Week 2, Term 1  Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone to a new school year. It was great to see all the smiling faces on Wednesday and our new excited Kinders today. They are settling in very well and our wonderful older students are looking after them in true Kemps Creek fashion. Our motto 'We Care' is woven through all we do at Kemps Creek school. A warm welcome to our new students and families who have started at Kemps Creek.

We have had a smooth start to the year and I thank parents for their support in preparing their children for school. We are also fortunate to have enthusiastic and experienced staff who work very well as a team and always have your children’s interests at heart. If you have any queries at any time please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

To keep informed about school news and events I urge you to carefully read the weekly Bulletin and view our website for school information. The school App also has the Bulletin attached and is a great way to keep up to date with school events.

Busy the Bee says hello to everyone and reminds all our students to be Safe, respectful Learners! Please see the information accompanying this week’s Bulletin.

I look forward to a great year ahead, working together to achieve the best for our children. Please feel free to call in and make an appointment with the office if you have any concerns.

Have a fabulous term!

Miss Sue Bush (Principal)

Class ‘Meet and Greet’ Afternoon

This year we will be holding a “Meet and Greet” Afternoon on Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} February from 3.20pm to 4pm.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher and collect an information sheet about their child’s class. All teachers will be available on this one afternoon so parents will be able to meet each of their children’s teachers. Children will be supervised in the playground by school staff.

I encourage parents to come along to begin the home-school relationship which is so vital to the success of your children at school.

Coming up this week......

WEEK BEGINNING – 02/02/2015

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:
**PSSA Sport**

Due to decreased numbers in some of our primary classes this year it is unviable to continue our participation in PSSA weekly sport. It was a very difficult decision for the school to make as we had great participation and success last year. We will hopefully rejoin again next year. Students will continue to be nominated to be given the opportunity to try out for zone PSSA teams.

We are however planning other avenues for sporting competition with Heritage College and will continue with the Cowpasture Gala days twice a year.

This year our school sport program will focus on skill development and game skills. We will also be utilising expertise from outside the school which may have a small cost. Cricket will be Term 1’s sport with further information soon regarding the involvement of Milo cricket.

**OLCS Playgroup, Craft and Music**

This year we will continue our strong relationship with Outer Liverpool Community Services and thank them for their support of our school. The opportunities for our students are of great value to them and enhance our school programs. All programs are FREE.

Playgroup will recommence next Monday 9th February from 9.30am to 11.00am in the school hall for any preschoolers and toddlers who are able to attend with their parent/s.

Craft afternoons will recommence on Tuesday 10th February from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the school hall. The program is open to all school students.

Free breakfast will be provided fortnightly beginning on Wednesday 11th February from 8.45am.

**School Student Banking**

School student banking has commenced today with banking available each Monday. Please see the school office if you wish to become a part of this opportunity to set up an account for your child.

**School Payments**

Please make payments and return notes for excursions and school events as promptly as possible. Buses need to be booked, cheques need to be written and arrangements need to be made for students not attending in advance of the event and paying on the day is not possible.

The due date is clearly marked on all notes and students are reminded as events draw closer. It puts the school in a very difficult position when we have an influx of money and notes on the morning of an excursion, when numbers, bookings and supervision arrangements have already been organised.

Your early action and assistance in our organisation of events would be greatly appreciated.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Please make payments in the morning so banking can be finalised before 1pm. A reusable calico money envelope, available at the office for $8.00, can be used to make payments.

**P&C Meeting: AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Tuesday 17th February commencing at 6.30pm in the community hub. At this meeting the new Executive for 2015 will be voted in. If you wish to nominate for a position and can’t make the meeting you can forward a written nomination to the Principal. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please show an interest in your school and attend. Children accompanying parents will be under adult supervision in the Kindergarten room. See you there!
Prefects Profile

Hi there, we are the 2015 captains and vice captains. We would like to introduce ourselves.

I’m Samantha the girl captain. I enjoy coming to school, particularly sport time. In my spare time I like to paint animals like owls.

I am Dante the boy captain. At school I like to play at lunchtime with my friends, especially handball and soccer. At home I like to ride my motorbike.

I am Jessica your girl vice captain. I am kind and friendly. I like to make things like origami.

I am John the boy vice captain. I like to help the teachers at school. At home I like to play outside with my sister.

Please come and talk to us if you have any ideas for the school or need help with something.

Your 2015 Captains and Vice Captains

Sun Safety

With the warmer weather with us, it is important that all children wear hats in the playground to protect them from the sun. Our school has a ‘No Hat No Play’ rule. Hats should be broad brimmed. If your child does not possess a hat, they are available for sale through the school office. All sizes are in stock. Sunglasses can also be purchased through the office for $10.00.

Remember to Label Your Children’s Belongings

You can:

- use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels
- go through your child’s bag with them each night
- check that labels haven’t faded with washing
- if something doesn’t come home, ask at the office where the lost property area is.
Library News

Welcome to another exciting year in the KCPS Library – otherwise known as Superhero Headquarters! Our library theme this year is based on superheroes because...reading is our superpower!

I am very excited to be relieving in the library for the next few terms. Mrs Neeson has been an amazing Teacher Librarian and an integral member of staff. I have very big shoes to fill!

Opening Hours
- Wednesday 9:00am – 9:20am for students to borrow or read.
- Tuesday & Wednesday 3:20pm – 3:30pm for students to borrow.

The library is also open at lunchtime on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Borrowing
Students are able to borrow from Week 4 (please note that our Kindergarten students will begin borrowing later this term). Students are reminded that they need a cloth library bag in order to borrow. It is important for all students to have a library bag to help protect our books when travelling to and from school. Please ensure students’ names are written clearly on their bags. Books may be kept for one week and must be returned on the following library lesson.

Class library days
Tuesday for students in KB, 3/4D and 5/6H
Wednesday for students in K/1H, 1/2O, 2/3P and 4/5K

Library Monitors
Last week I distributed an application form to those students in Year 5 who expressed interest in becoming a Library Monitor for 2015. These forms are due back to me by this Wednesday. This role is a position of trust and responsibility and involves being on duty in the Library every Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime. The interested students will be assessed on merit by Library staff, school executive and classroom teachers. Past involvement in Library activities, an interest in reading, the ability to apply knowledge of Library usage skills and a willingness to participate in library events are some of the criteria considered. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
This year all students from K-6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Research states that students who read a wide variety of literature attain greater results in other areas of their learning. Encourage your child to participate in the challenge this year. Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Happy reading!
Mrs M. Grasso – Teacher Librarian (Rel)

Road Safety

Parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their children after school. Children under 10 years should always be supervised around traffic. Children under 8 years of age should have their hand held in a traffic environment. Children should always get in and out of the car using the rear kerb side door. Once children have been safely boarded into the car, parents are asked to drive off immediately to free that particular parking spot for others waiting to pick up children. This will help to alleviate the parking congestion at the front of the school.

Please observe parking signs and do not double park as this is extremely dangerous. If you park on the roadside opposite our school, please use the children’s crossing to cross the road to collect your children. Please see the attached map regarding parking safely at Kemps Creek PS. Police will do regular patrols to ensure safety.
School App

The school App can be downloaded to your smartphone using the following instructions. Choose the grades relevant to you and your children. You can access calendars, newsletters and photos. Notifications will be sent with all the latest information and as reminders for school events.

Happy Birthday to the following children for last week and this week.....
James Nicoletti, Yehiya Zataar, Patrick Burkitt, Cooper Wall

A special happy birthday wish to our new Kinder children who had a birthday in the holidays: Benji Burgess, Tahni Poovan, Albert Gan, Aiden Huggett

You Are Welcome at School!

Children love to see their parents and carers at their school, whether helping out in the classroom, special events or being involved in other ways. Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. Your contribution to the school is needed and valued.

Ways you might get involved:
- help in the classroom
- listen to children read
- help in the library
- help with school excursions
- help with P&C events

We will be sending home a note next week asking for volunteers who can help in our school.
Canteen Corner

‘Made Fresh’ have introduced an exciting new menu to our school with a range of different lunch deals. Please note that hot food is no longer for sale at lunch or recess and must be ordered as a lunch order. Canteen menus are available from the office and on the website.

Remember Flexischools is the quick and easy way to order lunches!

Wendy is our new canteen manager and we welcome her to Kemps Creek PS. Please see the office if you have queries re the menu or canteen operation.

Term 1 Calendar

Below are the dates for term 1. Please record them in your diary. Calendar dates for the year are also available on the school website and app.

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Advertisements

Fit and Healthy
Tennis & Squash Lessons available at Club Marconi.

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We build confidence & skills.

Like Us on www.facebook.com/marconitennisandsquash
Location - Club Marconi Prarievale Rd, Bossley Park.
Bus Zone
You can NOT stop here at all.
Minimum Penalty $298 and 2 demerit points.

No Stopping
You can NOT stop here at all.
It is an offence to stop on or near a children's crossing.
The minimum penalty is $397 and 2 demerit points.

Disabled Parking
You can NOT stop here at all unless you have a valid mobility parking permit.
Minimum Penalty $496.

No Parking
You may only stop here for 2 minutes and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.
Minimum Penalty $165 and 2 demerit points.

How to park safely at Kemps Creek PS

It is an offence to Double Park.
The minimum penalty is $298 and 2 demerit points.

It is an offence to make an illegal U-Turn.
The minimum penalty is $298 and 3 demerit points.

It is an offence to park on a footpath or stop across a driveway.
The minimum penalty is $165 and 2 demerit points.
The 2015 annual swimming carnival (Year 1-6) is taking place Wednesday 11th February 2015. Please make sure your child has returned their permission note and $15 bus fare and entry into the pool to the office as soon as possible. Parents are welcome to come and watch their child participate in events. There is a spectator fee to pay at the pool.

The carnival is due to start promptly at 10am.

Events: (in running order)

1. 100m Freestyle: Open Girls and Open Boys
2. 25m Freestyle
3. 50 Metres Freestyle (8 to 12 Years)
4. 50 Metres Breaststroke (8 to 12 Years)
5. 50 metres Backstroke (8 to 12 Years)
6. 50 Metres Butterfly (8 to 12 Years)
7. 200 Metres IM - Open ages
8. Relays

Students not participating in races will have the opportunity to participate in novelty events. Students can wear their teams sport colours for the day!

Please ensure that appropriate footwear is chosen. No thongs please.

There will be a Kemps Creek PS P&C sausage sizzle on the day (order form sent home today) and students will be able to purchase drinks and ice-cream from the pool canteen.

Remember hats, sunscreen and a cool drink!

Mrs Neary and Miss Chesham (Organisers)