Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone to a new school year. It was great to see all the smiling faces on Thursday and look forward to seeing our new Kinders tomorrow.

Children have settled well into their new classes. Check out the class pages on our school website for photos of each class.

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. Our Facebook page also keeps you informed on school happenings.

Busy the Bee says hello to everyone and reminds all our students to be Safe, Respectful Learners! Please see the school website for further information.

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)

Week 2, Term 1 Monday 1st February 2016

Coming up this week......

WEEK BEGINNING – 01/02/2016

Monday:

Tuesday: Kinder starts

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:
Class ‘Meet and Greet’ Afternoon

Our “Meet and Greet” Afternoon will be held on Tuesday 16th 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.

OLCS Playgroup, Craft and Breakfast

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 on Monday 15th February from 9.30am to 11.00am in the school hall for any pre-schoolers and toddlers who are able to attend with their parent/s.

Craft afternoons will recommence on Tuesday 16th February from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the school hall. The program is open to all school students.

Free breakfast will be provided weekly beginning on Wednesday 17th February from 8.45am.

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.

Notes are also available on the school website attached to the event on the calendar.

P&C Meeting: AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Tuesday 16th February commencing at 6.30pm in the community hub. At this meeting the new Executive for 2016 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 Library. See you there!

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.
Prefects Profile

Hi there, we are the 2016 captains, vice captains and prefects. We would like to introduce ourselves.

I’m Christa the girl captain. I like to play soccer and handball at school. In my spare time I like to play ball games with my sister.

I am Antonio the boy captain. At school I like to participate in all sports and I like to complete my homework. In my spare time I like playing video games with my brother.

I am Tiannah your girl vice captain. I like the sports carnivals because I like to participate. In my spare time I like to swim in my aunty’s pool with my family.

I am Jack the boy vice captain. At school I like to participate in many activities with my friends. I love doing Maths with Mr Harvey. At home I like to play a lot of games on my play station.

I am Jade the girl prefect. At school I like to help the kids and teachers. In my spare time I like helping mum.

I am Dominic the boy prefect. At school I like Maths and helping others in the playground. In my spare time I like to read books especially the Percy Jackson series.

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

Your 2016 Captains and Vice Captains
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.

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.

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.

School Facebook Page

Like our official Facebook page ‘Kemps Creek Public School’ to see updates.
Happy Birthday to the following children for last week and this week.....

James N, Yehiya, Patrick, Cooper W

A special happy birthday wish to our new Kinder children who had a birthday last week:
Nathan, Kenzie

Sporting Schools Program

The Sporting Schools program for term 1 includes orienteering (Mondays) and golf (Wednesdays). This program begins in Week 4 on the 15th and 17th February. Expression of Interest forms are being sent home today. Please return them as soon as possible so permission notes can be completed.

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

Canteen Corner

‘Made Fresh’ have updated the canteen menu including a range of different lunch deals. Menus are available from the office and on the website. Go to the ‘Our School’ tab and ‘Schooling costs’.

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

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER NOW
- Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form - follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- Add each student and their class
- Top-up the account - VISA or Mastercard preferred.
### Term 1 Calendar

Calendar dates for the year are also available on the school website and app.

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How to park safely at Kemsps Creek PS
2016 Swimming Carnival

The 2016 annual swimming carnival (Year 1-6) is taking place Wednesday 10th February 2016. 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 sausage sizzle on the day (note 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 (Organiser)