



# KEMBLAWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

— SOARING TO EXCELLENCE —

Term 4 Week 6

17 November 2023



## UPCOMING EVENTS-Term 4

20 Nov-1 Dec	Swim Scheme
23 November	Preschool & Kindergarten Transition Parent Information Session-Preschool
24 November	School Leader Speeches
28 November	Book Giving Assembly
30 November	Preschool & Kindergarten Transition Week 8 Assembly
7 December	Preschool & Kindergarten Transition
11 December	Celebration of Learning Assembly Kemblawarra Karols & Santa Photos
12 December	Year 6 Farewell & Graduation
13 December	Preschool Graduation (Aegean & Indigo)
14 December	Talent Quest
15 December	Last Day of Term 4, 2023 for Students

# Principal Message:

## High Potential and Gifted Students

Over the past 25 school weeks, 240 students from Helensburgh to Kiama Public Schools participated in our HPAG Extend classes across eight host schools in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven regions. Our goal is to foster curiosity, encourage discovery, and stimulate creativity among High Potential and Academically Gifted students.

This year, we take immense pride in recognising the dedication of one of our students, Ebe Apolo. To conclude this year's program, we celebrated with the Curiosity and Creativity Exhibition, where students shared their learning.

The afternoon began with students showcasing their learning journeys and performing the periodic table song, followed by presentations of their BlueScope Land Transformation projects. Guests had the privilege of exploring exhibits that ranged from artwork and coded games to film trailers, animations, websites, 3D models, information posters, novels, dioramas, and more.

*Congratulations* to Ebe for embracing a new and challenging learning environment, not just academically but socially and emotionally. We commend her efforts in exploring concepts beyond the typical primary school curriculum, delving into topics like the Big Bang theory, star formation, the emergence of elements, mathematical concepts introduced in years 7-9, 3D design, website building, and the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. They also explored the world of leadership and tackled out-of-the-box thinking challenges!

## Electronic Notes

Exciting news! We have been streamlining our communication for your convenience. This is a reminder that all school notes will be electronic through SchoolBytes. To ensure you stay informed, please make sure you've connected to SchoolBytes using your email address. This switch to electronic notes will make it easier for you to access and stay up-to-date on important information. If you are unsure of how to connect or need any assistance, please contact the school and we will help guide you through. Thank you for your cooperation as we enhance our communication channels.





# Principal Message:

## Embracing the Summer of Learning: A Call to Keep Growing

As the summer break approaches, we want to encourage our families to embark on a fantastic journey of discovery and growth with their children. Research has shown that the summer months can sometimes lead to a phenomenon known as the "summer slump," where students can lose some of the academic progress they've made during the school year. However, fear not! We have a plan to turn this potential slump into a summer of continued learning and excitement.

### The Research Behind It: Combatting the Summer Slump

Research has shown that students can experience a decline in academic skills over the summer, particularly in reading and mathematics. This phenomenon can set them back when the new school year begins. However, the good news is that regular engagement in learning activities during the summer can significantly mitigate this decline. By dedicating just a small portion of their time to reading, math, and creative writing, students can keep their minds active and ready for the challenges of the upcoming school year.

### Our Summer Learning Initiative

To support our students in staying connected to learning over the summer break, we are excited to announce that the school will be providing activity packs. These packs are designed to be engaging, fun, and educational, offering a variety of activities that span reading, math, and writing. Our goal is to make the learning experience enjoyable and interactive, ensuring that students are motivated to explore new topics and strengthen their skills.

### How Parents Can Help

We encourage parents to actively participate in their child's summer learning journey. Set aside some time each day for reading, work on math problems together, and encourage creative writing. Create a cosy reading nook at home, visit the local library, or explore educational apps that make learning enjoyable. By making learning a family affair, you not only combat the summer slump but also create lasting memories.

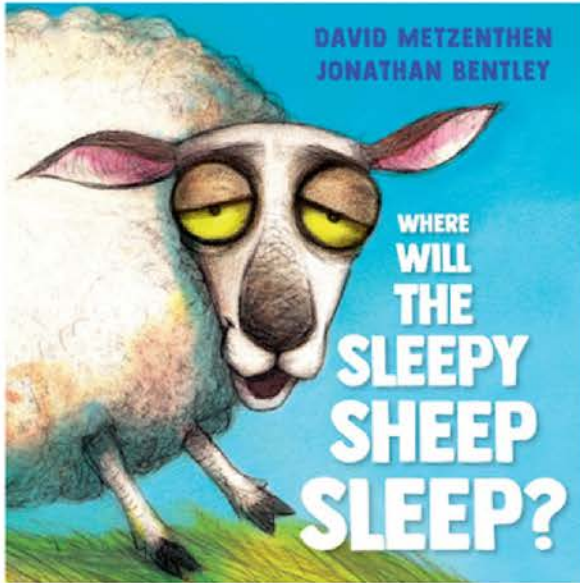
## In Kindergarten to Year 2 we use Synthetic Phonics-What is Synthetic Phonics

Synthetic phonics is an approach to teaching reading that focuses on breaking down words into individual sounds, or phonemes, and then blending them together to form words. It's like teaching children the building blocks of language. Instead of memorising whole words, children learn to recognise and manipulate the individual sounds that make up words. This method helps children grasp the essential connection between letters and sounds, laying a strong foundation for reading. By systematically introducing phonics rules, children gain the tools to decode unfamiliar words independently. In simpler terms, synthetic phonics is like giving children the keys to unlock the world of reading, helping them build confidence and literacy skills step by step.



# Principal Message:

## Review: Where Will The Sleepy Sheep Sleep?



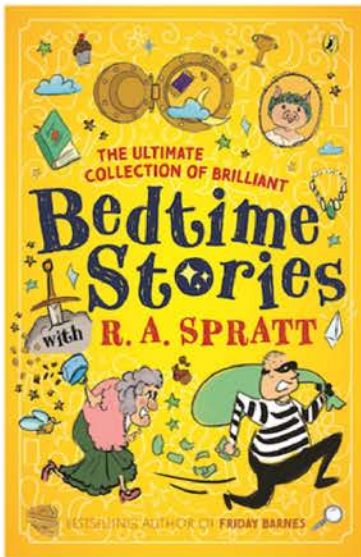
A book for bedtime reading, this tongue-twisting and somewhat mind-bending story will delight and entertain parents and children alike.

With its wonderful wordplay and tricky tangles, it's not for the faint-hearted! However, it definitely IS for those who enjoy playful language and a laugh.

*'Do you think the sleepy sheep will sleep on top of this wild and windy hill?*

*Baah! No-o-o, this windy hill is far too high and wild for a sleepy sheep to sleep on!*

## Review: Bedtime Stories



If you're looking for some brilliant stories to read aloud at bedtime, or for independent reading, then Bedtime Stories by RA Spratt is a great go-to book.

It's a spin-off from the popular weekly podcast, Bedtime Stories with RA Spratt

In Bedtime Stories the book, you'll find 25+ short stories to enjoy.

There are tales shared by RA Spratt's character Nanny Piggins, and featuring another of her characters, Friday Barnes (in the case of the purloined pudding).

Re-telling's of myths and legends (Medusa) are mixed with fairy tales (The Ugly Duckling), contemporary stories (A Tall Tale About Bees ... And Alien Invasion), and history (The True History of Marie Curie).

There's also a short pronunciation guide which can be checked before, during or after reading aloud (words like Sheherazade). Plus, a map and a couple of recipes.

Reading at bedtime has multiple benefits for children of all ages. It supports having a bedtime routine, helps with relaxation and sleeping, and to reduce stress and anxiety. Reading together at bedtime is also a great joint activity for adults and children, and this is a great book for this purpose.

Bedtime Stories is packed with humour and inspiration for the imagination. Keep a copy handy for bedtime reading and anytime reading.



## Class News: Aqua



This term, Aqua attended the Activate Inclusion Sports Day at Beaton Park. They had fun practicing their movement skills through various sporting activities including wheelchair NRL, soccer, NRL, and games where they threw beanbags at targets.





## Taipan Cup:

Year 5 and 6 students represented KPS at the Taipan Cup on Friday 10 November at Warrawong High School. All students demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship and skill.



## NSW OzTag Championships:

Kemblawarra Public School's participation in the NSW Oz Tag Championships was impressive. Every student showcased exceptional skills, sportsmanship, and teamwork, making the school proud. Despite facing stiff competition, they played with determination and enthusiasm. The collective effort, commitment, and fair play displayed by our students reflect the values instilled by our school. Each participant, whether scoring crucial points or defending with tenacity, contributed to the success of the team. Congratulations to all students for representing Kemblawarra Public School admirably—your accomplishments on the field resonate with the spirit of our school community.





## NSW Port Tour Excursion:

On Wednesday the 15th November, students from Crimson, Celadon and Viridian attended the NSW Ports Tour. This tour took place around our local harbour and surroundings. We learnt about the vital role Port Kembla plays in exporting and importing goods around our country and overseas, as well as the role played in preparation and during World War 2. It was a great experience for our students, and they represented themselves and our school wonderfully.



This week, Stage 2 and 3 embarked on a tour of Port Kembla. We began our tour with a short visit to Greenhouse Park – where the full picture of the port was laid out beneath us.

Next, we entered the Inner Harbour where we saw the Port's key infrastructures – Port Kembla Coal Terminal (the second largest coal terminal in NSW), the Grain Terminals, the state's largest motor vehicle import hub and cruise ship berth.

After visiting the Inner Harbour, we travelled towards the Outer Harbour precinct – a short stop at Christy Dr, offering us a spectacular view of the Inner Harbour berths. Then we discovered the additional infrastructure and industries that are in and around the Outer Harbour. We finished our tour on a beautiful high at Hill 60 with amazing panoramic views of the Illawarra coastline, Lake Illawarra and industrial super centre we have just explored.

It was an amazing experience for all and we loved learning about our local area!



Hi Kemblawarra Public School, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and how I could help your family. My name is Nicole Kingsley-Ross and I am a Family Partnership Coordinator with The Smith Family. My role includes supporting families on the Learning for Life scholarship. The Learning for Life program works in partnership with families to support their children's education and increase their chances of success at school. Some of you will have previously worked with Alison Bell, and I look forward to meeting you and continuing your journey with The Smith Family. If you would like any information, speak to one of your amazing educators and they will be able to help put us in contact.



# **I use the toilets and bubblers respectfully**

(Respect)

- I follow the rules when using the toilet
- I take my pass when going to the toilet during learning time
- I use the bubblers for drinking water, then move away
- I do not play in the toilets or with the bubblers

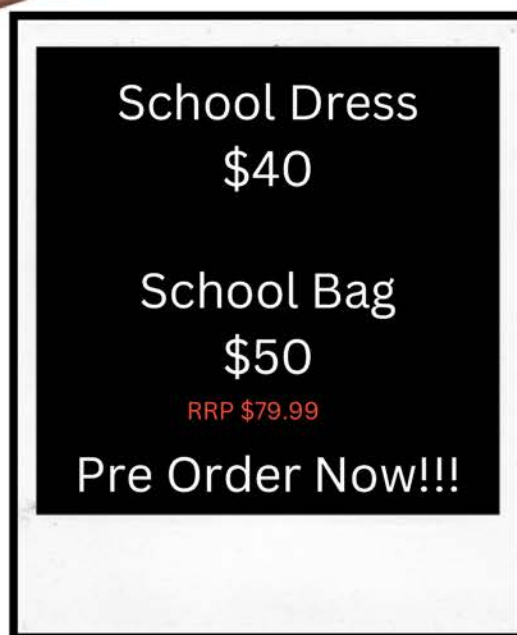




# School Dress \$40

Light weight cotton, fitted short sleeve school dress with zip back closure and side pocket. Limited number of each size available: 4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24

Pre order only



# School Hat \$10

New Microfiber/cotton bucket hat with School Logo. Available in 3 sizes S/M, M/L, L/XL





NEW COLLECTION  
BEST PRICE

# School Bag \$50\*

RRP \$79.99

Compact in structure, but mighty in features!

Harlequin's Mighty Tuff-Pack™ backpack is the perfect school bag for students who want a single compartment bag with a fixed-zipper flap, ergonomic shoulder straps and a protective base.

Endorsed by experts and with a lifetime manufacturers warranty, this is a strong, reliable and affordable backpack.

- High grade Duragarde™ water repellent fabric
- PVC Free
- Mesh water bottle pocket
- Anatomical Back System™ protects growing spines
- Padded laptop pocket
- Waist strap
- Soft protective base
- Reflective piping for enhanced night visibility
- Super Lightweight
- Easy sponge clean
- Reinforced D-Ring holder to hang your favourite charms and key rings
- Curved zipper pullers for easy grip.

NB: Key rings are NOT to be threaded through zip holes.

Capacity: 24 Litres

Weight: 0.9kg

Dimensions: 37cm H x 31cm W x 20cm D

Pre order only. This price wont stick around for long!!



\*Introductory Price ends 15.12.2023





# **PRESCHOOL 2024 TRANSITION INFORMATION**

## **PARENT INFORMATION**

### **SESSION**

**Date: Thursday 23 November**

**Time: 9:20am -9:50am**

**Location: Preschool**

### **Dates**

**Thursday 16 November**

**\*Thursday 23 November \***

**Thursday 30 November**

**Thursday 7 December**

**Session Times: 9:10am-10:00am**

***Please Note: Parents are required to stay  
and explore with their child***





# KINDERGARTEN 2024 TRANSITION INFORMATION

## PARENT INFORMATION

### SESSION

Date: Thursday 23 November

Time: 9:20am -9:50am

Location: Preschool

### Dates

Thursday 16 November

**\*Thursday 23 November \***

Thursday 30 November

Thursday 7 December

Session Times: 9:00am-10:50am





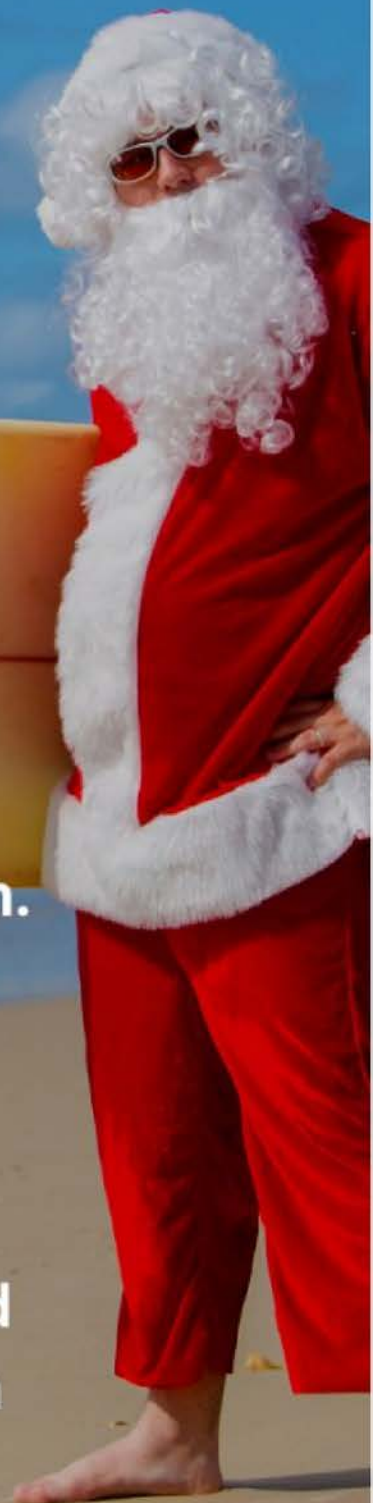
# **SANTA PHOTOS**

**Monday 11th  
December**

**4:30-5:30pm**

**This year, we are offering Family Santa Photos in return for a gold coin donation. Santa will be available to have a photo with from 4:30-5:30pm, before our Christmas Carols.**

**The photo will be printed (size 5 x 7) and given to your child in a festive frame in the last week of school.**







# Kemblawarra Karols

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday 11th December**

**4:30pm BBQ and Santa Photos**

**5:30pm Carols**

**More information coming soon**



# Uniform Packs

## Pack A- Full Uniform \$280

- 2 x Red and Black Polo Shirt (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Red Fleece (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Black Windbreaker Jacket (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Black Short or Skort
- 1 x Black Pants
- 1 x Red School Hat (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Sport Polo (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Sport Fleece Hoodie (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Black Sport Short or Skort

## Pack B- Full Uniform Pack with Dress \$280

- 2 x Dress (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Red Fleece (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Black Windbreaker Jacket (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Black Pants
- 1 x Red School Hat (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Sport Polo (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Sport Fleece Hoodie (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Black Sport Short or Skort

## Pack C- Uniform \$130

- 2 x Red and Black Polo Shirt (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Red Fleece (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Black Skort or Short
- 1 x Black Pants
- 1 x Red School Hat (with KPS Logo)

## Pack D- Uniform with Dress \$130

- 1 x Dress (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Red and Black Polo Shirt (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Red Fleece (with KPS Logo)
- 1 x Black Pants
- 1 x Red School Hat (with KPS Logo)





# Kemblawarra Public School

## Uniform Price List

### Monday - Thursday

Red and Black Polo Shirt (with KPS Logo)	\$35
Red Fleece (with KPS Logo)	\$34
Black Windbreaker Jacket (with KPS Logo)	\$42
Black Short or Skort	\$21
Black Pants	\$25
Red School Hat (with KPS Logo)	\$10

### Friday

Sport Polo (with KPS Logo)	\$37
Sport Fleece Hoodie (with KPS Logo)	\$53
Black Sport Short or Skort	\$17
Red School Hat (with KPS Logo)	\$10

### Other Items

School Bag (Pre order only)	\$50*
School Dress (Pre order only)	\$40





# BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

## SESSION TIMES

Monday to Friday

### Before School Care

7:00am - 8:30am

### After School Care

2:30pm - 6:00pm

## CONTACT DETAILS

To enrol and make a booking please visit our website [aspire-oshc.com.au](http://aspire-oshc.com.au)

Have a question? or request a parent handbook, please contact our Program Manager **Benjamin**:

✉ [kemblawarraps@aspire-oshc.com.au](mailto:kemblawarraps@aspire-oshc.com.au)

☎ 0447 880 697

ASPIRE OSHC provide high quality care and education to school aged children at Kemblawarra Public School. We aim to provide a fun and creative age appropriate program based on the "My Time, Our Place" National Framework for school aged children.

ASPIRE OSHC provide Before and After school care programs and Vacation Care. These programs develop and nurture children's minds.

ASPIRE OSHC promotes a healthy lifestyle through various activities for children to discover, learn and play. We create healthy habits by providing nutritional foods and a variety of opportunities to participate in active play.










## We want to work with businesses in our **Wollongong/Shellharbour** communities!

The NSW Department of Education are engaging small to medium businesses to maintain public schools.

**Reactive and Proactive contracts** are currently available. Some of the services we are looking for are Plumbers, Pest Control, Painters, Electricians, Landscapers/Greenkeeper, Glaziers, Builders and more!

[Click here](#) to register your interest or email us at [sws.application@spotless.com.au](mailto:sws.application@spotless.com.au) to get more information.

The next information session with School Infrastructure NSW is:

-  Wednesday, 22 November
-  8.30 AM - 10.30 AM
-  Chullora – 12 Muir Road (Cnr Worth St & Muir Rd)



# *Disabled Surfers South Coast Presents*

Thirroul **'Smiles on Dials Day'**

**Saturday 2nd December 2023**

Meet at Thirroul Beach Reserve off Cliff PDE, Thirroul



Check-in no later than 9.00am - Group-care facility participants limit of 6 per facility

A fun day surfing experience for any person with a disability, no matter how challenging, with complete water supervision.

Registration for Participants is FREE and all participants receive a bag of goodies,

Thanks to the local participating surf shops and businesses some gifts are provided.

Free registration for Volunteer Helpers and for giving up your time you will receive FREE Sausage Sizzle on the day.

For more information and who to contact view  
[disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch](https://disabledsurfers.org/nsw/south-coast-branch) or [www.disabledsurfers.org](https://www.disabledsurfers.org)

See you there putting "Smiles on dials"





# Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



**Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.**

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✓ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:



Saver Plus NSW / ACT Team



SaverPlusNSWACT@thesmithfamily.com.au



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## ITALIAN CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

### K—Year 6

Classes start in  
February 2024

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

4.00pm - 5.30pm

HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE

CAWLEY STREET - BELLAMBI

Our native and  
qualified teachers  
make sure your  
children will have fun