students had the opportunity to take part in activities such as Noodle Racing, Ring Diving, Ping Pong Races, Bowling and Flags. All participants again earned points towards their team’s final tally.

The day concluded with a multi-category relay race where both teams had two juniors, two seniors and two teachers compete. Although they tried very hard, Miss Williams, Rebekah and the Wambuyn relay team were no match for the speed of Yanggaayi’s swimmers, led by Mrs Foster and Mrs Hudson. When all points were tallied at the end of the day Wambuyn had won the carnival and were the Swimming Champions for 2013.

FINAL TALLY - Wambuyn 192
Yanggaayi 173

AGE CHAMPIONS
Junior Girl - Merinda Anderson-Griffen (Y)
Junior Boy - Kahlil Whitton (Y)
Senior Girl - Malika Holten (W)
Senior Boy - Jack Minnican (W)

A big thankyou to everyone for a great day!
Mr Byrne

Happy Birthday
Patricia Flaherty
Cheyenne Wheeler

KEMPSEY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Teacher

_____________________________ was absent from school

On _________________________________

because he/she was _______________________________

_____________________________

Signed : __________________ Date: __________________

Please return to Class Teacher

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.

SCHOOL COSTS FOR 2013

BOOK PACKS $40.00 1st child
$35.00 2nd child

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
$20 per individual $25 per family

SCHOOL SHORTS & SKORTS $15
SCHOOL JUMPERS/PANTS/SHIRTS $20
SCHOOL JACKETS $35
SCHOOL HATS WITH LOGOS $10.50
SCHOOL HATS WITH NO LOGO $3.50

A reminder with the cold weather Hoodies are banned from the school due to OH&S concerns.
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

Last year, our program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centres. Schools selected from thousands of different items through our program, highlighting how each school’s needs are different and how critical a breadth of range is.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

FAMILY FUN DAY - South Kempsey Community House – Corner Queen Street and Yarravel Street Saturday 27th April 2012 starting at 11pm – 1 pm
Big slide, jumping castle face painting, games, free sausage sizzle AND MORE.
ALL WELCOME, Great fun for all ages and families
For enquiries phone: Macleay Coast Christian Outreach Centre on 65 62 7000

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AT KEMPSEY LIBRARY
Kempsey Library is holding a Manga Drawing Workshop on Tuesday 23 April, from 10.30am to midday.

Artist, illustrator and designer Matt Linn will explain what Manga style is all about, and talk about designing characters. Kids will work on their own characters and create a one page comic strip. The session is most suited for ages 10 years and over. The cost of the workshop is $5, which will cover the materials needed to create your own manga artwork.

Places are limited to 20 participants, and are filling fast. Please email Kempsey Library on ksclibrary@kempsey.nsw.gov.au or phone 6566 3210 to reserve your spot. Read more about Matt and his work at his website www.matthewlin.com.au

HORNETS FOOTBALL (SOCCER)
Hornets Football (soccer) Club are urgently wanting boys & girls turning 5 or 6 in 2013 to play in our 6yrs teams. Contact Liz 0408 656 267 asap.

SOUTH KEMPSEY PLAYTIME
(For parents with children from birth to 5 years)
When: Each Wednesday
Where: South Kempsey Community Centre Cnr Queen & Yarravel Streets
Time: 10 am until 12.30
It is free and morning tea is provided. Activities for children include craft, music, indoor and outdoor play. Arts and Crafts for parents too. Limited transport is available on request.

South Kempsey Playtime is a Supported Playgroup with Family Workers from: Kempsey Family Support Services ph 65 631 588 or Karen Hall Schools as Community Centres ph 0402 885 051 Delya Smith at Durri ph 65 624 919