Assembly Merit Awards
The following awards were presented at the last assembly:

**K /1** – Sam, Tom, Eliza, Jorja  
**2/3/4** – Charlotte, Dylan, Rebecca  
**5/6** – Emily, Montanah, Bradley, Laney

**K/1** – Hayley, Maddison  
**2/3/4** – Michael, Tristan  
**5/6** – Xavier, Van

Heads & Shoulders Award Winners

Class Award  
5/6
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Art Group**
I have spoken to Ms Harper in relation to continuing our art classes for Term 2. This year Ms Harper proposes that work will centre on portraits and mixed media. Students will receive a permission note today with further information. More information can also be found further on in this newsletter.

**Dance Group**
At this stage we are unable to find a replacement for Ms Gezelle. As soon as we are able to co-ordinate what is happening with the dance group we will inform you.

**Cake stall**
Thank you for supporting Year 6’s first fundraiser of the year. Thank you to all parents and Year 6 students for baking such a variety of cakes to sell. Year 6 made $152.60 from the sale.

**Hawkesbury PSSA Basketball**
Congratulations to Bradley who represented our school and the Hawkesbury team at the PSSA Basketball competition yesterday.

**Parent Online Payments**
Our school, along with other schools in the Hawkesbury, will be transitioning to a new finance system in September 2016. As part of this process our direct payment into the school bank account will finish at the end of term 1. With the new finance system the school will no longer have an individual bank account.

To assist parents with online payments a new system will commence on Friday 18th March called “POP” (Parent Online Payment)

Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment
When you access **Make a payment** you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class
- and reference number/name of payment eg; camp, workbooks etc

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number - these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Just 2 weeks to our Easter hat parade!
Hope those hats are progressing well!!

Brendhan Haynes
Principal

![Like us on Facebook!](image)

**Has your child been away from school?**

Remember to send a note to school when your child returns explaining why they were away.
**What’s Happening?**

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<td>Wednesday April 27</td>
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**Easter Fun**

**Mufti Day**

**Thursday 24th March 2016**

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<td>11.00 – 11.30am</td>
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<td>11.30 – 1.00pm</td>
<td>Children will participate in fun activities.</td>
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<td>1.15– 1.55pm</td>
<td>Bring a picnic lunch and blanket and enjoy lunch with your children.</td>
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Remember to make an exciting Easter Hat at home
ICAS provides an opportunity for Year 3 – 6 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

The tests are held at school on the following dates.

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The following application form and payment (Electronic Transfer BSB 032-001 Account 142 461) needs to be sent to the school office no later than Thursday 17th March, 9.30am. No late applications can be accepted.

My child/children wish to participate in the following Competitions

**Digital Technologies:** Name/s……………………..…………Fee: …………

**Science:** Name/s……………………………………………….Fee: ……………

**Spelling:** Name/s………………………………………………Fee: …………

**Writing:** Name/s………………………………………………Fee: ……………

**English:** Name/s……………………………………………… Fee: ……………

**Maths:** Name/s………………………………………………..Fee: …………

Total payment enclosed ______________________
SYDNEY WEST SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Hawkesbury District Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 26th February 2016 at the OASIS Swimming Centre at Windsor.

Congratulations to all our students who represented KEPS and the Small Schools team. We especially congratulate Tristan who has been successful in the 10 year boys 50m freestyle gaining 3rd place.

Tristan now moves on to the Sydney West carnival to be held on Monday 14th March at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush.

Good luck Tristan!

STUDENT ABSENCE

It is a legal requirement that your child attends school every day unless an illness or other important matter prevents this.

When your child is absent from school a note of explanation should be sent on the day your child returns.

The note must indicate the specific reason for the absence. This information is required for Departmental records. Please notify the school if your child is going to be away from school for more than two days.

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION 2016

Arrangements have been finalised for Kurrajong East and Colo Heights Public Schools Stage 3, three day excursion to Canberra on Wednesday 29th June to Friday 1st July 2016 inclusive.

We will be travelling with Macquarie Educational Tours in a Luxury air-conditioned coach with seat belts fitted to all seats.

While in Canberra we will be visiting sites such as Parliament House, the National Museum of Australia, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Australian War Memorial, ANZAC Parade Memorials, Mount Ainslie Lookout, Questacon, Royal Australian Mint and the High Court of Australia.

The total cost of the excursion will be $327.00 per student. This price includes a government rebate of $20.00 per student to learn about national democratic, historical and cultural institutions. The price covers meals daily

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

Parents are reminded that they can pay all school payments by accessing the school webpage and clicking on  Make a payment. The POP facility will commence on Friday 18th March 2016. Payments direct to the school bank account will cease at the end of term 1 as we will no longer have access to our individual bank account.

Please note that the school cannot accept P & C payments.

All P & C payments (OOSH, Uniforms etc.) need to be paid directly to the Kurrajong East P & C Association or directly to their account as follows:

CBA  BSB: 062 622
Account: 1007 1958
from dinner on day 1 until lunch on the last day, 2 night’s accommodation, all entry fees and bus travel.

A deposit of $100.00 is required no later than 7th April 2016 to secure your child a position. Further payments are required on 5th May, ($100.00) and the final payment on 9th June ($127.00) or the full amount of $327.00 can be paid to school by 7th April 2016.

(Electronic Transfer BSB 032-001 Account 142 461)

The excursion has been planned for between 20 to 35 students. If less than 20 students choose to attend the price may need to be adjusted. Please note that it will not be possible to refund payments made if your child withdraws from the excursion as it will alter the total cost of the excursion for participating students.

Please complete the consent form and return with your deposit (Electronic Transfer BSB 032-001 Account 142 461) no later than 7th April 2016.

ART CLASSES
TERM 2 2016

During Term 2 students from K-6 will have the opportunity to participate in Art Classes commencing on Thursday 28th April 2016.

The program will run for 30 minutes every Thursday during 2nd break.

Mrs Josephine Harper is a local artist who will teach the students the basics of art. The focus particularly of these lessons will be portraiture and mixed media. All materials will be supplied by the school except for an art diary. The art diary will cost $4.00 per student and will be used throughout the year.

The cost of this program will be $30.00 per student ($3.00 per lesson)

We can only accept a maximum of 15 students so please return your note asap.

If your child is interested in participating in the above classes please return payment in cash $34.00 ($30.00 per lesson and $4.00 per art diary) in an envelope along with the permission note below to the school office no later than Thursday 24th March 2016.

RAPS for KIDS
Road and Pedestrian Safety

RAPS for KIDS is a mobile traffic course consisting of pedestrian crossings with operational traffic signals, ‘children crossing’ flags and ‘lollypop’ pedestrian crossing signs. The mobile unit also involves the use of mini cars to simulate ‘real’ traffic conditions for the children. Each child will have the opportunity to participate as a pedestrian, traffic controller and as a driver.

By actively participating in the RAPS program and with the promotion of the STOP-LOOK-LISTEN and THINK emphasis, it is envisaged that our children will become safer pedestrians.

This program is open to students in Kindergarten to Year 5 and will be held at school on Wednesday 6th April 2016. Each session lasts for approximately 60 minutes. Year 6 students will assist as peer support-supervisors and help to maintain rotation of the groups and assist in the completion of worksheets relating to the outcomes of traffic situations both real and potential.

The cost for student participation in this program is $10.00 per student
No cost will apply for Year 6 participation.

Please return the permission note and payment (Electronic Transfer BSB 032-001 Account 142 461) enclosed in an envelope to the school office letterbox no later than 9.30am, Thursday 17th March 2016. No late payments will be accepted.
Canteen

The canteen roster for the next fortnight is as follows:

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Price Increase

Please note the following Canteen changes:

**Party Pies are now 70 cents each**

**Gluten Free Pies are now available For $3.50 each**

Cadbury Chocolate Easter Egg Fundraiser

Cadbury Chocolate Easter Egg Fundraiser boxes were sent home to families on Tuesday 8th March 2016.

Each box contains 20 packets of Mixed Eggs (Cadbury Milk chocolate eggs 125g, Caramello eggs 125g, Turkish Delight eggs 130g and Crème Egg Minis 135g)

Our selling price is $4.00 per packet, $80.00 per box.

The fundraising events that are undertaken by the P&C allow us to improve the school for our children. Your help with this current fundraising activity would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like additional boxes to sell please contact the school office.

Many thanks in your support towards the education of our children.

We ask for all chocolates to be sold and money returned to the school office no later than Thursday 24th March 2016.

P & C Association Fundraising Committee