Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first Special Edition for the year with the swimming carnival results and other school news. We also feature work from each class showcasing the diversity of curriculum here at Kemps Creek PS.

Mrs Palin is on leave for the next three weeks and we welcome Mrs McKenzie to our school during this period.

This week’s “Banner Kid” is Bianca who gives everything a go and is helpful to staff and new students. Well done Bianca!

Miss Sue Bush (Principal)

Prefects Profile

This year we are going to the radio station, WOW FM, every Friday with Mr Powter. Each week 3 new students present the program. Last week Tiannah, Christa and Jade went and entertained everyone with stories about PSSA, the swimming carnival and being in year 6. The boys are looking forward to going this week.

Your 2016 prefects

Healthy Harold

I really enjoyed Harold and it was fun and educational. I also learnt lots of bad things about cigarettes: one cigarette has over 4,000 chemicals in it. These chemicals can cause cancer.

It was a great experience and I would recommend Harold to schools all over Australia.

By James N 5P

Coming up this week......

WEEK BEGINNING – 22/2/2016

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Kindergarten Visit 9.20 – 10.00am

Thursday:

Friday: PSSA at Avery
PSSA Sport

This Friday Kemps Creek PS will play Governor Philip King Public School at Avery. Last week’s results:

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Happy Birthday to the following children this week …

Jorja W, Thomas S, Stefanie B, Rebecca

Student Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 26 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.
**P&C AGM**

At last week’s Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association the following executive officers were voted in to office for 2016.

- **President**: Mr Alfred Grasso
- **Vice Presidents**: Ms Jasmine Thomas, Mrs Viviana Munoz
- **Secretary**: Ms Anna Erasmus
- **Treasurer**: Mrs Belinda Ruisi

Congratulations to these parents and a big thank you to the executive from 2015.

We have a great year of events planned starting with our St Patrick’s Day disco on Thursday 17th March. Please see the flyer with this week’s Bulletin.

All events are listed below and on the school website in the P&C section.

### P & C Presidents Report - 2015

The Kemps Creek Public School Parents & Citizens Association is a committed and enthusiastic group of parents who are dedicated to supporting Kemps Creek Public School, Susan Bush the School Principal and all of the teaching staff. The Kemps Creek P&C partners with the school to provide key resources & tools to ensure the effective delivery of the Department of Education School Curriculum. The relationship between the school and Kemps Creek P&C is a positive one and we work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes to support the children’s educational and learning needs.

The year that was 2015 has passed extremely quickly! It has been an unbelievably busy year for the P&C in running activities such as the disco, Mother’s Day stall, special food days, Father’s Day stall, multicultural day, Spring Fair & Carols at the Creek just to name a few. These are examples of some of the activities and events the 2015 P&C coordinated & ran, with the help of other Kemps Creek Public School parents, which act as both great fundraising activities and social events for children and parents. The key goal of these events is to help support our children throughout their primary school journey.

The P&C financial year covers a 12 month period from the 1st January 2015 to the 31st December 2015. The total in all P&C Accounts as at 31st December 2015 was $17,716.21.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank:

- The P&C Executive: Maria Granic, Jasmine Thomas, Belinda Ruisi & Anna Erasmus for your support, dedication and tireless efforts in all the planning of events and background work in ensuring the P&C runs successfully. Your endless commitment and dedication to our school ensures our children have every opportunity to receive the best possible learning experiences during their primary years which is all anyone could ask for.
- Maria Granic for her 12 years of service to the Kemps Creek P&C & Kemps Creek Public School. You have been a great supporter & help over the years and you will be greatly missed.
- Our school Principal Susan Bush & all of the staff. Thank you for your support in working with the entire P&C & wider school communities throughout the year. Our great partnership helps ensure that we obtain the best learning outcomes for our children.
- To all the Kemps Creek Public School families & friends. Thank you for your contribution & help throughout the year, it is highly valued & appreciated.

I am so proud to be part of this school community and would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to become involved in the Kemps Creek Public School P&C. There is a wealth of diversity, experience & expertise in our parent community. By combining...
these elements, you can help make a real difference in your children’s education whilst at the same time you help contribute to providing wonderful memories for your child’s primary school years.

I once again would welcome the opportunity to work with the school & the community in 2016 & hope to continue to build upon the great foundations established during the 2015 school year.

Mr Alfred Grasso – P&C President

P&C Easter Raffle

It would be greatly appreciated if families could donate chocolate eggs/Easter goodies to be part of our raffle. Please take all donations to the classrooms by Friday 19th March. Tickets will go out to families within the next few weeks. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter celebration/hat parade on Thursday 24th March 2016.

The annual Spring Fair will be held on Friday 21st October from 4pm to 9pm. Stall sites are now available. Please see the office if you’d like a stall or know someone who would be interested.

St Patricks Day Disco

We will be holding a St Patricks Day disco on Thursday 17th March from 5-8pm. If you are able to help with decorations please see any of the P&C Executive.

Classroom Capers

KD – Maths Groups

This week KD started Maths groups. We are learning how to move around from activity to activity. We love matching dominoes and learning about shapes!
Kinder and Year 6

Year 6 has been working closely with Kindergarten this year, helping them adjust to daily school life. Last Friday the Year 6 students read to their buddy and discussed the book being read.

K/1K – Celebrations

K/1K have been celebrating the start of a new year!!! Our theme for this term is ‘Celebrations’. We have been learning about Chinese New Year and Valentine’s Day. We painted lanterns and glued strips of cellophane to the bottom. It looks like we are having a lantern festival in our classroom.
1/2H Celebrations

1/2H has had a good start to the new year and are busy learning new routines and class rules. Our first theme for this year is "Celebrations". We have already discussed Australia Day, New Years Day, Chinese New Year and Valentines Day. We are learning about what is special to each occasion. For Chinese New Year we made Chinese lanterns and Red Envelopes.
2/3O Maths

The students in 2/3O are learning about place value in mathematics. Year Two students are building three digit numbers using MAB blocks. They are learning about the value of numbers so they can confidently state how many groups of one hundred, groups of ten and ones there are in a given number.

Year Three students are learning to write four or five digit numbers in expanded form. Then they check their answers using a calculator. Some students can also break up a four-digit number into many different non standard parts!

4/5B Characterisation

This term 4/5B are studying characterisation. As a part of this English concept, students are studying both the physical and personality traits of a range of characters. This week students got to study themselves and analyse their very own traits!
5P - Artwork

5P drew and painted dragons to celebrate Chinese New Year.
6H Cereal Box Autobiography

Last week for homework Year 6 had to create an autobiography. To make it more interesting they presented it on a cereal box. The biography included personal statistics and the children even researched the origins of their name.

I was very proud of their achievements. As you can see they did a fantastic job! We even had a visit from Year 5 and Miss Bush.
We built a racetrack and a garage for our cars by digging in the sand with a shovel. Liam helped to build a farm. It’s great fun digging in the sandpit at lunchtime.

By Brendan, William and Lawrence

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**Library News**

**Getting started in the Library for 2016.**

Library lessons are well and truly in full swing for the year! Kindergarten has started with ‘The Runaway Hug’, K/1K, 1/2H and 2/3O have read ‘Twinkle’, 4/5B, 5P and 6H have worked on ‘Old Ridley’ and ‘The Water Tower’. **Library Monitors** for 2016 are currently being considered. Applications are in! Students will be notified in the coming week! Good Luck everyone!

Congratulations on a great start to the year, I can’t wait to see what the rest of the year will bring.
Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading challenge is set to begin on 7th March 2016! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. More information will be sent home in the coming week. Mrs Sheridan has a full copy of the listed books for this years challenge in the library if you would like to take a peek! Good Luck readers!

Some tips:

- K-2 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.
- 3-4, 5-6, students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.
- In a series on the PRC booklist, you can read any two books as PRC books. You can read up to five other books from the same series as Personal Choice books.

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For more information: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/faqs.html

Library Class of the Week

Congratulations to KD who were the very first class to win the Library Trophy. They had such a great start on their first visit to the library, they were an easy choice! Congratulations KD!

Happy reading!

Mrs Sheridan – Assistant Principal/Teacher Librarian

ICT Support with Mrs
It has been a great start to the year for ICT support. This term 2/3O, 4/5B, 5P AND 6H have one session a week where they can brush up on their technology skills and give some new things a go!

This term students will be introduced to the Google Apps for education, which has recently been made available for all students. The first stop on the tour has been Google Classrooms. It is an interactive space for students to share, collaborate and learn new things. Each class has its own page. Students can show parents more information by logging into their portal and clicking on their Google Apps link, or by visiting student-googleapps.education.nsw.edu.au (note: students will need to know their DET log in names and passwords)

House Captains & Vice Captains for 2016

Sporting Schools

Children are enjoying orienteering and golf during after school sport sessions.
Swimming Carnival

Congratulations on these wonderful results!

100m boys freestyle
Jack H, Ray, Massimo

100m girls freestyle
Tiannah, Manaia, Daniella

50m boys freestyle 12/13 years
Logan T, Jack S, Dominic M
Tiannah, Daniella, Bianca

50m girls freestyle 12/13 years
Tiannah, Daniella, Bianca

50m boys freestyle 11 years
Anthony C, Cooper N, Massimo

50m girls freestyle 11 years
Eleisha, Caprice, Annalise

50m boys freestyle 10 years
Jack H

50m girls freestyle 10 years
Manaia

50m boys freestyle 9 years
Ray, Michael S

50m girls freestyle 9 years
Jorja W

50m boys freestyle 8 years
Marco, William

50m girls freestyle 8 years
Georgia N, Amy, Natalie

50m boys breaststroke 12/13 years
Logan T, Jack S, Dominic M

50m girls breaststroke 12/13 years
Tiannah, Daniella, Bianca

50m boys breaststroke 11 years
Anthony C, Massimo, Cooper N

50m girls breaststroke 11 years
Eleisha, Annalise

Jnr boys breaststroke
Roy, Jack H, Michael S

Jnr girls breaststroke
Manaia, Jorja W, Angelina

50m boys backstroke 12/13 years
Logan T, Jack S, Alex

50m girls backstroke 12/13 years
Tiannah, Daniella, Bianca

50m boys backstroke 11 years
Anthony C, Cooper N, Massimo

50m girls backstroke 11 years
Eleisha, Annalise, Isabella

Jnr boys backstroke
Ray, Roy, Jack H

Jnr girls backstroke
Manaia, Amy, Jorja W

50m boys butterfly 12/13 years
Jack S, Logan, Dominic M

50m girls butterfly 12/13 years
Tiannah, Daniella, Bianca
50m boys butterfly 11 years
Anthony C, Cooper N, Massimo

50m girls butterfly 11 years
Eleisha

Jnr boys butterfly
Roy, Jack H

Jnr girls butterfly
Manaia, Amy, Jorja W, Angelina

200m Individual medley
Manaia, Jorja W

Relay Team - girls
Tiannah, Daniella, Manaia, Jorja W

House Results
Boronia – 98
Bottlebrush – 86
Waratah – 70
Wattle – 51

Term 1 Calendar

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Get fit, look good and have heaps of fun!

**BOOTCAMP**

This is a 60min class suitable for any fitness level. Male and female participants welcome.

**Location:** Kemps Creek  
**Days:** Tuesday and Thursday  
**Time:** 9:30am-10:30am  
**Price:** $10 a class or pay $50 up front for 6 classes. To book in call or msg Alissa on 0421789118

**Email:** bodyshockfitness@hotmail.com  
**Website:** www.bodyshockfitness.com.au