

# Kenthurst Public School

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**Excellence and Innovation in a Unique Community**

**“The School of Choice”**



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Thursday 31 November 2013

## Good afternoon parents and friends

Our Kindergarten Orientation has been a huge success with an overwhelming positive response to our new format.

“the evening surpassed my expectations” “ the deep knowledge and expertise of the teachers was evident” “ the warm, welcoming atmosphere was obvious and much appreciated”.

Assessments are currently being administered as semester 2 reports are being prepared. I am thrilled with the reading results for our students, with many of our Stage 1 students exceeding expectations. The excellent academic results continue here at Kenthurst ‘The School of Choice’.

**Swimming Lessons** begin next week with both Ms Shaw and Mrs Tully escorting our children to Galston Swimming Indoor Centre. This is situated opposite Galston High School. The improvement in the swimming skills of the students will be greatly enhanced during this two week session. Children will not miss out on Sportspro or Joffa or Milo Cricket, as we will ensure they attend a session in these extracurricular activities.



In 2014 we will be launching our **Gifted and Talented Program**. Mrs Judy Burns and Mrs Parnaby will be working with our students who excel in Literacy and Numeracy. Mrs Burns is an outstanding, experienced practitioner who is renowned for her work with gifted students and Tournament of the Minds. Currently, Mrs Burns is working with the University of Western Sydney and as a former Assistant Principal has deep pedagogical knowledge that will benefit and enhance the learning of our children. She will be speaking at our next P&C meeting, so if you would like to hear about this program and how we will be catering for our students, please come along next Wednesday 6 November at 7.30pm in The Learning Centre.



P&C Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November



## Building Literacy and Numeracy when travelling.

### Pre-school to Stage 1

- ✚ Play license plate games by making up words from the letters; or add the numbers
- ✚ Count telegraph poles or signs
- ✚ Play *Spotto* – list twenty items the child needs to ‘spot’ or discover.
- ✚ Discuss the shape of road signs. Discuss what different symbols mean.
- ✚ Make up stories or histories about street names of relocations.
- ✚ Guess the colour of the next car to appear around the corner. Change this to every third car.
- ✚ Give each child a colour to count and tally the number of car between two points. Then change it to trucks.
- ✚ Listen to stories on a CD or I-pod or sing songs or clap out the rhythm

### Stage 2 and Stage 3

- ✚ Use public transport and look for times and destinations. Count the number of train stations or bus stops to your destination. Look at the route on a map.
- ✚ Estimate how many minutes it will take to reach the next town if you are travelling at 60 kilometres an hour.
- ✚ Keep a diary on long trips. Cut out pictures from brochures of each town and record thoughts and reactions about each one.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Grant.** For the past two days Mrs Eurell and Mrs Ristuccia have been attending cooking classes learning how to make ravioli and pasta. These skills will be taught to our students next year when our new commercial, state of the art Kenthurst Kitchen is installed. It looks delicious!

**Normanhurst Boys High** will be visiting on Friday 8 November from 1.30- 3.00pm to showcase their Clown skills through a reading program. Parents are welcome to attend.

Looking forward to another exciting fortnight of learning and fun here at Kenthurst Public School.

Yours in quality education,

*Caron Dodd*

Principal



## Diary Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> November, Friday	-	PSSA
4 <sup>th</sup> November, Monday	-	Swimming Scheme Begins for 2 weeks
5 <sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday	-	Swimming Scheme
6 <sup>th</sup> November, Wed	-	Joffa – Cartoonist Swimming Scheme
7 <sup>th</sup> November, Thursday	-	Swimming Scheme
8 <sup>th</sup> November, Friday	-	PSSA
11 <sup>th</sup> November, Monday	-	Swimming Scheme
12 <sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday	-	Swimming Scheme
13 <sup>th</sup> November, Wed	-	Swimming Scheme
14 <sup>th</sup> November, Thurs	-	Swimming Scheme Band Showcase 6.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> November, Friday	-	PSSA Swimming Scheme

**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

## **Gardeners Wanted**

We have received 120 free native plants to rejuvenate and beautify our school grounds. We would like students to be able to plant them, but need help organising and preparing the soil.

If you have experience with native plants or would just like to help, please come along to a meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.45am.

The meeting will be held in the Learning Centre.

Thank you to Mrs Jane Peacock who organised for our school to receive these free plants.

Melinda Ristuccia and Elizabeth Eurell  
Environment Coordinators



## Our School Website

Don't forget whilst on the school website to check the photos out, we have all the Gold Pin awards and much more. [www.kenthurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kenthurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)



## Congratulations - Age Sport Champions

## The Classroom Window

As I looked out that rectangular glass window, a special place evaluated into reality. The warm spring breeze filled my ears with its luscious sound. The cicadas were loud, but it suited it. The branches stuck out in all directions, as if it was trying to grab you and pull you back. I could smell the lovely eucalyptus gum leaves. Behind the green trees is the beautiful blue background accompanied by the soft fluffy clouds with Rainbow Lorikeets flying by. The sap was stickier than honey stuck on a kitchen bench.

A sample of descriptive writing from S23B – Isabelle

## **BAND NEWS**

### **Band Demonstration Concert**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, our school band and St Michaels Catholic School band performed a concert, playing songs such as The Smurf theme, We Are Young and George of the Jungle, for our Years 2 – 5 students. Various brass, woodwind and percussion instruments available for them to learn in 2014 were demonstrated.



The school band is open to Years 3 – 6 students. Students in Years 2 and below can join if they have played their instruments for a year. If your child would like to join the band please complete the expression of interest note (sent home after the concert) to ensure your child is tested for his/her instrument suitability.

### **Band Showcase**

Our annual band showcase is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm in the school hall. The band members have been working hard & will be performing either solo or in small groups. Please come and help celebrate their musical achievements.

# Trivia night – 2013



Only 4 weeks to go to our 2013 trivia night. Come along and join in the fun and frivolity. Organise your tables or we can sort them for you, as long as we beat the teachers (from memory, I think they came 2<sup>nd</sup> last, last year).

We will have food available for those who pre order. These meals include...

## **\$25 for Antipasto for 2**

- Selection of cold meats
- Chargrilled Asparagus and prosciutto
- Hummus with dukkah and olive oil
- Bruschetta mix with chargrilled bread
- Grissini and Lebanese crisps
- Roasted capsicum and Kalamata olives

## **\$25 for Vege Antipasto for 2**

- As above
- Dolmades and Falafel instead of Meat

## **\$12.50 Dips plate for 2**

- Hummus with dukkah and olive oil
- Chunky tomato Guacamole
- Grissini and Lebanese crisps

We already have wonderful prizes to auction off during the night but if you think your business can offer something else, in return for a huge plug and a tremendous thank you, please contact us.

Here is what you need to know –

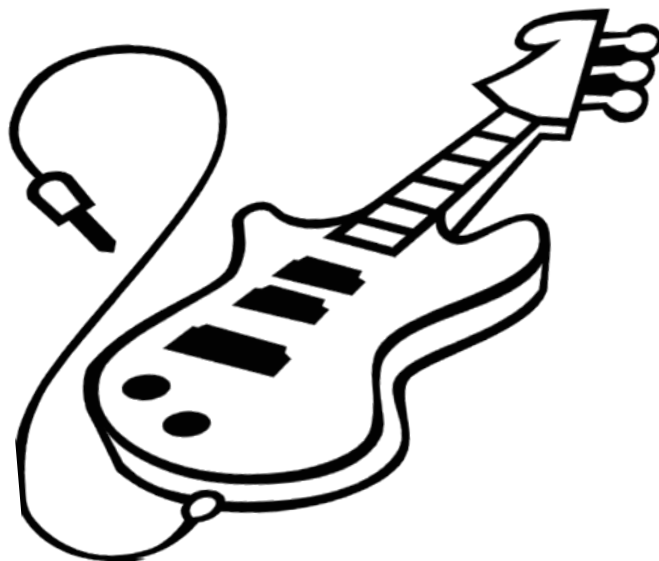
- \$25.00 entry per person.
- Doors open at 6.45pm ready for a 7.00pm kick off
- Order **Tickets** and **Food** through FLEXISCHOOLS or at the SCHOOL OFFICE
- Prizes for the table that wins
- Theme Gangsters and Molls (not essential to dress in theme – but

incentives if you do...)



# **Band** **Showcase**

**Kenthurst School Hall**  
**Thursday 14th November**  
**starts 6.30pm**  
**Free concert - All welcome**





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

christmas markets by dusk

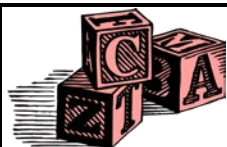
Saturday, 7th December 2013

4pm – 9pm

Kenthurst Public School!

Facebook: Kenthurst Public School Market Day





## **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



## 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**



**P&C Meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

# La Collina Italian & Seafood Restaurant

Unit 7/3=9 Terminus Street Castle Hill NSW 2154

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Due to our success for the past twenty six years and the approach of Christmas and the New Year we would like to show you our appreciation by sharing part of our profit with you for your loyalty to us, and without you we would not be where we are now.

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Thank you for your support along all those years

Regards Marco

## La Collina Italian Restaurant

Loyalty Card

**10% Discount for all take away**  
**15% for eat in from the A La Carte**

### Menu

*Not applicable with any other  
discount offer*

**Address : 7/ 3-9 Terminus Street  
Castle Hill**

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**Oct.2014**

Conditions Apply\*

