



KEMPLAWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

— SOARING TO EXCELLENCE —

Term 3 Week 10

18 September 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS-Term 3

19 September	Science Week/Pyjama Day
20 September	Education Week-Book Week Parade
21 September	Special Assembly/Open Classrooms
22 September	Canteen Special Day Rainbow Dash Last Day of Term 3
9 October	Term 4 Begins for Students and Staff

Principal Message:

Teachers Learning, Students Growing

This week, many of our dedicated staff attended a Professional Learning (PL) session on a Saturday at Marsden Road Public School, where we had the privilege of hosting Mr. Murat Dizdar, PSM, the Secretary of the NSW Department of Education.

Even more notably, we had two of our outstanding educators, Mrs. Breasley and Mrs. Blanch, share their expertise with a large group of teachers. They provided valuable insights into best practices for writing and showcased what we do here at Kemblawarra Public School.

Over the past two years, our school has placed a strong emphasis on enhancing our teachers' knowledge to improve our students' performance in literacy and numeracy. As we embark on our seventh term in this journey, we are starting to witness the positive outcomes of our investment in professional learning.

I'm pleased to share that, in reviewing the latest data, our Year 6 students, who recently completed check-in assessments, have demonstrated exceptional results. As a school, our overall performance in reading and numeracy exceeds state expectations. This is a significant achievement and a testament to the community's unwavering support for our school initiatives, which are transforming these results into our reality.

For students who excel, we excel alongside them, and for those who face learning challenges, we are committed to working closely with both students and their families to provide comprehensive interventions aimed at bridging any gaps in learning. Our ultimate goal is to promote growth and improvement, and we take pride in being on this learning journey, dedicated to student growth and success.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school's mission.



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Education Week and Book Week-Week 10

As we prepare for the fluctuating weather patterns ahead, we kindly ask that you remain attentive to the daily weather forecasts. This will help you ensure your child is appropriately dressed for each day's conditions. Please consult the calendar for a list of upcoming events, particularly those that require attire different from the school uniform. In such cases, students are expected to dress in a manner that is both suitable for the event and in compliance with our dress code (no singlet tops or short shorts; enclosed shoes only).

In our commitment to sun safety, we urge you to provide your child with a school hat and consider applying sunscreen in the morning. Sun protection is a top priority.

Additionally, to ensure our students remain well-hydrated throughout the school day, we ask that every student brings a water bottle to school. Our facilities are readily available for refilling these bottles as needed.

We sincerely appreciate your attention to these essential matters as we strive to create a safe and comfortable learning environment for all our students.

Staying Safe Over the School Holiday Break: A Comprehensive Guide

School holiday breaks are a time for relaxation, exploration, and fun. But amidst the excitement and adventures, it's crucial to prioritise safety. As we approach the upcoming break, let's delve into some key safety measures that will help ensure your holiday is not only enjoyable but also secure.

1. Sun Safety:

As the weather warms up, the sun becomes stronger, making it essential to practice sun safety. Always wear sunscreen with adequate SPF, sunglasses, and a wide-brimmed hat to protect yourself from harmful UV rays. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, especially during outdoor activities. Remember to seek shade during the hottest parts of the day, typically from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2. Water Safety:

Many families head to the beach, pool, or lakes during school holidays. While water activities are refreshing and fun, it's vital to stay vigilant. Never leave children unattended near water, even for a moment. Ensure they wear appropriate floatation devices if they are not strong swimmers. Familiarise yourself with water safety signs and teach your children about the dangers of rips and currents at the beach. Always swim in designated areas and follow pool rules.

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3. Road Safety:

If your holiday plans involve road trips, road safety should be a top priority. Ensure everyone in the vehicle wears seatbelts at all times. Adhere to speed limits and avoid distractions, such as texting or using a mobile phone while driving. Plan your routes in advance, take breaks during long drives, and never drive under the influence of anything. Teach children about road safety, including the importance of looking both ways before crossing streets.

4. Stranger Danger:

While it's crucial to foster a sense of adventure in children, it's equally important to educate them about safety when interacting with strangers. Teach your kids not to talk to or accept anything from strangers without your consent. Establish a "safe person" whom they can approach if they ever feel lost or unsafe in public places.

5. Preparing for the Return of Term 4:

As the holiday break comes to an end, preparing for the return to school is essential. Ensure your child's backpack is ready with all necessary supplies, textbooks, and stationery. Check their uniform to see if it needs replacing or mending. Encourage your child to ease back into a school routine by gradually adjusting their sleep schedule in the days leading up to the new term. Review any safety measures or guidelines specific to your school with your child.

In conclusion, a safe and enjoyable school holiday break involves a blend of preparedness and awareness. By implementing these safety tips, you can savour the break while keeping your family safe. So, have a fantastic holiday, and return refreshed and ready to tackle Term 4 with confidence and enthusiasm!

Elevate Learning: Engage Kids in Reading and Numeracy Activities During the Holiday Break

School holiday breaks are a perfect time for children to relax, explore, and rejuvenate. However, it's also a prime opportunity to keep their minds active and maintain the learning momentum from the previous term. Two essential ways to achieve this are through reading and numeracy activities. Here's how you can ensure your children stay engaged in learning during the holiday break.

1. Reading Adventures:

Reading is one of the most effective ways to keep young minds active and engaged. Encourage your children to embark on reading adventures by visiting the local library or selecting books that align with their interests. Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, or graphic novels, the act of reading not only enriches vocabulary but also fosters creativity and imagination.

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Set aside dedicated reading time each day, allowing children to explore new worlds through books. You can even make it a family affair by participating in a reading challenge, where each family member selects a book and discusses it at the end of the week. This not only promotes reading but also strengthens family bonds.

2. Numeracy Exploration:

Numeracy, often overlooked during holiday breaks, is equally important. Mathematics is a skill that builds upon itself, so maintaining a numerical mindset is crucial. Introduce your children to fun numeracy activities that keep their mathematical gears turning.

Math Games: Incorporate board games, card games, or online math puzzles into their daily routine. These games can be both educational and entertaining, making learning math an enjoyable experience.

Cooking Together: Baking or cooking with your child can be a fantastic numeracy activity. Measuring ingredients, adjusting recipes, and calculating cooking times all involve mathematical concepts.

Math Adventures: Take your children on real-world math adventures. Visit the grocery store and have them calculate the total cost of items or find percentages on discounts. Or explore nature by counting plants, animals, or identifying geometric shapes in the environment.

Math Challenges: Create small math challenges or puzzles tailored to their age and level. This can be as simple as solving basic equations, practicing multiplication tables, or working on word problems together.

Remember, the goal during the holiday break is not to replicate a school environment but to keep learning alive in a relaxed and enjoyable way. By incorporating reading and numeracy activities into their daily routine, you can ensure that your children not only retain their previous term's learning but also foster a lifelong love for knowledge. So, let the learning adventures begin!

Chess Tournament:

Congratulations to Daniel and Asher, from 456 Viridian, who competed in a chess tournament last week. Both students attended Amity College to represent Kemblawarra in the annual Chess Tournament. Each played 7 games each against other students from around the Illawarra. So proud of both Asher and Daniel for their amazing dedication and determination for the game of chess!



P- 2 Gala Day:



Violet and Magenta thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Term 3 P-2 T-Ball Gala Day.

They demonstrated teamwork and good sportsmanship during the games and novelty events.



I walk on the concrete

(Safe)

- I walk not run on the concrete
- I watch where I am going when moving around the school





PRESCHOOL 2024 INFORMATION

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

**Thursday 23 November
9:30am in the School Hall**

PRESCHOOL TRANSITION SESSIONS

**Thursday 16 November
Thursday 23 November
Thursday 30 November
Thursday 7 December
Session Times: TBA**



HIPPY Early **FREE** Education Program

The HIPPY program is a **FREE** early learning and parenting program for children in the two years before they start school.



HIPPY runs during school terms and supports:

- play based learning
- you as your child's first teacher
- your child's transition to school
- child development, community connection and confidence

HIPPY is available in the Warrawong, Lake Heights, Primbee, Port Kembla, Berkeley, Unanderra and Cringila areas.

All learning materials are provided by our educators.

**For more information
contact our HIPPY Co-ordinator**
by calling 4275 8575 or email us
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Level 1, 67-71, King Street, Warrawong

About us

Warrawong Library is located on Level 1 at 67-71 King Street above Plush. We have many books and magazines available to borrow, including in other languages like Chinese, Italian, and Spanish.

Need help with your English?

The Salvation Army offers free English conversation classes every Saturday at 10am at Warrawong Library. Email:

[inclusiveaustralia@
aue.salvationarmy.org](mailto:inclusiveaustralia@aue.salvationarmy.org)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN 0 TO 5

Baby Beats: Every Thursday during school terms | 10.30am

Storytime: Every Tuesday during school terms | 10.30am

Toddler time: Every Wednesday during school terms | 10.30am



PROGRAMS FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

LEGO Club: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month | 3.30pm

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Scan the QR code to book your spot for our school holiday events at Warrawong Library.

GONGLUG PRESENTS
MT OUSLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
LEGO BRICK FAIR
SUN 22ND OCTOBER - 10AM TO 3PM

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+

COFFEE VAN



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ENTRY VIA VEREKER ST,
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PORT KEMBLA

Amateur Swimming Club

**At Port Kembla Olympic Pool
Every Tuesday, 6.45pm - 8pm**

**Season dates:
Tuesday 7th November - Tuesday 19th December,
Tuesday 30th January - Tuesday 26th March**

ESTABLISHED 1937

**Family friendly swimming club
Minimum swimming competency- 33m**

**Online registration opens early October- keep an
eye on Facebook for details!**

**Fees:
\$130 for first swimmer in family
\$110 for each additional swimmer in family**

Active Kids vouchers accepted!

Need more info? Contact us via Facebook!

Nutrition Snippet

LUNCH BOX SNACKS

Need some quick and tasty snacks?



Check out these recipes that are easy to freeze and ready when you are!

- [Blueberry oat muffins](#)
- [Oaty biscuits](#)
- [Chewy fruit and seed bars](#)

For more ideas download our [Snack Solution guide](#)



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box