

KEMPSEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Education Minister Mr Piccoli Calls In



Education Minister Mr Adrian Piccoli called into the school on his way north in the first week of term 3 and headed for the farm before classes began to see students as they completed their morning duties. Mr Piccoli was accompanied by local Member for Oxley, Mrs Melinda Pavey. Mr Piccoli heard about the numerous farm enterprises and gained an understanding of why the school is a Lighthouse School for Agriculture. Mr Piccoli particularly wanted to learn about the establishment of the Kempsey High School Clontarf Academy and spoke with Anthony Delaney, Regional Manager for Clontarf; Bob Mumbler, Chairman of the Dunghutti Elders Council; Fred Kelly, President of the Macleay Valley Local AECG; Ray Davis, President of the Kempsey High School P&C; and members of the Junior AECG. Mr Piccoli's visit concluded with a visit to the students and staff in the Enterprise Centre and the KHARE program. The Enterprise Centre has significantly boosted the Year 10 to 12 retention rate due to its more personalised learning programs and the strong care given to students. The Kempsey High Attainment, Retention and Engagement Program (KHARE) has successfully re-engaged students with education programs.

2016 Calendar

August

Wednesday 10th. Winter Warriors at Lake
To Friday 12th. Keepit.
Saturday 13th. & Targeted Sports NRL
Tuesday 16th. Excursion
Tuesday 16th. & Year 12 Agriculture to
Wednesday 17th. Gunnedah Ag Quip
Saturday 20th. Debutante Ball

September

Friday 18th. End of Term 3

October

Monday 5th. Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 6th. Years 7-11 return Term 4

December

Wednesday 16th. Last Day Term 4 for
students.

HOMEWORK CENTRE

3.30pm to 5pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays

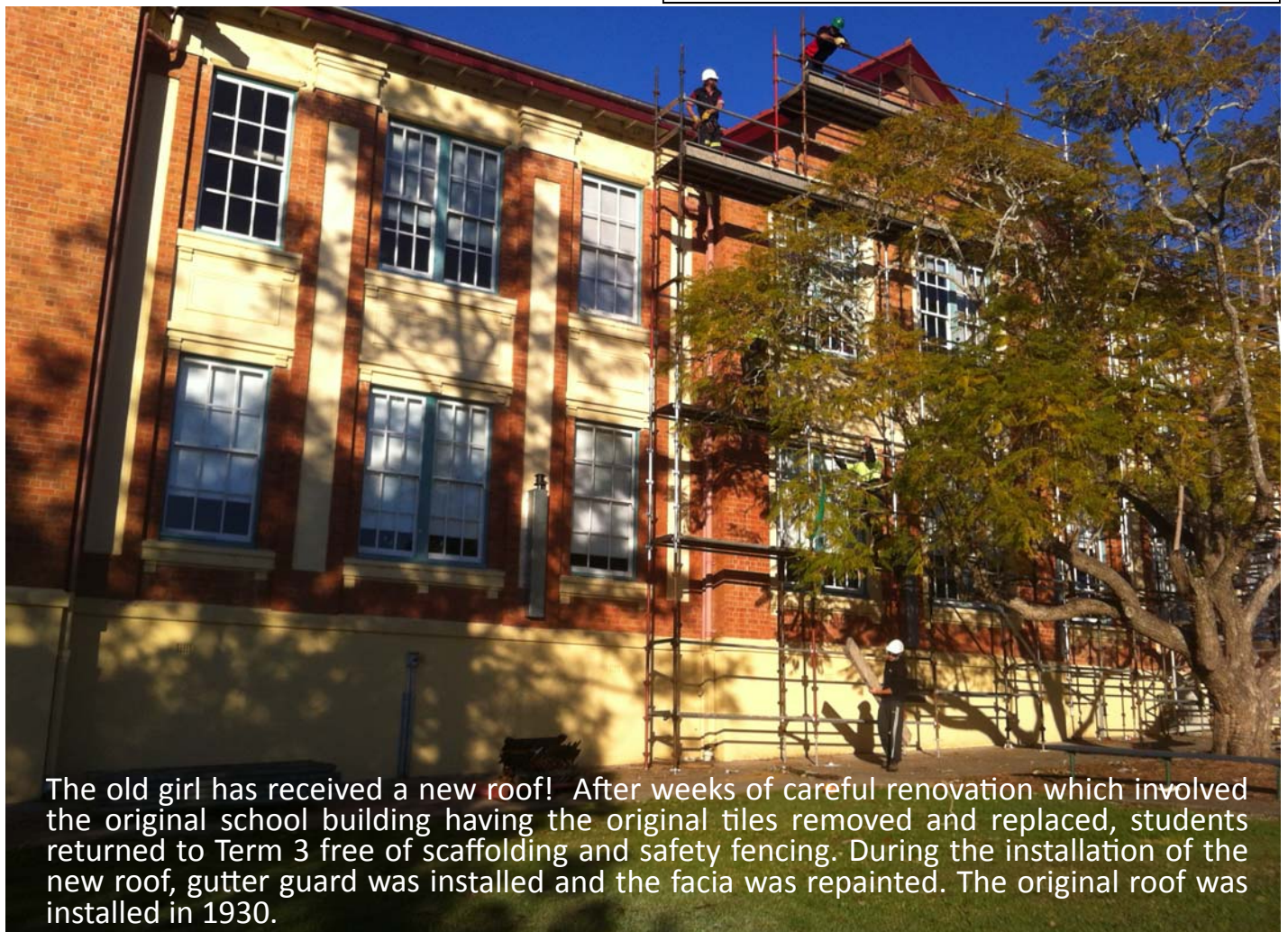
In the library.

**Bus home Tuesdays to Collombatti, Frederickton,
Spooners Ave. and along Armidale Road on Thursdays.**

**Book in by Recess 2 so food and transport
can be organised.**

Merit Awards Assembly

A large number of parents attended the Merit Awards assembly last fortnight which saw students in Years 7 to 11 receive their term 2 Merit Awards. 298 students received awards for their academic, sporting and civic achievements. 209 students reached Bronze level and 88 Silver Awards were awarded. Captain Drew Walsh was the only student to achieve Gold level so far in 2016.



The old girl has received a new roof! After weeks of careful renovation which involved the original school building having the original tiles removed and replaced, students returned to Term 3 free of scaffolding and safety fencing. During the installation of the new roof, gutter guard was installed and the fascia was repainted. The original roof was installed in 1930.

Macleay Public Schools

Awards For Academic Excellence



The seventeen Macleay Public Schools celebrated Education Week with the annual Awards For Academic Excellence last week. The awards ceremony which was held at Aldavilla Public School saw 38 students from across the valley receive acknowledgement and congratulations for their perseverance and academic achievements. Among the award winners were Ryan Vandenberg, Faith Taylor, Jesse Perrin, Leah Bexon, Katie McMillan and Jennifer Mitchell. Two highlights of the ceremony were the choral performances by Jemima Brooks, Willow Manton and Ruby-Jane Dixon Crisp from Melville High School and Kempsey High School's Indigo Velvet Choir. Indigo Velvet, conducted by Ms Karen Thrush and accompanied by Mrs Judy Murphy performed a beautifully harmonised medley of songs.

Golf Gets A Boost



Ray Robbins, the Mid North Coast Coordinator for the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation ran a golf teacher training session for primary and secondary teachers at Kempsey Golf Club recently. The foundation strongly supports the development and expansion of golf in schools. Students in the Kempsey High School Targeted Sports Program attended the afternoon session to enable the teachers to practise the golf coaching skills they had been taught earlier in the day. Twenty students participated in a 4 hole four person ambrose competition and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about this engaging sport. The teachers developed and applied their golf coaching skills and all the students gained valuable experience with the sport. We thank the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation for their support of junior golf.

Mission Australia Youth Survey

The Youth Survey is an annual survey conducted by Mission Australia which asks young people aged 15-19 across Australia to share their concerns, values and thoughts about the future. The information gathered each year is used to produce a national report, which is distributed widely to schools, community organisations and policy makers. The survey is available online at www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey. **The end date has been extended to August 14th** to allow more responses to come through and ensure that more young people are able to have their voices heard.

Tour of Honour



On 30th. June 2016, Kempsey High School hosted three of the NSW recipients of the nation's most respected honour – the Australian of the Year. The 2016 Tour of Honour enabled students from the Macleay schools and members of the community to meet and hear presentations from Dr Cath Keenan (Australia's Local Hero), Ms Elizabeth Broderick AO (NSW Australian of the Year) and Ms Melissa Abu-Gazaleh (NSW Young Australian of the Year). Students from St. Josephs School, St. Pauls College, Macleay Vocational College and Kempsey High School heard inspiring stories from each of the guests who are thought leaders in their fields. The students were inspired through being able to talk directly with the 2016 NSW recipients about their work to educate and support the vulnerable in our communities, and advocate for equality and better services to strengthen our society.

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Tracking Forward

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Kempsey High School has been working with Booroongen Djugun to analyse electricity consumption and provide feedback information to help reduce Booroongen's carbon footprint. The project began in 2010 when Booroongen Djugun planted 2,000 trees to assist in offsetting its carbon footprint. Students in Science classes calculated the effect of these plantings. In July 2015, Booroongen Djugun began consuming electricity made available from its own solar power. Students in Year 12 General Maths calculated that the consumption of electricity from the NSW grid reduced by a total of 54988.38 kwh (14.5%) for an equivalent period after commissioning of the solar collectors. Using the industry figure of 1 tonne of carbon dioxide produced from the consumption of 1,000 kilowatt hours, the eleven month reduction represented a saving of nearly 55 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide or an average of 5 tonnes per month. The project was a great opportunity to put the mathematics learnt in the course into a practical local application. The students made a series of recommendations to assist Booroongen to further reduce electricity consumption.

Dancers receive Accolades



A team of 28 students practised long and hard for this year's Southern Network Dance Festival held at Camden Haven High School. The students with the guidance of Mrs Hopkins presented three dance items at matinee and evening performances on two of the three festival days. Capacity audiences saw dancers from primary and high schools display a feast of talent and creativity. The costumes, lighting, music and choreography were superb and came together in rich performances which earned high praise from the audiences.

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Matsushige Homestays Reach 16



The 16th annual visit of students and staff from Matsushige Junior High School took place last fortnight. The 20 students and 3 staff immersed themselves in school life at Kempsey High. It was an opportunity to experience real Australian country life with many students having the opportunity to stay on farms with our families. The opportunity to participate in regular weekend activity was relished by the visitors. Many came together for a BBQ and bonfire on Saturday evening. During the visit the students and their hosts enjoyed a day at Timbertown to learn about Australia's history and culture (pictured above). A traditional highlight of the visit was the performance of the Awa (friendship) dance at the conclusion of the formal farewell assembly. (pictured right).



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