NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASS:  Ms Schroder’s new Special Education class becomes operational from Monday, February 25, 2013. There will be some changes of students and SLSOs within the special education classes. Parents of the children who will be moving have already been contacted.

JUST A REMINDER:  To ensure the safety of the students and parents only the preschool gate and the top entrance gate should be used when bringing children into the school grounds in the mornings or taking them home in the afternoons. Please do not use the car park entrance as it is too dangerous.

CANTEEN NEWS:  Thank you so much to our parents and grandparents who are already volunteering in the school canteen. We can always use more helpers. If you are interested please let me know.

WEBSITE FOR PARENTS:  Many parents recently have spoken to me and to other teachers about wanting to help their children learn, complete homework and assignments, make friends or deal with illnesses and difficulties the children may be experiencing. Below are links to some great tips available for parents on the schoolatoz website that you might like to check out.

**Friendships to boost your child’s learning**
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


**Assignment starters for the arts**
Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research. Find out more:  [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignment-starters-for-the-arts](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignment-starters-for-the-arts)

**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more:  [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school)

**Speech problems**
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development? Find out more:  [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems)
Merit Award Winners

Class
HB1
Bella, Kathleen, Sara

HB2
Zac, Grace, Julie

HB3
Kaytlyn, Meekah, Baili

Class
HB4
Christian, Kelan, Kyann, Stefani

HB5
Zak

HB6
Kane, Ashaya

Special Award Winners

Gold Award: kyesha
Community Support

We would like to graciously thank Fluor Rail Services for their contribution to our school breakfast and lunch program. Fluor Rail Services has kindly provided the school with funding of $400. This money will be used to purchase much needed essentials to support the schools healthy food program for breakfast and lunch.

OnPsych Free Counselling Service

Kemblawarra Public school is now using the Services of OnPsych. Onspych is a private counselling organisation which offers counselling for students, teachers and parents. The service is billed through the Medicare system so has no cost for the school or for parents.

Rachel Yerbury is the psychologist working at Kemblawarra on Tuesdays, and works on issues such as stress, anxiety, friendships, bullying, depression, family issues, behaviour management and many more.

Entering The School

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE DRIVEWAY AS AN ENTRY AND/OR EXIT POINT. This is an extremely dangerous practise.

This is a staff and vehicle entry and exit point only.

There have been instances where young children have been injured after being hit by a vehicle in school grounds.

There are two footpaths and gates for the purpose of entry and exit. There is one located near the preschool and the other is located at the traffic lights.

If you are using the preschool gate please use the footpath and do not cut across the car park.

Work Health & Safety Committee.
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/