



KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School Captains Meet the Governor

On 13 May, our School Captains, Jessica Ryan and Brendan Williams flew to Sydney to meet with the, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Governor of New South

Wales, to participate in the Secondary School Students' Leadership Program for School Captains, at the New South Wales Parliament House, in Macquarie Street. *Story Page 6*

Dates to Remember

May

- Mon 23 *Year 12 Work Placements*
 Year 10 English Exams
- Wed 25 *Sister Speak (Yr 9)*
- Thurs 26 *Year 10 English Film*
 (pd 3-6)

June

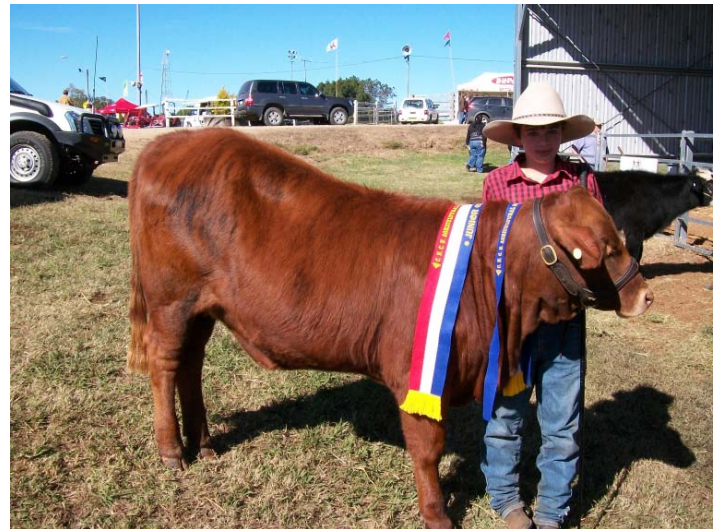
- Wed 1 *Sister Speak (Yr 9)*
- Thurs 2 *KHS Athletics*
 SRC Regional Meeting
- Fri 3 *SRC Regional Meeting*
- Wed 8 *ICAS Science*
 Year 11 Evolution
 Aust Biota
 Year 11 Marine Science
 SisterSpeak (Yr 9)
- Thurs 9 *KHS Athletics Back up*
 Day
- Fri 10 *NC Regional X Country*
- Wed 15 *Sister Speak(Yr9)*
- Thurs 16 *Zone Athletics,Nambucca*

From the Principal

Show Success



Kempsey High shared in a number of school successes at last week's Kempsey Show. The cattle team led several dairy cows and heifers for Howard and Trevor Lee and brought back numerous ribbons. One highlight was the junior champion ribbon awarded to Lachlynd Byrne for the under 12 months brangus heifer.



A second highlight was Rachel Hill's equal second out of 16 competitors in the dairy judging section. The school also won a first prize for honey and several students won prizes for art. The school is particularly proud of the

Kempsey High School **P & C Meeting**

Thurs 2 June,2011
Ground floor of B Block



many students who volunteered time to be stewards in the cattle and poultry sections and in the canteen. Many students and several staff helped on the school's stall which featured a see through bee hive constructed by Chris Cooper. The school's historical records were again a popular attraction. A fitting conclusion on the second night was a display of Mr Saul's Camel riding skills – dressed in a Kempsey High footy jersey with whip in one hand and belt in the other.

Dancers Last year's Area Dance Festival participants performed their Moulon Rouge routine for guests at the recent Cancerian Ball. The girls performed the dances choreographed by Mrs Hopkins and gave the dresses sewn last year by the Anglican ladies group a new lease of life. The

performance was well received by patrons.

Rabbit Farm Agriculture students visited John and Margaret James' Macleay Valley Rabbits last fortnight. The students learnt a great deal and John and Margaret did a lot of preparation to make the visit an outstanding educational success. We sincerely thank them for their hospitality. On the return journey the group had a BBQ lunch at Turners Flat Bridge and managed to catch a few bass and sort out the stories about the ones that got away.

Creative Arts Excursion

Just prior to the holidays, Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Photography students participated in the annual Creative Arts excursion. A highlight of the excursion was the visit to ArtExpress, the exhibition of the best art works from the 2010 HSC. Drama students participated in a three hour intensive workshop at the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA). The students saw three plays and heard a talk from a director. Art students visited galleries including the Art Gallery of NSW and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The excursion forms an important part of the students' preparation for their HSC

Excursion to Crescent Head Beach

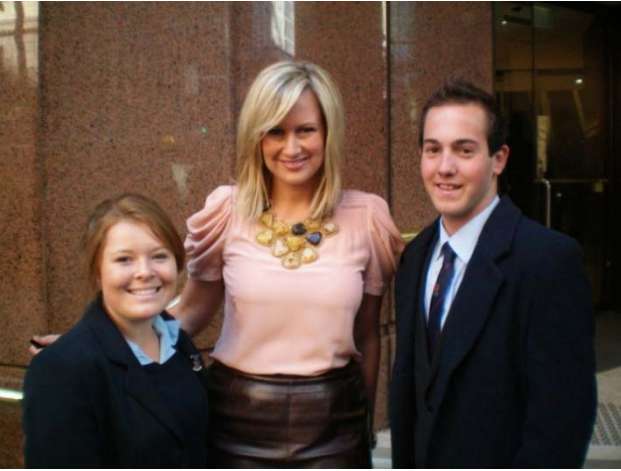


Kempsey High's Year 10 spent an enjoyable day at Crescent Head studying coastal processes that shape our coastal environment.

The students examined issues that threaten the coastal environment.

They gathered a range of primary data through fieldwork and were confident that their skills would assist them in devising their own research action plans.... and it was a beautiful day to be learning about the environment in the environment.

Our Captains meet the Governor



They arrived at New South Wales Parliament House at 9.45 am, where they registered to participate in the daily program. The Parliament of New South Wales is Australia's oldest legislative body. It had its beginnings when New South Wales was a British Colony under the control of a Governor appointed by the British Government

The School Captains were addressed by Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Parliamentary Education Staff and were given a guided tour of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers. There are three main elements of government: legislative, executive and judiciary. The legislative makes the laws. The Executive administers or applies the laws and the Judiciary adjudicates on the laws.

The special day recognizes the leadership role of students and offers

them the opportunity to develop knowledge and support values around education, civics and citizenship education in schools

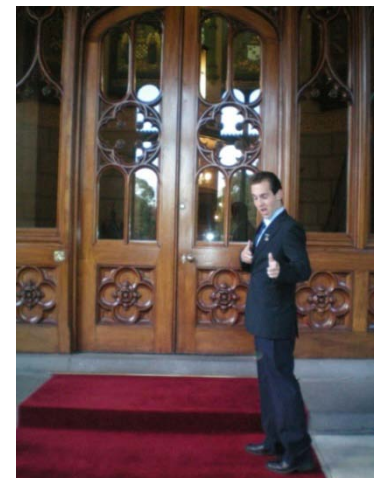
Just before lunch the students were given an address about community leadership and then had lunch in the New South Wales Parliament House.

After lunch they were escorted by staff for a walk to the New South Wales Government House in Macquarie Street, and then assembled at the Government House, for a guided tour by staff of the Historic Houses Trust. It was also fun to mingle with some well known guests!



Our captains met with Her Excellency the Governor at 2.30 pm, where Professor Bashir gave an address to the students. A question and answer session followed about the principal functions of Parliament and the role of the Governor.

Congratulations to Jessica and Brendan !



National Junior Squash

Claudia M^cGarry is a year nine student at our school who has recently been making a big impression in the physical and competitive sport of squash.

She recently competed in the National Junior Series held in Dural during the Easter school holidays, where over two hundred competitors from every stage and territory as well as forty international players from as far away as Hong Kong competed

In her age group Claudia finished a very credible 4th nationally and in doing so gave Queensland's LaKeesha Rarere (Australia's No 1.) a very serious challenge

Claudia will be playing in approximately eighteen tournaments this year along with a number of state squad training camps.

She will also be representing Kempsey High and the North Coast (depending upon selection) when she competes in the Combined High School Competitions in New South Wales this year.



Claudia trains for two hours, three days a week and plays completion squash two nights a week. She also regularly runs two kms before and after school and somehow manages to keep on top of her homework and assignments.

Claudia has a number of goals and one is to train hard and work toward ranking as the number one squash player nationally. She is currently ranked as No. 1 on the north coast and No.2 in New South Wales and she is ranked at No 5. nationally.

Merit Award Assembly

The first Merit Award Assembly for students receiving Bronze and Silver awards was held in Week 2 this term. Age Champions also received their medals for the swimming carnival held in first term. Congratulations to all students who are striving to achieve their best in all areas of school life. Many students also received a meritorious award. These awards were introduced last year for students who have no RISC reports , 95% attendance and wearing correct uniform .

Bianca Roberts, 15 yrs Age Swimming Champion. Bianca also travelled to Homebush representing the North Coast at the State Swimming Championships .Congratulations!



Us Young Women Matter National Workshop



Shari Roberts recently attended a two-day National Workshop in Melbourne on 12 /13 May, with the Secretariat of

National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care.

The national workshop selected twenty young women from around the nation (with supporting Elders and chaperones) to share ideas, hopes and

ambitions for their future as well as the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

The participants developed artworks, digital images, stories, soundtracks, posters and calendars promoting positive messages about culture, education and health.

Shari enjoyed the experience. She liked participating in the project, meeting new people, the singing, art and dance initiatives. She also enjoyed the flight to Melbourne, seeing new things, trying new foods and overall she said, "It was great!!"

The Support Class has been doing poetry for English.
Here are a few offerings in the style of a limerick.

“An Ode to Chocolate”

**I ‘m not allowed chocolate no more,
cos it makes me throw up on the floor.
Although it’s delicious,
I became suspicious,
when I couldn’t fit through the door.**

by Khesanh Ewan.

“Pirate”

There once was an old pirate from the Caribbean,
whose galleon belonged in a museum.
His dim eyes were green,
his canon was mean,
and he would have sunk more ships if he’d seen ‘em.

By a team effort.

“My Girlfriend S.R.”

**There once was a girl in year ten,
her face was pretty and then,
Her eyes were blue,
like the ocean I knew,
and I’ve liked her from way back when.**

by James Mulherin

Transition at KHS



The first transition for year 6 students from our partner schools was held last week. The students participated in a day of structured lessons in science, language, art and textiles. The teachers have praised the students for their wonderful behaviour and participation in their lessons. In Science the students learnt about forces, having fun launching film canisters as rockets. In art they participated in drawing and painting living chooks, in textiles they participated in fabric design and in language and English the students learnt to speak some French and construct a creative story. All in all it was a very successful day in which year 6 learnt about our school, navigating classrooms,

meeting future teachers, liaising in the playground with friends and siblings. Thank you to the teachers involved on the day your creative lessons and supervision.



S Marsh Transition Coordinator.

Netball 4th April 2011

On Monday 4th April 2011 the Lower North Coast Zone netball held the first two rounds of the CHS competition and selection trials for the Zone team to travel to Yamba on 30th May.

Kempsey High was ably represented by Rhyann Roberts, Nikayla Sines, Taylor Kelly Scholes, Rebecca Shackleton, Camille Wood, Sheridan Cochrane Smith, Carly Ward, Shari Roberts and Bianca Roberts.

For the first time in a long time the girls were victorious in their round 1 match defeating Nambucca Heads. They came up against a strong Wauchope team in Round 2 and although defeated must be commended for their sportsmanship. The girls were responsible for the positioning of the players and were so respectful of each other, working well as a team.

Thanks for making Kempsey High School so proud of all of you!

As Kempsey High School hosted the trials, a number of students came along to assist with duties such as timekeeping and scoring.

A huge thanks goes to Lily Collins, Maddison Whalen, Megan James, Demi Pierpoint, Jasmin Smith, Rachelle Gurney and Colby McMurrugh. Without people such as these, who were prepared to do the work behind the scenes, including packing equipment, trials like these simply wouldn't work or go ahead.

Kempsey High School also extends much gratitude to Jodi Woods, parent in our school, who yet again gave the entire day to volunteer as our netball umpire. Jodi is a badged netball umpire and was willing to give her time to perform this very necessary role for us. Thanks Jodi!

Nikayla Sines and Taylor Kelly Scholes both made the Possibles and Probables trials for the Zone team displaying the skills that have resulted in them being selected in the National Indigenous teams.

Unfortunately, their commitments to these teams means that they would be unavailable to attend North Coast Team Trials, and so they can go no further in the School competition.

There's always next year girls!

Under 15's Girls Soccer 2011

The girls 'Under 15's' soccer team played against Port Macquarie High school in Kempsey, on Friday 29/4. The team consisted of Megan James, Millie Mickle, Shannon Harvey, Demi Pierpoint, Tykea Dunn, Antionette Dunn, Chantaysha Dungay, Courtney Dowling, Rebecca Lee, Hope Hadley and Kirralee Faulkner. The girls lost 6

– 3 in a very close match. Antionette and Kirralee were our goal scorers. Chantaysha was very strong in the backs, with the port team struggling to get past her. Demi played an extremely good game in the mid field. Well done Girls! Also- a big thank you to referee Kinnie Ring and linesmen Josh Ryan and Jason Beard.

Open Boys Soccer

Kempsey High's Open Boys Soccer Team played in the Mid North Coast Soccer Knockout at Port Macquarie late last term. Our boys won the first game against Westport

and then lost to Melville in the second game. The boys played well on the day and also were great representatives for our school.



Employment Opportunities

Eagle Boys - Kempsey

are looking for casual staff in the following areas:

Customer service

Pizza Making

Pizza Cutting

Dough making

Delivery Driving &

General Kitchen duties

Current Award Rates Apply

(No experience required)

Minimum Age: 13 years & 6 months

Hours: 3.30 pm after school hours

Nights, Weekends, & Public Holidays

If you are interested... Pick-up an application form from Eagle Boys.

KEYS 2 DRIVE

helping parents teach their Learner driver

As a parent you may be a good driver; but being able to teach your Learner is not an easy task.

A recent national survey of more than 1,250 parents of Learner drivers found that almost half (45.5%) were nervous or apprehensive when they began teaching their teens how to drive.

keys2drive is a federally funded program that has been developed by the Australian Automobile Association which aims to take the drama out of learning to drive. It helps parents to prepare for their role as a supervising driver and to ensure that any time spent in the car with their Learner is successful and effective.

keys2drive is a **free** lesson (involving theory and on-road) delivered by an accredited professional driving instructor to any Learner who is accompanied by their supervising driver – most often a parent.

This program, the single largest Learner driver safety program undertaken in Australia, represents a unique and valuable experience for parents and their Learner drivers.

To register for a free lesson or to learn more, visit www.keys2drive.com.au



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the motoring clubs in each State and Territory***

HOST FAMILY REQUEST AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

In June/July 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability. You can download the newsletter notice here in [Word format](#), as a [JPG](#) or in [PDF format](#).

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also download some student profiles in either [Word format](#) or as a [JPG](#). This is just a small sample of all the students who will be arriving. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

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OVER 26 SCHOLARSHIPS ON OFFER

Each year we offer over 26 scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800. Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win.

- Your career advisor and/or language teachers may be interested to promote our 12 x Language, 2 x International Affairs and 3 x Indigenous scholarship opportunities valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800 each.
- Creative Arts teachers may like to be aware of our 9 Creative Arts Scholarships. Valued at up to 35% of the program price these scholarships are in the form of an on-line t-shirt design competition called '[Make Your Mark](#)'. The design theme for the current competition is 'FOREST'.
- Physical Education teachers may like to inform their students of our [Sports Scholarships USA](#) program, which is open to recreational or amateur sports men or women of low, average, and high level ability involved in basketball, tennis, soccer, volleyball or golf. A dedicated online information session will be held on Thursday 7th April at 6.30pm (AEST) for any students interested in finding out more. Further information is also included in the [newsletter notice](#).

Please note that the deadline for scholarship submissions for all programs departing between October 2011 - March 2012 is 30th April, 2011. More information on scholarships is available from [here](#).

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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Living Smart

creating sustainable communities



Are you interested in creating a simpler, healthier, more sustainable life?

Would you like to save money on household bills?

You are invited to the Macleay Living Smart Course brought to you by the North Coast TAFE and Kempsey Shire Council.

The Living Smart course is a series of practical workshops, especially tailored to local residents, about saving power and water, thinking about efficient transport, healthy homes and lifestyles, growing your own food and retrofitting your home.

The course will run on Wednesday evenings 6pm-8.30pm, beginning on Wednesday 25 May 2011 at the Macleay Valley Community Art Gallery in Gladstone. The course will run for six weeks and include field trips to homes and gardens in the Macleay.

Living Smart has been funded by the Federal Government and is free of charge to residents living in the Macleay. To register your interest please contact Wendy Grant, North Coast TAFE, by phone on 65602908 or email on wendy.grant2@tafensw.edu.au