

# KEMPSEY SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER | 10TH FEBRUARY 2025



### WELCOME BACK!

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many smiling faces return to school last Thursday to kick off a brand new year at Kempsey South PS. We enjoyed welcoming new students and families into the school as well as seeing just how much our returning students have grown over the summer break. They're huge! 2025 has plenty in store for us with excursions, camps, STEM, sport, performing arts and cultural activities already booked in, plus the amazing work that will happen in classrooms each and every day to ensure that your children receive the very best education on offer from a talented and dedicated group of professionals. Enjoy your year!

### CLASS DOJO

Don't forget to join your child's Class Dojo account for all of the updates and communication related to their class. Please speak to your child's teacher for the relevant information.



### KSPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our 2025 KSPS Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday at Gladstone pool. All students who turn 8 years of age this year or older will be attending. Each child is encouraged to bring swimmers, towel, goggles, water bottle and food for the day as well as dress in their House colours - green (Wambuyn) or blue (Yanggaayi). There will be a canteen operating to purchase snacks. Buses will depart KSPS at 9.30am and should return by 2.30pm. As always, it promises to be a great day with plenty of wonderful competition on display!

### COOKING & LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN 2025

This year we have structured programs slightly differently to the past to maximise teaching time for our educators as well as the impact these programs are having on student learning outcomes across the school. As such, classes will rotate through both cooking and language programs in 2025, alternating term about as shown below:

#### Cooking

Kindy-Year 2 - Terms 2 & 4  
Years 3-6 - Terms 1 & 3

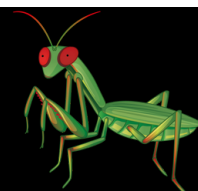
#### Language

Kindy-Year 2 - Terms 1 & 3  
Years 3-6 - Terms 2 & 4

### EXPLAINED ABSENCES

To comply with the NSW Department of Education's student attendance policy, our processes remain in place this year regarding notifying the school when your child is absent. This can be done by simply sending in a note, calling the school on 65627033 or responding via SMS when notifications are sent. Please feel free to speak to your child's teacher or even drop into the front office if you have any questions regarding your child's attendance at school during the year.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1

### WEEK 2

Mon 10/02/25 K/6S On Country Excursion  
Wed 12/02/25 K/6G On Country Excursion  
Thurs 13/02/25 KSPS Swimming Carnival  
Fri 14/02/25 K/6S & K/6G Swimming  
Fri 14/02/25 Playgroup 9.30-11am

### WEEK 3

Mon 17/02/25 K/6S On Country Excursion  
Mon 17/02/25 Assembly 1pm  
Wed 19/02/25 K/6G On Country Excursion  
Wed 19/02/25 Macleay Swimming  
Carnival  
Fri 20/02/25 K/6S & K/6G Swimming  
Fri 20/02/25 Playgroup 9.30-11am

### WEEK 4

Mon 24/02/25 K/6S On Country Excursion  
Mon 24/02/25 Assembly 1pm  
Wed 26/02/25 K/6G On Country Excursion  
Thurs 27/02/25 LNC Swimming  
Fri 28/02/25 K/6S & K/6G Swimming  
Fri 28/02/25 Playgroup 9.30-11am

Happy  
Birthday



Jaycobie  
Violet  
Lynnell  
Xavier  
Priscilla  
Harmonie  
William  
Paris  
Logan  
Riley  
Daniel  
Ella

Birthdays next 30 days

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## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

NO ASSEMBLY TODAY

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### Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

**Days missed = years lost**

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

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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
5 mins per day	3 days
30 mins per day	18 days

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

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# Kempsey South P&C




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

Please join us for biscuits & coffee/tea in the Library at 2 pm.

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.

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<b>Up to 6 months</b> Approved rear facing child car seat.	<b>Up to 30 months</b> Approved rear facing child car seat recommended.	<b>6 months to 4 years</b> Approved rear or forward facing child car seat.	<b>4+ years</b> Approved forward facing child car seat or booster seat.	<b>145cm or taller</b> Recommended minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt.



## CAVANAGH BUS UPDATE

**Due to recent changes to our buses by TFNSW.**

**We now have TCB ( Transport Connect Bus ) and passenger counters on all school buses – TFNSW now monitoring all student travels.**

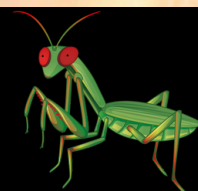
**As a result, we now must follow TFNSW SSTS code in reference to free travel passes.**

**Free travel is from home to school, and school to home only.**

**Effective immediately, all students can only be dropped off at their registered school in the morning, we can no longer drop off in town for sports carnivals etc.**

**All buses are required to complete their school runs as per contracts. In the afternoon, all students are to catch their designated bus at their registered school. Any student wishing to catch a bus from any other location requires payment of a fare to travel.**

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South West Rocks Netball Club

# Join us! COME & TRY

Still a little unsure? **South West Rocks netball** club are holding 2 Come & try days before registrations close!

ALL AGES WELCOME

## Where?

South West Rocks  
Netball courts

## When?

Wednesday  
**19th February**  
Wednesday  
**28th February**

## Time?

3:30pm



## BE BUS AWARE

Wait until the bus  
has gone then use a  
safe place to cross



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Hold on and  
stay alert



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Come and join us

# KEMPSEY SOUTH

## SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

9:30am to 11:00am  
Every Friday

Morning Tea Provided  
Everyone Welcome

For further information  
call 65 62 7033

LEARNING



CARING



EXPLORING



Highly qualified staff  
Supportive play based learning  
Family and community atmosphere

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