



KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Maddison Whalen gets friendly with a young wallaby and her joey.

YEAR 7 SCIENCE BILLABONG EXCURSION

On the 24th May 2011 a large group of Year 7 students caught a bus to Port Macquarie's Billabong Wildlife Park.

This trip was to enhance the students study in the unit 'Living Together'.

The centre took the students on a fully guided tour of the park and the kids saw koalas, kangaroos, dingoes, reptiles, including snakes and lizards, and even spider monkeys.

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Dates to Remember:

Friday 10th. June

Regional Cross Country, Nan Glen

Wednesday 15th. June

Year 9 Sista Speak mentoring.
Under 15 Netball, Port Macquarie.

Thursday 16th. June

Zone Athletics, Nambucca Heads

Friday 17th. June

Regional Cross Country, Nana Glen
back up date.

Monday 20th. June

Biology, Chemistry, Physics UNE

Tuesday 21th. June

Spelling & Writing Competition.
Kempsey Eisteddfod
Biology, Chemistry, Physics UNE

Wednesday 22nd. June

Kempsey Eisteddfod
Year 9 Sista Speak.

Thursday 23rd. June

Year 12 Newcastle University
Kempsey Eisteddfod

Friday 24th. June

Zone Tennis
Kempsey Eisteddfod

Tuesday 28th. June

NAIDOC Assembly
15 Years Netball, Port Macquarie

Reminder to Parents

**Please remember to advise
the school if your student's
contact details have changed.**

This ensures top security and
expedites contact should an
emergency occur.

Kempsey High School

P&C MEETING

4th. August 2011

7.15pm in B Block

Everyone Welcome

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.**

Holidays: 2nd. to 17th. July 2011

*School Development Day:
Monday 18th. July 2011*

*Students Return to School:
Tuesday 19th. July 2011*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Wingham Beef Week

No sooner had they packed up from the Kempsey Show, the young men and women in the cattle team were back at it again, this time at the Wingham Beef Week. The four day hoof and hook event saw the team secure 3rd place in class for the hoof and 5th. place in class for the hook. The students were judged on their handling techniques, parading of the animal and preparation for the hook. 210 students from 17 schools presented 70 animals. Wingham Beef Week was a great learning experience for our Agriculture students.

Sistaspeak

The Sistaspeak mentoring program is well underway. Following a training program held in 2010, mentors are generously offering their time to mentor Year 9 girls. The program is being managed by Aboriginal Education Officer, Natalie Smith and is facilitated by Linda Olive from the local area office. The program will be offered to surrounding schools later in the year.

No School No Play

24 students have accepted the challenge and begun the *No School No Play* program. The program involves the students participating in four basketball workshops with coaches from Basketball Australia. Students from participating schools accept the challenge to lift their school attendance during the course of the program. Following participation in the skills workshops the students pass on the skills to younger students. The 14 boys and 7 girls participated in the first workshop at Coffs Harbour Stadium recently. The next workshop will be held in Kempsey later in the term.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to Sam Harwood, Kinnie Ring and Bonnie Stibbard who represented the school at the central northern SRC meeting last week. Congratulations also to Tiffany Kirkwood, Ricky Sharp and Bonnie Stibbard (again), who were involved in last Friday's Youth Environmental Council meeting. These regional activities do much to

promote students' leadership skills and participation in local and regional initiatives. Currently, students in Year 11 are making decisions about nominating for leadership positions which they will take up in Term 3 to release our current captains, vice captains and prefects from their duties as they prepare for the HSC.

YEAR 7 BILLABONG EXCURSION

Lilly Collins and Shania Lee and one of the many koalas.



YEAR 7 BILLABONG EXCURSION

Students were given the opportunity to feed the kangaroos and wallabies in an open enclosure, with a group of girls even feeding a joey while it was in the pouch.

At the reptile presentation, students got to pat a python, crocodile and a blue tongue lizard. During the afternoon session they also got to pat a dingo.

Mr Lock and Mr Reid cooked a really good BBQ lunch with kids even coming back for fourths.

Student learnt a lot about how our native animals live and interact.

Students were also introduced to some very funny spider monkeys who played tricks on their keeper and had everyone laughing.



Darren Morris and Caleb Gardiner get to touch the python as Lionel Lockwood and Henry Vale look on.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE VOLUNTEERS



Each year we ask our Year 11 students to assist with the running of the Challenge for primary students. This year only two Year 11's could make it, Hayden Cameron and Jamie Lea Angus. So, our generous helpers from last year helped fill the gap.

Thanks



everyone!

SUCCESS AT WINGHAM BEEF WEEK



Kempsey High Agriculture students gained valuable experience at Wingham Beef Week. Eight students together with two teachers attended the four day annual event.

The first day of the event was educational, as local pest and weed officers spoke and carried out demonstrations. Day two was full of parading and judging while day three was the judging of the ‘on the hoof’ competition. The majority of students enjoyed their last day most of all, as they went to Wingham Abattoirs for judging of the ‘on the hook’ section.

Our steer “Nugget” was fed on grain for 100 days in preparation. Nugget was placed fifth in his class for the ‘on the hook’ section and the students won a third-place ribbon in Class One of the competition. Student Alex Rowsell was commended as Kempsey High Schools best all rounder, while Skye Matthews was nominated as herd’s person for the school group.

The next ‘hoof and hook’ competition for Kempsey High School will be held in Scone in October. The students are preparing two steers for the event.

SRC REGIONAL MEETING

On Thursday June 3rd, three students from Kempsey High School attended a Regional Student Representative Council Meeting at Coffs Harbour High School.

The students were Sam Harwood from Year 9, Bonnie Stibbard from Year 10 and Kinne Ring from Year 11.

There were various other representatives from most schools within our Northern New South Wales Region.

Students had the chance to share their achievements from within their own schools and their insights about Student Leadership.

Our representatives reported on the recent upgrades at Kempsey High and activities that the school has undergone during the past semester. They also spoke about the selection of our students to participate in the



State SRC Conference as representatives for the northern end of our region.

The State SRC selections are coming up and Kempsey High is hopeful that our students will be selected for the State SRC Conference- always an amazing and inspiring week!

Reporter: Kinne Ring

YOUTH ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

On Friday, June 3rd, Year 10 students Bonnie Stibbard, Ricky Sharp and Tiffany Kirkwood went to the regional Youth Environment Council (YEC) Meeting/Activities Day at Bongil Bongil National Park, in Coffs Harbour.

Children from primary schools and high schools from Port Macquarie to Grafton spent the day taking part in activities. These ranged from trying 'Bush Tukka' and walking through Bongil Bongil National Park to watching a show by Taronga Zoo. They also included hearing about other schools' environmental projects.



The day started with a presentation by Taronga Zoo staff, who visited from Sydney in their 'Zoomobile'. They had stick insects, frogs, lizards, snakes, possums and an echidna. During recess, Geoff Tomlins, gave a demonstration and on his own made an 'energy bike', which was very interesting.

After recess, Mark Flanders, an Aboriginal Elder and a keeper of the National Park, took us on a bush walk to find and try some 'Bush Tukka'.

The last two activities were a talk by Andrew Turbill, about the biodiversity of trees, and a demonstration on water quality by Max Osbourne from 'Waterwatch'.

The day was interesting and inspiring, and we learnt a lot from the activities and also from other schools' projects.

*Reporter:
Bonnie Stibbard*



NSW DEPT of SPORT &
RECREATION

July School
Holiday Programs

Sports Clinics

Baseball for Boys

Soccer for Girls

AFL for Girls

Fill out enrolment form and send
to:

Sport and Recreation
PO Box 121
Lennox Head NSW 2478
Or fax to:66874175

Enrolments close Friday July 1.
For Information

. Phone: 66180400
Or Email
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gov.au

Cost : Free

For full day sessions, lunch is
provided.

The PDHPE DEPT HAS
LEAFLETS AVAILABLE

MEDICARE
TEEN DENTAL
VOUCHER

The Medicare Teen Dental Voucher entitles 12 to 17 year olds to a preventative dental check.

If you received a voucher you can register your child with our service by contacting the Oral Health Contact Centre on **1300 651 625**, alternatively contact a private dental practitioner of your choice.

The vouchers will expire on 31st December 2011

**Kip McGrath**
Tuition

Maths and
English

Years 7-12 - All Levels

Call Peter Field
6562 2850

Kempsey and South West Rocks

Career and Transition Interviews

As part of the career and transition support program at KHS, Year 12 students will be individually interviewed by the Careers Adviser and Transition Adviser in week 8, commencing 13th June 2011

The interviews provide the opportunity to:

- Check each students Higher School Certificate eligibility
- Track the performance of each student following their half yearly exams
- Provide appropriate support strategies where needed in the lead up to the HSC exams

- Explore and map the future options for further education and employment

Students will be withdrawn from class as requested and each interview is anticipated to be approximately 20 minutes. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to attend and be engaged in the interview with their child. Appointment times can be made that are convenient for parents and carers.

If you have any further queries about the career and transition interviews please contact Mark Rix, Careers Adviser or Kevin Sinclair, Transition Adviser, on phone 6562 6166.

Year 12 University Visits

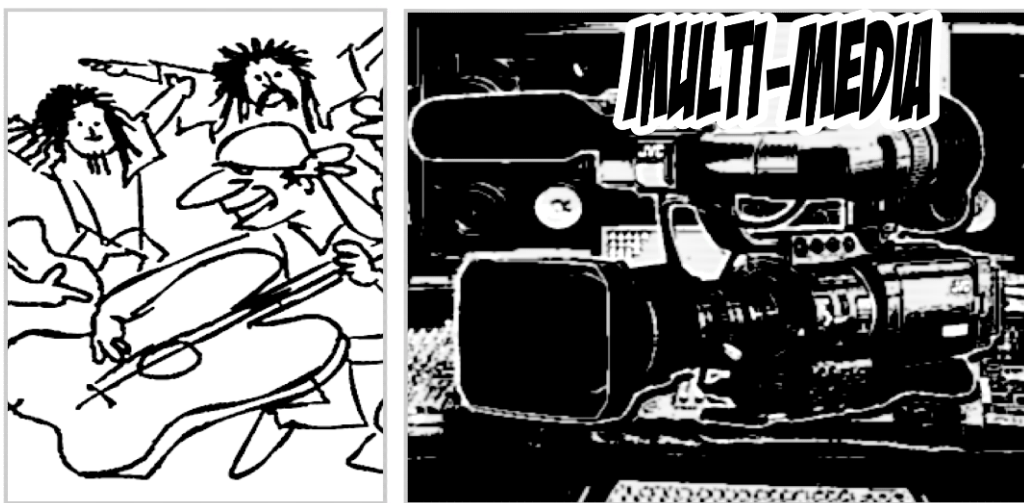
A small group of year 12 students recently visited Armidale to experience the University Of New England Open Day *Life at Altitude*.

This presented a great opportunity for students to experience first hand a taste of university life. Students experienced the academic, cultural, sporting and on-campus activities which will help them make informed decisions about their future.

The Newcastle University Senior Schools day will be on Thursday 30 June 2011 and students considering university for further education are encouraged to attend to gather as much information as possible to assist in their decision making.

(Mr Rix Careers Adviser)

PCYC HOLIDAY PROGRAM



DON'T MISS OUT ON BEING INVOLVED IN EXCITING
ACTIVITIES BEING RUN AT THE **PCYC** DURING THE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

LIMITED PLACES- YOU MUST RING TO RESERVE YOUR
POSITION . COST : FREE!

FIRE TWIRLING @ 11 AM - 12 NOON MONDAY - FRIDAY

DRUMMING @ 2 PM-3PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

MULTI MEDIA @ 4 PM - 6 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

ALL ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE PCYC

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