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20 September Thursday

Good afternoon parents and friends,

Our newsletter today reflects what a high achieving term we have had here at Kenthurst, The School of Choice.

Kindergarten enrolments are filling fast for 2013 with two Kindergarten classes so far. Both rooms are being refurbished in readiness with vibrant colours!

NAPLAN results have been released and letters have been sent to inform our parents. Our results this year are outstanding with Year 3 Reading and Spelling a highlight. Year 5 have shown excellent growth, particularly in Reading and individual improvement in some cases were as high as 140%. Quality, explicit teaching is the key, with high expectations from outstanding teachers; this is what we have here at Kenthurst Public School.

Talk like a Pirate Day was a huge success with students going on Treasure Hunts and writing descriptive letters and information. Here are our pirates looking resplendent in their outfits.



Have a safe and enjoyable holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you in what promises to be an exciting Term 4. The school will be functioning as usual on the 8/10/12. Yours in quality education,

Caron Dodd







Kenthurst Public School

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- All eligible students must have returned this **permission note** from their parent to bring devices to school.
- Only bring **one hand-held** game/gadget such as an iPod, PSP, Gameboy, mobile with game applications etc (students will not be permitted to text, make phone calls or connect to the internet during the lunch break)
- Any games played or music listened to should be age and content appropriate
- Make sure your **name is clearly marked** on your gadget (use a name sticker or band-aid to do this as many gadgets

will look the same)

- Do not bring large consoles that require plugging in to a screen
- Make sure your gadget is **fully charged** as students will be unable to charge them at school
- Your gadget must be **handed in to School Captains and prefects** when you arrive at school in the morning prefects will mark off student names on a class roll- they will be kept secure by the Principal until lunchtime
- The school accepts **no responsibility for accidental damage** to gadgets caused by students when using them in the hall or damage caused by other students after willingly swapping them to use
- Gadgets will be taken back by students at the end of the lunch break to be placed directly into their school bags- if possible, school bags will be kept inside classrooms for the last session of the day
- Any headphones students wish to use with their gadget can be kept in the student's bag during the day
- Students who breach any of the above rules will have their **gadget confiscated** and **may be ineligible to participate for the rest of term** any major abuses of school or Departmental codes of conduct will be dealt with in accordance with school and Department o Education and Communities policies

Caron Dodd

Principal

Kenthurst Public School- Gadget Device Permission Note

I give permission for my child ______ of class _____ to participate in School Gadget

Program for 2012. I understand that my child can bring along an electronic gadget to school that I

have checked for appropriate games, applications or music.

I also understand that the school accepts no responsibility for accidental damage or loss to gadgets caused by

students whilst using them or damage that may be caused by other students after my child has willingly swapped it for use.

Signed: _____ Date: _____







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Kenthurst Public School Digital Device Policy –

22/8/12

1. Purpose

1.1 The widespread ownership of digital devices among children requires Kenthurst PS to develop a policy for the use of digital devices at this school.

1.2 Kenthurst PS has developed this Acceptable Use Policy so that potential issues involving digital devices are clearly identified and understood in the hope that the benefits that digital devices provide (such as increased safety) can continue to be responsibly enjoyed by our students.

1.3 Students, their parents or guardians must read and understand the Acceptable Use Policy before students are given permission to bring digital devices to school.

2. Rationale

2.1 Personal Safety and Security Kenthurst Public School accepts that parents give their children digital devices such as phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety including concerns about children travelling alone on public transport or commuting long distances to school. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a phone gives parents reassurance that they can contact their child if they need to speak to them urgently while they are travelling to and from school.
2.2 Educational The use of digital devices in the classroom is to support active Learning pedagogy. Digital devices can enhance and engage students with the learning process. Accessing the internet independently of the school's proxy servers (ie by personal ISP) is not allowed in order to ensure cyber safety.

3. Responsibility

3.1 It is the responsibility of students who bring digital devices to school to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy.

3.2 The decision to provide a digital device to their child(ren) should be made by parents or guardians.
3.3 Parents should be aware if their child takes a digital device to school their children are expected to obey the Acceptable Use Policy and any failure to do so could result in the digital device being confiscated or a child being refused permission to bring their digital device to school in the future.
3.4 A student will not be given permission to have a digital device at school until their parent/guardian has signed a copy of this policy. Parents/guardians may revoke approval at any time and should advise the school if they do so.

4. Acceptable Uses

4.1 While outside of the classroom but on school premises, during school hours, students should not use devices unless under the direction of a teacher. 4.2 Digital devices should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the school.

5. Unacceptable Uses

5.1 Unless express permission is granted by the teacher, digital devices should not be used to make calls, send SMS messages, surf the internet, take photos or use any other application during school hours.





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5.2 Digital devices must not disrupt classroom lessons with ringtones or beeping. Digital devices which disrupt lessons in these ways may be confiscated and the student may be refused permission to take the digital device to school in the future.

5.3 Using digital devices to insult, tease, embarrass, bully and/or threaten other students is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at this school. Students who act in this way towards another student or a teacher will be dealt with under the school discipline policy.

5.4 Students must not use their digital devices to take videos and pictures to embarrass and humiliate another student or staff member and then send the pictures to other students or upload it to a website for public viewing. Any student who does this will be dealt with under the school discipline policy. This also includes using digital devices to photograph or film any student without their consent. It is a criminal offence to use a device to menace, harass or offend another person and almost all calls, text messages and emails can be traced.

5.5 Digital devices are not to be used or taken into changing rooms or toilets or used in any situation that may cause embarrassment or discomfort to their fellow students, staff or visitors to the school.5.6 Should there be repeated disruptions to lessons caused by a digital device, the responsible student may face disciplinary actions as sanctioned by the Principal.

6. Theft or damage

6.1 Students should mark their devices clearly with their names.

6.2 To reduce the risk of theft during school hours, students who carry digital devices are advised to keep them well concealed and not 'advertise' they have them.

6.3 Digital devices that are found in the school and whose owner cannot be located should be handed to front office reception.

6.4 The school accepts no responsibility for replacing lost, stolen or damaged digital devices.

6.5 The school accepts no responsibility for students who lose or have their digital devices stolen while travelling to and from school.

6.6 It is strongly advised that students use passwords/pin numbers to ensure of unauthorised access, if possible.

7. Inappropriate conduct

7.1 Any student who uses vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language while using a digital device will face disciplinary action as sanctioned by the Principal.

7.2 Students with digital devices may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person using SMS messages, taking/sending photos or objectionable images, and phone calls. Students using digital devices inappropriately will be dealt with under the school discipline policy and if necessary will be reported to the Police.

8. Sanctions

8.1 Students who do not obey this policy could have their devices confiscated by teachers. The digital device would be taken to a secure place within the school and the student's parent informed. Appropriate arrangements would then be made for the parents to collect the digital device.

8.2 Repeated infringements may result in the withdrawal of the agreement to allow the student to bring the digital device to school.





Calendar Term 3-4

Week 10

Thursday 20 September	Scripture
	Choir 11.45
Friday 21 September	Gymnastic
	Assembly 2.45
	Last Day of Term 3

<u>Term 4</u>

Week 1

Tuesday 9 October	Galston High School Debating team 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 10 October	Interrelate Yr 6
	Dance 2pm- 2.40pm K-2 2.40pm – 3.20pm Yrs 3-6
Thursday 11 October	Scripture
Friday 12 October	PSSA
	Assembly 2.45

Week 2

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Tuesday 16 October	Kinder Parent Info Evening 7pm Debating Team to Galston PS 11.30-1.30pm Troupe 3.20-4pm
Wednesday 17 October	Interrelate Yr 6 St 1 Walk to Kenthurst Shops Dance 2pm-2.40pm K-2 2.40pm-3.20pm Yrs 3-6
Thursday 18 October	Book Fair Begins Kinder Orientation Visit Scripture
Friday 19 October	PSSA Assembly 2.45

Week 3

Tuesday 23 October	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
	Kinder Interviews
	Assembly 2.45





Assistant Principal Report

This week I wish to highlight some of the high quality programs that are being implemented during Semester 2.

K-6 ICT Skills Program

In Semester 2 all classes K-6 are participating in intensive Computer Skills lessons. A Computer Skills Scope and Sequence is being used to introduce, develop and consolidate ICT skills at Kenthurst in a team teaching environment with the class teacher & Mrs Parnaby.

The following areas of ICT will be taught explicitly during these lessons.

- Computer Operations & Concepts
- Email
- Multimedia
- Internet
- Graphics
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheet
- Database.

Science Programs

Science and Technology this semester has been a part of the RFF program conducted by Mrs McHugh in Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 3. Kindergarten has been developing their understanding of the air, sun and wind through hands on activities. This will culminate in video recorded weather reports. Year 1 and 2 have explored natural, made and managed features that undergo change. A highlight for 1/2S was cleaning up the vegetable garden from the natural growth that had occurred all year. This term Year 4/5B has been working in the computer lab for science. They have been researching native Australian animals and using interactive notebook lessons to create and learn about food chains. Year 6 has had an exciting term conducting experiments in each lesson. We have been investigating the changes matter goes through. Stage 2 has been working on class based activities as part of the COGS unit "Our Fleeting Past" eg food webs to understand the interdependence of livings things such as animals and the habitats of native animals

Moving Into Teen Years

Year 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in this program run by the Interrelate Family Centre. The aim of this course is to prepare students for high school and the 4 sessions explore a range of adolescent issues and explain puberty changes. These sessions will commence in Week 1 in Term 4. Home Reading

Home Reading is a time for parents and students to enjoy reading together and is to be encouraged as it gives all students not only the opportunity to practise skills taught at school but also foster a love of reading. Research links the amount of success, the amount of practice and the level of motivation as major contributors in gaining well developed reading skills. We stress regular practice at the child's reading level or an easier level

In K-2 we want to provide books that are encouraging and supporting this. We have been fortunate through the generosity of the community to recently spend \$2000 on new home readers from the





proceeds of the 'Walkathon' fundraiser. New books are being labelled and levelled and will be ready next term to come home for your children's enjoyment.

Playground Activities

"Are you showing respect? Are you being responsible? Are you displaying your personal best?"

These are the three questions that we ask our students to reflect on in their daily interactions with others in the classroom and on the playground at Kenthurst Public School.

We are fortunate at this school to have a beautiful and welcoming playground area. Not all schools are so fortunate. However we want our playground to be a safe and enjoyable place for every student each lunchtime and recess. With this in mind we have planned our playground activities to ensure everyone has access to the different games, equipment and areas that are available. These include 3 soccer games, fixed equipment, handball, basketball, library, quiet areas and quiet games just to name a few. Each student demonstrating respect, responsibility and personal best keeps our playground a safe and "fun" place to be.

Please: Do you have any board games or lego that you no longer need that you could donate to the school for use in our playground? We would really appreciate this help.

Mrs K Barrat Assistant Principal

Pioneer Village Stage 2 Excursion.

Our day at Pioneer Village Wilberforce began with beautiful weather. The students were all excited, dressed and ready to experience the magic of the early days of our settlement. After restocking our temporarily empty tummies (eating our fruit break and recess) we split into 3 groups and commenced our tour of the village.

We visited the Mitchell family's home and marvelled at the tiny space dedicated to a family of 9! The bathing facilities were particularly amusing when one considers everyone washing in the same water. We saw some home grown vegetables and clarified (thank you Sachi) the variety of fruit present on the grounds.

The bank with "gold" sent some into a frenzy as they believed they had struck gold. The water pump proved a muscle building experience for some but the flow of water achieved by Tyron nearly flooded the village. The many other buildings, such as shops and a church gave all a taste of life around the 1800's.

The site had been used as a movie set for *Wild Boys* and we felt like we were part of it too. But perhaps the highlight for many was the sheep shearing. Ella seemed to be very experienced at this task! The shearer (a lady of advancing years) demonstrated the best way to shear a sheep using hand clippers. She ended up with a whole black fleece. Everyone cheered when the sheep moved on.

All in all we had a great day and my compliments to the excellent behaviour of the Stage 2 students – the wonderful Kenthurst students make such a difference.



Mrs O'Reilly











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4/5B Research

4/5B have been researching Australia's first colony at Sydney Cove and how it has changed since 1788, when the First Fleet arrived.

We used a range of resources including paintings, maps, photographs, internet sites and books to collaboratively gather information. We used this information to help sketch our plan of how our model of Sydney Cove should look. Our model demonstrates the change in size, vegetation and the infrastructure of Sydney Cove between 1788 and 2012.

Written by 4/5B and Miss Shirvington







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Premier's Spelling Bee 2012

Last Tuesday Anastasia, Tahlia, Jasmine and Hannah participated in the regional final of the Premier's Spelling Bee. They competed against 36 other students, in both the senior and junior sessions, from 18 different schools around the area.

Jasmine and Hannah both got to the 3rd round and Anastasia got to the 5th round. Tahlia went all the way to round 14 and was awarded 2nd place in the junior section. She received a dictionary and an electronic spell checker.

Well done girls, you did an outstanding job representing our school!

Melinda Ristuccia









Round up of Winter PSSA

Well done Kenthurst students!! Your behaviour, sportsmanship and achievements in winter PSSA have been exemplary. All students have developed some wonderful skills both on and off the field and realised new friendships with other schools. Thank you to Mr Gosling, Mr Stanley, Mr Inwood, Mr Leeds and all the teachers that have supported me.

Looking forward to cricket, wallatag and softball (tee ball) next term.

TEAM T- Together E- Everyone A- Achieves M- More

Yours in sport Susan Tully

Band Camp 2012

On the 8th & 9th of September boys & girls from years 3 to 6 attended Band Camp 2012 which was held at Vision Valley in Arcadia. We arrived at 8am on Saturday morning. I was really excited & I didn't mind getting up early because I knew it was going to be a great weekend. After the parents said goodbye I thought, yippee! a parent free weekend. Let the music begin!

There were two bands, a Concert & Showcase band. Throughout the day we had small group tutorials & then a rehearsal with everyone. We didn't forget to stop for morning tea & lunch which was a yummy chicken & salad wrap.

After lunch we had a practice concert and then the fun began. We could go on the spirally waterslide, canoeing or rock climbing. Everyone liked the waterslide best. Next we had afternoon tea and went to our lodges to unpack & set up for bed.

After dinner the famous Pyjama Disco was held. Each stage competed against each other to win a secret prize. Later we watched a movie & then finally returned to our lodges & went to bed but not straight to sleep! In the morning we had hash browns, eggs & toast for breakfast. I wish I could have that for breakfast everyday.

Next we practised a few more pieces & we were sounding better by the minute. Before the concert we had a teacher v.s student volleyball game. The students were too good and defeated the teachers. That's the second year in a row we've won. Finally friends & family started to arrive for the concert. We were all feeling a little nervous. We played 'Ghosts in the Graveyard', 'Firework' & several other pieces. The audience clapped loudly & I really think they enjoyed our concert.

Band Camp is awesome! You don't work too hard but it helps to improve your playing skills, you get to make new friends & there are lots of fun activities. I can't wait to go next year.







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TECHNOLOGY AT KPS IS USED IN EVERY KLA! Mathletics Microsoft Office RainbowReaders Tale Spelling City Internet Emails homework tasks online Notebook Wordle Kenthurst Website Tesiboard studyladder Edmodo

movies/music Youtube Behind The News visual texts





HALLOWEEN DISCO

REMINDER

- The disco is run by the P&C and Parents Auxiliary, NOT Kenthurst Public School.
- All children to have a responsible adult with them for the duration of the disco.
- TIME: 3.30PM 5.30PM
- COST: \$5.00 PER CHILD This includes afternoon tea.
- Children are to bring their costume to change into after school. Parents, we would love you to dress up & enjoy the disco with your kids!

Please understand that all children are to be met by their parents/carer at the end of school (3.20pm) to escort them to the disco.

ZUMBA

WE RAISED \$3,000!!

A huge thank you, to everyone who supported the Levi McCormack/Precious Hearts Zumba Fundraiser. It was fantastic to see over 140 people wiggling to raise money for such a wonderful cause, and are so happy to say we have raised just over \$3,000, AMAZING!

There will be a presentation after the holidays at assembly where we will be presenting a cheque to Precious Hearts and we also have a very special surprise for Levi ©

A very big thank you to those year 6 children, parents & siblings who helped set up on the night and the businesses who donated. Active Bodyworks Massage Therapy, Bob Jane T-Marts Castle Hill, Virgin Active Gym Norwest, Ants Pants Pest Control, AMF Bowling Castle Hill, Repco Dural, Lusso Italian Restaurant.

Absolute Exposure for our wonderful banner to advertise the night, Snap Printing Castle Hill for donating all the tickets, Belinda our fantastic instructor and Miss Trevena for the slideshow.

ELECTION DAY 2012 BBQ REPORT

Saturday 8th September

We got there early to set up. Bec Martin and Sandra Gaskin setting up the BBQ, the Before and After School Care set up the Coffee Stall. The doors opened at 8am and we were going not long after that. David Brady and Chris Gaskin helped get the BBQ started and we were off and running. Cherie Millar started off the serving and Kirsti and Amelia Cunningham joined her. Bec Martin, Megan Bryant and Anthoney Whiffen came in to help and Chris and Andrew Leeds finished up the cooking for the day ably assisted by Tracey, Madison and Sam Nelson who came to help after their successful netball finals.

Thank you to those who donated eggs and drinks, the Peacock family, the Hayes family and those whose donations were there from the Father's Day stall. The stall looked great and the tables and chairs were out in the sun offering a great place to sit and enjoy some food and sun.

We sold 160 sausages and 100 bacon and egg rolls. Well done.





KENTHURST FAIR AND STREET PARADE

(part of the Orange Blossom Festival)

Sunday 9th September

We had to do back-to-back fundraising this weekend but it was another fine day for the Orange Blossom Fair at Rotary Park in Kenthurst. Luckily we had a few awnings to keep the sun off the cakes as experience has taught us. This fair is not about raising money, it is about being part of the Kenthurst Community. So many local groups get together and help make this Fair fun. It is great to be a part of it.

A big thanks to Carl and Martine Bruce who lent us the coffee machine, set it up and worked all day along with Julie Brady making the coffee, other helpers on the day were David Brady, Darienne Whiffen, and Bec Martin, thanks for the enthusiasm and laughter.

Thanks also to those who helped set up and pack up all our gear.

Thanks to those who donated cakes including Sue Leech Hines, Julie, Martine, Bec, Cherie Miller, Tracey Nelson and Darienne. Kylie Kassis, Loren Buck and Kathy Hayes also dropped cakes off and they were sold on Election Day – people saw them and asked for them.

We raised over \$1,000. GREAT DAY!!

This will be put into the P&C to help with the list of items the P&C contribute to around the school. This list will be reviewed at the P&C meetings in Term 4 so if you want to have a say in it, come and say hello at a P&C Meet this term.

Report by Sandra Gaskin

Kenthurst Public School



Marching in the Orange Blossom Festival





TRIVIA NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale for Trivia Night 10/11/12 through Flexischools or the office. We are planning to make this evening one to remember with games, prizes, food and lots of fun.

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.

At this point we are calling on local businesses to take up the wonderful opportunity to be a sponsor of 'Trivia Night 10/11/12". However if you have a business and would like to get in first, please consider one of our sponsorship packages (see attached).

Also, a big thank you to all who have already donated items to the Trivia Night.

Book your tickets and plan your tables.

Rebecca Martin - Trivia Night 10/11/12

Father's Day Breakfast

Thank you to Mel Creighton & helpers for the early set up & cooking our dads their fabulous breakfast. 250 bacon & egg rolls!! Thanks for all our egg donations.

Thanks Parents Auxilliary

Father's Day Stall

A very big thank you to Nicole Whitehead & Shirley Burke (Lochie's mum & nan) for their support & help with the stall. Over the past years these ladies have handmade & purchased hundreds of gifts for both mothers & father's day stalls.

This year Nicole jumped on board to oversee the ordering & purchasing of the gifts, spending a few months hunting down the bargains!! Nicole also set up the stall & organised the classes, making it run smoothly, which saw every child get equal opportunity & time to make a purchase. Well done ladies!

The Father's Day Stall made over **\$1,000**. A very big thank you to all our help on the day & setting up of the stall. Thank you to our helpers - Megan Bryant Emma Comito Suzy Craig Sonja Djukic Rebecca Ellison Nina Gosling Sally Klintworth Celeste Lowe Amanda McVey Cherie Millar Michelle Rawling Di Roberts Rebecca Takacs Meiwan Jaeggi Our most Organised & successful Father's Day Stall yet!

Thank You Parents Auxiliary

2nd Hand Yr 7 Boys Galston High Uniform only been used for three months 3x school shirts (size 10) 1x sport shirt (size 10) 2x navy shorts (size 71 waist/size 12) Please call / text Shona Martens 0416 274 554





Kenthurst Before and After School Care

This service is available to all parents from Kenthurst Public School, Glenhaven Public School, Annangrove Public School, St Madeleine's, and Lorien Novalis schools. We offer a pick up service from these schools with our KBASC bus.

The centre is fully accredited and our service is available from 7am- 9am and 3pm - 6.30pm all school days. We also offer vacation care during school holidays. Our quality fun filled programmes cater for children from the ages of 5 through to 13 years of age. Both permanent and casual bookings are available.

The centre is conveniently located in the Kenthurst Public School grounds so we can also offer an array of extra curricular activities such as dancing, martial arts, and music lessons whose services are also located within the school.

If you are in need of this service, please call the number below

Phone 9654 2072





WE NEED YOU

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR P&C AND SUB-COMITTEES Elections for the P&C and Subcommittees will be Wednesday 14th November 2012

Required: P&C – President P&C – Secretary P&C – Treasurer Canteen – Treasurer Canteen – Committee Members Uniform Shop – Treasurer Uniform Shop – Committee Members Band – Treasurer Band – Committee Member

If you want further information on the roles please contact Anthony Whiffen or Sandra Gaskin.

KENTHURST KITCHEN

CALLER AND IN



Open: Thursday and Fríday Hours: 9.30am - 2.30pm Phone: 9654 1173 (ask for Canteen)

A separate lunch bag is required for recess orders. Recess orders need to be picked up from the canteen by the child. Frozen items i.e. Frozen Yoplait, Icy bites, frozen fruit and milo/hot chocolate are also to be picked up from the canteen by the child. This menu may not contain seasonal, promotional and out-of order items; refer to flyers, newsletters and our online menu at <u>www.flexischools.com.au</u>















