

# Kenthurst Public School

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Term 4 Week 10

Wednesday 18 December 2013

## Good afternoon parents and friends

I write to you for our final 2013 newsletter. As I reflect on the year that has passed, so many amazing achievements and improvements have occurred. Through hard work and determination the P&C have raised enough money to purchase i-pads and laptops and contributed significantly to the installation of the wireless system. Academically our students have excelled and in sport we have succeeded in all areas. Dance, debating, verse speaking, band and choir have offered our students opportunities to shine.

## Thank you and Goodbye Mrs Sinclair

It is with gratitude and sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Kate Sinclair who has secured a permanent position at another school. We thank her for her fantastic work with the debating team and her dedication to ensuring our students excel.

S2SR have had the privilege of having her as their teacher and the improvement academically has been exemplary. We wish her well in her new school and we know a little bit of Kenthurst will always be with her. We will miss you Mrs Sinclair.

## Christmas 2013!

I too am excited about the Christmas celebrations, for all of the children and for me this year, a special feeling, being a grandmother for the first time.

My '3 Kings' Oscar, Hugo and Perry will have their very first Christmas and I intend to totally spoil them with oodles of hugs.

Thank you for your loyal support throughout the year and I look forward to even more exciting learning and 'happenings' in 2014. It is going to be even bigger!!!

May I wish you and your families the special joys of Christmas and a restful, fun filled holiday, with lots of wonderful memories to treasure.

Yours, in quality education.

*Caron Dodd*

Principal



**P&C Meetings for 2014 TBA**



## DIARY DATES

### 2013

- |                                      |   |                       |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday | - | Last Day for Students |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December, Thursday  | - | Staff Development Day |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday | - | Christmas Day         |

### 2014

- |                                     |   |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday   | - | Staff Development Day             |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday | - | Students Return – Year 1 – Year 6 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> January, Monday     | - | Kindergarten Students First Day   |



### **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

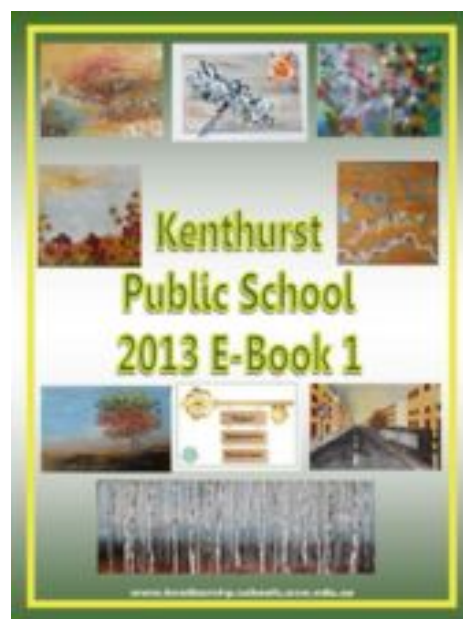
### **2013 Naidoc Week**

Back in June we celebrated Naidoc Week, we sold Naidoc packs and the children wore mufti and donated gold coins, all money raised was sent to Medina Primary School on the outskirts of Perth. Recently in the Medina Primary School newsletter “Madina Matters” we were mentioned, “Thank you for the very generous donations from the Red Cross and three schools in NSW – Kenthurst being one of them. We can’t thank these groups enough for the support of our children, our school, our community. In helping us, please be assured we will do our best to help others too.. paying forward acts of kindness.

### **e-book**

As many of you saw at the presentation assembly, the 2013 ebook is available on our website. It is one of the tabs!

It has some fine examples of multi modal and digital texts that students have composed being a snapshot of not only the many events that have taken place throughout the year but also the variety of learning experiences that engage our students as they become 21st century learners.



## Kenthurst Performing Arts

The curtain has closed on our performances for the year and what an amazing year it has been! Thank you to our band instructor Mr Geoff Wilson and his team, the dance teachers - Mrs Weekes, Miss Emilee and Miss Lauren for their commitment and dedication to the students. It would not have been possible without them. And to you, the parents and carers and our gorgeous students who have been with us every step of the way...we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your commitment, goodwill and support throughout 2013! We are very proud of how far all of our students have come.

We look forward to sharing another great year igniting your child's passion in the Performing Arts in 2014. To all our families, we hope you will always find time to sing and dance in your heart. Thank you for being a part of Kenthurst Performing Arts program.

Warm Regards

Mrs Alyse Collins

Performing Arts Coordinator





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### Continued – Performing Arts



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The last couple of weeks have been huge, below are some photo's from our celebration of learning, our year 6 graduation and farewell, plus some photos from early stage 1 and stage 1's excursion yesterday to Brewongle Environmental Centre.



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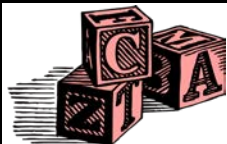
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## Ellbelle's Preschool and Early Learning Centre

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



## myFamilyLaw

[myFamilyLaw](http://myFamilyLaw) is a free family law app where you can submit your family law query to a real family lawyer in your State in Australia.

Also find information about divorce, property settlement, parenting arrangements, child support, family violence and your financial future.

You can also use [myFamilyLaw](http://myFamilyLaw) to find and connect with family law professionals, view inspiring motivational quotes and attend family activities listed in [myFamilyLaw](http://myFamilyLaw) Events.

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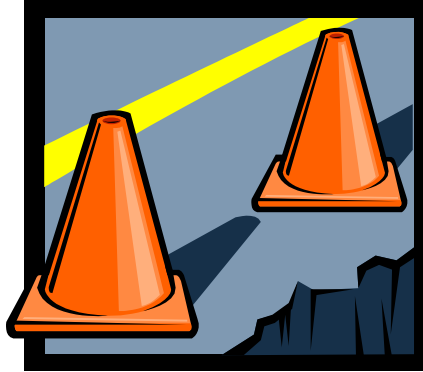


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Galston  
Community of Schools





## Important Information!!

Below is some information that may impact your travel to and from school, upcoming construction project on Pitt town Road in Maraylya.

Council is undertaking the replacement of two timber bridges on Pitt Town Road in the vicinity of Maguires Rd, near the boundary of Kenthurst and Maraylya.

Construction works on the new bridges are due to commence in the coming week and continue until April 2014 (weather permitting).

Pitt Town Road will be closed between Boundary Road and McClymonts Road from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013 until March 2014. A detour will operate along Maguires Road / McClymonts Road that will add 5 – 10 minutes to travel times. The detour is not suitable for large / heavy vehicles so trucks are advised to use an alternative route.

The existing bridges are in poor condition, and this important and urgent upgrade will provide two higher, wider, safer and less flood prone bridges that will benefit the community for many years to come.



The Hills Shire Library Service presents

# Summer Reading Club

**A spies and sleuths adventure!**

**1 December 2013 to 31 January 2014**

*Earn stamps, collect rewards, enter the draw to  
win great prizes!*

For school children aged 5-14 years.

Visit The Hills Shire Library website for further details

[www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/library)



**THE HILLS**  
Sydney's Garden Shire



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Still enrolling for 2013

**KENTHURST**  
SCHOOL OF DANCING

2.5 YEARS TO ADULTS  
BEGINNER TO ADVANCED  
SERIOUS OR FUN

**FIRST 2 LESSONS FREE**

LIVE LOVE DANCE

Ballet (R.A.D) | Tap | Jazz | Hip Hop | Modern/Lyrical  
Show Groups | Private Tuition

**NEW OWNERS**

**Kenthurst School of Dancing**  
111 Kenthurst Rd Kenthurst (Kenthurst Public School)  
**0414 277 677**  
[kenthurstschoolofdancing.com.au](http://kenthurstschoolofdancing.com.au)



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## **IT'S A GREAT TIME TO TRY HOCKEY!**

Northern District Hockey Association will run a

“Try Hockey” program over 2 consecutive mornings in the  
LAST week of the Summer school holidays

**Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 Time:  
9:30am – 11:30am**

**Venue: Pennant Hills Park Hockey Field, Britannia Street,  
Pennant Hills**

**Details and online registration [www.ndhockey.com.au](http://www.ndhockey.com.au)**

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