

# Kenthurst Public School

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**Excellence and Innovation in a Unique Community**

**Kenthurst Village Voice**



Issue 15 Term 4 Week 2

Thursday 17 October 2013

## Good afternoon parents and friends

Welcome back to our final term for 2013.

With the current weather conditions and Fire Hazards I would like to let you know the processes we have in place should there be a need for us to have an evacuation. Our staff has had training and practice with our local Rural Fire Service chief. A bell will be rung and teachers will calmly take the children to the meeting area, which will be either the Basketball court (which has a large E sign to indicate this is the emergency area) or The Hall, depending on the weather conditions eg smoke. I will personally go to every classroom, Library, computer laboratory and the toilets to ensure all children are accounted for and the class teachers will call the roll at the Assembled Area. Our school app will send a message to parents letting you know where the children are located.

Should the need arise, buses will take the children to Glenhaven Public School. All this information will be on the school app, we urge you to download this at your earliest convenience, as it is an instant form of communication. May I also suggest another app that is helpful, Fires Near Me has up to date information about fires in our vicinity. Summer has only just begun and we send our thoughts and prayers to families who have lost their homes and hope everyone remains safe.

Term 4 is going to be a celebration of the amazing achievements we attained this year.

**NAPLAN results** were sent home on Monday and our results are excellent. Our KPS Spelling program, which is consistent from Stage 1 through to Stage 3, was implemented this year, with outstanding results. The improvement in our students has been recognized as the top school in our area.

**The Performance Concert** As many parents and grandparents were unable to see some of the performances throughout the year, we will be holding a concert to showcase these achievements. To be held on Wednesday evening 11.12.13 beginning at 7.00pm. Dance groups, Choir, Verse Speaking Choirs, Band, Public Speaking



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**Kenthurst Art Festival.** What a tremendous achievement this weekend was.

The organization and camaraderie was exemplary and the feedback has been so positive. The request is for another Art Festival in 2014! A sincere thanks to the team who coordinated and worked so hard to make this such a quality event. I too am looking forward to next year. I too couldn't resist and purchased a painting called 'Pop's Garden' by Gabby Malpas and it looks stunning in my home.

The Trivia Night is the next social event for KPS and I hope you will all book a table and come along for what promises to be a really fun night.

**Kindergarten Orientation 2014** On Tuesday evening our Kindergarten Information Night was held. Parents were greeted with a coffee/tea and cake and started to meet and chat together. We then had a brief welcome and headed to the refurbished Library for several workshops. Each station informed parents about the latest teaching strategies we utilize here at Kenthurst and the fantastic academic results. Literacy, Mathematics, Technology, Positive Behaviour, Engaging Learning and the Premier's Reading Challenge, were all discussed in a friendly atmosphere. We will be sending home a short survey to Kindergarten 2014 parents, to ask if this new approach was preferable. So far the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. On Thursday our first Orientation Day began with a concert where the School Band and Choir performed. I was most impressed with the mature behaviour of our new Kindergarten children. The children loved meeting their new buddies, receiving their 'Showbag' of goodies and buying an ice-block from the canteen! They are most definitely ready for 'Big' school 😊

Our next Orientation day will be from 10.00am, *Tuesday 22 October* and we are all so looking forward to seeing you again.

**Technology 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning** Our school will be installing wireless throughout the school buildings in the coming weeks, which will enable wi-fi for i-pad and laptop devices. The P&C will be purchasing the i-pads and laptops from the money raised at our Art Festival. Our students are so excited and this will obviously enhance their learning and keep Kenthurst at the cutting edge of education.

**Canteen update** Plans are currently being drawn up by the architects in the anticipation of the canteen refurbishment starting during the Christmas holidays.

The expectation is that the Kenthurst Kitchen will be ready for business, day 1 of Term 1 2014. Some of the improvements include an oven, stainless steel bench tops and a *slushy machine*! The children are very excited about this and we will be making healthy slushies, as our canteen abides to the healthy canteen requirements.



### **Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Grant**

Recently I applied for a grant to assist us in developing our vegetable garden, so that our children will be able to prepare and cook food in the new 'state of the art' Kenthurst Kitchen. Kenthurst has been successful in securing the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Grant, which is fantastic. We have also been fortunate to receive a magnificent Kitchen Aide appliance valued at \$750.00, for our new canteen, courtesy of this organization.

On Tuesday morning, our school was treated to a wonderful musical experience. Hanna and her father Ljubo are famous celloists and they performed magnificently for us. What a way to start the day!! Pictured is Hanna and one of her students Jack, who is in Stage 1 and plays with the Conservatorium of Music.



To all of the new families, welcome to Kenthurst. If you would like a tour of the school please contact us and I will be pleased to show you what we have to offer your child/children. Kenthurst is truly unique – a community school with fantastic facilities and opportunities for your child to shine. As one of our students recently remarked, “Kenthurst is my school family” Mitchell. I think that speaks volumes.

Yours, in quality education.

*Caron Dodd*

Principal



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## Diary Dates

18 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday	-	PSSA Bandana Day
21 <sup>st</sup> October, Monday		Book Fair
22 <sup>nd</sup> October, Tuesday	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Kindy Orientation Book Fair
24 <sup>rd</sup> October, Thursday	-	Book Fair Ends
25 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday	-	PSSA Halloween Disco
30 October, Wednesday	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kindy Orientation

**Date to remember: Trivia Night Saturday 20 November**

## Term Overviews

Term Overviews are now available for Term 4. On the website go to "School Years" tab and Term Overviews.

## Kenthurst Public School App – Skoolbag

Kenthurst Public School now has their own app!!! Check out the features! You'll also find our newsletters there and parent calendar, flexischool information and announcements.

### How to install Skoolbag on your smartphone

**iPhone Users:** Simply search for "Kenthurst Public School" in the App store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. This app is free.

**Android Users:** Simply search for "Kenthurst Public School" in the Google Play store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



Any queries please contact the school.

Kirsty McHugh - Computer Coordinator



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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Book Fair**

On 17<sup>th</sup> October our Book Fair arrived. 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, family and friends.

The Library will be opened every day from 8.00am -4.30pm until 24<sup>th</sup> 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  
Kerry Parnaby  
Teacher / Librarian



### **Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)**

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australia Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

## **AP CORNER**

Welcome back for what will be a very busy term four. Some of the many things happening in Stage 2 and 3 are:

### 1. Kids Connections.

Students in S3N and S23B are currently involved in a series of 4 lessons as part of the Interrelate Kids Connections program. These lessons explore different relationships, communication, problem solving and conflict resolution. See attached flyer.

### 2. Selective High School Applications.

Students in Year 5 will take home a note outlining the procedures for applying for a selective high school position in 2015. Please return the accompanying slip if you are interested. Applications are to be made online by the parent. More information is available at- [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) see attached flyer for the timeline and procedures

### 3. Student Leadership for 2014.

It's the time of year again when we start to look at planning for next year. During term four we complete the process for selecting student leaders for 2014. Students in Year 5 will be taking home the 'School Leadership Criteria' (included in this newsletter) and if interested will self-nominate. We encourage students to be involved as they continue to develop their leadership and communication skills.

The timeline is as follows:

Week 2 - School Leadership Criteria' handed out and discussed.

Week 4 - Students fill out a school application and self-nominate.

Week 6- Selected applicants will write their speech at school and present at an Assembly. Voting will take place by students and staff.

Week 10 - School Leaders announced at the Celebration of Learning Assembly.

2014 Term 1 - Student Induction Assembly

Thank you

Mrs Kate Barrat

Assistant Principal





## **PERFORMING ARTS TERM 4 PERFORMANCE CALENDAR AND REHEARSAL TIMES**

Our dance, choir and band groups have started preparing for our 'Showcase' concert. I am also very excited to announce we are starting a new boys dance group this term. Below are the Term 4 rehearsal times for our performing arts students.

Term 4 rehearsal times

### Choir

Monday morning at 8.00am until 8.45am.

Wednesday recess ('cup song' group)

Friday lunch

### Dance

Senior Dance - Monday lunch

Junior Dance - Tuesday after school 3.20pm – 4.15pm

Boys Dance - Thursday lunch

### Band

Thursday with band instructor Mr Wilson

If you require further information, please email to: [alyse.collins@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alyse.collins@det.nsw.edu.au).

I would like to thank parents for their continuous support and commitment to our Performing Arts program. It has been wonderful to see all the children attending rehearsals this year and enjoy being part of our dance, choir and band groups.

Kind regards,  
Alyse Collins

## **SRC FUNDRAISER**

### **National Bandanna Day- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Tomorrow the SRC will be selling bandannas and pens in order to support National Bandanna Day. The funds raised will go towards helping CanTeen support young people along every step of their cancer journey. Wearing the Bandannas on the day will also show our support for young people as they go through the toughest and most distressing ordeal of their young lives.

Bandannas \$4

Pens \$3

Melinda Ristuccia



## What's Going On In Stage 1

This term both Early Stage One and Stage One have been immersed in rich Australian literature based on a book called "Why I Love Australia" by Bronwyn Bancroft. The teachers have collaborated to create a unit of work using a conceptual framework based on the new curriculum where all subjects are fully integrated. The students are encouraged to think critically and creatively through the use of Thinking Skills, Visual Literacy and multimodal texts.

The students have produced some wonderful work surrounding this unit including some fabulous art, story writing, drama and mapping. It has encouraged an understanding of their place in the world and those around them.

Early Stage 1 has focused on "Wombat Stew" while Stage 1 has concentrated on "Possum Magic" (Both Mem Fox). The classes will also look at "Where the Forest Meets the Sea" and "Are We There Yet".

"Why I Love Australia" is an aboriginal perspective on life and the landscape of Australia and allows students to compare their perception of the environment and sense of connectedness to it. Aboriginal Dreamtime stories are also a large part of the unit. As well

as aboriginal artwork, the stories allow students to understand how a journey can tell a story, the importance of family, environmental issues and the significance of being a proud Australian.

So far it has been a great learning experience for students and teachers- so if you get a chance ask your child "What did you learn today?" You will be surprised and excited by the response.

Susan Tully  
Stage 1 Teacher







**S3N have fun predicting and experimenting how to make a bulb light up using two wires, a bulb and one battery.**

## Debating

On Tuesday 12 September, Sophie (Yr 3), Amelia (Yr 4), Mia H (Yr 5) & Oliver (Yr 6) competed against 12 other local schools in the Hills Network Public Speaking Competition at Glenhaven Public School. The topics were:

<b>Stage 2: Year 3</b>	<b><i>A topic Starting with the letter 'C'.</i></b>
<i>Year 4</i>	<b><i>What makes me smile....</i></b>
<b>Stage 3: Year 5</b>	<b><i>What Matters.....</i></b>
<i>Year 6</i>	<b><i>Own Choice</i></b>

All students had put a tremendous amount of effort into their speeches and presented commendably on the day. A special mention to Sophie, who narrowly came fourth. Well done!

Also, in regards to debating, you may like to include:

This coming Monday, 21 October the Kenthurst debating team will debate against Galston Public School on the topic **Animals should not be kept in cages**. Our team is the negative and we wish them well.

Regards,

Kate Sinclair

S2SR Class Teacher (Mon-Wed)





**Students working on their E Book Work**

## P&C Corner



**Thank you!**

The Kenthurst Art Festival was a fabulous weekend of art, food and fun. It was a great success with over \$16,300.00 raised for Kenthurst Public School to use towards technology for our students.

Our Festival kicked off with an amazing cocktail launch on the Friday evening. Ben Quilty was inspiring as he spoke about growing up in Kenthurst and the influence it had on him. He stayed well after the evening officially closed and has since stated what a wonderful event it was. Glenn A Baker auctioned for his life as the children's class artworks prices went through the roof. For those who were out-bid there's always next year. The food was delicious and the bar was humming.

The Saturday and Sunday saw the 'party COLA' transformed into a Café where fresh lasagne and salad was on offer along with coffee and cakes. Many people enjoyed just soaking up the atmosphere whilst grabbing a spot of lunch.

To all the brilliant people who helped make this event worthwhile, thank you for your hard work and dedication. From lugging priceless artworks around to emptying garbage bins, to making a cake, the school community banded together and pulled off a great weekend. We must also mention a special thanks to all the artists and collectors who generously donated artworks and their time to our school.

Coming up next...trivia night  
2013, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November..



# Halloween Disco



**Dress up and come along for some after school fun with your friends**

- When: Friday 25 October 2013  
Time: 3.30pm to 5.30pm  
Who: Kenthurst Public School students and their parents  
Cost: \$5 per child payable to the P&C, this can be handed to your teacher or paid at the door on entry (includes afternoon tea)  
Bring: Your costume to change into after school and some pocket money to buy treats

This event is provided by the Kenthurst Public School P and C Committee.





**THE BEST WAY  
TO SPREAD  
CHRISTMAS  
CHEER  
SINGING LOUD  
FOR ALL TO  
HEAR**

christmas markets by dusk

Saturday, 7th December 2013

4pm – 9pm

Kenthurst Public School!

Facebook: Kenthurst Public School Market Day



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# kidsconnexions

for healthy relationships

4 x 1.5 hour sessions that improve the wellbeing of children by developing healthy relationships through school-based education.

**The overall aim of the program is for children to build resilience in their relationships.**

## Specifically the program aims to increase:

### The child's recognition and understanding of:

- Healthy and unhealthy relationships
- The many different types of relationships
- Their right to be safe in a relationship
- Their own social and support network
- The impact of their relationship choices on others

### The child's confidence in:

- Their relationship strengths
- Being assertive when relationships are unsafe or unhealthy
- Their sense of belonging
- Seeking support

### The child's skills and strategies in:

- Making healthy relationship choices
- Maintaining healthy relationships
- Managing unhealthy relationships
- Being safe in relationships
- Problem solving and communication

### The teacher's understanding of:

- Children who may be experiencing multiple vulnerabilities
- Children who may be at risk

Students receive a workbook and resources.

Sessions are interactive ensuring the program is appropriate to all learning styles.

Trainers have an energetic and empathetic style and use positive reinforcement to affirm students and assist them to build resilience in their relationships.

The program is based on sound educational principles and has been developed in line with Stage 3 outcomes of the NSW K-6 Curriculum



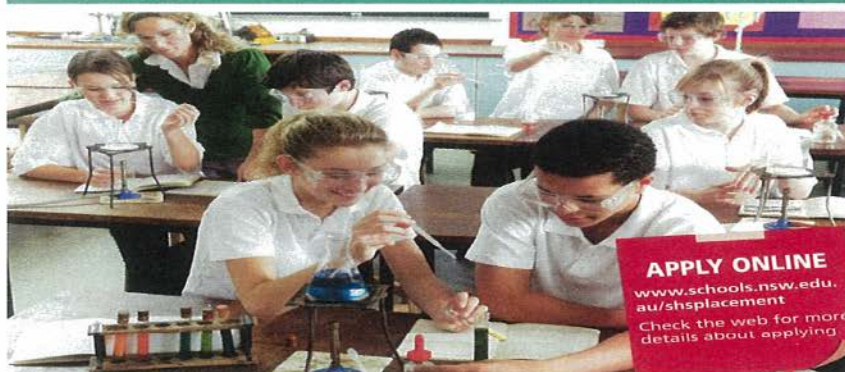




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High Performing Students Unit

## Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2015?



### Key dates

**Tuesday 15 October 2013**

Online application opens

**Tuesday 22 October 2013**

Paper application forms in schools

**Monday 18 November 2013**

Return paper applications to principal

**Monday 18 November 2013**

Application closes

**Thursday 27 February 2014**

Test centre advice

**Thursday 13 March 2014**

Selective high school placement test

**July 2014**

Outcome advice

**PLEASE READ  
THE APPLICATION  
INFORMATION  
BEFORE APPLYING.**

High Performing Students Unit

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

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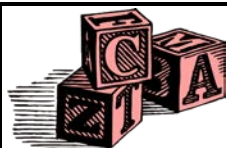
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## **Ellbelle's Preschool and Early Learning Centre**

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



## **Kenthurst Netball Registration**



Date: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 10.30am-2pm

Where: St Joseph Centre, St Madeleine's Primary School, 28 Annangrove Rd

For:

- NetSetGo players 5-10 years
- Junior players 11-14 years
- Senior players 15+ years

Come and join our friendly club in 2014. Free sausage sizzle and drink provided to all players registering on the day.

Also FREE 5 week FunNet program for all new players (suitable for 5-10 years).

For registration forms or more information, please visit our website at <http://kenthurst.netball.asn.au> or contact Sally Coppini, registrar, at [mitre@tpg.com.au](mailto:mitre@tpg.com.au)



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## Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the 'Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

**Act now!**  
Time is running  
out fast!

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?

If your child was born between **1 July 2001** and **30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email [childoffset@twelve.com.au](mailto:childoffset@twelve.com.au) to receive more information.

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Is your child gifted, talented, intelligent, curious, creative and filled with promise?

**WE CAN HELP YOU!**

An invitation to participate in a series of new and innovative workshops at UTS

**WhizzKyd's workshops**

Creative Teaching-Dynamic Learning!

Limited spaces are now available for your child to take part in our fun and inspiring enrichment programs at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). A range of full day workshops are being run across Literacy, Numeracy, Science and HSIE-based subjects for students who may seek extension in any of these areas.

**Key features of the program include:**

- The most qualified, experienced and passionate presenters
- Guaranteed student enjoyment
- Individual needs of all students catered for
- All sessions run at UTS campuses in state-of-the-art learning spaces
- Learning will take place in a hands-on, interactive environment



**Further Details:**

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6

**Program Dates:**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:**

9:30am-3:30pm

FOR MORE DETAILS

[www.inspirationeducation.com.au](http://www.inspirationeducation.com.au) | 1300 677 336



**Maraylya Public School** 

# **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

**Costs per stall : \$50**  
**Details : Saturday 30th November 2013**  
**Time: 2pm - 8pm**  
**Address: Maraylya Public School**  
Corner of Neich and Boundary Rds Maraylya

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To secure your place  
Call on **0418467006** or  
email: [mpsxfestmasfestival@gmail.com](mailto:mpsxfestmasfestival@gmail.com)



## Neighbourhood **Firewise** Training



Join our residents in your neighbourhood to learn how to defend your home and family in the event of bushfire.

Free 4 hour course

Learn about:

Clearing Asset Protection Zones

Use of portable fire pumps

Pile Burns

Protecting Fence Lines, Sheds and Livestock

Fire proof your house

Sunday November 3: between 1pm and 6pm

**Just call 9654 0525 for all the details and to reserve a place**



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