**Principal’s Message………………………….**

**Power Outage**
We would like to thank all the parents who kept their children home last week during the scheduled power outage. As soon as we confirmed that the outage was not occurring we notified parents by SMS.

**Swim School**
All students in Kindergarten and Year 1 are expected to participate in the swim school. As we live in an aquatic environment, we strongly believe that all children should learn to swim. If you have any concerns please contact Ms Ransom or myself. Please send permission slip and payment this week if you haven’t already done so.

There are no spaces left for the Years 2-6 swim school.

**Star Award Treat**
Congratulations to all the Star Award recipients for the wonderful behaviour that they demonstrate at school every day. We celebrated their awards with the final treat for this year which was a trip to Gladstone Pool for some fun.

We encourage all students to work towards achieving a Star Award for 2015. Ms Ransom said it was the best day she has ever had on an excursion!

**Police Visit**
Senior Constable Steve Jeffries conducted an information session for our students in years 4, 5 and 6 on Thursday of last week. His session focused on Cybercrime with the strong message about keeping ourselves safe when using the internet.

The video he showed was particularly helpful as it asked questions about whether you would invite strangers into your home and give them photos of you, which is what can virtually happen on social networking sites.

He reminded students that Facebook is for people over 13 years old and Kik is for over 17 year olds. He also reminded students not to give out personal information on any gaming site.

**School Uniform**
I have noticed that some students have been wearing large flowers and other garlands and scarves to school. These are NOT part of the school uniform so students should not be wearing them to school. Plain ribbons or scrunchies in school colours are acceptable. Flowers and garlands are lovely for the weekends.

**4 Corners Program**
The program, “Being Me”, is about transgender children in Australia and features an 11 year old boy transitioning to becoming a girl while still at school.

Isabelle’s story is remarkable and inevitably raises many questions for families, doctors and society in general. Ultimately though, it’s a journey that shows courage and honesty is essential to triumph over ignorance. It’s a story that is not to be missed.

BEING ME, reported by Janine Cohen and presented by Kerry O’Brien, goes to air on Monday 17th November at 8.30pm. It is replayed on Tuesday 18th November at 11.00am and 11.35pm. It can also be seen on ABC News 24 on Saturday at 8.00pm, 4 Corners Program.

**Canteen Opened Tuesday 18th Closed Friday 21st**

**WHAT’S HAPPENING……………………..**

**Week 7**
- Monday 24th Nov – Week 1 of swimming
- Thursday 27th Nov – Last scripture – combined
- Friday 28th Nov – Assembly & SRC speeches & voting

**Week 8**
- Monday 1st Dec – Week 2 of swimming
- Wednesday 3rd Dec – Year 7 2015 state wide high school transition

**Week 9**
- Monday 8th Dec – Netball Clinic
- Thursday 11th Dec – Year 6 Graduation and pool party

**Mrs Barnes**
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News from 1O
Class 1O will be doing an item at the next assembly on Friday 28th November. Hope to see you there.

Stewart House
For Sale: Bounce Balls $3 each from the office, all proceeds go to Stewart House.

News from A Class and R Class
The term 'Climate Change' speech is due today. Students will deliver their speech, to their peers, over the next couple of weeks. Please encourage your child to rehearse their speech and be ready to present any day.

Please remember Library day is Thursday.

Hopefully this Thursday we can continue our P.E and P.D program, as the last two Thursday we have had some interruptions. Come prepared for Gymnastics.

Congratulations to our assembly award recipients and the Star Badge awardees who especially enjoyed their reward last Thursday. Something for all pupils to aspire to in the future.

Over the last couple of weeks, the pupils have listened to a number of presentations, regarding privacy when using the internet and what should and shouldn’t be shared over social media sites. If parents could reinforce this with a conversation around using these sites with maturity and being mindful that inappropriate messages are hurtful and damaging. Cyber bullying is an ever increasing phenomenon that we all need to address and have conversations around, with our children that are engaging in this 21st century age of technology.

Morning Arrivals to School
There seems to be an increasing number of children arriving to school prior to 9.00am. Supervision at school begins at 9.00am and children are not to arrive at school prior to this time. We are fortunate enough to have a fantastic OOSH service located on our premises for parents needing to drop children off earlier. Details can be obtained through the office. In extenuating circumstances parents must contact the school to request permission for their children to arrive before 9.00am.

Resilience, Bullying and Cyber Safety – Parent information session.
The parent information session scheduled for last Wednesday 12th November was cancelled as we only had one parent indicate their intention to attend. We are exploring the possibility of re-scheduling this session at a later date. It would be appreciated if you could register your interest by letting the office know suitable dates and times so we can accommodate as many parents as possible.

Guessing Competition for Jarno
Raffle tickets for Jarno’s upcoming trip to the PSSA National athletics championships in Tasmania are due back this week. Thank you to those families that have already returned sold tickets. Your support of Jarno and his family is greatly appreciated. Tickets are still available at the office for anyone seeking to further support this great cause.

SRC 2015
Speeches for the election of the incoming 2015 SRC will be held next Friday 28th November. Forms were sent home with all children wishing to nominate for election, and these need to be discussed and signed by parents. Please support your Year 5 children in the writing of their speeches at home. Mrs Rose, Mr Ashley and Ms Ransom are available for anyone seeking further support with this.

PBL focus
Our PBL focus for this week is “Hands off”. It is important that all students are safe at school by adhering to the schools ‘hands off’ policy. Gentle helping hands are needed at school but rough play or hurting others will not be tolerated.

Stewart House
For Sale: Bounce Balls $3 each from the office, all proceeds go to Stewart House.

House Ticket Tally
Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s draw. The winning class was 2/3W, the winning house was Taylor and the lucky students were: Hunter, Keira, Molly, Will J, Brooke O’M.
**CANTEEN SPECIAL**

**THIS WEEKS SPECIAL:**
- SUSHI (chicken schnitzel or chicken teriyaki) $3.50 per roll
- Zucchini & Fetta Fritters with Salad $5.50
- Zucchini & Fetta Fritters $1.50 each
- Pumpkin and Cheese Fritters with salad $5.50
- Pumpkin and Cheese Fritters in a wrap $4.00
- Baked Potato – Bolognese $2.50
- Baked Potato – Corn & Ham $2.50
- Small Salad - $3.00
- Elderflower cordial - $1.00 per cup

Rock Star Award” in the canteen. Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week’s winner was. Connor Crockford.

Connor please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.

**P & C NEWS**

We need more items for our Christmas Hamper – anything would be suitable except perishable items.

Please drop them off to the office ASAP.

Renee Bubb-Edwards
P & C President

**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Book Club brochures were given out last week. Please place orders with money in an envelope in the box at the office counter before Tuesday 24th November.

**Papua New Guinea Christmas Appeal**

Thank you to the families who have donated goods to send to families in Papua New Guinea. We are still seeking donations and all items received will be boxed up in small boxes and sent off in time for Christmas. Suitable items include: simple shoes (e.g. thongs, sandals, trainers, footy boots) pencils, crayons, chalk etc, school uniforms, sports uniforms, reading glasses, Learn to Read books, sporting goods (such as balls, boots, bats), fishing gear, first aid material, simple toys (no batteries), craft materials.

If you have any of the above and would like to donate them please send them into the office for packaging.

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

Raffle tickets prizes: 1st Painting, 2nd Sony Boombox, 3rd beverages.

DON’T FORGET TO SELL YOUR TICKETS AND RETURN THEM TO THE OFFICE ASAP.

THE GUESSING COMPETITON WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER.
Students representing Frederickton Public School at Booroongen Djugun Memorial Service.

Students who laid flowers at the school remembrance ceremony.

Congratulations to Emma and Courtney on receiving the Citizenship Award at last Fridays Assembly.
Frederickton Hall Committee is holding the Annual Christmas Tree...

Date: 12th December 2014
Place: Frederickton Hall
Time: 7pm
Cost: $5 for Adults & High School Students
Free for primary school children. (Supper is included)

Parents are to provide the present (to the value of $20) with name clearly marked and Santa will arrive at around 8pm to hand them out.

Major meat raffle tickets will be available on the night.

Hope to see you all there for a great night of fun and entertainment for the whole family.

Merry Christmas
Frederickton Hall Committee is holding their Annual Carols by Candlelight...

Date: 16th December 2014
Place: Frederickton Hall
Time: 7pm
Cost: Free for all
NO NAKED FLAME CANDLES ON THE NIGHT

Safety Candles can be purchased at the Hall for $2.50 plus chips, drinks tea & coffee will be for sale on the night.

The Major meat raffle will also be drawn on the night.

Hope to see you all there for a great night of caroling fun.

Riverside CAROLS
December 6

Hermitage Dental
Kempsey

Dr. Bruce Coleman
Dr. Damien
Dr. Euan Brown
Dr. Lara Stuttard
Lindi Gill

10 Kemp Street
West Kempsey
65823252
STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

Student Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………

Class: …………………

Date of Absence: _______________________________

Reason For Absence: 

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Parent Signature: ………………………………………………………………………

Coach Trip to Sydney for the Musical Show “The Island of Doctor Moron”

Date: Sunday November 23, 2014

Cost: $150 includes bus fare and ticket at group rates.

Departure Time: 6 am to be confirmed when booked. There should be time to get to the markets in Sydney before the show which begins at 2 pm. Return: in the evening. Approx 10 pm

This is a musical theatre production created and directed by Chris Dockrill formerly of Kempsey High School and his wife Lynn Dockrill, principal of West Kempsey School. Their son, Luke, a Melville High School graduate in 2005 who has worked overseas as a dancer is involved in the production of the show. Kelly Bryant also a former Melville High School student sings in the show. James Berkley, a well-known Broadway actor plays the lead role. This is a fully professional production.

This is an opportunity not to be missed. This bus trip has been organized by Kempsey High and friends in support of a local Australian venture into the world of theatre. Save yourself the drive to Sydney, sit back and enjoy the trip in an air-conditioned video equipped coach.

For further information contact Lisa Reid at Kempsey High- 65626166, Evelyn Jacobs at Melville High- 65627511 or 0418 463 278 ah or fax this back to Mrs. Jacobs – 65627405 with your contact details so we can contact you or email evelyn.jacobs@det.nsw.edu.au.

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