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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
The staff & students wish to thank Farmer Cain from Kinchela for the delivery of home grown watermelons. The watermelons were very sweet and juicy and ideal for our daily fruit break.

The students are also very proud of their first pumpkin harvested last week from the veggie patch during Buddy Gardening.

Check us out on Facebook and give us the thumbs up!

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to our amazing swimmers who recently attended the PSSA Small Swimming School Carnival.

Abby, Maya and Kirstyn all placed in the top three of their individual events and have progressed to the PSSA Macleay Swimming Carnival. Good luck on Wednesday!

We also had success in the PP6 relay event qualifying for the Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival being held on Wednesday 24 February.

Our PP6 Relay Team
L/R Back – Katie, Tayla, Kirstyn / L/R Front – Mae, Abby

Right: Abby blitzed it in Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke
ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 2
CLASS AWARDS:
The efforts of children who work well in class and display a sense of responsibility are recognised.

This process is formalised at school assemblies with the awarding of Merit Awards for Academic and Sporting Achievements as well as good behaviour.

Kinchela Kritters are awarded for quality behaviour and attitude. Students may place them in the draw for a variety of prizes.

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at our Assembly held on 5 February.

Mrs Kerrigan: Maya, Takira, Jake
Ms Foulkes: Willow, Jacob, Wyatt
Alwyn: Jacob, Ashley
Kritter Draw: Wyatt and Lachlan

Parents, carers and community members are welcome to attend our Whole School Assemblies. The next Assembly will be held on Friday, 19 February, 2.00 pm.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX
L:R – Leo, Nell & Willow won the Healthy lunch boxes for last week

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking Day is Tuesday. The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school.

ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other - this to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact Trish Tolman, School Administration Manager.

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TECHNOLOGY

Each Wednesday the students have computer lessons. The aim of these lessons is to teach them how to use the functions of the programs supplied from the Department of Education. Lessons are based around Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point; plus some special graphic lessons for the seniors.

**Year 6** – are learning to code. For this they will need listening and concentration skills. They are writing a simple web page in HTML code and when done correctly they will see the result in a web browser. Coloured background, images and links will be included in the code.

**Year 5** – are working in Excel. They are presently doing the accounts for the Kinchela Fruit Barn. They have added the data into the workbook for the month of January; learnt how to write a formula for adding and multiplying columns; sorted columns from A to Z; and set columns to currency. The final part of this lesson will be to create a chart to show the January sales.

**Year 4/3** – Using a template of a mobile phone students are doing a recount of their holiday as a text message. By using the template they will need to change the size of the font to make their text stay on the one screen. This is giving practice of typing into different size boxes.

**Year 2** – are doing exercises in changing the colour, size and styles of fonts. In the next few weeks they will begin a touch typing program.

**Year 1** – begin each lesson by logging onto the computer, typing their name, inserting the date and putting a border around their page. This is all done independently. Simple word processing with clip art is completed each lesson.

**Kindergarten** – students are learning how to log onto the school network. Firstly they need to type their name (joe.blogg@detnsw) so for students who are just learning letter sounds it can be a little daunting – but we are working on this. Next they open Word and then we have a little fun using two fingers typing letters they have learnt in class. The lesson ends with a printout of their work of which they are very proud.

P & C NEWS

OLD SCHOOL UNIFORMS

New stock of school shirts have arrived! $23.00 each

The P & C has decided to donate all the “OLD” school uniforms to our sister school in Papua New Guinea. The P & C thought it may be a good opportunity to do a clean out of old school uniforms at home and you too might like to donate them to this worthy cause. Please note they must be washed and bagged if you wish to donate.
COMMUNITY NEWS
MACLEAY VALLEY EAGLES
REGISTRATION DAYS:
Sunday 14th February – South West Rocks Shelter Shed. 10:00am – 12:00pm
Sunday 14th February – AFL ground at Gladstone. 12:30pm – 2:00pm
Sunday 14th February – AFL Clubhouse South Kempsey. 2:30pm – 4:00pm
Sunday 21st February – Crescent Head Park, 10-12:00pm
Sunday 21st February – St Joseph’s School Oval – 12:30pm – 2:00pm

MACLEAY VALLEY RANGERS REGO DAYS
20th Feb 11-2pm Kempsey Macleay Macleay RSL Club
21st Feb 3-5pm Kempsey RSL Sports & Bowling Club
All players welcome from U6 to seniors
Register online www.myfootballclub.com.au
Contact Larisa info@macleayvalleyrangers.com.au or 0407 597 375

KEMPSEY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Junior Basketball for all primary school age children will be held on Mondays from 5 till 6pm at Melville High School. Cost: $3 per week. Coaches and team singlets provided. Enquiries call Evelyn Jacobs on 0418 463 278

Nestle Mini Tri
Saturday 20th February 2016
Race 1: 12:00pm 5 year olds-50m wade+250m beach walk/run
Race 2: 12:30pm 6-7 year olds-100m wade-swim (shallow water)+500m beach walk/run
Race 3: 1:00pm 8-9 year olds-100m wade-swim (shallow water)+3km cycle+600m run
Race 4: 2:15pm 10-11 year olds-200m wade-swim (shallow water)+ 6km cycle+1km run
Race 5: 3:15pm 12-15 year olds-300m swim + 9km cycle+2km run
(No team entries)

Enter online for your chance to win a $300 open order from The SWR Bike and Skate Shop
Online entries close 5:00pm Tuesday 16th Feb 2016
Late entries will be accepted on the day up to 1 hour before the start of each race

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