Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful year it has been! There are so many great things to celebrate in our school and we are so grateful for your ongoing support.

On Tuesday we celebrated the successes of our school community with our Annual Awards Ceremony. Thank you for all staff, students and parents involved in the preparation and organisation of this wonderful community event. Congratulations to our award recipients (see page two of the newsletter for a list of recipients).

Below are details of our Team for next year.

Class Allocations for 2018 are:

- **KH** Miss Danica Hawkins
- **KD** Miss Annalieese Dillon
- **KL** Miss Louise Daley
- **1H** Mrs Helen Hart and Mrs Julie Miles
- **1SR** Mrs Noeleen Smith and Mrs Cheryl Roberts
- **2N** Mrs Karen Needs and Mrs Monica Walker
- **2MW** Mrs Bernadette Mainey and Mrs Monica Walker
  (Please note: Tracey Duncan will be replacing Bernadette Mainey in Term 1 whilst she is away on Long Service Leave)
- **3C** Mr Adam Clay
- **3T** Mrs Michelle Tarrant
- **4D** Mrs Kate Darling and Mrs Karly Edwards
- **4G** Miss Emma Gamack and Mrs Bernadette Holdt
- **5N** Miss Nicola Bernasconi
- **5BZ** Mrs Judy Brady and Mr Kes Zvirzdinas
- **6E** Miss Brienna Elford
- **6OW** Mr Paul Owens and Mrs Nicole Edwards

Coordinators for 2018 are:

- **Additional Needs** Mrs Judy Brady
- **Curriculum** Mrs Tracey Duncan
- **Leader of Catechesis** Miss Louise Daley
- **Positive Behaviour Support** Mr Paul Owens
- **Sports Coordinator** Mr Michael Watts
- **Instructional Leader K-2** Mrs Alli O’Donnell
- **Stage Support Teacher** Miss Emma Gamack
- **Stage Support Teacher** Mrs Cheryl Roberts
- **Acting Leader of School** Miss Nicola Bernasconi
- **Evangelisation (Term 1)** Miss Nicola Bernasconi

Our Wellbeing Team for 2018:
Miss Shelley Spurrier and Mrs Heather Moorcroft

Our Leadership Team in 2018 are:

- **Assistant Principal** Mrs Krystal Brady
- **Leader of Pedagogy** Mrs Erin McGovern
- **Leader of School Evangelisation** Mrs Bernadette Mainey (LSL Term 1)

As the school year draws to a close I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. To the families who are leaving us to embark on new journeys; we thank you and ask God to bless and keep you in his care.

To all of our staff, students and parents/carers, we wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and look forward to a wonderful year ahead in 2018.

**Many blessings for this Christmas Season**

*Mrs Melissa Turner*
To all those students who will celebrate their birthdays during the holidays.

KINDERGARTEN BEST START INTERVIEWS
If you have not done so already, book your child’s Best Start Interview on either Tuesday, 30th January, Wednesday 31st January, Thursday 1st February or Friday 2nd February by visiting: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and entering event code 88W5E from here you will be prompted to enter your email address, your name and then student name. You will then be prompted to select your child’s teacher and times available to make an interview.

NUMERACY & LITERACY INTERVIEWS FOR YEARS 1-6 2018
Visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the event code gjz7f. You will then be prompted to enter your email address, name, child’s name and their Class Year for 2018. You will then be able to access the time slots available and book an interview.

NEW ONLINE ORDERING FACILITY
Online ordering for items sold through the school office is now available!

Go to www.flexischools.com.au and if you are already set up for ordering canteen lunch orders on line, log in with your login details, if you have not used this facility for ordering lunches, create a new account.

Once logged in you will have the option of ordering your child’s lunch and also the added option of ordering and paying for items such as:

School Hats - School Sport Socks - Reader Bags Library Bags - School Bags - School Jumpers
WEEK 1, 2018

MON, 11th Dec
Stage 3 Beach Day - $5.00 per student
Stage 2 Pool Day - $5.00 per student

TUES, 12th Dec
2017 Award Ceremony - 10.00am
Blues Sports Awards - 12pm

WED, 13th Dec
Year 2 Swimming for Sport - No charge
Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner - 6.00pm

THURS, 14th Dec
End of Year Whole School Mass - 9.30am
(only academic uniform)
Parent Helper Morning Tea - 11.00am
Christmas Celebrations - 11.40am
Reports Go Home
Transition to new class for 2018

FRI, 15th Dec
Assembly Prayer - School Councillors
Years 3 & 4 Swimming - No Charge
Last Day of Term 4

STUDENT STATIONERY PACKS 2018
Now available on line for students in K-6.
To order your child’s 2017 Stationery Pack visit...
www.kookaburra.com.au
User Name: STJOS176
Password: studentpack (lower case)
Select student packs and select your child’s year level for 2018. Orders need to be placed by the 18th December for delivery by the 19th January.

SOUTH WEST ROCKS TENNIS CAMP
21st December
8 year olds and under
22nd December for 9 years and up.

Contact Ellise on
0411 476 063

Our Mini Vinnies Team raised a total of $659.05 this year. The Mini Vinnies Team would like to thank our school community for an outstanding effort and support this year. This money has been donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society, Kempsey. Also, a big thanks for all the families who donated items for the Christmas Hampers. What a wonderful way to service to our community and help those in need this Christmas.

Christmas Calendar

Christmas Eve
24th December
Both the Children’s Masses with the placing of the Baby Jesus in the Creche & the lighting of our Christmas Candle
6.00pm Kempsey Children’s Mass
6.00pm South West Rocks Children’s Mass

Midnight Mass
12.00am Smithtown

Christmas Day
Monday 25th December
7.30am Kempsey
9.30am Kempsey
7.30am South West Rocks

Church Locations:
Kempsey
Cnr Kemp & Marshall Street
All Saints Catholic Church
West Kempsey
South West Rocks
Gregory Street
Our Lady Star of the Sea
South West Rocks
Smithtown
Main Street
St Patrick’s
Smithtown
Crescent Head
Main Street
Star of the Sea
Crescent Head
Willawarrin
Main Street
St John’s
Willawarrin

The * means we have at the following services.

Reconciliation
Kempsey 5.00 – 5.45pm (Saturday Vigil)
Tuesdays 5.50pm to 6.20pm
South West Rocks 7.00am-7.20am every Sunday
Smithtown Before 8.00am Wednesday Mass

Christmas Prayer
I said a Christmas prayer for you
Because the season’s near
I didn’t ask for riches
But for gifts so much more dear.

I asked for joyful gatherings
With your family all around
And for carols to inspire you
With their old familiar sound.

I asked for quiet moments
In your heart on Christmas morn
For a special time to celebrate
The Savior who was born.

I asked for friends to send their best
That you might know they care
I asked for peace and love and hope
And I know God heard my prayer.

~ Nancy Brummett ~
PRINCIPAL ALL ROUNDER AWARD  
Zoe Kennedy

HIGH ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
Nat Fletcher & Olivia Connor

CATHERINE McCAULEY AWARD  
(for a student who consistently achieved and persevered/shown resilience)  
Jade McLean & Beau Mainey

WEST KEMPSEY ROTARY AWARD  
(for a student who displays a keen sense of citizenship and community pride)  
Patrick Preston

GERRY HORSCROFT AWARD  
(for a student who is always reliable, helpful and cooperative)  
Olivia Dunbar

P&F AWARD  
(for a student who displays consistent effort and improvement in academic growth)  
Aleesha Mackay & Johnboy Clarke

READING ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD  
Jasmine Toomey & Thomas Prior

SPORTS AWARD  
Charlie Norton & Max Farrell

LINDA CAMPBELL AWARD  
(for a student who is a consistent worker)  
Year 1 Charley Steger & Mason Stever  
Year 2 Anugraha Biji & Harrison Shore  
Year 3 Chelsey Mainey & Jayden Bolton  
Year 4 Rihanna Lebrocq & Cecil Griffen  
Year 5 Zoe Roberts & Clancy Prior  
Year 6 Ruby Lennon & Ricky Daniels

JACK CLARKE MEMORIAL AWARD  
(for a student who displays compassion and demonstrates a witness to their Catholic faith)  
Bailey Campbell

GILES/CAPARARO MUSIC AWARD  
Isabelle Capararo

SISTER PATRICIA BARRIE MUSIC AWARD  
Angelique’ Hand

JESSICA HINE MEMORIAL AWARD  
(for a Year 1 student who displays an enthusiasm for life and learning)  
Zarli Kirkman-Dates

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD  
Celeste Ahern

NICOLE COOPER AWARD  
(for service to St Joseph’s School)  
ES1 Ivy Miller  
S1 Chelsea Darling  
S2 Abbey Turner  
S3 Hunta Crilley

ENVIRO TEAM AWARD  
Ciara Peters