Dear Parents,

It has certainly been a busy few weeks at Kemps Creek PS with celebrations of achievement, transition programs, many Cowpasture Community of Schools activities and of course our fabulous Carols at the Creek night. We hope you enjoy reading about these events and the work being done in classes.

This week’s “Banner Kid” is Samantha who was recognised at Presentation Day last week for outstanding service to the school over all seven years of her schooling. She is reliable, polite and always prepared to help out where she can. She is indeed a wonderful representative of our school. Well done Samantha!

Miss Sue Bush  (Principal)

Prefects Profile

It has been a great year at Kemps Creek PS and we have appreciated this leadership role. It now has come to an end but we have good replacements for next year! Congratulations Christa, Antonio, Tiannah, Jack, Jade and Dominic! We know you’ll do a great job.

This year we have attended many occasions. The leadership day taught us how to be better leaders and it was exciting to meet new people. We’ve presented at Anzac Day, Multicultural Day, Education Week, Public Speaking competition, Grandparents Day, Parent Helpers lunch and finally Presentation Day.

It all started at the end of last year when we helped run the Year 6 farewell. Now we are experts at talking and hosting. Every week we have set up for assembly and changed the noticeboard.

We feel proud of what we have done and achieved this year. We are excited to go to high school but will miss our school. Thank you to everyone who has helped us along the way from Kindergarten to Year 6. Goodbye!

Your 2015 prefects

Coming up this week......

WEEK BEGINNING – 7/12/2015

Monday:  Last day for school banking
Tuesday:  Last OLCS Craft
Wednesday:  Last OLCS Breakfast
Thursday:  Year 6 Farewell
Friday:  

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Congratulations to our newly elected Captains and Vice Captains for 2016.

Captains: Christa Oliva and Antonio Labbozzetta
Vice Captains: Tiannah Poonan and Jack Scully
Prefects: Jade Issa and Dominic Manoukian

We know you will do a wonderful job next year!

Gold Excursion

Children who have achieved Gold Level have received their note today for their special day out with Miss Bush & Mr Harvey next Tuesday 15th December. They will be going to the movies at Campbelltown with lunch and time at the park. Congratulations children on your wonderful achievement! Please ensure notes are returned by next Monday 14th December.

Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 Farewell will be held this Thursday 10th December commencing at 6.30pm in the school hall. All children in Years 5 and 6 are invited. Parents are requested to bring children from 5.45pm and pick them up promptly at 9pm for Year 5 students and 9.30pm for Year 6 students. Also we are asking all children in Years 5 and 6 to donate cans of drink for the farewell. We are also asking each child to bring in a bag of their favourite chocolates, which will be used for dessert toppings. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

D Harvey (Year 6 Teacher)

Leadership Day

On Cowpasture Leadership Day we played all types of games that required us to use our leadership skills. – Jade Issa

We learnt about how to work together as a team and how to be a good leader. – Tiannah Poonan

We had to write questions to ask to the current Year 6 Austral Captains. – Dominic Manoukian

We watched funny video clips on how others have worked as a team. – Christa Oliva

The leadership skills we learnt are communication, public speaking, decision making, inspiring, confidence and team work. – Jack Scully

Playing ‘Rob the Nest’ and ‘Tire Stack’ helped us better our communication skills. – Antonio Labbozzetta
I was the school ambassador this year and I met with four other ambassadors from other schools. All the groups did a project on a topic that was related to cyberhelp. Our group was called “Chainbreakers” and our goal was to make a presentation about friendship.

We wanted to find ways that children could make new friends. We made a survey and gave it to the Year 6 students in our schools to complete. Then we counted up the answers and put them into a graph. We went on the internet to find out how the Better Buddies Program was helping children. We tried to find new solutions like children in a school meeting up with each other once a week to get to know each other. This would then help to stop bullying.

It was a great experience being the student ambassador because I got to meet new people and learn new things from them.

Jessica N

This term we were selected to attend an enrichment day for technology at Austral PS.

We made a sock puppet show on the iPad. You had to press the sock puppet to make it talk and move. We were the only ones to make two shows and we liked hide and go seek.

There were lots of different characters with lots of accessories. We chose a dog and a zebra and put them in a school. It was funny because you could pick random things to go with the characters and in the background.
It was a fun day because we learnt how to use the puppets.

*Alano and Cooper*

The teachers made a new version of Minecraft which was educational. There was a tutorial on how to play Minecraft.

We got challenges to do like finding fractions in a house. We had to build a house full of fractions with lots of materials. Then we went on a website to do a pop quiz about Minecraft. The teacher could mute us so we couldn’t chat! It was really fun and exciting.

*Jay and Caprice*

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### Aboriginal Excursion

On Wednesday November 11 some students attended Mt Annan Botanical Gardens to learn more about Aboriginal culture and the environment.

"We had some cake with finger lime. We learnt a lot about plants that Aboriginal people used. Brendan taught us how to throw a boomerang and he painted a line on our face with ochre. We made bracelets out of plants. My favourite part was seeing animal droppings in the draws full of information." *Tyler Bowers*
**Stamp Out Bullying**

Last week’s performance, ‘Stamp Out Bullying’ was fantastic. Ruth explained what we should do in a bullying situation and even showed us some magic tricks. Thanks to all the parents who supported the incursion by sending back the note and payment to the office. See if your children can remember what each of the letters in STAMP stands for. S for Stay away, T for Tell someone, A for Always help, M for Make friends, P for Play nice.

**Presentation Day**

Congratulations to all the award winners at Presentation Day.

**KB**
- Consistent Award – Laura Sedlan
- Improvement Award – Stefanie Neth
- Behaviour Award – Tahni Poonan
- Sport Award: Hadla Trad

**K/1H**
- Consistent Award – Daniella Grasso
- Improvement Award – Nassab Chehade
- Behaviour Award – Ryan Su
- Sport Award: Miranda Ngov

**1/2O**
- Consistent Award – Yehiya Zaatar
- Improvement Award – Christian Meduri
- Behaviour Award – Andy Cai
- Sport Award: William Boyter

**2/3P**
- Consistent Award – Angelina Zampogna
- Improvement Award – Julia Raco
- Behaviour Award – Patrick Burkitt
- Sport Award: Mateo Waetford

**3/4D**
- Consistent Award – Dominic Muscara
- Improvement Award – Lauren Heley
- Behaviour Award – Jorja Wall
- Sport Award: Roy Lustri

**4/5K**
- Consistent Award – Dominic Manoukian
- Consistent Award – Maree Santaguida
- Behaviour Award – Jade Issa
- Sport Award: Christa Oliva

**5/6H**
- Consistent Award – Hope Ngao
- Consistent Award – Antonio Labbozzetta
- Behaviour Award – Andrew Manoukian
- Sport Award: Jessica Gaudry

**Library (Infants)** – Tobi Lemmon
**Library (Primary)** – Logan Tooley

**ACADEMIC AWARDS:**
- Kindergarten – Xander Allison
- Year 1 – Cooper Wall
- Year 2 – Alano Ruisi
- Year 3 – Kloe-Rose Lemmon
- Year 4 – Kenny Cai
- Year 5 – Dean Muscat
- Year 6 – Jessica Ngov

**QUOTA AWARD:** Samantha Granic

**ROTARY AWARD:** Jessica Ngov

**OUTSTANDING WORK ETHIC AWARD:** John Chen

**MULGOA ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD:** Tiyana Jacovides

**Citizenship Medallions:** Samantha Granic

**Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medallion:** Jessica Gaudry
Classroom Capers

KB – Kinder Craft

As we are approaching the end of the year Kindergarten are definitely getting into the festive spirit. We have decorated our very own Christmas tree in our classroom and have started some Christmas themed craft! We love this time of year and especially love Santa!! Only 18 more sleeps!!

Merry Christmas, love from KB

K/1H – Living Things

K/1H has been learning about living things. We have talked about what are living things, what they need to survive and life cycles.

We decided to plant some lima beans and watch them grow. First we wrapped a lima bean in some cotton wool and wet it. Next we placed the bean inside a snap lock lunch bag and taped it to the window. Then we waited and waited. Finally we started to see green shoots coming from some of the beans but not all. As it grew we measured it. Now the beans are shrivelling up. They have run their course. We enjoyed the life cycle of the lima beans.
1/2O Insects

In class 1/2O, we have been learning about insects. Year Two students researched and gathered information from books and the internet and wrote detailed information reports about an insect of their own choice. Year One also worked together to find out lots of facts about bees from books and video clips. These students also wrote some wonderful reports about bees.

Do you like our Ladybeetles and bugs display? We had a great time creating our colourful artwork. We had to cut out and paint our ladybirds and leaves very carefully. We used pastels and paint to create out bug designs. We enjoyed mixing the colours by rubbing them together with our fingers. We outlined our bugs with paint.

2/3P Stories

2/3P wrote fairy tale narratives. We are very proud of our stories!

The Long Lost Dog

Once upon a time there was a dog that got lost and never came home. They called him The Long Lost Dog. His real name was Explorer. He lived in a swamp with an elf named Bryce. Bryce was a very good friend. He was careful and looked after everyone fairly. After Explorer was gone Bryce got upset. Along came the king of the swamp. The king said, “What happened?” Bryce said, “My dog went for a walk and I haven’t seen him for a week.” The king asked if his name was Explorer? “Yes, where is he?” The king told Bryce he saw one of the crocodiles eat a dark brown dog. “It must have been Explorer,” said the king. “Okey dokey, I will buy you the same sort of dog as Explorer and give you a $200 animal gift voucher,” said the king. A week later, Bryce had his new dog. His name was Lacky.

By Tobi Lemmon

Cindy’s Crazy Mind

Once upon a time there was a girl called Cindy. Cindy laughs too much! She lives all by herself, which is OK because she’s 18 years old. One day she had a bad day at work and got fired. When she got home she went straight to sleep. When she woke up she said, “Oh my gosh! What in the world? Where am I?” She was in a place that was dark with scary, red lights. “I can’t see a thing. The only thing I can see are...BATS!!!” She ran away quickly but they were only fake bats. Then the lights went on. “I guess it’s a castle because that’s what I can see, a castle,” she said while she was looking around. “It’s a spooky castle!” she cried really loud. Then a witch
came stomping out of the door. “Oh hey young lady, are you lost?” said the witch. Her warts were so awful. There was a gnome that was her servant that looked nice. “Hello” said the gnome, “I will lead you to your bedroom, shall we?” The room was dirty and had webs all around it. The bed was uncomfortable. Cindy drifted off to sleep. When she woke up the witch said, “Breakfast is served darling.” The breakfast looked like a pile of vomit! “I’m not hungry” said Cindy. “Would you like to play a game of checkers?” said the witch. “No thanks,” replied Cindy. “Would you like a sardine pie?” said the witch. “OK, this is weird. Stop acting crazy you evil witch”. With an angry scream she saw the witch grab a knife. “No!!” screamed Cindy. Then she woke up. Her normal house and cat Risky were there. “I’m so happy,” said Cindy. Cindy went to the shops. At the shops she saw the witch and the witch saw Cindy. She dragged Cindy to her house. When they got there the witch said, “I have to tell you something. This is just a prank!” The witch took her costume off. It was her friend Jess. “What a good prank,” said Cindy.

By Angelina Zampogna

3/4D Sewing

3/4D are embarking on one last challenge this year; we are going to sew holiday stockings. We have practised sewing spots onto felt and have cut out our stocking shape. We’ve had a great year learning new things and are looking forward to 2016! Happy holidays!

4/5K - Procedures

4/5K have been hard at work. In week seven we looked at how procedures are presented for different target audiences. We created our own procedures with a specific audience in mind. Groups used a variety of programs and resources including iMovie, Pic Collage, iBook and posters. We then presented our work to 5/6H and 1/2O who were both wonderful audiences.
4/5K have started making our Christmas stockings! We would like to wish you all a warm and joyful holiday! 😊

5/6H Farewell Letters

As their last homework assignment Year 6 were asked to write a letter to the school. I hope you enjoy reading these, it shows how lucky we are to have such great kids attend our school.

I would just like to also take this opportunity to say a formal farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students. We are rightly proud of you and wish you nothing but success for the future!

You will be missed by all of us here at “the Creek”.

Mr Harvey Year 5/6 Teacher
FAREWELL KEMPS CREEK P.S.

Dear Kemps Creek Public School

I would like you to know that it has been a great pleasure attending this special school. I have learnt so many things in the past 7 years.

I would like to give a special thanks to all the teachers and staff members who have given me many great opportunities.

It’s been such an awesome time seeing my fellow schoolmates smiles. Every day as I walk into the school gates I think about my three closest friends who support me every day whether I am feeling down or amused. They are Caprice, Lisa and Dean. They have taught me how to live life and never stop dreaming.

Farewell Kemps Creek Public School

Hope Ngao Year 6 2015

And to Miss Chesham/Mrs Blakely, I am just going to say thank you for helping me mature over the years. I will miss your lovely teaching.

Finally to Miss Bush and all staff members. I SIMPLY LOVE THIS SCHOOL AND ALL THE PEOPLE IN IT. I AM GOING TO MISS YOU ALL!

From Antonina Year 6 2015

High School Day

Last Monday Year 6 went to Cecil Hills HS. We learnt about the life of a high schooler. We went into different classrooms like the Science lab. The teacher taught us how to safely use a Bunsen burner and we also conducted many experiments. We had to find how much pH was in cups of different liquids. We did this by using a universal indicator. Some of us did woodwork and cooking and others did plastic work. It was a fun day and I KNOW everyone had a good day.

By Samantha and Jessica N

Dear Kemps Creek PS

I am going to miss this school sooooo much and there are sooooo many reasons why. First of all, I am going to miss my friends that are in younger years than me like Bianca, Tiyana, Jade, Christa, Daniella, Antonio, Billy, Kassem, Jack, Maree, Annalise, Isabella and lots of other people!

I am also going to miss the teachers. ALL of them, but I promise I will come back and visit. I PROMISE!

I just wanted to say some thank yous to some specific people. Firstly I want to say thank you to Mr Harvey for putting a lot of effort and work into giving our class a great education. As proud as I am of what I have achieved, I have to say that I think I am definitely ready for high school. Thank you for your help Mr Harvey after a tough year.

I also want to thank Mrs Palin for all the opportunities she has given me to achieve my singing dream. I will miss you a lot, but I will visit again I promise.
Happy Birthday to the following children this week ...

Alina, Choojai, PJ, Julia

Library News

Sydney Writer’s Festival.

On Thursday 19th November, five of our students attended the Sydney Writers’ Festival “Author Roadshow” event. The event was held at Whitlam Library, Cabramatta. The students had the opportunity to attend talks and workshops run by the following Australian authors – Sally Rippin, Emily Rodda, Jacqueline Harvey and Robert Hoge. It was a fantastic day and students were able to get books signed and have photos taken with their favourite authors. We enjoyed learning about where the authors get their inspiration and how they begin writing their stories. Grace, Isabella, Kloe-Rose, Annalise and Daniella even made it into the Fairfield Advance newspaper...well done girls!

A year in review...

2015 has been an amazing year in the Kemps Creek Public School Library! We have taken part in many events this year including World Read Aloud Day, Simultaneous Storytime, Premier’s Reading Challenge and the CBCA Book Week celebrations. We’ve also had the opportunity
to attend the Sydney Writers’ Festival Primary School Day and Sydney Writers’ Festival Author Roadshow event. We enjoyed our visit from author Lisa Shanahan and virtually visited Middleton Grange Public School to talk all things books. We have read some amazing stories and our favourite author this year would have to have been Aaron Blabey! Students developed their research skills, learnt how to conduct research with Britannica Online and World Book Online and used a variety of technology to create iBooks and Book Trailers.

I have loved my time in the library and wish all the students the very best for the future! Keep researching and remember to continue reading throughout the holidays. The Fairfield City Libraries and Liverpool Libraries are running some amazing holiday reading programs and I encourage all students to participate.

Thank you Kemps Creek for making my first year as a teacher librarian a very memorable one!

Happy reading!

Mrs M. Grasso – Teacher Librarian (Rel)

Learn to Swim

We can swim!
We certainly had a great night at Carols at the Creek on Friday.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the activities and helped out on the night. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Finally a huge thank you to Noeline Heley, Jan and Jiranuch Jitrungruangnij and Melina Labbozzetta who shared their talent with us and created a truly special evening. We appreciate all the many hours of planning, practice and rehearsals you put in.

Thank you to the Liverpool Lions Club for the BBQ, Bunnings West Hoxton for the face painting and the donations from Doms Café 2 U and Michael’s Ice Cream Van.

Thank you also to the many businesses that made donations towards the night and to the raffle.

Congratulations to all our raffle winners and a big thank you to the businesses that donated goods/time to our raffle and to our evening.

Finally, thank you all for attending and showing such great support for our school.

The P&C would like to wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday break.
Students in Years 1 to 5 have been learning and practising cricket, Oztag and T-ball during Sport each Friday. We have entered PSSA Sport again next year and will start with these sports in summer and soccer and netball in winter. Students will be notified before the end of term if they have made the summer teams. They can then continue their training in the holidays!
**Term 4 Calendar**

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With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**
  If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

- **It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**
  It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

- **Click clack front ‘n back every person for every trip.**
  Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

- **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**
  Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

- **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**
  This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, car parks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

**The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.**

**Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out an about.**

**Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.**

You can find out more at:

- [Safety Town](#)
- [Department of Education](#)
- [Transport for NSW](#)

Have a safe holiday break!