

TERM ONE

Term 1 Week 3 2020

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DATE	UPCOMING EVENTS
WEEK 3	
MONDAY— THURSDAY	Healthy Harold
WEEK 4	
17/2	Healthy Harold
19/2	Swimming Carnival
20/2	District Swimming Carnival
WEEK 6	
5/3	STEPS Screening (Kindergarten)
WEEK 9	
27/3	T-Ball Gala Day (P-2) PSSA Sport (3-6)
WEEK 10	
3/4	Presentation Assembly (Whole School)

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 1 2020. We have many exciting and learning opportunities throughout the Term. There have been some staff changes take place over the holiday break. Mrs Murray continues to work in her position at Warilla Office for the remainder of 2020 Term 1 and we welcome back to the team Mrs Cappetta and Mrs Trickett.

We have been fortunate enough to undergo some upgrades across the school and this includes our outdoor stage area, shade for the back playground, our new classroom furniture, expanding on our surveillance system internally and externally through the school and our school mural. We will be working with Sarah a gardening specialist this year who will be in on a Wednesday every even week. If you wish to be apart of the community garden please let you child's teacher know.

If you would like to provide feedback to the school in regards to any of our projects, learning experiences or be part of our community garden please use any of our communication platforms including the school email, Facebook Messenger or Skool Loop app.



*Lunch Orders available every
Wednesday & Friday.*

Orders taken on the day before 9 am

PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for the year was held last Friday, 7th February, where our student leadership team for 2020 were presented with their badges.

Please note : There will be no other assemblies until Week 9 for our Presentation Assembly.

School Captains	Aaron Cox & Amelia Valdez
Vice Captains	Anthony Syer, Chelsea Clegg & Shaniah Kneller

	HB1	HB2	HB3	HB4	HB5	HB6	HB7	HB8	HB9
SRC	Mason Harris	Chase Hewson & Ebby Apolo	Felicity Clegg & Kayden Foley	Marcus Phanis & Sophie Proctor–Shaw	Finn Scowcroft	Jake Maher		Patrick Culican	Billy Nguyen & Rhiannon Jagers
Class Captains	Cory Meredith	Nina Pagett	Alexis George	Lani Pagett	Jai Maher	Tyler Harrison	Riley Francis	Brock Stewart	Akech Lueth

House Captains	Nebo	Kembla	Keira	Bulli
Captain	Illiana Davies	Hannah Garner	Declan Murrell	Sama Apulu
Vice	Tyrese Lenartowicz–Wilkinson	Kaytlyn Dillon	Demi Pagett	Jai Maher

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT KPS

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Our school newsletter is issued in Weeks 3, 6 & 9 each term. The school newsletter can be accessed on our website, the Skool Loop app or via email (please see office staff to be added to our email list).

Kemblawarra will also send notifications and updates through the following forms of communication. It is important to have these apps to receive the most up to date information from the school.

FACEBOOK—Notable events, sharing of photos and updates around the school

SKOOL LOOP—Reminders, updates, newsletters, submit absences

Simply download for free via Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

WEBSITE— School notes, School information & policies, making payments online, learning resources

www.kemblawarr-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

CLASS DOJO - From Preschool to Year 6, our school is using Class Dojos this year as a communication tool between classrooms and families. Teachers have issued invitations to parents so they can join our school community. Teachers will be using the Dojo app as a student reward system, to encourage a positive growth mindset, and communicate more frequently to parents. If you haven't received your invitation please ask your child's class teacher for another to be printed for you.



DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS—This year we will also be using the Dojo system in place of our Portfolios that are given in Terms 1 and 3. We will be using the student's individual profile to upload a digital portfolio throughout the year. With this, parents will only see their own child's individual portfolio which allows for positive feedback from their teachers and their parents.

STEPS EYE SCREENING

On Thursday 5 March, Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) a NSW Health initiative will be conducting a free vision screening for students in Kindergarten that have not previously been assessed. Notes will be sent home today with all Kindergarten students. Vision screening for our Preschool students will be scheduled for later in the year.

YMCA BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

The YMCA offer Before & After School Care, along with Vacation Care at Kemblawarra Public School. Contact the YMCA today for further queries or to make bookings on 1300 009 679 or visit their website www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/ymca-kemblawarra-oshc/



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



At our school, we use Positive Behaviour for Learning – a whole-school approach for creating a positive, safe and supportive school climate where students can learn and develop. Our whole school community works together to establish expected behaviours and teach them to all students. Parents and students will be noticing signage that will be displayed in various outside areas reflecting expectations of students under the three school values, **Respect, Safe and Responsible.**

Students are given 'Caught you being good tokens' with our school crest reflecting our three core values. As students are awarded the tokens for exhibiting positive behaviours, they are informed of the school value which most complies with this behaviour. We have had a very successful start to implementing the school's PBL model this year and will continue to discuss the three values during our classroom PBL lessons as we analyse each area of the school and we discuss behaviours and expectations.

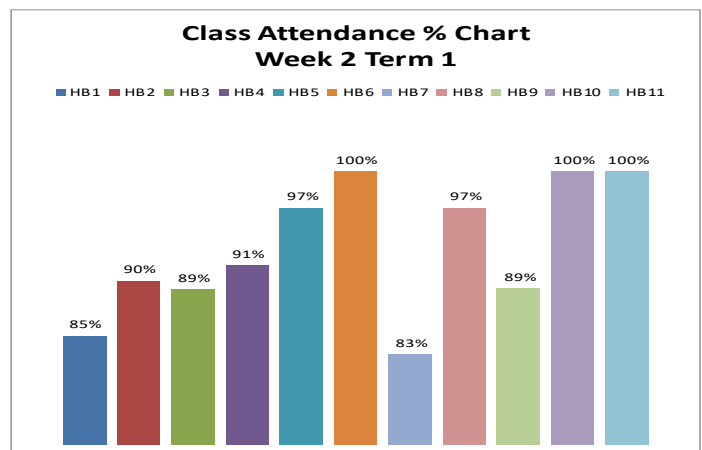
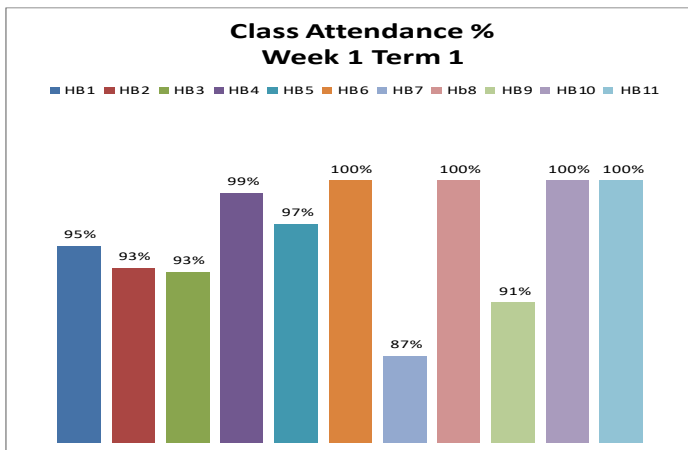
ATTENDANCE

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, parents are required to provide an explanation for the absences within 7 days.

When a student returns to school after an absence, they must bring a note from their parent/carer, explaining the absence and provide it to their class teacher.

Alternatively, **parents can explain an absence via the Skool Loop app under the 'Absentee' icon.** This can be done on the day of the absence or upon returning to school.



ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. The department has very strict guidelines around recording absences and what is accepted as justified or unjustified leave. The guidelines state: Students are recorded as absent if no explanation has been provided by parents within seven days of the occurrence of an absence or the explanation is not accepted by the principal. It is at the principal's discretion to accept or not accept the explanation provided. Principals can decline to accept an explanation for an absence and record the absence as 'unjustified'. The school may request a medical certificate in addition to explanations.

We understand that at times and during stressful or unforeseen circumstances, it is difficult to have your child attend school for a day or part of a day. For this reason and where possible, it is good practice to request documentation from a specialist or doctor or medical appointment where a child is sick or unable to attend school due to an unrelated illness of their own. The documentation does not need to state what the illness is or disclose any personal information. The documentation would only be used to justify the absence on the appropriate date and would only need to state attendance of the appointment on the absent date.

As we are a departmental organisation we are governed by policies and procedures that are mandatory for the school to follow. However, we are here to support all families with the requirements set out by the department. If you have any concerns or require any further information or need support around your child's school attendance please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance.

If you would like to look at the Attendance Policy it can be found at the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>

COMMUNITY NEWS



ILLAWARRA SPORTS HIGH

SUPPORTING TALENTED ATHLETES THROUGH EDUCATION

2020 INFORMATION & OPEN NIGHT

Monday 24th February 2019
6.00pm til 8.00pm
Illawarra Sports High School Hall
Guru Street, Berkeley



The Open Night will provide parents and students with information regarding local enrolments and the Talented Sports and Development Program. Information for students in years 5 to 10. Register your interest online www.illawaspor-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



Our School App

- 🗨 Events
- 🗨 Cancellations
- 🗨 Notices
- 🗨 Newsletters
- 🗨 Permission Slips
- 🗨 Instant notifications
- 🗨 Absentees



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Splash Swim Program

- ✓ Water Babies
- ✓ Water Confidence
- ✓ Learn to Swim
- ✓ Stroke Correction

MONDAY AFTERNOONS
Indoor Heated Pool
North Wollongong
AustSwim Qualified Instructors
Cost is \$11 per lesson with Concessions Available
Active Kids Provider (up to \$100 paid for school aged children)

Phone the Port Kembla Youth Project on 4276 1229



JOIN PKAFC for 2020!!!



AFL is BACK in your area & we want you to join our teams!!!!

Auskick, U9's Mixed, U11's Mixed, U11 Girls, U13 Boys, U13 Girls, U15 Boys, U15 Girls, U17 Girls & Senior Mens (16+)



ALL WELCOME!!



For more Information

Contact Sarah Email-info@pkafc.org.au Phone: 0449 730 722

Home Ground- Kully Bay Oval, Northcliff Drive,

Want to know about fostering

Watch our video series at caresouth.org.au and check out our socials too!

EVERYDAY CareSouth