

Kenthurst Public School

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Kenthurst Village Voice



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Dear parents, families and friends,

Welcome to Term 4 and the celebrations of the learning that have happened this year. It is going to be an exciting, busy term so please check the term planner and save it in a safe place.

Kindergarten Orientation began this week with a wonderful Information evening held on Tuesday night. Parents were welcomed to The Learning Centre where an informative presentation included Mrs Tracey Nelson (canteen), Mrs Tracey-Lee Hewitt (uniforms), Mrs Sally Klintworth (OOSH), Mr Anthony Whiffen (P&C), parents from the current Kindergarten class parent representatives, Mrs Kylie Kassis and Dr Sandra Read with a lovely supper provided by Mrs Mell Holder and the Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs Louise Choon spoke of getting your child ready for school and Ms Edwina Shaw explained the purpose of Best Start. Today, the Kindergarten 2013 arrived for their first orientation, which included a performance by the current Kindergarten and a walk around the school with Year 6 buddies. May I congratulate Year 6 on a fine effort showcasing our great school. All of the parents were so impressed with your confidence and how well you spoke. I am so proud of you all. That's the Kenthurst way!

Galston High School Induction Assembly.

Last week I was privileged to take our school leaders Joshua and Cherise to the induction of prefects for Galston High School. I was thrilled to see Harrison Brown announced as the school captain of Galston High School, as he is an ex-student of Kenthurst Public School. When I introduced myself to him he said it was the best years of his primary school life and his mother added that her children are the success they are today because of Kenthurst Public School.

Footsteps-Dancing.

The children have enjoyed the wonderful experience of dance this first two weeks back at school. We have had many positive comments. Please forward payment at your earliest convenience.

Debating at Galston Public School.

This week I travelled to Galston Public School to listen to our school debate Galston Public School. Thank you Mrs Kate Sinclair for your organization and giving our students the skills for debating. Kenthurst won the debate and further details are in the newsletter.

Communication.

We will soon be having a school app to assist in giving you the latest information, regarding upcoming events, reminders and sports information. Check the website too and we will continue to email and send out notes, generally on a Thursday. If you are ever in doubt please don't hesitate to ring the office.

Refurbishment and the Sound System.

The Kindergarten rooms are starting to be prepared for the painting which will be happening next week. Our wonderful Dads Mr Graham Collitts and Mr Grant Perkins have built the magnificent sandstone wall, which is near completion. The school hall has had installed a much better sound system and it too is near completion thanks to Mr Anthony Lannoy and Mr Anthony Whiffen.

We make things happen here at Kenthurst, to give our students the very best opportunity to learn and to shine. We are proud to be a community rather than just a suburb. It really is 'The School of Choice'.

Yours in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal



Stage 1 Excursion to the Local Kenthurst Shops



Dear Parents

If your child is not returning to Kenthurst Public School in 2013 please take the time to fill in the slip below and return it to the office.

Thank you

STUDENTS K-5 NOT RETURNING TO KENTHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2013

My child / children will not be attending Kenthurst Public School in 2013. Please print student names below.

NAME: _____ Class: _____

NAME: _____ Class: _____

NAME: _____ Class: _____

Last day of attendance: _____ Name of new school: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Calendar Term 4

Week 2

Thursday 18 October	Book Fair Begins Kinder Orientation Visit Scripture Yr 6 Parent Meeting 3.20pm
Friday 19 October	PSSA Choir lunchtime Assembly 2.45

Week 3

Monday 22 October	Choir 8.15 am 4S & 4/5B Debating Seminar 10am-1pm
Tuesday 23 October	Band Band Info Session Yr 2 Kinder Orientation Visit Troupe 3.20-4pm
Wednesday 24 October	Dance 2pm-2.40pm K-2, 2.40pm – 3.20pm Yrs 3-6
Thursday 25 October	Book Fair Ends Scripture
Friday 26 October	PSSA Choir lunchtime Kinder Interviews 8.30am-3.20pm Assembly 2.45 Leaders Workshop

Week 4

Monday 29 October	Choir 8.15am
Tuesday 30 October	Band Kinder Interviews 12.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 31 October	Final Kinder Visit

Assistant Principal Report

Selective High School

Information will be going home this week to all Year 5 students interested in Selective High School application for Year 7 2014.

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement are made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2013.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2014, please follow the information provided on the letter your child will bring home this week. Please note applications must be made online unless you do not have internet access at home.



Some dates: 16 October 2012 Online applications open.

19 November 2012 Online applications close

14 March 2013 Selective High School Placement Test

For further information about whether you wish to apply for selective high school placement please use the following website. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Stage 3 Excursion: Great Aussi Bush Camp

Five weeks to go!!!!

Bushcraft
Canoeing
Giant Swing
High Ropes
Lost Mud World
Raft Building
Rock Climbing

These are just some of the 'FUN' activities to be enjoyed by students (and teachers!) at our inaugural visit to this camp. All the initial planning is completed. Now we need information from you.....

All stage 3 students will bring home a package this week that includes information on the camp and forms that need to be completed for such things as medical information and permission.

PLEASE return the forms ASAP so that we can complete all necessary preparation before we head off on Wednesday the 21st November.

Year 6 Parent Committee

Planning is well underway for the end of year activities for Year 6 students. The committee has been meeting regularly throughout the year helping to coordinate the many events planned.

A big thank you on behalf of students, teachers and community to all those willing helpers.

Next meeting of the committee: Thursday 1 November 3.20pm in the Learning Centre.

All welcome

Mrs Kate Barrat

Assistant Principal

AP Corner

It's Kindergarten Orientation time again! The program started on Tuesday evening this week when 40 parents attended the Parent Information Evening in the Learning Centre. They listened to a number of speakers who gave them comprehensive information about our wonderful school.

Special thanks to Kylie Kassis and Sandy Read who gave some excellent personal advice from a parent's point of view. Other parents who contributed were, Tracey Nelson, Tracie-Lee Hewitt, Sally Klintworth and Anthony Whiffen. A lovely supper was provided by the Parents Auxilliary headed up by Mel Holder. Thanks to all of those parents for their invaluable contributions.

Today the children for Kindergarten 2013 came for their first visit to the school and were treated to a concert from Kindergarten 2012. They were then guided around the school by our Year 6 students who capably explained the many features of the school and assisted the children in completing their tour map.



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The children received a bag of goodies including a workbook, a lovely picture book about our school and a Smiggle bag tag. They also had 20 cents attached to their map to spend when they visited the canteen. Great excitement!

The morning was a huge success and by the many positive comments from parents and smiling faces on children, this year's Orientation Program is sure to be a success. The children will come again over the next two weeks for some inside activities and sport. The children also attend an interview with Ms Dodd and Mrs Choon. By the time they start school they will be very familiar with Kenthurst Public School.

Edwina Shaw





Library news

BOOK FAIR

On 18th October our Book Fair arrives. For all those new families and especially new Kindy mums who haven't seen this before, it is a chance to purchase quality books and early Christmas gifts for your children and families. The Library will be opened every day from 8.00am -4.30pm until 25th October.

If you wish to come in and view the Book Fair you can come in anytime during the day .With your support the school raised over \$300 last year as we receive 20% in commissions on all purchases.

Kind Regards
Teacher Librarian
Kerry Parnaby

PSSA NEWS

Term 4 PSSA draws on our school website www.kenthurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au is coming. Keep checking.

Debating camp

In the last week of Term 3 Oliver, Caitlyn and Gabby from the Kenthurst debating team went to an overnight debating camp. We went to *The Collaroy Centre* at Collaroy. The camp was over 2 days and taught some awesome points about debating. We were allocated groups and worked with tutors on a topic for us to work on overnight and the next day we presented this debate. We watched the *Premiers Debating Challenge* state final and it was impressive to see the high standard of these debaters and we took a lot of notes. It was a great experience and taught us a lot. Thank you to Mrs Sinclair for organising it and thank you to our parents and Ms Dodd allowing us to have this great experience.

By Caitlyn and Oliver

Debating Mentors

On the 11th of October 2012, Georgina and Lydia from Galston High School with their teacher Ms Warby visited our school to mentor the Kenthurst debaters. One team prepared for their next debate as the negative with the topic of *iPods should be banned at school* and the other team prepared their debate on the topic the *Olympic Games are a waste of money*. We learnt a lot about planning and brainstorming ideas to make our speech interesting and fun!

We would like to thank Mrs Sinclair for making the session possible. We would also like to thank Ms Warby for bring the mentors to our school. Lastly, we would like to thank the amazing mentors, Georgina and Lydia for giving up their time and mentoring us.

KPS Debating team

Winning Debaters at Kenthurst!

On the 16th October our debating team participated in a debate at Galston Primary School. The topic was *iPods should be allowed in schools* and Kenthurst was the negative. First speaker was Caitlyn, second speaker was Alexia, third speaker was Ariana and our team adviser was Oliver. We were nervous to debate but we pulled through with an amazing performance and ended up winning the debate! The debate was adjudicated by Georgina from Galston High School. At the end of the debate she gave us some good points on how we can improve. We had so much fun and we thank Mrs Sinclair for training us and taking us and Mrs Dodd for being there for support!

Alexia 6T



Year 4 & 5 Persuasive speaking and debating incursion this coming Monday!

Years 4 and 5 will have a wonderful opportunity to participate in a seminar and workshop on persuasive speaking skills and debating this coming Monday (22 Oct). This is part of the English Talking and Listening syllabus and a great precursor to debating, especially if you would like to join our successful debating team next year! If you haven't already sent in your permission form and \$12, please obtain a note from the office or your class teacher a.s.a.p.!

Mrs Sinclair

Stage 1 Excursion to Kenthurst Local Shops.

On Wednesday 17th October, Year 1 and Year 2 students walked to Kenthurst Local Shops as part of their 'Local Places' unit. It was a wonderful experience for children as they not only got to speak to our local shop owners and asks lots of questions but also were able to purchase a stamp and post a letter that they have written. Children also observed natural and built environments and did some drawings. The children were beautifully behaved throughout the excursion, displaying the Kenthurst School ethos and values. Well done Stage 1!

Teacher Mrs Collins




Come to Our


BOOK FAIR!

It's a Reading Celebration!




DATES · TIMES · PLACE
18th - 25th October
8.00am - 4.30 pm
Library

Celebrating  **National Year of Reading 2012**

All Purchases Benefit Our School!

 **SCHOLASTIC**

Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.





PARENT FORUM : Monday 22 October

Building Positive Mental Health

The aim of this forum is to educate parents on strategies, which create an environment of positive mental health, within your family and help build resilience in your Teenager. The forum will ensure parents have a repertoire of practical approaches, to instil coping strategies in their children, that let them 'bounce back' during challenges, like Stress, Depression, Anger, Failure and Social Pressures.

About the Speaker :

David Citer has been working as an Adolescent and Family Counsellor for the past 13 years in Adolescent Mental Health Facilities. He helped to set up and run one of the first residential drug and alcohol units, for teenagers in NSW, for The Ted Noffs Foundation, on the grounds of Cumberland Hospital in Parramatta, where he worked for 5 years. He has also worked in various Hospital Emergency Wards and drug and alcohol programs and also in outreach counselling services, where David's role was assessing teenagers for Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol issues. David has been managing the Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) in Lindfield for almost 6 years. KYDS is a free counselling service for every 12 to 18 years old young person and family living on the North Shore of Sydney. Every day, David works closely with 20 State and Private Schools on the North Shore, creating the best Early Intervention Programs for students. David has also been the Chair of The Hornsby/Ku-ring-gai Youth Network and Chair of the Northern Sydney Mental Health Working Party for the past 3 years, which provides advocacy for young people living on Sydney's North Shore and lobbies Local, State and Federal Government to provide better Mental Health Services for young people living in Northern Sydney. David recently helped co-ordinate the Inaugural Hornsby / Ku-ring-gai Youth Forum at Abbotsleigh that attracted over 22 schools on the North Shore to participate in reducing the stigma of Mental Illness.

Date : Monday 22 October 2012

Venue : Level 3 Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers (818 Pacific Hwy) 6.30 to 8.30

Cost : \$5.00 donation to KYDS

Bookings : Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0837 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

More information : Please visit www.kyds.org.au

FIND THE KIDZ

Do you worry about your kids arriving at school safely and on time whilst wanting to encourage their sense of responsibility?

There is now a smartphone app dedicated to locating your child in a non-intrusive manner that can update you with important information regarding your child's movements.

Find the Kidz allows you (the parent) to view your child's location on a map and can provide unique notifications when your child arrives at or leaves selected locations (like school and home) or when your child ventures outside a selected zone.

Find the Kidz provides parents with peace of mind whilst maintaining your child's independence.

For further information please refer to the product website www.findthekidz.com or download the app from iTunes or Google Play.



Gypsy Trivia Night 10/11/12

Have you been watching "My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding"? Well keep the love alive by coming to our 'Big Fat Gypsy Trivia Night' on Saturday 10th November. Fabulous fun, games, prizes and food... find out what your future holds and visit our gypsy palm reader.

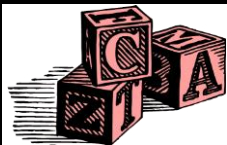
Tickets are now on sale for through Flexischools or the office. \$25 per person.

The main fundraising goal for this night is to upgrade and improve technology within the school so KPS students can have the best possible tools to navigate the cyber world.

Book your tickets and plan your tables.

Rebecca Martin – Trivia Night 10/11/12

rebeccaemartin@hotmail.com



Elbelle's Preschool and Early Learning Centre

174 Kenthurst Road, Kenthurst 2156
(Opposite Caltex Service Station)
9654 2009

*7:30am to 6pm

* A "NCAC" Accreditation of "High Quality" in all areas of Early Childhood Education *Extensive Transition to School/Pre School Program for children aged 3-5 years

*Children are divided into groups according to age with qualified staff programming for each group

*All meals provided

*Licensed for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years *Some casual days available

*Child Care Benefit available

*50% Childcare rebate on all pre-school

COUNCIL & CERTIFIER APPROVALS

**SWIMMING POOL
SPA
PERGOLA, DECKING & PAVING
LANDSCAPING
HOME ADDITIONS –
EXTRA ROOMS, GARAGE ETC
NEW HOME
RETAINING WALLS
STORM WATER RETENTION PIT**

LET US LOOK AFTER
THE APPROVAL FOR YOU

Obtaining council approval is involved
and time consuming
Let us look after it all for you –
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