

# Newsletter

## Kempsey South Public School

TERM 2 WEEK 3  
13 MAY 2024



Responsibility Respect Learning Safety Care

## Mother's Day Breakfast and Do It For Dolly Day

Last Friday we had a huge day at school where we held our Mother's Day Breakfast as well as the staff dressing in blue to support Do It For Dolly Day. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. There was an amazing selection of delicious treats for people to enjoy while we celebrated the Mums, Aunts, Nans and wonderful carers in our community. A huge thanks to the KSPS staff for setting up and feeding the troops and a special shout out to Miss Tess Harwood and Alana Ford for their incredible organisation and catering of the event. In supporting Do It For Dolly Day 2024, the aim was to continue to raise awareness of Dolly's Dream message to end bullying and be kind and speak, even if your voice shakes. At Kempsey South, we will continue to work hard so that together, we can all dream of a kinder and safer world for Australia's kids and communities.

### School Arrival Time

Recently, we have had a number of students arriving at school extremely early - well before our 8.30am first bell. Staff don't commence supervision until that first bell, so arriving well before it can increase the chances of safety issues occurring. We are thrilled that our students are keen to get to school before the class bell, however if you are able to encourage them at home to arrive closer to 8.30am that would be fantastic. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Social Media

As it becomes further entrenched in our daily lives, online communication and the use of social media is increasingly impacting on the development of young people and their interactions with each other. This can be especially dangerous for primary school-aged children as their brains are still developing and they don't yet have the experience or maturity to make informed decisions, distinguish between friendships and predatory behaviours and can fall into the traps of bullying and nastiness. It can be difficult to keep our kids away from these apps, so Kempsey South has engaged Safe on Social and the local Police Youth Liaison Officers to support our students with the information they require to make sensible choices when working or playing online.

### Berry Street Education Model Training

As you may be aware, our staff has been training in and implementing the strategies and philosophy of the Berry Street Education Model for the past three years. This year we have combined with a number of other Macleay Public Schools to have joint training to ensure that all staff receive the same intensive training across the valley. So far we have had half of our KSPS staff trained and the other half will complete their first two days at the back end of Weeks 3 and 6. It's a great opportunity to build our capacity to further enhance the great gains we've made in this area over the past three years.

### Mother's Day Breakfast 2024





**Dates To Remember**

**Term 2**

**Week 3**

- Mon 13/05/24 LNC Cross Country
- Mon 13/05/24 Assembly 1pm
- Mon 13/05/24 K/6S Off Site Learning
- Tues 14/05/24 Playgroup 9.30
- Wed 15/05/24 PSSA Soccer
- Thurs 16/05/24 Kempsey Science & Engineering Challenge
- Thurs 16/05/24 Brospeak
- Fri 16/05/24 Playgroup 9.30

**Week 4**

- Mon 20/05/24 Assembly 1pm
- Mon 20/05/24 K/6S Off Site Learning
- Tues 21/05/24 Playgroup 9.30
- Wed 22/05/24 K/6G Off Site Learning
- Fri 23/05/24 Sistaspeak

**Week 5**

- Mon 27/05/24 Assembly 1pm
- Mon 27/05/24 Last day to pay for Great Aussie Bush Camp
- Mon 27/05/24 Sorry Day
- Mon 27/05/24 K/6S Off Site Learning
- Tues 28/05/24 Netball Gala Day
- Wed 29/05/24 Macleay Reconciliation Event
- Thurs 30/05/24 Brospeak



**Happy Birthday**

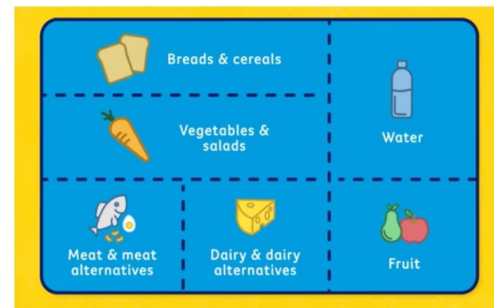


May– Mahaliah, Byron, Jo-Leigh, Samuel, Blake, Mason, Jeremiah, Penny, Delilah

**Nutrition Snippet**

**BUILD A LUNCH BOX**

A healthy lunch box contains foods from the 5 food groups.



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**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box

**KEMPSEY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

**School Culture**

Whole School systems and processes to support a strong school culture

- Cultural Awareness Program
- Wellbeing Framework
- Social Capabilities
- Reading & Numeracy strategies
- Self-reflection

Supporting student wellbeing

**Student Growth and Attainment**

Collaboration for Teaching Expertise

Explicit Teaching

- Build Expertise
- Observational cycles
- Improve Practice
- Feedback
- Tracking and Monitoring

Expert Coaching and Mentoring

**Digital Literacy**

Whole School Systems

- IT Scope and Sequence
- PDP PLP
- Whole School Assessment Schedule
- Seesaw
- Ubiquitous and equitable access
- 1:1 iPads for students

Integration of ICT into practice

**Staff Capacity**

Fostering positive relationships across the school community

- Local (Dungutti) Culture
- Wellbeing Framework
- Connecting to Country
- Comprehensive and integrated strategy

**Staff - Digital Teaching Processes**

Monitor and evaluate the implementation of ICT teaching programs

- Project Based Learning Challenges
- Co-designing Learning programs
- IT Committee
- DCO
- Digital Literacy

ICT implementation and mentoring support

**Respect, Responsibility, Learning, Safety and Care**

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**P&C MEETING**  
1st Wed of every month

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Wednesday 5th June 2024

Please join us for biscuits & coffee/tea in the ARCC at 2-3pm.

As a school community we can all benefit and thrive from parent/carer participation and support.  
We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS Week 2**

**K/6A**

Jason Ready to Learn  
Michael Ready to Learn

**K/6H**

Daniel Ready to Learn

**1/20**

Jakayla Resilient  
Rilley Respectful

**3/6G**

Byrron Fantastic effort forming sentences  
Jaycobie Showing sportsmanship during outside games

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## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

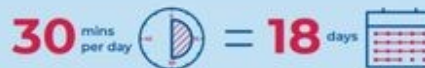
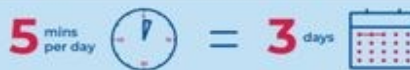
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### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year



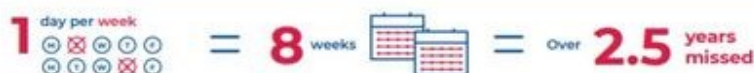
Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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# 95% +

### Days missed = years lost

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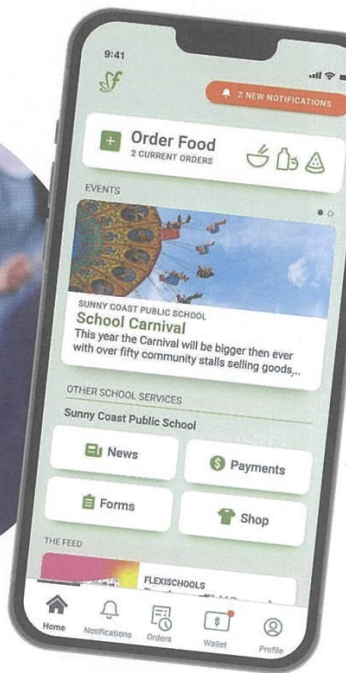






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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



EVERY MONDAY 1PM



ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

