

Kenthurst Public School

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Good afternoon parents and friends

What a truly amazing year this has been! Our students and our school community have achieved so many wonderful things.

We have a dynamic P&C and a huge thank you to the fabulous team that is led by Ms Bec Martin. Highlights this year have been The Kenthurst Arts Festival, Kenthurst Markets, Trivia Night and Movie Night. Funds raised are being used to purchase i-pads and laptops and our Wi-Fi system is being installed next week. Very exciting for 2014!

Our school grounds are looking wonderful too and a sincere thank you to the parents, mums and dads who volunteer their time and energy to enhance the school. Next year, we will be launching The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Project with stunning new vegetable gardens and lessons that will compliment this. Our state of the art Kitchen refurbishment begins in a couple of weeks and to celebrate our magnificent 130 year old Library, it too has had a much needed makeover. It has been a busy, productive year!

Our school works closely with the wider community and in particular Kenthurst Rotary and The Men's Shed, who designed and built our amazing puppet theatre.

A special welcome to the new families who are joining our wonderful school.

At Kenthurst Public School our dedicated and dynamic professionals provide your child with the best possible start to their academic future.

Students' subjects are brought to life, by our inspirational teaching team whose creativity, knowledge, and enthusiasm inspire them to explore their individual interests and reach their full potential.

Our staff remains at the forefront of innovative teaching practice through a comprehensive program of professional development and training. This results in outstanding teaching in all classrooms where a dynamic learning environment challenges our students to achieve.

We are committed to guiding and nurturing your child, understanding and responding to their individual interests and talents. Developing happy, confident and successful children will always remain our priority at Kenthurst Public School.

In NAPLAN this year we are the **number one** school in our region for improvement in Spelling, our outstanding successes in Verse Speaking, Debating, Dance, Choir, Band, Swimming, Athletics to name but a few.



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Please have a look at the calendar as next week is a particularly busy week here at ‘The School of Choice.

Monday **Celebration of Learning 9.40am**

Tuesday Day Rehearsals

Wednesday **2013 Performance Concert 7.00pm**

Thursday No assembly

Friday **Year 6 Graduation 10.00am in The School Hall**
 Year 6 Farewell 6.30pm Dural Country Club

Celebrating Christmas at Kenthurst.

This Friday night is Carols in The Park starting at 7.15pm and is always a special night under the stars.

Saturday is our inaugural Christmas Markets at Dusk from 4.00pm- 9.00pm with a huge variety of stalls and food for sale too. Come along and buy those special gifts and handmade cards for special family and friends.

At this time, I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas, shared with your loved ones. I too am looking forward to a special First Christmas with my new baby grandson and excited about the arrival of twin baby boys, very soon.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Celebration of Learning.

Fondest regards.

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal



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DIARY DATES

4th December, Wednesday	-	Year 6 Galston High Orientation Day
5th December, Thursday	-	Band Combined Scripture Thank You Morning Tea
7th December, Saturday	-	4 – 9pm Christmas Markets
9th December, Monday	-	Celebration of Learning
11th December, Wednesday	-	Performance Concert – 7pm
13th December, Friday	-	Year 6 Graduation Year 6 Farewell
16th December, Monday	-	K Factor
17th December, Tuesday	-	K – 2 Brewongle Excursion
18th December, Wednesday	-	Last Day for Students
19th December, Thursday	-	Staff Development Day



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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

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

Wireless

We are excited to announce that our wireless infrastructure will be installed on the 10th - 13th of December all ready for a year of exciting learning in 2014.

Kirsty McHugh

Computer Coordinator

AP Corner

Events for your calendar:-

1. Celebration of Learning Assembly, Monday 9th December in the School Hall at 9.40am.
2. Year 6 Graduation Assembly, Friday 13th December in the School Hall at 10.00am.
3. Year 6 Farewell, Friday 13th December at Dural Country Club 6 -9.00pm

Mrs K Barrat - Assistant Principal



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Gold Awards

Debating News

Kenthurst & Galston Public School

On Monday, 11th of November Amanda, Mia H, Brooke and Elora represented Kenthurst PS in a friendly debate via video conference in the learning Centre. Our opposition was Galston Public School.

The debate was fun as well as challenging. The video conference was new to us but it all went really well. In the end the adjudicators Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Pearce announced that Kenthurst won! We were really excited based on our strong arguments and good examples. Next time we have to work on our rebuttals!

Mia H



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Galston High School Debating Challenge

On Wednesday the 20th of November Amanda, Brooke, Bella, Mia Hand Elora went to Galston High school to compete in the Debating Challenge.

The three topics were:

Online shopping is better than actually going to the shops.

Boys and girls should go to separate schools.

Australian families should be limited to 2 children.

All the girls worked really hard and showed their improved debating skills.

The girls made it to the Grand Final, where they debated against Arcadia. They came second which was a wonderful effort. Great work girls for coming 2nd.

A big thank you to the Galston High School Debating Mentors, Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Warby for a great day.

By Brooke S3N



The Library

In the library old books take over the smell. New furniture with bright colours is all you see. With people flipping pages of books constantly and a lot of people breathing in the same air as I am. BANG, BANG people shoving books in the book shelves. I feel frustrated because I can't find a book out of a thousand. Medium sized posters everywhere I look. Fire red, fluorescent green, a funny yellow, light and dark blue book shelves and tables take my eyes. A new, large LCD touch screen on the wall that looks like a moving picture with a shiny, white frame around it. When I take off a shoe the blue, new, fluffy carpet massages my foot. As you walk through the entrance massive silver lights dangle over you and it feels as if it's going to hit you on the head. Then I look out the window and see the whole world in front of me.

Ella – S23B



The Library

Light whispers are carried through the misty air of the library. Talk about books and maps spreading everywhere. Beautiful colours cut through the mist outside. Though inside the old and new books steal the eye. Fresh mint novels with lovely shiny covers stand side by side. The smell is musty, dusty though crisp and new.

Dark blue, forest green and cherry red bookcases are neatly positioned along three cream walls. If you look into the faces of some children you can see, their strong ambition of finding a great read. Flipping pages followed by glazed over eyes shows everyone that no amount of shaking will bring them back to reality.

Occupied children sit at colourful jigsaw like tables. Thought out posters inspire us. The large glistening silver LCD screen keeps us in touch with the outside world. Now my eyes look back at my book. The story that will stay with me forever. I'm drifting again, away from reality.

Mei Lin S23B 2013



Trivia Night – 2013 The wrap

Saturday Night’s trivia event was the perfect way to spend the last spring evening for 2013.

The turnout was perfect with everyone getting into the swing and glamming it up in their glad rags. (As you can see from the photos below).

As well as a fun-filled night we were also able to raise money for our school, details to come.

There are some very generous individuals and businesses that donated gifts to help the fundraising cause.

Our gratitude goes out to the following...

Mother Earth Nursery – for the funky drum esky & stylish garden brolga statues
Leigh and Sally Klintworth – for the use of their wonderful holiday house in Forster
Claude Acosta – for the signed Australian Cricket team bat and 2 x bridge climb tickets
Sue and Dennis Hall from Maxton Fox Commercial Furniture – for the super cool chair
Mr Norton – for a Brett Lee signed cricket bat
Chris and Sandra Gaskin – for the gas BBQ, accessories and scrumptious meat tray
Gabby Malpas – for a wonderful piece of her art
Edwina Woellner – for the delicious hampers.

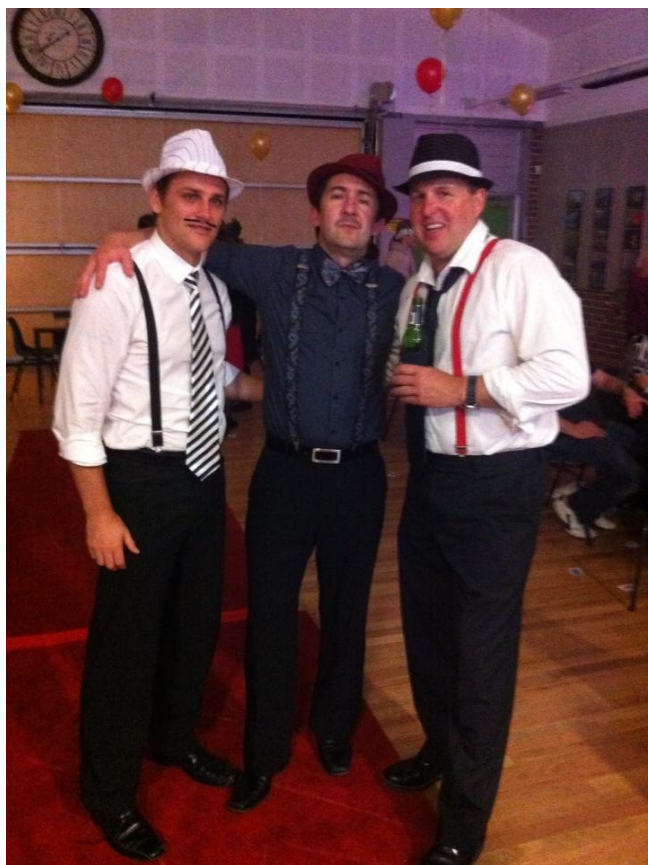
Stand by for some school yard bragging from the parents of table ‘*Lucky Luciano*’ who just pipped the teacher’s table “*Buggs Moran*” to take out top honours for the night. Some highlights included the wonderful food organised by Ella Roberts and her team, a Pictionary round (just how do you draw the Bruce Springsteen song “Born To Run”?) and Ms Tully’s magnificent moustache.

See you at the next event...
Beck and Cherie



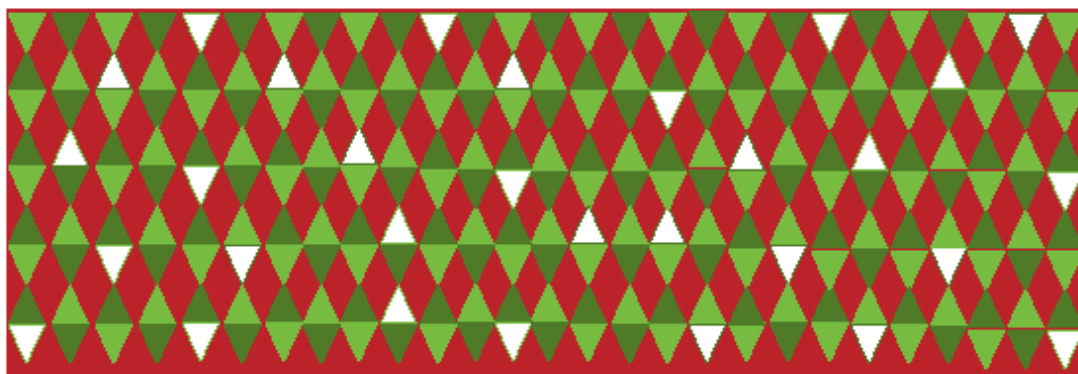
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KENTHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS MARKETS BY DUSK

saturday, december 7th

4:00PM - 9:00PM - FREE ENTRY



COME ALONG AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS
PRESENTS ... AND THEN HAVE THEM WRAPPED
BY SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ☆ OUTDOOR CAFE ☆ SANTA'S WRAPPING CENTRE



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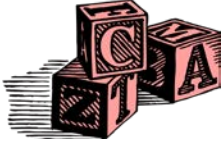
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Ellbelle's Preschool and Early Learning Centre

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



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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2012



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP** your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty

\$397

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty

\$165

+ 2 Demerit Points

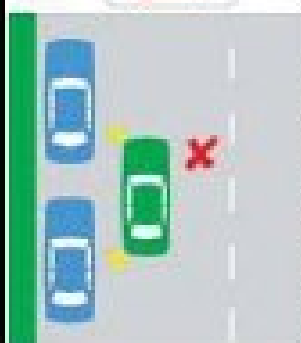


Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Penalty

\$298

+ 2 Demerit Points



DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty

\$298

+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: **\$298 + 2 Demerit Points**, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: **\$397 + 2 Demerit Points**
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: **\$165 + 2 Demerit Points**
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: **\$496**

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.

These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.



POLICE SAFETY MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND ROAD USERS NEAR SCHOOLS

The NSW Police Force is committed to the safety of school children within the local area, both inside and outside school grounds.

To reinforce safe driver behaviour around schools, police urge parents and carers to drop off and pick up their children safely from school by adhering to simple parking regulations.

Police have included a list clarifying common parking and driving offences which occur within the immediate vicinity of our schools. The Regulations governing road user behaviour are designed to promote road user safety (including pedestrians) and encourage the free and unimpeded flow of traffic – both pedestrian and vehicular. Every driver needs to adopt responsible and good driver behaviour in and around our schools.

Police, the school, parents and the local community can all work together to ensure the safety of each and every child in a school zone.

Signage

NO STOPPING	a vehicle must not stop in a No Stopping zone
NO PARKING	a vehicle must not stop in a No Parking zone unless the driver: <i>is dropping off or picking up passengers or goods and does not leave the vehicle unattended and completes pick up/drop off ASAP and in any case in less than 2 mins. (a vehicle is deemed unattended if the driver is more than 3m away)</i>
BUS ZONE	a vehicle must not stop in a Bus Zone unless it is a registered public passenger bus
CLEARWAY	a vehicle must not stop along a sign posted Clearway unless it is a taxi or bus dropping off/picking up passengers

Parking

It is illegal to:	Park a vehicle within 10m of an intersection Park a vehicle within 20m of an intersection controlled by traffic lights Double Park Park within 20m approaching a Bus Stop sign and 10m departing a Bus Stop sign Park on a footpath or nature strip (public area between road and adjacent land) Park across a Driveway Not park in direction of travel (wrong side of road) Park within 3m of a continuous centre dividing line or strip Park within 1m of another vehicle Unreasonably cause obstruction to another vehicle or pedestrian
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(Note: The list is not exhausted and provides general information. Detailed information regarding specific Rules and Regulations can be found on the RTA web site.)

Drivers are reminded of their requirement to comply with road user legislation.

If you would like any further information on the road regulations or road safety please contact Castle Hill Highway Patrol on 9680 5399. S/Cst Rob Paterson

The Hills Local Area Command
Castle Hill
Cnr Castle Street & Pennant Street C



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Important Information!!

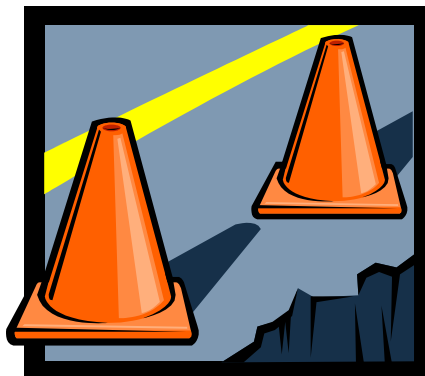
Below is some information that may impact your travel to and from school, upcoming construction project on Pitt town Road in Maraylya.

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 25th 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.



What's on

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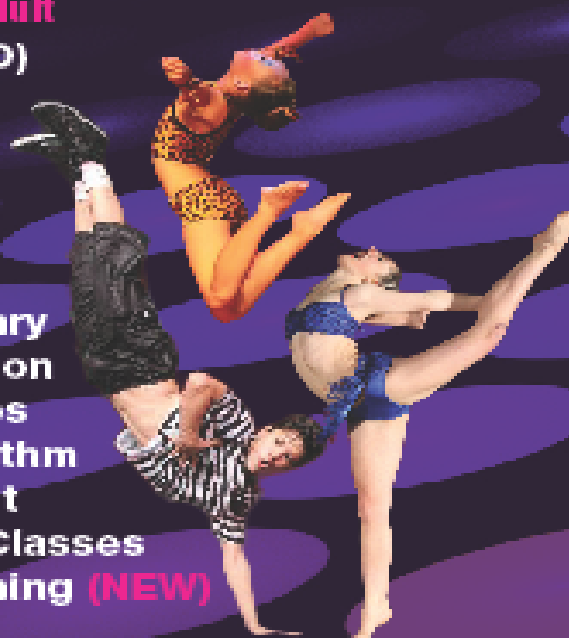
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“TRY AFL” Sessions:
Sunday 9am: 19th Jan, 2nd Feb, 9th Feb

Official Registration:
Sunday 10am – 4pm: 2nd Feb & 9th Feb
or, online from 6th Jan

Where:
Greenway Park (Mike Kenny Oval),
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