

Kenthurst Public School

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Excellence and Innovation in a Unique Community

Kenthurst Village Voice



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Good afternoon parents and friends,

TRIVIA NIGHT is *this* Saturday night! Bring your friends, aunties, uncles, grandparents and neighbours to this wonderful event. The famous Kenthurst Barbeque will be fired up and lots of items for auction. The flyer has more information for you.

In the past fortnight Mrs Choon and myself have been interviewing all of our 2013 Kindergarten students. They are a bright, confident group of children who are ready to come to 'big' school. It is an enormous responsibility and, equally, an enormous privilege when you are entrusted with the care and education of other people's children. Every decision we make must be judged against the yardstick of "how does this improve of our students?"

Dr Michele Bruniges, Director General NSW Department of Education and Communities wrote recently in The Australian Council for Educational Leaders. I would like to share with you some of her thoughts.

'The continuing strength and excellence of public education is vital for Australia's intellectual, economic, social and cultural development and all the more urgent as 21st century students now compete on a global stage.

This is why we now talk of the 4C's as well as the 3Rs- creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. We are part of an international virtual learning environment where personalized learning is more important than ever; where content access is at historically high levels; and where students are adept at multi-skilling and increasingly learn at their own rate. The uncertain and shifting future for our students is highlighted by the prediction that today's young person can expect to have more than eleven different jobs between the ages of eighteen and forty-two.'(Trilling and Fadel 2009)

Here at Kenthurst, this is what we are endeavouring to do. To encourage our students to be thinkers! To engage and immerse them in quality learning.



Music Count Us In

Today, in many, many schools throughout Australia, students came together to sing as one. Kenthurst students assembled in The Hall to be part of this wonderful initiative to sing 'Different People stand together.'

A message from Galston High School Music Faculty.

The Music Faculty at GHS would like to invite Kenthurst Year 6 Choir and Band students to participate in our rehearsals, whenever they are able to for the rest of this term!

The Concert Band rehearses Wednesday 7.30 - 8.30am, and the Choir on Thursdays and Friday mornings 7.30 - 8.30am. Both activities take place in the Music Rooms, MU1 for Choir and MU2 for Band. These rooms are located above the Hall.

It is just an opportunity for parents to observe while students can sit in and participate in an activity that they enjoy.

There is no real need for them to let us know if and when they are coming, we will just make them welcome if they choose to take this opportunity!

Janet Fuller

Swimming School

The Swimming scheme will be starting on Monday for two weeks and we look forward to the children making steady progress in their swimming ability. Living in our country it is imperative that our children learn to swim and I know they are all very excited about this opportunity.

Fire Plan

At the staff Communication meeting this week, the staff will be inserviced by Phil from the Kenthurst Fire Brigade. Our safety plans have been prepared and approved but we want to liaise with the Fire Brigade on a regular basis. A more detailed inservice will be held for the whole staff on our School Staff Development Day, Thursday 22.12.12.

This is a busy time of year so please check the calendar for upcoming events.

Looking forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks as we celebrate all of the learning happening here at Kenthurst the School of Choice.

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal



Week 4

Monday 29 October	Choir 8.15 am
Tuesday 30 October	Band Kinder Interviews 12.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 31 October	Final Kinder Visit
Thursday 1 November	Scripture SRC Kinder Interviews 11.45-3.30pm
Friday 2 November	PSSA Choir lunchtime Assembly 2.45pm

Week 5

Monday 5 November	Choir 8.15 Swimming Scheme Starts 1.50-2.35pm
Tuesday 6 November	Band
Wednesday 7 November	Dance K-2 2.00-2.40 3-6 2.40-3.20pm
Thursday 8 November	Scripture
Friday 9 November	PSSA Choir lunchtime Assembly 2.45pm Remembrance Day
Saturday 10 November	Trivia Night

Week 6

Monday 12 November	Choir 8.15
Tuesday 13 November	Band
Wednesday 14 November	Video Conference Stage 3
Thursday 15 November	Scripture
Friday 16 November	PSSA Choir lunchtime Swimming Scheme Finishes Assembly 2.45pm



Assistant Principal Report

School Diaries Stages 2 and 3

This year a student diary was introduced for all students in Stages 2&3. These diaries not only help students learn how to be responsible for themselves but organise and record their school commitments including homework, band, sport etc. They also include a home reading tracking. This provides valuable three-way communication between students, teachers and home.

These diaries also have a wealth of interesting information covering a broad range of subject material which helps develop a general knowledge. They also include spelling and times tables hints.

In 2013 we will continue to use the Kenthurst PS student diary to build on these vital 'lifelong learning' skills.

Celebration of Learning 2012

Our annual Celebration of Learning Assembly will be held on:

Monday 10 December 2012 at 9.40am
Kenthurst Public School Hall

Come along to celebrate the achievements of all students at this wonderful school.

Nomination and Election Procedures for School Leaders for 2013

Students in Year 5 have been asked to self-nominate for student leader elections for 2013. Students have based their nominations on the criteria for school leader that encompasses our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Elections will take place in Week 6 at a school assembly and students K – 6 will vote by secret ballot.

Mrs Kate Barrat
Assistant Principal

Book Fair

A **huge** thankyou to all those parents who supported our recent Book Fair. We sold over \$3000 worth of merchandise and raised \$638.00 for the school.

Well done everyone!

Kerry Parnaby
Teacher/Librarian



Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2012

Just a reminder that Stewart House clothing bags need to be returned to school by Tuesday 13th November.

Thank you for your support.

Bushfire Season

We are currently undertaking the necessary steps to ensure we are prepared for the Bushfire Season. If a bushfire should occur, you may help by:

- Trying to stay calm. We will be following the safety procedures we have outlined in our Bushfire Emergency Plan as well as listening to the advice given by the RFS.
- Keeping up to date with the situation by accessing the 'Fires Near Me' App (for SMART phones), the RFS website or listening to the local radio station.
- Considering that the school needs the phone line kept open for communication with emergency services.
- Considering keeping the roads clear for emergency services to attend to nearby fire.
- Trying to keep mobile lines free as there will be excessive use amongst community and emergency services.
- Ensuring you check the Kenthurst 'Skoolbag' App and/or our website (depending on what resources can be accessed at the time) during school and out-of-school hours for any additional information we need to forward to you.



Thanking you
WHS Committee

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 and prizes... 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 and for a little extra you can enjoy freshly made kebabs, felafel and salad. Of course, BYO drinks and nibbles.

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



Hello all Year 6 Parents!!!

Just in case you haven't received the e-mail invitation:

Year 6 Parents Farewell Dinner

WHEN: Friday 30th November, 2012 at 7pm.

WHERE: Bivianos Restaurant Dural:

COST: \$38 pp incl- 2 course meal + tea/coffee
BYO wine only

RSVP: Penny Thompson by 23rd November on 0400 772245
or penny_antsp@bigpond.com

Hope to see you all there!!



KENTHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL
ANNUAL MUSIC SHOWCASE EVENING
2012

INVITATION

The KPS Annual Musical Showcase Evening is to be held on **Tuesday 6th November 2012** at the School Hall.

The evening will **commence at 6pm** and it is anticipated that the performances will conclude by approximately 7.30pm, followed by the presentation of awards.

Students in Year 2 who are considering joining the band in 2013 are encouraged to attend, as is the entire school community.

See You There
John Ciccarelli



Absences

Below is a sample of an Absence Note that may be helpful to use when you send a note to school explaining your child's absence.

TUDENTS 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: _____



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 –
STRESS FREE!

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