Issue 6, Term Two. June 2009.
**Dates to Remember:**

**Tues 28th July** - school resumes for students. Drama camp with Mr. Dockrill all week.

**Mon 3rd August** – Year 10 film period 3 to 6.

**Weds 5th August** – School council meeting. Year 7&8 touch football to Coffs.

**Thurs 6th August** – P&C meeting in Library

**Monday 10th August** – AECG meeting

**Tuesday 11th August** – Year 9 Films periods 5 to 8

**Friday 14th August** – North Coast Athletics – Lismore

**Monday 24th August** – HSC Textiles and IT practical works due prior to 9.00am

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**Kempsey High School**

**P&C MEETING**

**Thursday 6th August**

7.15 pm in School Library

Talk by Mr. Love PEPDH Head teacher.

Everyone Welcome

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**Our Canteen**

Desperately needs helpers!

Can you spare one day a month?

Phone Leanne 65 624811

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**Recycle reuse.**

We need plastic containers and magazines. Please drop them in to the front office and they will go to good use in Science, Art and Maths classes. Thank you!

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**KHS Athletics 2009 Results**

**Champion House: Kipling**

**Age Champions:**

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Cover: Photo compilation by Chalyce, a Year 10Visual Design student.
From The Principal

Thank you

As the term rushes towards its finish I would like to say thank you to numerous members of staff who have gone to extraordinary lengths for students with the Debutante Ball, Eisteddfod, The Human Sign, Dance Festival and Music Festival. These activities provided an opportunity for our students to show the results of their hard work and talent.

I want to thank Mr. Sinclair and the team of ladies who worked so hard to make the Debutante Ball an outstanding success. The young ladies and their partners showed great poise and manners. A highlight was seeing extended families come together to enjoy a great night.

The school had great success at the eisteddfod thanks to the efforts of the team from the English faculty. We’ll have some of the results in a later issue. Likewise, the school made a strong environmental statement with the Human Sign Project – thank you to Mr. Johnson who endured numerous postponements to this activity because of the wet weather.

I particularly want to thank Mrs Hopkins for the huge effort she is making with the Dance Festival. Much of this work is unseen and includes the sewing of costumes and the working out of dance routines.

The school’s numerous performances in the Music Festival reflected the huge amount of preparation which Ms Thrush makes for these performances each year. The very strong representation from Kempsey High provided great depth to the massed choir and there were some superb individual and group efforts. The solo performance by Robert Xxxxxx and the performance by boys’ choir were highlights well received by a large audience. I want to particularly
thank Mrs Lyn Dockrill, Principal of Kempsey West Public School and Mrs Janice Newton, Principal of Crescent Head Public School for their leadership work with both festivals for the benefit of all students in the Macleay Educational Community.

You will read in this issue some details about the Aboriginal Students Reunion held last week and the NAIDOC Assembly to be held this week. Thanks to Mrs Louise Keogh, Mr Sue Coulter, Mrs Natalie Smith and Mr Nathan Barker for their efforts to make these significant events truly memorable.

These events have capped off a very bust term. I wish staff and students a happy and safe holiday. The school will break for the second term holidays on Friday 10th. July 2009. School will resume for all students on Tuesday 28th. July 2009. A School Development Day will be held on Monday 27th. July 2009.

Parent Teacher Afternoon
The term 2 Parent Teacher afternoon will be held on Wednesday 8th. July 2009 from 4pm to 6pm. Booking sheets for parent interviews with teachers have been mailed to parents. Any parent seeking a last minute appointment is asked to ring the school office on 6562 6166. There will be the opportunity for parents to see the plans for the school’s refurbishment during the afternoon. Afternoon tea will be available.

Aboriginal Students Reunion
In a prelude to this week’s NAIDOC Week activities, several Aboriginal ex-students renewed their association with Kempsey High last week. Many are no strangers to the school, having been involved in the very successful Gooris ‘On the Job’ course which has been running for over 20 years. There were some great stories retold and a lot of nostalgia. There were many highlights including lunch at the Red Onion Café and a viewing of the plans for the Aboriginal Resource Centre. The designs for the centre which have been developed by Tara Mailee, a Torres Strait Islander, have been well received by the community. Tara has been working with Aboriginal parents, students and staff to develop the designs.

NAIDOC Assembly
The Kempsey High NAIDOC assembly will be held in the Kempsey High School hall this Wednesday 8th. July 2009, commencing at 11:30am. The assembly will include performances by the Aboriginal students dance group. Teacher, Anne Round, will show photographs of her recent visit to Uluru. A number of students will be receiving awards for academic, sporting and community participation. The program will conclude with lunch in the Common Room. Parents and members of the community are warmly invited to this function.

TAFE Opportunity
Students in Year 9 and 10 have the opportunity to participate in two TAFE programs in second semester. The programs involve hairdressing and automotive studies. The first program is called V Tracks and runs on the Wednesday sport afternoon. The second program runs on Wednesday afternoons after school until 5pm for all of the remainder of the year. Both programs are free. Students should see Mr Rix if they would like to apply for either program.
Medieval and Celtic times

Entertainers, Celtic Thunder, recently presented their living history performance ‘Medieval and Celtic times’ to an enthralled audience of year 8 Kempsey High School students.

The interactive, action packed show combined humour, education, drama, combat and full audience participation. It was based on the 1066 – 1166 AD time frame of medieval Europe and was a realistic look at the challenges of daily life during this period.

The HSIE faculty saw the performance as an opportunity to put year 8 students in touch with the history of the Middle Ages and made it come alive for them. The show featured authentic clothing, living implements, swords and amour. The ‘hands on’ nature of the entertainment was a real hit with everyone.

It is hoped that it will become a highlight of the Kempsey High’s year 8 history programs in the years to come.
PDHPE UPDATES
Curriculum initiatives.

The first unit completed by year seven students in PDHPE is called “Supporting Myself and Others”. This unit explores the challenges of commencing high school and the support services available in the school setting. One of the tasks students undertake is to write an acrostic poem on the theme “Helping Others”. A selection of student poems is presented below.

**Help other people to**

*Help other people to*

*Exterminate mean people by being*

*Loving and supportive towards*

*family, friends and neighbours and*

*remember*

*People have feelings*

*Including your evil enemy*

*Not just your friends*

*Give compliments not complaints*

*Offer help to friends*

*Through the goodness in your*

*Heart and help your friends*

*Excel with the*

*Respect they deserve don’t act*

*Stupid*

*By Sam, 7M*

**Hello, make an effort to welcome others**

*Hello, make an effort to welcome others*

*Encourage others to seek help/support when needed*

*Love your friends like you love others*

*Provide your own things for school*

*Invite people to come and sit with you*

*Nice, be so to other people*

*Generous people are nice to other people*

*Offer people things*

*Treat people the way you treat others*

*Honest people are trusted*

*Enjoy your time at school*

*Respect other people*

*Support other people to do new things*

*By Jessica, 7A*

**Hip hop happening featuring**

*Blades of Hades*

*Soul Purpose*

*Urban Freeflow*

*DJ Skool & Dj Ntaprize plus Graffiti Writers*

*25th July at Kempsey PCYC.*

*6.00PM START. $7 ENTRY*

**Hello, make an effort to welcome others**

*Open your heart to others*

*Treat people how you want to be treated*

*Honour people who help*

*Enjoy life*

*Read because it’s good for your health*

*Sun bake and you’ll get cancer*

*By Gordon, 7A*
Bond University

Tom Betts, Admissions Manager of Bond University - Gold Coast, recently visited Kempsey High and inspired some of our school leaders with some very good reasons to study at Bond University.

Tom talked about courses and scholarships currently on offer as well as the general benefits of tertiary education and the opportunities that further education at Bond University may provide. Some of the benefits for studying at Bond University include achieving Australia’s best graduate outcomes, fast-tracking degrees, working with Australia’s lowest student to staff ratio, receiving five-star teaching quality and working and learning in state-of-the-art facilities.

If you have any queries regarding Bond University please contact Mr. Rix in the Careers Office.

(Mr Rix, Careers Adviser)
University Admission Centre UPDATE.

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) in NSW

In June 2009, the Universities Admission Index (UAI) is changing to the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

There are three changes:
1. The university ranking system currently known as the UAI will now be known as the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).
2. The highest rank will now be an ATAR of 99.95, as opposed to a UAI of 100.
3. The ATAR will indicate a student’s position in relation to the Year 7 students they began high school with.

There will be no practical consequences for students as:
1. the rules for the ATAR are exactly the same as for the UAI,
2. marks will be scaled in the same way so the rank order of students will be the same and
3. the same applicants will be selected for the same courses as any change in an ATAR compared to a UAI will see an equivalent change in course cut-offs.

Every Year 12 student should receive a letter from the UAC at their home address explaining these changes.

If you have any questions please call Mr. Rix in the Careers Office on ph 6562 6166.

Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS)

A Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students, intending to pursue an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects.

Year 11 recipients will receive $2000, paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive $3000, paid over two semesters. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, you will be required to tell The Australian Defence Force why you are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process.
KEY DATES
1 June 2009 - 14 August 2009
Student registrations for 2010 DTS open, all information to apply is available online
14 August 2009 2010 DTS Applications close.
You must lodge your 2010 DTS Application with your school before this date to be considered for a 2010 DTS date. Late applications cannot be accepted.

See Mr. Rix (Careers Adviser) for more information.

Business Industry Showcase

Year 10 students recently attended the Business Industry Showcase at Port Racecourse as part of their School to Work program.

Mid Coast Youth Career Services hosted this event which provided an opportunity for young people, their teachers and parents to investigate vocational pathways and training opportunities.

Over 80 employers and training providers, including TAFE, were available to explain specific employment and training requirements. Exhibitors provided industry information as well as details on local job opportunities. There were practical demonstrations and hands on activities for participants from Kempsey to Taree.

(Mr. Rix, Careers Adviser)

Year 12 Careers Excursion to University of New England

Year 12 students recently had an overnight visit to the University of New England at Armidale. The purpose of the excursion was to
see what UNE looks like and how it is different to other universities, to find out what educational programs are available at UNE, to inspect the educational and sporting facilities, to experience the accommodation facilities and to see the CBD of the city of Armidale.

Students experienced life on Campus residing at the UNE residential accommodation, St Alberts College and touring the other residential colleges onsite. There was also the opportunity to speak with former Kempsey High students currently studying at UNE. Mr Rix, Careers advisor.

Special
Calculators for $12 for a limited time.

For the first two weeks of term 3, the school will be able to sell a limited supply of Sharp EL-531WH calculators for only $12.

These calculators can usually be bought from the school for $18.70 so this is a big saving unlikely to be repeated or obtained from any normal retail outlet.

You can buy these $12 calculators at the front office before school or during recess or lunch.

Hydrangea Hair Boutique
20% off
the price of a haircut
for Kempsey High School students for the month of July.

Watch for further specials in the next issue. Thanks to Terese Kyle an ex student with great flair with hair. Ph 65 622120. Shop 2/36 Forth St.

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MATHS News

Eight Year 8 students travelled to the University of New England in mid May to participate in a Maths Challenge. Two teams of four participated and were transported to Armidale by Mr. Barnett and two willing parents, Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Sharp. The Maths department appreciated Mrs. Walsh acting as a competition supervisor.

Participating students were Sally Xxxxx, Peter Xxxxxx, Liam Xxxxx, Dylan Xxxxxx, Ricky Xxxxxx, Bonnie Xxxxx, Tegan Xxxxx and Shannon Xxxxxx.

The group travelled to Armidale after school on the Thursday where they stayed overnight at the Presbyterian Ladies College.

Once at the University, each group of four, along with students from many other schools participated in a variety of maths challenges. This culminated in a display of the engineering prowess of each school. The groups had to manufacture, of all things, two paper aeroplanes and compete with each other to find the plane that could fly the furthest and the straightest. Needless to say, our groups did not perform well in this competition because we never make paper aeroplanes in class at Kempsey High!

At the end of this competition and following the closing awards ceremony we left Armidale behind for the long drive home. Some new friends were made (ask Sally!). More importantly it was worth the trip just to be able to do maths outside of the normal classroom!

Teacher: Mr. Barnett

Athletics Carnival photos are available on StuCom until week 2, term 3
Above: High distinction winners Sam Xxxxxxx, Timothy Xxxxx, Imogen Xxxxxxxx and Rebecca Xxxxxx.

Some year 10 students recently competed in the Australian Geography Quiz. Over 87,000 students from 807 schools entered the competition this year which requires students to demonstrate key geographical skills and knowledge. Students from our school achieved four high distinctions, three distinctions and two credits. Congratulations to all those that took part in the quiz.

**Distinctions:** Chalyce Xxxxxxxxxx, Sharyn Xxxxxx and Georgina Xxxxxx.

**Credits:** Jonathan Xxxx and Megan Xxxxxx

Note: See back page photo.
The geography quiz whiz team.  
**High distinction:** Sam Xxxx, Timothy Xxxxxxx, Imogen Xxxxxxx and Rebecca Xxxxxx  
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Help available for assignments, assessment tasks and homework  
Transport is available for out of town students:  
TUESDAYS – Armidale Road to Bellbrook  
THURSDAYS – Frederickton, Collombatti Road & Clybucca  
Parents may need to meet their students at the drop off points