

# Kenthurst Public School

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Good afternoon parents and friends,

**Congratulations Miss Trevena.** Our talented Miss Trevena has secured, on merit, a permanent position at John Purchase PS. She will be completing the year on her class 2T and will begin at JPPS Term 1 2013. We all congratulate her and are so proud of her achievement. It once again demonstrates the quality professional learning that happens here at KPS.

**Ivy Catherine** Mrs Gibbs has named her little girl Ivy Catherine and she is very, very cute ☺ We send her our congratulations and love.

**Enrol Now** If your child is a sibling of a KPS student, you need to enrol your child **immediately**. We need your details so that we can send you the information of our Transition program. It is getting close!!!

**Hawkesbury Eisteddfod** Today our school participated for the very first time in the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod held at the Windsor Function Centre. The children have enjoyed learning their poems and to finally perform them was very exciting. Stage 1 received a Highly Commended award, Stage 2 received a 1st place and Stage 3 a 2nd place. Well done to all our students.

**Ridges Athletics Carnival** Last Friday we travelled to Blacktown Olympic Park for the Ridges Carnival. A huge thank you to Mrs Tully for organising and sincere thanks to Mrs Leeds filling in the management role. More details are in the newsletter.

**Debating** Yesterday, Galston High School students visited our school to give a mock demonstration of debating. These Year 9 students were outstanding and our students could see what is possible. Mrs Sinclair has a more detailed report. But what a wonderful opportunity for Kenthurst students!! Yet again we strive to give our students every chance to learn new skills and to achieve excellence.

**Consistency Days** Our staff this week were working diligently to be informed of current best practice, future directions and the National Curriculum. Our quality teaching staff are up to date on current best practice and getting ready for the many changes that are coming. Ms Shaw will be going on Long Service



Leave from Monday next week and her class will be taught by Mrs Stanley who is familiar to Kenthurst and will continue with the program that is in place.

**Elections** This Saturday is Hills Shire Council Elections, to be held at our school. We are *desperate* for helpers to help with the barbeque. Please contact the school on 9654 1173. Cakes will be on sale.

**Orange Blossom Festival** Sunday is Orange Blossom Festival and the tradition is that we meet fully resplendent in our beautiful school uniform, out the front of the school at 10.45am. Students will be able to have a balloon and then we march down the main street of Kenthurst. Such a special day. Please join us. It is such a sense of community.

**Zumba** What a night! Levi and his mother Karina were able to come and it was a fantastic evening with that wonderful caring Kenthurst community feel. Thank you Nicole Inwood and Josh for the initiative and the drive you made it happen. Read Miss Trevena's report on our connected classroom with George from The Press Club! So many exciting times here at KPS!

Yours in quality education,  
Caron Dodd  
Principal





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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 of Education and Communities policies

*Caron Dodd*

**Principal**

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## 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 8**

Thursday 6 September	Hawkesbury Eisteddfod
Friday 7 September	PSSA/Gymnastics Assembly 2.45pm
Sunday 9 September	Orange Blossom March

**Week 9**

Monday 10 September	Kenthurst Pre-School Visit 10.30
Tuesday 11 September	Band Its Academic Dance Troupe
Wednesday 12 September	St2 Excursion Australiana Pioneer Village Elbelles Visit 10.30am
Thursday 13 September	Scripture Choir 11.45 am
Friday 14 September	PSSA/Gymnastics Kenthurst Pre-School Visit Assembly 2.45

**Week 10**

Tuesday 18 September	Band Dance Troupe
Thursday 20 September	Scripture Choir 11.45
Friday 21 September	PSSA/Gymnastic Assembly 2.45 Last Day of Term 3

**Term 4**

**Week 1**

Wednesday 10 October	Interrelate
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**Week 2**

Tuesday 16 October	Kinder Parent Info Evening 7pm
Wednesday 17 October	Interrelate
Thursday 18 October	Book Fair Begins Kinder Orientation Visit



## AP Corner

This week in Stage 1, students were involved in a 'Measurement Morning'. All of the children were put into groups and rotated through several activities involving measurement. Students were timing themselves, measuring how far their paper plane flew and estimating the volume of containers in the sandpit, just to mention a few.

It was lots of fun and the students had a wonderful time learning outside in the sunshine. Thanks to Miss Trevena for all of her organisation and to the great team of mums who came along to help.

## Class 2T

Students in 2T had a surprise this week when they were chatting with Levi McCormack through the video conferencing equipment in their classroom. The topic was Levi's love of cooking and his favourite show Masterchef. Little did they know that Miss Trevena had a surprise for them all when she had George from Masterchef hook up with them through his own equipment. Levi couldn't believe it when he saw his favourite celebrity. We are so fortunate to be able to access this fabulous technology to allow Levi and his classmates to interact. Thanks to Mr Paul Barry and Mr David Robinson Principal of Baulkham Hills North for making this possible.



## Kindergarten Orientation

I have been busy this week finalising the organisation for our Kindergarten Orientation program for Kindergarten 2013. Letters of invitation will go out to children and their families in the next couple of weeks. The program starts in week two of next term with the Parent Information session and the first of three visits for the children.

Our 'Transition to School' program is very comprehensive and has proven effective in ensuring a smooth transition from pre-school to BIG school for our students. If you have a child who is starting school next year and we do not have your enrolment form as yet, please send it in before the end of term so that your child receives their invitation in the mail. Don't forget to remind friends or neighbours.



Edwina Shaw  
Assistant Principal

## Measurement Day

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September Stage 1 participated in a Measurement Day. Students were split into 7 groups and rotated through fun, practical activities related to the measurement strand in the Mathematics Syllabus. We were lucky to have fantastic day and some great parent helpers. All students had a wonderful time and raved about the activities afterwards.



To see the full photo album please visit our school website at <http://www.kenthurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>.

Clare Trevena



On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012, 2T were involved in a special event along with their favourite class member, Levi. Both Levi and 2T were told they were interviewing each other about Masterchef, as the



Levi's favourite. All the students prepared questions started to interview each other the video conferencing equipment set up in both 2T's classroom and Levi's house. The question was asked to Levi regarding his favourite judge on the show. When Levi answered "George", George Calombaris popped up screen. All the students and were shocked and confused, if what they were seeing was That confusion was soon

up when George started to talk to Levi.

It was a memorable interview and experience had by with a favourite tip from George being "The trick to keeping a lemon tree alive is to wee on it!" A big thanks has to go to all involved who kept this surprise a secret from both 2T and Levi.

Clare Trevena



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## Athletic Carnival 2012.

What a spectacular day! The weather was in our favour, the venue was marked out with ample lanes, the food was wonderful (thank you to the year 6 parents), the sand pit was jumping and Mrs Tully and I remembered to bring everything!

It was our first time with finals and the students performed admirably. A few minor adjustments will be needed for next year but I hope everyone agrees that it was a success.

A big, big, big thank you to all those parents who helped on the day. I would like to especially thank the small but devoted team of parents who were there at the starting line and the finishing line tirelessly recording the times for each race. Your children really do appreciate your generosity.

Well I guess everyone wants to know the results, so without further delay I am proud to announce that the winning house is .....**Dharug**.

Thank you again to all  
Sharon O'Reilly.





## **Ridges Carnival – A Huge Success Once Again!**

The weather was perfect, the venue was fabulous but nothing can outshine Kenthurst students performing their Personal Best!

The behaviour was exemplary making the day an easy one for Mrs Leeds, Ms Dodd and Miss Ivis and myself.

All students tried hard and displayed great sportsmanship but there are too many to name. Below is a list of those who made it in the top 10 placings.

### **Girls**

- Alexia - 4<sup>th</sup> in 100m, 6<sup>th</sup> in 200m, 7<sup>th</sup> in 800m and 7<sup>th</sup> in long jump
- Layla - 7<sup>th</sup> in 100m, 10<sup>th</sup> in 800m
- Chloe - 8<sup>th</sup> in 100m , 8<sup>th</sup> in jnr high jump
- Ruby - 5<sup>th</sup> in 100m
- Imogen - 5<sup>th</sup> in 100m
- Jessica - 7<sup>th</sup> in 100m
- Georgia -7<sup>th</sup> in 200m
- Cassidy - 8<sup>th</sup> in snr long jump
- Jessica - 9<sup>th</sup> in snr long jump
- Maddison -7<sup>th</sup> in shotput
- Caitlyn -8<sup>th</sup> in shotput

### **Boys**

- Lachlan -9<sup>th</sup> jnr 200m
- Douglas - 6<sup>th</sup> jnr 800m
- Stuart - 4<sup>th</sup> snr 800m
- Joshua - 10<sup>th</sup> snr high jump
- Mark - 5<sup>th</sup> long jump
- Daniel - 10<sup>th</sup> long jump
- Riley - 10<sup>th</sup> shotput
- Nathan - 5<sup>th</sup> shotput

Well done to all who represented our school!

Susan Tully



## Debating

Yesterday, students in the Year 9 and 10 debating teams from Galston High School performed a mock debate for students in Years 3-6 in our school hall. The topic was that *Cinderella should not have gone to the ball*. The audience enjoyed the debate and were asked to vote for the winning team before the adjudicator gave her adjudication with a contrasting view that the affirmative team won the debate. Thank you to Galston High School students and Miss Warby for providing a demonstration debate.

Three students from the Kenthurst debating team will be attending attend the 2012 Northern Sydney Regional Debating and Public Speaking Camp on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Collaroy. The camp aims to provide a rich learning environment to further develop the debating and speaking skills of all primary school students, coaches and teachers. The camps will particularly focus on best practice models provided by Arts Unit and Masters Academy trained tutors. Students will observe Premiers Debating Challenge debates during the course of the camp.

The Kenthurst debating team is coached by Mrs Sinclair debates against other local schools in a friendly competition.



The next debate is on Tuesday 16 October at midday at Galston PS with the topic “iPods should be allowed in primary schools” and we are the negative?

Thanks, Kate Sinclair



### **Parent Forum**

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the parent forum on the Student portal. If any parents were unable to attend but would still like the information booklet I handed out, please send a message to Ms McHugh through your child's teacher.

Thank you

Ms McHugh

### **Band Showcase Night**

The Band Showcase night will be held on Tuesday 6th November at 6pm. Each child in the band program will have the opportunity to perform in small groups. More information will follow shortly about music selection and practice information.

### **Band Rehearsals**

It was fantastic to see all the junior and senior children practicing together at this morning's band rehearsal. Please note that all band members, both junior and senior, need to be at school at 7.50am until the end of the year. Thanks so much to everyone for getting out of bed so early and to school in time!

In general, attendance at band rehearsals is fantastic and the majority of children attend every week which is fantastic! However, please note if your child misses band rehearsals for extended periods it may not be possible for them to participate in band performances and concerts.

### **Email contact**

Each week I have been emailing band parents to inform them about the band and keep everyone up to date about what to practice. If you haven't been receiving my emails and would like to be on the band email list please send me an email at [jasperandharley@aol.com](mailto:jasperandharley@aol.com) and let me know your child's name and details so that I can make sure you are kept up to date about either the junior or senior band!



## Gold Key Awards







On Monday night the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012, our Kenthurst Public School Choir, Dance group and Band attended The Hills Performing Arts Festival. Congratulations to our students involved for their outstanding performances on the night! The Kenthurst Band performing preshow entertainment, was exceptionally well, showcasing some fantastic talent, keep up the good work! The Choir was part of a powerful combined schools choir that sounded absolutely wonderful. The Dance group received lots of compliments on the night, well done to our girls. A special thanks to all teachers and parents involved, without your help, the night would not have been possible. The night was fantastic!



Dear Kenthurst Public School,

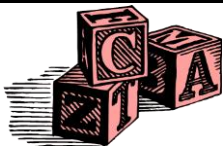
I just wanted to give you some news on one of your ex students, Stephanie Davis. Steff attended Kenthurst from Kindy to year 6, and was the school captain in 2007. She now attends Loreto Normanhurst and is in year 11 (she is 16 years). Steff was always a keen soccer player and yesterday Steff was selected in the Under 19 Australian School girl's team. She will be touring Brazil and Argentina in January 2013. Steff's path was making the IGGSA team, then CIS team, then NSW team, and then the Australian team. I know Kenthurst has limited oval space but Steff was always running around kicking a ball when she was at your school. Also, a few of the teachers encouraged her skill by entering Kenthurst into soccer competitions. From little things, big things grow, and I suppose the message for all the kids at Kenthurst is that a little girl, kicking a ball on the oval, can one day grow up and play for their country.

Many many thanks to Kenthurst Public school.

I have attached a photo of Steff.

Glenn Davis





## Elbelle's Preschool and Early Learning Centre

174 Kenthurst Road, Kenthurst 2156  
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\*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

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

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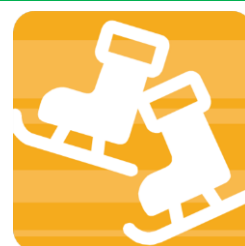
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**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10am — 2pm**

**Hillside Public School**  
**122 Cattai Ridge Rd, Glenorie**



There will be a **jumping castle, balloon darts, BBQ, coffee.**

**Sites only \$15**  
**Bookings - Phone Sue on 0424 355 615**

This will give you the opportunity to sell those unwanted items that have been sitting around your house, garage and backyard. So bring along all your preloved toys, bric-a-brac, antiques and collectables.

# HELP NEEDED

**For Election Day this  
Saturday (8<sup>th</sup>)**

**7am to 2pm**

**BBQ and Cafe**

**BBQ - Sandra 0410 437 208**

**Cafe - Sally 0433 815 051**

