

# KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# KIPLING WINS







Dates to Remember:

3<sup>rd</sup> March: P & C Meeting, Yr 9

Beach Day SWR

21st March: NV Basketball Boys

and Girls CH

31st March: Yr 12 SLR Camp

6<sup>th</sup> April: Creative Arts Excursion

Yr9- Yr 12

7<sup>th</sup> April: P & C Meeting and

AGM

8<sup>th</sup> April: Term 1 Ends

# Kempsey High School P&C MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

7.30pm in School Library

Everyone Welcome

Our Canteen
Desperately needs helpers!
Can you spare one day a
month?
Phone Leanne 65624811

### **Attention Mum, Dad and Guardians**

Keep up with your kids<sup>©</sup>

It is not too late to learn new skills and technology!





### **Sign up for Certificate II Business**

While your kids are at school... you can learn computers and office skills.

**Contact Toni 6560 2917** 

#### SAINTS COMETS NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DATES

SAINTS COMETS ARE HAVING THEIR REGISTRATION DAYS ON FRIDAY  $19^{th}$  And Saturday  $20^{th}$  Feb, 2011 between 4-6 pm at the netball courts, Belgrave st, Kempsey. All players, new and existing welcome.

Please note, all fees to be paid before the first game on  $26^{th}$  March.

**ENQUIRIES- ROBYN- 0439404257** 

MICHELLE- 0413334434

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I welcome new parents and students to the Kempsey High community. You are joining a large group of people: grandparents, parents and thousands of ex-students who at one time or another went to Kempsey High. Our job is to work in partnership with you and I hope you will receive our fullest cooperation in this task. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you.

We have welcomed a number of new teachers to Kempsey High School. Mrs Linette Baker has replaced Mrs Nerida Mosely as Deputy Principal following Mrs Mosely's appointment as Principal of Walcha Central School. Ms Marianne Curtis has transferred from Sydney as our new counsellor. We welcome back Ms Briellen Lock (Science) and a number of teachers to the Mathematics faculty Mr Bill Shannon, Ms Natalie Cater, Mr Peter Lowe and Mr Colin Young. Mrs Jenny Williams has returned from her leave as relieving head teacher (mathematics).

#### **School Council**

Nominations are being received at the school office up until 25<sup>th</sup>. February 2011 for parent representatives on the school council. If required, the election will occur

in the week from the 7<sup>th</sup>. To 11<sup>th</sup>. March 2011. Please consider nominating someone who can contribute to our school improvement efforts.

### **Focus Groups**

The School Council is arranging for Judy Blomfield, Ray Davis and Alison Barker to conduct parent focus groups later this term and next. Opportunities will be provided for parents to come together at a number of venues throughout the valley to talk about the school and how it can be improved. I am particularly interested in your views about strengthening our partnership but I hope you will feel free to comment on any aspect of the school. You will receive a letter outlining the dates, times and places for these focus groups. At that time we will outline what we will do with the information you provide and how we will feed back what we have done as a result of your advice.

#### Calendar

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. February Immunization Day: Year 7 and Year 10.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. March School Photos

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March P&C Meeting (AGM postponed until 7<sup>th</sup> .April)

### **Parent Help**

Parenting is challenging. The State Government funded helpline, Parent Line NSW provides a free support service to parents across NSW. Highly skilled professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to take calls from parents and carers about any parenting issue.

Their website for parents, carers and professionals ( www.parentline.org.au ) has a range of tip sheets for parents about contemporary issues facing families today,

some parenting stories written by our counselling team that normalise parenting challenges and some links to other NSW wide services.

They are particularly focusing on rural and remote families currently, because the statistics indicate that families from these areas of NSW are less likely to contact us with a small issue and tend to manage things along until there is a major crisis (like a child running away or violent behaviour of the child).

The telephone counselling line is **1300 1300 52** and is available for the cost of a local call from a land line.

### **Penrith Panthers**

Last week, players from the Penrith Panthers National Rugby League team visited Kempsey High as part of the *Dream*, *Believe*, *Achieve* program. The players spoke to a mixed group of students who relished the opportunity to be involved. The program is aimed at inspiring students to reach their potential in all aspects of life – to have a dream and work to make it a reality.

### **Swimming**

Team members of Kipling house swam strongly all day to win the recent Kempsey High School swimming carnival. They finished on 633 points. Barrie house took second place (570 points), Lawson house came third (509 points) and Masefield house were fourth (411points).

Age champions are: Jake Sydenham and Shianne Austin (12 years), Shaun Heuston, Courtney Dowling and Jade Konieczny (13 years), Matthew Ashley and Demi Pierpoint(14 years), Joshua Heuston and Bianca Roberts (15 years),

Joshua Roberts, Alisha Kesby and Gabrielle Heuston (16 years) and Zeb Cheers and Jessica Daniel (17+ years).

### **Studying Japanese**

The Argus story about the opportunity for students in any of the public schools in the Macleay Valley to learn to speak Japanese after school at Kempsey High has created a lot of interest. Last week we caught up with Alison Jones who participated in the first Kempsey High visit to Japan back in 2005. It was a defining experience for Alison who went on to an International Studies degree at Macquarie University. Last December, Alison was one of a number of Australian university students who went to Japan as the guest of the Japanese Government. Alison finishes her degree this year and then plans to undertake a year Masters Degree three International Studies. Her goal is to join the diplomatic corps. From little things big things grow ...

### For Sale

Tables, assorted furniture. Phone the school office 6562 6166

### Learn Japanese

This year students attending the sixteen other Macleay schools in the Educational Community (MECS) will have opportunity of studying a Japanese language course. The course has taken twelve months to develop and trial and was unveiled to local MECS principals last December. The course is modular, meaning that after an eight week commitment to attend after school lessons twice a week for one term, it is possible to either continue on or pause and rejoin the course at a later term over a period of years. Courses will be conducted in the Kempsey High library on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Students can travel to Kempsey High from their own school by bus. Car pools will supplement the homework centre bus service which takes students home after the school's homework centre tutoring. Contact Mrs Louise Ryan for further information (6562 6166).

Kempsey Hornets
Soccer club sign up now on at 48
River Street West Kempsey, 9am to
6pm daily, More Information phone
Liz 0408656267

#### **Games Courts**

Last week the finishing linemarking touches topped-off the refurbished games courts for basketball, netball and volleyball. The two courts look great and will serve the students and staff well for years to come. The students couldn't wait to try out the new courts which really add freshness to the landscape adjacent to the new Language Centre and the Aboriginal Centre which is due for completion later in the year.



### **Study Skills Camp**

Year 11 students commenced their two year course for the HSC with a study skills camp held at Bonny Hills last week. The annual camp provides an extended opportunity for students to upgrade their study skills and develop new capacities to equip them for the rigor of senior courses. Several staff attended the camp over the three days to provide students with the specific skills relevant to their courses. The camp was a great opportunity for the Year 11 group to get to know each other better and build the cohesion and teamwork of a strong senior group.

### **Attention Parents**

The Medicare Teen Dental Plan provides for free dental examination, prophylaxis and fluoride treatment for each eligible teenager.

We will bulk bill this treatment for students who have received a voucher from Medicare Australia.

In addition to this free treatment we will give free X-ray examination if required until the end of December.

Please phone or call in to make an appointment with one of our Dental Hygienists or Dentists (Suelle Coy, Sharnee Chapman, Paul Li or Phai Prakhya)

Paul Li Dental Surgery 28 Clyde Street

Kempsey 2440 Phone: 65631377

### **Careers News**

- 1. If you are interested in perusing a technical trade, a Defence Technical Scholarship could be the head start you need. Not only will you receive \$3000 for year 12 students, a DTS Scholarship also helps you study for your dream tech trade career. For more information talk to Mr Rix in the careers office
- 2. The University Roadshow will be visiting Kempsey High on Friday 18th February 1:30-3:30pm.

Representatives from the University of New England, Charles Sturt Uni and Southern Cross Uni will provide a presentation covering the admission process, accommodation options, financial considerations, University life and answer many of your questions Aboriginal Clients of

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# Medicare Teen Voucher Days

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of March

## Year 10/Year 12 Exams

If your child needs Special Provisions for the School Certificate or for the Higher School Certificate, they need to undergo testing to determine requirements as well as make an application through the school.

For further information please phone Mrs Secomb or visit:

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/special-



# Maths and English

Years 7-12 - All Levels

Call Peter Field 6562 2850

Kempsey and South West Rocks



provisions/

# KHS- Year 12 - 2011 Assessment Task Calendar

 $Put\ this\ Calendar\ on\ your\ notice board\ or\ fridge,\ so\ you\ can\ remind\ yourself\ of\ due\ dates.$ 

### Term 1-2011

| Week/Date                     | Assessment Tasks due- see your teacher for details so you can prepare  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Term 1                        |  |  |  |
| Week 2<br>Jan 31 – Feb 4      | Advanced English – Area of Study Essay   |  |  |
| Week 3<br>Feb 7 - 11          | Ancient History Source Analysis 20%, Biology (Open Investigation Practical) 15%; Chemistry/Secondary sources investigation 15%; Physics/Film analysis-Space 20%;   |  |  |
| Week 4<br>Feb 14- 18          | Earth and Environment Case Study 15%; Photo & Digital Media-Manipulated forms. Visual Arts Post Modern in depth study 10%Senior Science (lifestyle chem. Skills test)  |  |  |
| Week 5<br>Feb 21 -25          | Marine Studies/Boating licence 15%;  |  |  |
|                               | Senior Science/Oral presentation 15%;  |  |  |
| Week 6<br>Feb 28- March 4     | Advanced & Standard English (16.4%)  |  |  |
| Week 7<br>March 7 - 11        | MUSIC: VIVA VOCE / FILES_PERFORMANCE 25%; Business Studies/Financial Planning and Management 5%; 2 Unit Music/Portfolio: Musicology 25%; Textiles/Designer research & progress on MTP folio/practical 15%;   |  |  |
| Week 8<br>March 14 - 18       | SLR –aquatic games skills and rules 20%; Drama/Tragedy assessment task 10%; Food Technology/Experimental practical task-food product development;  |  |  |
| Maron 11                      | Marine Studies Prac Ass 20%  |  |  |
| Week 9<br>March 21 - 25       | Industrial technology – Industry Study 10%; Construction in class assessment 25%; Modern History/Research essay 25%; 2Unit Primary Industries/Integrated pest management assignment 10%; General Maths Progress Test 15%; 2U maths Progress test 15%; English Ext 1 30% Business Studies-marketing plan15% |  |  |
| Week 10<br>March 28 – April 1 | Ancient History/Historical enquiry and research task 20%; Marine Studies/Constructing equipment for use in the marine environment 15%; SDD; Senior Science-(Medical technology –oral presentation) Extension maths progress test 5%;   |  |  |
| Week 11<br>April 4 – April 8  | Advanced & Standard English due 4/4/11 15.2%<br>Creative Arts Excursion 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> April   |  |  |

### KHS-Term 2- 2011

| Week/Date                    | Assessment Tasks due- see your teacher for details so you can prepare   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Term 2                       |   |
| Week 1<br>April 26– April 29 |   |
| Week 2<br>May 2 –May 6       | Pre Trial- As per the Exam timetable  |
| Week 3<br>May 9- 13          | Pre Trial-  |
| Week 4<br>May 16 - 20        | Photo and Digital media Introduction to wet photography 45%;  |
| Week 5<br>May 23 - 27        | Work placement – Hospitality. PDHPE Health Issues report 20%; Physics/Industry recommendation (M'n'G)20%;             |
| Week 6<br>May 30 –June 3     | Biology (Practical Investigations) 15%; Food Technology/Research task-The Australian Food Industry; English Ext 2 40% |
|                              |   |

| Week 7<br>June 6 -<br>June 10 | Textiles –Designer research 15%; Business Studies/Employment Relations 10%; Drama/Australian plays-2 plays + group and individual; Hospitality/Work Placement Research; Senior Science/Skills task 20%;   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Week 8<br>June 13– June 17    | Earth and Environment Research task 20%   |
| Week 9<br>June 20 - 24        | Primary Industries- Logbook /assessment 20% Hospitality research task; Marine Studies/Field Work 15%; 2 Unit Primary Industries/Log book and competency assessment 20%; Advanced & Standard English 16.4% |
| Week 10<br>June 27- July 1    | SLR – resistance training program 25%   |

Please check with your teacher the actual date of task

# KHS-Terms 3- 2011

| Week/Date       | Assessment Tasks due- see your teacher for details so you can prepare  |
|-----------------|--|
| Term 3          |  |
| Week 1          | Modern History/Research essay 10%;   |
| July 18 -22     |  |
| Week 2          |  |
| July 265– July  | Visual Arts: Conceptual frames essay 10%; Textiles –MTP/practical/folio progress & fabric research 30%; Drama/Trial practical-group and individual 20%; English Ext 2 -40% Advanced & Standard English 16.6 % Business Studies – Global business report 15%  |
| Week 3          |  |
| Aug 1 – Aug 5   | Hospitality prac Exam. PDHPE Triathlon analysis 20%; Ancient History/Communication of Historical Understanding 20%; Earth and Environmental Science/Practical task 25%; Marine Studies-25%; General Maths Progress Test 15%; 2U maths Progress test 15%; Physics/Experimental write up (I-o-I)28%; Textiles/MTP practical portfolio 20%; |
| Week 4          | Chemistry/Performing and reporting first hand investigation 35%; English Ext 1   |
| Aug 8- Aug 12   |  |
| Week 5          |  |
| Aug 15-Aug 19   | Construction 25%- in class prac exam25%; SLR Net and court games skills and report 25%; SDD-Major Project (includes Selected Core)30%;   |
| Week 6          | Primary Industries Portfolio/Report 10%; Business Studies/Global Business 15%  |
| Aug 22 – Aug 26 | Earth and Environment Practical Task 30%, Biology (Research Task) 30%;Photo & Digital Media –Temporal accounts+exhibition 45%; 2 Unit Primary Industries/Portfolio including work placement record 10%;  |
| Week 7          |  |
| 29 Aug – Sep 2  | Trial HSC – as per the Exam timetable  |
| Week 8          | Trial HSC-   |
| Sep 5 –Sep 9    |  |
| Week 9          | Hospitality/Log Book-ongoing;  |
| Sep 12 –Sep 16  |  |
| Week 10         |  |
| Sep 19 – Sep 23 |  |

## Kempsey High School Fees 2011

(Fees are subject to change at the beginning of each year)

#### **General School Contributions**

Year 7 - 10 \$50.00 Year 11 - 12 \$60.00

Per Family \$80.00 Maximum

### **Subject Material Contributions**

### Years 7 & 8 (Compulsory Subjects)

Technology Mandatory \$52 (All Yr 7&8 students provide own apron available from front office

\$6.60)

Visual Arts \$13.00 Music \$6.00

Agriculture \$ 6.00 Y7 only

### Years 9 & 10 (Elective Subjects)

| Agriculture                      | \$24.00 | Music                    | \$19.00 |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| Cartooning                       | \$19.00 | Photography              | \$37.00 |
| Child Care                       | \$29.00 | Commerce                 | \$7.00  |
| Computer Studies                 | \$14.00 | Tech Metal Y9            | \$40.00 |
| Drama                            | \$35.00 | Tech Metal Y10           | \$60.00 |
| Food Technology -Y9 (incl apron) | \$95.00 | Tech Wood Y9             | \$60.00 |
| Food Technology Y10              | \$90.00 | Tech Wood Y10            | \$70.00 |
| Gooris on the Job                | \$10.00 | Textile & Design         | \$32.00 |
| Marine Studies                   | \$24.00 | Physical Activity and    |         |
| Dance                            | \$10.00 | Sports Studies (Y9 & 10) | \$10.00 |
| Maths Science Ext                | \$24.00 | Visual Arts              | \$36.00 |

#### Years 11 & 12

| Ancient History      | \$12.00 | Industrial Technology Yr11  | \$60.00  |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Business Studies     | \$12.00 | Industrial Technology Yr12  | \$25.00* |
| Biology              | \$20.00 | Legal Studies               | \$12.00  |
| Chemistry            | \$20.00 | Marine Studies              | \$30.00  |
| Computing(All)       | \$20.00 | Mathematics                 | \$12.00  |
| Construction         | \$58.00 | Modern History              | \$16.00  |
| Drama                | \$48.00 | Music                       | \$25.00  |
| Engineering Studies  | \$14.00 | PD/H/PE                     | \$13.00  |
| Earth & Env Sc       | \$20.00 | Photography                 | \$50.00  |
| Food Tech 2U - Yr12  | \$58.00 | Physics                     | \$20.00  |
| Geography            | \$16.00 | Primary Industries          | \$60.00  |
| Hospitality          | \$96.00 | Sport, Leisure & Recreation | \$11.00  |
| Hospitality Uniform  | \$84.00 | Textile & Design            | \$31.00* |
| -Or hire uniform for | \$36.00 | Visual Arts 2U              | \$50.00  |
| *plus projects       |         | Visual Design               | \$30.00  |
|                      |         | Work studies                | \$12.00  |
|                      |         |                             |          |

#### Got your Ls ... or planning to get them?

keys2drive – a joint initiative of the Australian Automobile Association's clubs (ie NRMA in NSW) and the Australian Government – is set to change how novice driver training is delivered in Australia. Over time, it is hoped that the keys2drive program will contribute to a reduction in the number and severity of crashes involving young drivers.

A keys2drive lesson is unique for a number of reasons:

- it's FREE the Australian Government is funding a total of 200,000 lessons Australia-wide
- it can only be delivered by a specially accredited keys2drive professional instructor
- it gets the Learner's supervising driver (most often mum or dad) involved too teaching them the safest way to coach their Learner; and
- it has the support of Australia's motoring clubs, licensing authorities and driver training industry.

A recent survey of more than 200 keys2drive customers reported a 94% overall satisfaction rating with the program.

If you already have your Ls or are planning to get them over summer, or if you're a parent and will be or are already supervising a Learner driver, book now to avoid disappointment.

Log on to www.keys2drive.com.au to register your details and book your free keys2drive lesson.









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# **KHS 2011 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**























# **House Points**

Kipling: 633

Barrie: 570

Lawson: 509

Masefield: 411

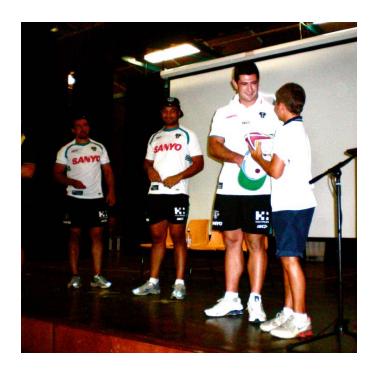
## **DREAM ~ BELIEVE ~ ACHIEVE**

Brian Walker, Junior Paulo and Sam McKillion made an appearance at Kempsey High to share their insights and accomplishments to some very lucky and proud students, for Dream, Believe and Achieve day.

These gentlemen have represented their state and country in many different football clubs including; The Penrith Panther's Parramatta Eels, Dragons, New Zealand and Four Nations and many more.

They spoke about their experiences in junior clubs around the Mid North Coast and Maclean. They shared their personal journey's on how they eventually progressed into the ranks of N.R.L standing and when they first made their debut as professional footballers.





They talked about their dreams and aspirations, as well as how hard they've worked to achieve their goals and dreams along the way.

They stick by their mantra of Dream, Believe and Achieve, especially when training 5 days a week, to give them hope, strength and to stay in good spirit.











Harmony was a focal point in their presentation and they instilled important messages for all students and community members to adhere to. They re-iterated the importance of working together with each other, no matter what your heritage or background to build a legacy of acceptance towards religious and cultural beliefs as well as others way of life.

### Welcome Year 7 2011

This year Kempsey High School welcomed 97 fresh new faces into our Year 7 classes. They have all learnt to cope with the changing dynamics of different classrooms and having different teachers for each subject with success. The students are enjoying our wide range of Tech subjects including metalwork, textiles and cooking. Having now mastered where everything is at Kempsey High School Year 7 can be regularly found partaking of the canteens delicious food and drinks or up at the library which has become a favourite 'hang out' and they are learning to access the variety of resources it houses. Mr Saul has introduced them to the Ag farm and the new classroom that was completed last year.

So far this term our Year 7 students have had the opportunity to participate in a number of activities including the swimming carnival and a visit by a number of the Penrith Panthers football players.

Year 7's participation in the swimming

carnival was fabulous and it was lovely to see so many of them dressed up in their house colours. In all they were a wonderful addition to the day and their behaviour was exemplary. A week later a few students even represented the school at the zone swimming trials held here in Kempsey. Go Year 7!!

A reminder to students and parents of Year 7 that the homework centre is available three days a week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) as the assessment tasks and homework activities are starting to roll in. Please encourage students to ask questions if they are needing help and don't forget if an extension of time is needed to send in a note or make a phone call BEFORE the due date.

In all we've had a great start to the year and we have many exciting times to look forward to.

Lisa Hall Year 7 Advisor





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### HOMEWORK AND TUTOR CENTRE

KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
3.30pm to 5.00pm
MONDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME

Light refreshments available

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

The centre provides support to any student who is having difficulties in any subject or those who simply want some extra Help.

Computers, internet and printers are available in this time. Bookings are essential for catering so please let the Library staff know by recess two if you are attending that afternoon.



# EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER

In June/July 2011, students aged 14 – 19 years from Europe, the USA and South America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice another language, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.



Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family....and your relatives and friends....will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. <a href="http://studentexchange.org.au/">http://studentexchange.org.au/</a>