



KEMPLAWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

— SOARING TO EXCELLENCE —

Term 2 Week 3

Work hard. Be kind. Stand proud.

16 May 2025

Events Term 2

19 May	Mixed Hockey Knockout
21 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
22 May	Assembly -Week 4 P&C Meeting
26 May - 3 June	Reconcillation Week
4 June	Chess Competition-Selected Students
5 June	Assembly - Week 6 Dragonfly Assembly

Principal's Message:

As we approach Week 4 of Term 2, we are also nearing the end of our first year participating in the 2025 NSWPSSA Knockout Competitions. Today, our netball and basketball teams are competing, and on Monday our hockey team will take the field. We wish all of our athletes the very best of luck and are incredibly proud of how they have performed in their respective teams.

A big congratulations to all students who have qualified for district athletics, and to those who represented our school at the district cross country. Each year, we see stronger representation from our students across a wide range of sporting events, and it is a testament to their commitment and our school's ongoing focus on expanding opportunities in sport.

It is important to remember that when students represent our school in events such as cross country and athletics, they are representing themselves and the school. All students must be in full school uniform or full school sports uniform when attending events. As district events are organised by PSSA and not the school, families must ensure an adult is arranged to supervise their child on the day. If you are unsure or have any questions, please contact the school.

All communication is sent through School Bytes, with reminders often posted on Class Dojo. If you are not connected to these platforms, please contact the office and get set up so you do not miss out on important updates. While we understand that mistakes can happen, many concerns are quickly resolved through clear and early communication with our office team.

At Kemblawarra Public School, we are strong advocates for supporting quality learning programs and connecting with aspiring schools on a similar journey. We proudly implement a core knowledge curriculum that is vertically and horizontally aligned from preschool through to Year 6. This ensures a cohesive and sequenced approach to teaching and learning that builds deep content knowledge and skills over time. We also support a number of universities by welcoming practicum students into our classrooms to engage in meaningful, guided observation and experience. These placements provide future educators with valuable insight into the science and art of teaching. This term, we are excited to welcome several practicum students.

We also work with our local high school, Warrawong High School and will be hosting a visiting school from Queensland, who will be observing our curriculum practices and teaching routines. Last year, we formed a collaborative network of schools, including Warrawong High School, to strengthen the Year 6 to Year 7 transition process and build a shared understanding of learning environments that supports our students and families.

Principal's Message continued:

Students are now well and truly immersed in their major learning units, with exciting content helping to build knowledge and inform their writing. Our K to Year 2 students are progressing through their phonics program, camera words and decodable readers. As students become more confident and capable readers, we encourage families to explore other types of texts such as magazines, chapter books and newspapers. This helps expand vocabulary and fosters a love of reading through both real world and imaginative experiences. We have many passionate readers at our school, so if you ever need some recommendations, please reach out. The local library is also a fantastic place to borrow books and explore new interests.

Our student clubs have officially kicked off for Term 2 and are proving to be very popular! The cooking club and coding club have been particularly well received. The school has invested in Bee Bots to spark student curiosity and support learning around coding and more complex STEM concepts. We are fortunate to have access to specialists such as Bevan, our chess coach, and talented staff like Miss Andanovski in dance and Miss Donaldson, a qualified visual artist and teacher.

Our chess club recently represented Kemblawarra at a local competition, performing strongly and earning some close placings. Bevan has also sent home information about weekend chess competitions for families who are interested.

We continue to grow our sustainability program with Sarah, a trained permaculture expert. We are grateful for her commitment to our school and her guidance in helping students learn how to use our greenhouse and engage with the land in sustainable ways.

Kemblawarra is proud to provide a range of opportunities and experiences for students, many of which are subsidised, to ensure all learners can reach their full potential.

Recently, Stage 3 students attended a guest speaker event at Port Kembla Public School to support their learning unit on people who make a difference. The speaker, Alex Noble, was a talented rugby player who suffered a severe spinal cord injury at age 16. Now at 22, he is a bestselling author, motivational speaker, university student, law firm employee and entrepreneur. Alex's story is one of resilience and inspiration, reminding us all to strive for our potential and find happiness through challenges.

Mrs Mineeff will be launching our Homework Badges initiative this week to recognise students who consistently complete their homework each week. While homework is not mandatory, our school encourages completion and provides a Homework Club for students who need support. Homework is tailored to each student's learning level, and the expectation is that students can complete most of the work independently. If you feel your child's homework is too difficult or too easy, please reach out to their class teacher.

Principal's Message continued:

We are also continuing to explore future pathways for our students. The Illawarra is fortunate to offer both a sports high school and a performing arts high school. If your child shows high potential in either area, please talk to their teacher. We have many resources and connections available to support our students from an early age.

We are very excited to be one of the first schools in the Illawarra to offer a five week disciplined martial arts incursion. Samurai Dojo, led by Sensei Paul Pirie, brings a long and rich history in Kimura Shukokai Karate. From its beginnings in South Africa to establishing the Honbu Dojo in the Illawarra in 2020, the program fosters self confidence, respect and discipline. This unique opportunity is already proving to be a fantastic experience for our students.

Finally, on Tuesday 21 May, our school will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime as part of our regular school day. This nationwide event is coordinated by the Australian Library and Information Association and celebrates reading by having schools, libraries and early learning centres all read the same picture book at the same time. Now in its 24th year, it is a colourful, fun event that promotes literacy and a love of reading across Australia.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Kemblawarra Public School continues to grow and thrive, offering high quality learning and exciting opportunities for all our students.





Sport News

What's on in school sport.

Upcoming Events

District Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 15th May

Integral Energy Park

School Knockouts

Netball - 16th May

Girls Basketball - 16th May

Mixed Hockey - 19th May

Boys Basketball - TBC

Sports Incursion - Karate

Fridays (Weeks 4, 5, 6, 7)



After School Sports Club

Friday afternoons

2:30 - 3:00pm

Term 2 is off to a flying start, with plenty happening on the sports front! We've already seen the next rounds of the school knockout competitions underway, our Athletics Carnival successfully completed, and the District Cross Country fast approaching.

Friday sport will begin in week 2, with stage 2 students focusing on netball skills and game play, while stage 3 students are sharpening their soccer skills in preparation for the PSSA Gala Day in Week 9.

Knockout team training sessions are taking place during break times, and it's fantastic to see students showing such commitment and enthusiasm as they work to improve their skills and teamwork.

Well done to everyone for a great start to the term!

Reminders:

Stay Updated!

With many sporting events still to come over the next few weeks, please continue to check School Bytes regularly for updates, permission notes, and important information.

SCHOOL KNOCKOUTS MATCH REPORTS

Girls Soccer Knockout – Round 3 Recap

On Wednesday, 7th May, our girls' soccer team took to the field for Round 3 of the NSW Schools Soccer Knockout competition, facing a strong Mount Saint Thomas PS side. Despite a determined effort and great teamwork, the result didn't go our way, with the final score ending 6–0. However, the girls played with heart, resilience, and true sportsmanship, proudly representing our school throughout the match. Well done to all team members—you gave it your all and should be proud of your efforts!

Girls Touch Football - Round 2 Recap

To wrap up Week 2, our girls' touch football team travelled to CEC Glenholmes Oval to face Lake South Public School in Round 2 of the knockout competition. Despite a 5–2 loss, the girls showed great determination and resilience in what was a tightly contested and challenging match. A big shoutout to **Zoe Thomas** and **Allirah Galloway**, who both crossed the line to score our two tries. Well done to the whole team for their effort and sportsmanship!



SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

~~Athletics Carnival Wrap-Up~~

On a cool and crisp Thursday, 8th May, students from years 2 to 6 headed to Beaton Park, Wollongong, for our much-anticipated annual Athletics Carnival. The day was packed with energy as students took part in a variety of track and field events across all age groups.

From sprinting to long jump, high jump and shot put, it was a fantastic display of athleticism, sportsmanship, and school spirit. An exciting highlight of the day—six age group records were broken, showcasing the incredible talent of our students!

Congratulations to all who participated, and best of luck to the selected students who will represent our school at the **District Athletics Carnival**, also at Beaton Park, on 24th and 25th July. (Term 3, Week 1)

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their hard work in organising and running the event, and to the families who came along to cheer on our athletes—it was wonderful to have your support.

Record Breakers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Previous Record</u>
Ava Matthews	9 yrs Girls 100m	18.10secs	19.36secs
Ava Matthews	Jnr Girls 200m	36.70secs	38.66secs
Tyrone Stenner	10 yrs Boys 100m	17.05secs	17.22secs
Tyrone Stenner	Jnr Boys 200m	37.00secs	38.44secs
Marcus Phanis	11 yrs Boys Shot Put	6.61m	5.88m
Ivy Smith	Jnr Girls Shot Put	6.23m	5.29m



SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

Please note: 100m and 200m results are determined by the top three fastest times across all heats for each age group.

<u>8 Years Boys 100m</u> 1st – Izayah Rodgers 2nd – Kingston Alison 3rd – Zack Grech	<u>9 Years Boys 100m</u> 1st – Carter Giorgio 2nd – Hushiyar Mahmoud 3rd – Taj Robson	<u>10 Years Boys 100m</u> 1st – Tyrone Stenner 2nd – Maaz Mohammed 3rd – Max Comerford	<u>11 Years Boys 100m</u> 1st – Brody Thomas 2nd – Dylan Micallef 3rd – Jayden Raczka
<u>12 Years Boys 100m</u> 1st – Daniel Noori 2nd – Kayden Foley 3rd – Brody Martiska	<u>8 Years Girls 100m</u> 1st – Darcy Johnstone 2nd – Maha Mehrosh 3rd – Ari Williams	<u>9 Years Girls 100m</u> 1st – Ava Matthews 2nd – Aaliyah Yassine 3rd – Arya Schroder	<u>10 Years Girls 100m</u> 1st – Niyah Foley 2nd – Ivy Smith 3rd – Arielle George
<u>11 Years Girls 100m</u> 1st – Austina Lopez 2nd – Zoe Thomas 3rd – Indi Thomas	<u>12 Years Girls 100m</u> 1st – Allirah Galloway 2nd – Marlie Murrell 3rd – Hine Apolo	<u>Junior Boys 200m</u> 1st – Tyrone Stenner 2nd – Izayah Rodgers 3rd – Bentley Spinks	<u>11 Years Boys 200m</u> 1st – Brody Thomas 2nd – Beau Cutler 3rd – Dylan Micallef
<u>Senior Boys 200m</u> 1st – Daniel Noori 2nd – Kayden Foley 3rd – Brody Martiska	<u>Junior Girls 200m</u> 1st – Ava Matthews 2nd – Aaliyah Yassine 3rd – Lilly Smith	<u>11 Years Girls 200m</u> 1st – Austina Lopez 2nd – Zoe Thomas 3rd – Gisel Colaco-Williams	<u>Senior Girls 200m</u> 1st – Marlie Murrell 2nd – Allirah Galloway 3rd – Hine Apolo
<u>Junior Boys Shot Put</u> 1st – Andre Phanis 2nd – Bentley Spinks 3rd – Tyrone Stenner	<u>11 Years Boys Shot Put</u> 1st – Marcus Phanis 2nd – Dylan Micallef 3rd – Emmett Brown	<u>Senior Boys Shot Put</u> 1st – Kayden Foley 1st – Asher Thom 3rd – Brody Martiska	<u>Junior Girls Shot Put</u> 1st – Ivy Smith 2nd – Sadie-May Johnstone 3rd – Arya Schroder
<u>11 Years Girls Shot Put</u> 1st – Zoe Thomas 2nd – Kulyssa Grimes 3rd – Gisel Colaco-Williams	<u>Senior Girls Shot Put</u> 1st – Hine Apolo 2nd – Allirah Galloway 3rd – Marlie Murrell	<u>Junior Boys Long Jump</u> 1st – Max Comerford 2nd – Bentley Spinks 3rd – Hushiyar Mahmoud	<u>11 Years Boys Long Jump</u> 1st – Dylan Micallef 2nd – Chris Skinner 3rd – Emmett Brown
<u>Senior Boys Long Jump</u> 1st – Daniel Noori 2nd – Asher Thom 3rd – Kayden Foley	<u>Junior Girls Long Jump</u> 1st – Nora Ryan 2nd – Amahri Williams 3rd – Arya Schroder	<u>11 Years Girls Long Jump</u> 1st – Zoe Thomas 2nd – Austina Lopez 3rd – Yasmeen Idris	<u>Senior Girls Long Jump</u> 1st – Marlie Murrell 2nd – Alexis George 3rd – Hine Apolo
<u>Junior Boys High Jump</u> 1st – Bentley Spinks 2nd – Max Comerford	<u>11 Years Boys High Jump</u> 1st – Brody Thomas 2nd – Jayden Raczka 3rd – Emmett Brown	<u>Senior Boys High Jump</u> No heights recorded	<u>Junior Girls High Jump</u> 1st – Niyah Foley
	<u>11 Years Girls High Jump</u> No heights recorded	<u>Senior Girls High Jump</u> 1st – Alexis George 2nd – Marlie Murrell 3rd – Hine Apolo	

SCHOOL KNOCKOUTS

FRIDAY 16TH MAY

MIXED NETBALL

@ BERKELEY NETBALL COURTS

KEMBLAWARRA PS



VS

UNANDERRA PS



FRIDAY 16TH MAY
GIRLS BASKETBALL

@ BERKELEY INDOOR STADIUM

KEMBLAWARRA PS



VS

CRINGILA PS



SCHOOL KNOCKOUTS

MONDAY 19TH MAY

HOCKEY

@ ILLAWARRA HOCKEY CENTRE

KEMBLAWARRA PS



VS

ROBERTSON PS



DATE - TBC
BOYS BASKETBALL
@ TBC

KEMBLAWARRA PS



VS

UNANDERRA PS



SCHOOL KNOCKOUTS RESULTS

GIRLS SOCCER



KEMBLAWARRA 0

VS



MOUNT ST THOMAS 6

GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL



KEMBLAWARRA 2

VS



LAKE SOUTH 5

Newsletter blurb:

We are excited to be partnering with Books in Homes and Mainfreight for our 3rd year of book giving to students. Last term students received their first 3 books to grow their home libraries at our Book Giving Assembly. Our amazing sponsors, Mainfreight, were on hand to help spread the love of reading. Their generous sponsorship will mean that students will benefit from this experience 3 times this year, with a total of 9 books being added to their home libraries. Special guests, Jumpy and Joey, also joined our assembly to hand out book bags, read stories with students and motivate KPS to get reading this school holidays.

At Kemblawarra PS we value reading as an essential skill for life. We know that students who continue to read at home will improve their vocabulary and increase their background knowledge. Students who excel in these areas are able to better comprehend information that they encounter as they grow and express their own ideas more easily.

If you haven't already, try and make daily reading with you child a top priority these school holidays. Books in Homes has given us amazing stories to get started with!





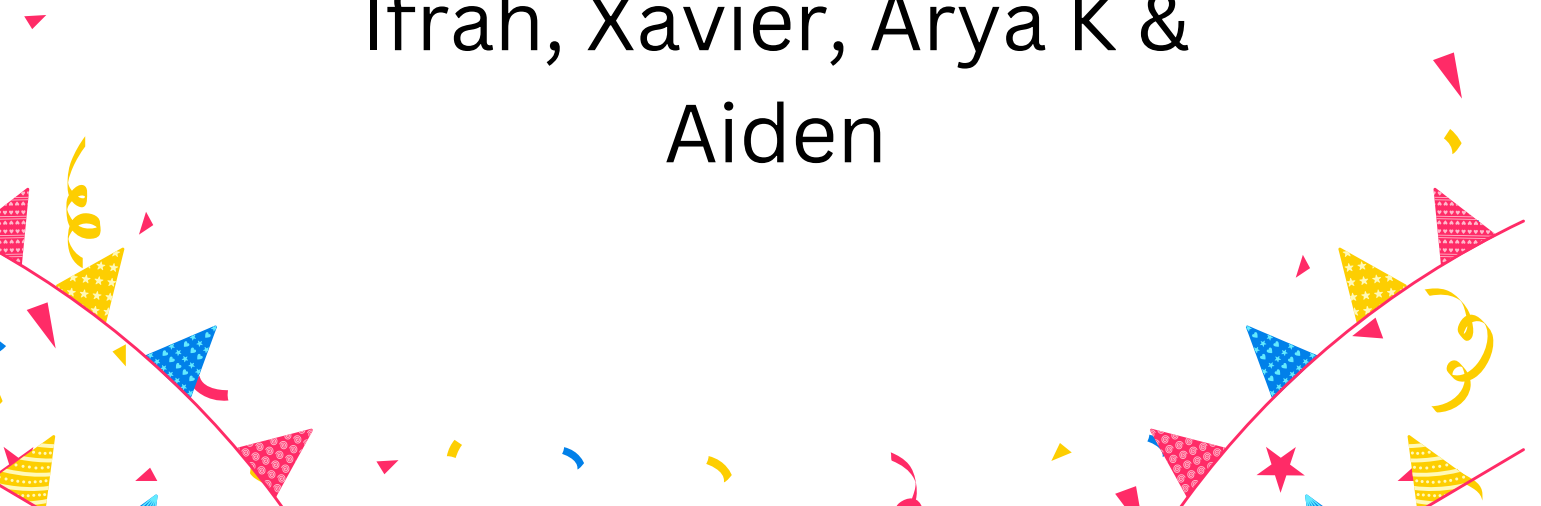
We like to celebrate birthday's here at KPS & would like to remind you that the canteen has special "Birthday Buckets" available to purchase. Please refrain from bringing in cakes/muffins or lolly bags for your child's class.

\$20 each

- Ice Blocks for the entire class
- Special Birthday badge for your child
- Pre Orders Only

Happy Birthday to the below students who have celebrated their birthday over the past two weeks!!

Kade, Lowanna, Aaliyah P,
Ifrah, Xavier, Arya K &
Aiden



Community News:



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 16 MAY 2025!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

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Grow their leadership and
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person on their way to
becoming an adult!

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