Text Books and the SchoolKids Bonus
The children will all need to purchase text books this year. Thankfully the SchoolKids Bonus paid to families recently by the federal government is designed to enable families to pay for back to school expenses such as uniforms and text books. The teachers are sourcing the books for their classes now and it would appear that each class will be using between 3 or 4 text books at a cost of no more than $25 per text book which means you will need to put aside about $100 for text books. This should act as a guide to help you budget the SchoolKids Bonus but a letter will be sent home soon letting you know the actual total cost. Students are expected to be in uniform every day.

Comings and Goings
The DEC has given permission for the creation of a third Special Education class and as such the school has gained an Assistant Principal (Special Education) position. This position will be filled at a later date through Merit Selection. We welcome Miss R Schroder who was appointed after successfully gaining a position in the Special Education unit earlier in 2012. Miss Schroder brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise with her and at the moment has taken on the role of Acting Assistant Principal (Special Education). Mrs D Lacey, one of our preschool teachers, has decided to retire and won’t be back with us. We know you join with us in wishing her happiness for the future. We are happy to have Mrs V Petreski, former Regional Early Childhood Consultant, taking Mrs Lacey’s class for three days per week. I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Kokalevski, Mr Brown, Mrs Josevski and Mr Mitchell are back with us this year. We have also gained extra School Counsellor time for this year and I am happy to report that this means that Mrs D Truneckova will be here every Wednesday. Appointments can be made to speak with Mrs Truneckova by phoning the office any day, any time during normal school hours. Ms Speechley, our AEO, will only be with us two days per week this year. After calling for Expressions of Interest to fill the other three days Mr J Carr, formerly the Regional Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer, has been offered the position which he commences this week. Welcome also to Mr J Trew who is taking RFF this year.

Classes
At the moment we have created a K/1 (Mrs Napoleoni) and a 1/2 (Mr Brown) and two multi-age classes consisting of 3/4/5/6 students (Mrs Gjorseska and Mrs Kokalevski). Mrs White and Mr Mitchell’s classes will remain the same at this stage. Classes may need to be redesigned as the student population changes. I will let you know more about classes over the next few weeks.

Parents Approaching Students
Parents are reminded not to approach students or parents within the school grounds. If you have problems or concerns please let the teachers or myself know. The Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901 makes it an offence to disrupt, negatively affect individuals or create danger on school grounds.

Student Leadership
Year 6 students gave their speeches in support of their nominations for student leadership positions. Results of the voting were announced at the Friday Assembly February 8, 2013. Congratulations to Patrick who was announced Kemblawarra’s school Captain for 2013 and Danielle and Tom who were announced as Kemblawarra Public School’s Vice Captains for 2013. This year we also had students who nominated for parliamentary ministerial roles. Congratulations to John and Davey our sport ministers, Kane and Kaytlyn our environmental ministers and Clintan our Events and entertainment minister.

Two Preloved Freezers For Sale – Make An Offer and Take One or Both
We have a long, ex-ice cream, glass lidded chest freezer and a 150L, Tucker Box freezer for sale. Please ring Mrs Smith in the office on 42742024 for more information. You will need to provide your own pick up.

Official School Starting Time
As of Monday 18 February, the school will open the gates at 8.30am where a teacher will be on duty. The morning bell will ring at 8.50am and this will be the schools official starting time. Children will line up in the hall for the morning assembly at 8.50am.

Up Coming Events
- Assembly: Every Friday 9:15am
- Harmony Day: TBA
- Easter Hat Parade: TBA
School Leaders 2013

School Captain: Patrick

Environmental Ministers: Kane and Kaytlyn

School Vice Captains: John and Davey

Special Award Winners

Gold Award: Zachary cox

Merit Award Winners

Class HB1
Maddison, Tamahere Tristan, Nicolas

Class HB2
Lexi, Lilly, Dylan

Class HB3
Kristian, Danielle, Clinton

Class HB4
Davey, Tom, Nicole, Anastasia

Class HB5
Alison, Kain, Adrian, Nicholas, Zak

Class HB6
Dakota, Kai
K/1 News

Congratulations to our new Kindergarten students who have settled into school so well! Our Year One students have been helpful and reliable and I am so proud of everyone in our class. There will be a meeting for parents of K/1 students next Wednesday 20th February at 2pm in our classroom.

This will be an opportunity for us to talk about expectations for the exciting year ahead! Hoping to see you next week.

Julie Napoleoni

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

Make your child “Ready for School “ by:

1. Regular review by GP before school starts

2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms

School Entry And Exit

Parents and students are reminded to please enter and exit the school via the gate at the top end of the school.

Homework

Homework will be sent home with your child Monday afternoon. Included in homework is a home reader which will earn your child an award at our whole school Assembly after ten books have been read and signed off by a parent/caregiver. Maths, Spelling and Writing activities will also be sent home to be returned by the Friday of the same week and is an extension of what students are learning in the classroom.

Morning Assembly

Our morning assembly’s will be a little bit different this term. Students are reminded to put their bags outside their classroom when they arrive at school. The playground equipment is closed in the morning as is the back playground area. Students can sit quietly on the seats in the front playground area or play handball while they wait for school to start. When the bell goes at 8.50am students will line up inside the school hall in their classes.
Switch Off

Join thousands of other businesses and organisations around the globe by switching off your lights for Earth Hour on Saturday March 23, 2013 at 8:30pm. Show the world your organisation cares about our environment and the future of our planet. It’s a great way to show your company in a different light!

For more information about Earth Hour visit http://www.earthhour.org/