

# Kenthurst Public School

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**Excellence and Innovation in a Unique Community**

**“The School of Choice”**



Term 4 Week 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Good afternoon Parents and Friends,

Our Kindergarten Information Night was a huge success in spite of the terrible storm on Monday night. Kindergarten transition continues next week as we welcome 37 Kindergarten students, so far 😊, to Kenthurst Public School.

Rotational activities were set up around the school as parents were treated to demonstration lessons and information about ...

## **21st Century Learning~ the 6 Cs**

### **Character**

Character refers to qualities of the individual essential for being personally effective in a complex world including: grit, tenacity, perseverance, resilience, reliability and honesty.

### **Citizenship**

Thinking like global citizens, considering global issues based on a deep understanding of diverse values with genuine interest in engaging with others to solve complex problems that impact human and environmental sustainability.

### **Collaboration**

Collaboration refers to the capacity to work independently and synergistically in teams with strong interpersonal and team-related skills including effective management of team dynamics, making substantive decisions together and learning from and contributing to the learning of others.

### **Communication**

Communication entails mastery of three influences: digital, writing and speaking tailored for a range of audiences.

### **Creativity**

Having an ‘entrepreneurial eye’ for economic and social opportunities, asking the right questions to generate novel ideas and demonstrating leadership to pursue those ideas in practice.

### **Critical Thinking**

Critically evaluating information and arguments, seeing patterns and connections, constructing meaningful knowledge and applying it in the real world.



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As part of our ongoing evaluation and to prepare for our three year plan, the administration staff has invited 1 in 8 parents to a focus group discussion. This will be held next Thursday, facilitated by Miss Chris Brooker a retired principal and a regular consultant to our school.

The following week the teachers will be conducting a clip board survey in the playground every morning and afternoon. Please take the time to pop in or come and give your thoughts and constructive opinions, as we work towards developing our Strategic Directions for 2015-2017.

I will be facilitating a student focus group the following week and teachers will be invited for their feedback too. As a result, we will have a clear vision of what the community, students and teachers value about Kenthurst and the directions we wish to take in quality student learning.

We are currently working with the bus company to resolve issues of concern. They have been very supportive and will be sending an inspector every day next week to oversee the movement of both buses and students. The safety of our students is paramount and our duty of care requires our teachers to ensure all primary students are seated before departing.

A busy term is ahead so please check the calendar dates for upcoming extravaganzas.

Yours in quality education.

*Caron Dodd*

Principal



## DIARY DATES

### Week 3 - Term 4

- 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Wednesday - PSSA Training - 8.15am  
Choir Recess  
Drama Lunch
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Thursday - Band  
Scripture
- 24<sup>th</sup> October, Friday - PSSA

### Week 4 – Term 4

- 29<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday - PSSA Training - 8.15am  
Choir recess  
Drama Lunch
- 30<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday - Band Scripture  
Assembly
- 31<sup>st</sup> October, Friday - PSSA

### Important Dates for Term 4:

- 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> November - Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp  
3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> December - Stage 2 – Zoosnooz  
8<sup>th</sup> December, Monday - Celebration of Learning  
10<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday - School Concert  
12<sup>th</sup> December, Friday - Year 6 Farewell  
17<sup>th</sup> December, Wednesday - Last day for students



## K-2 Athletics Carnival

Last Wednesday during the middle session, K-2 were finally able to complete their athletics carnival. We were very lucky with the weather and managed to complete all activities that were organised for the original carnival back in September.

Before the carnival began, students were placed into mixed groups, enabling younger students to observe and model the older students in each activity. Some of the activities the students competed in were three legged races, egg and spoon races, soccer skills, bean bag balancing, sack and space hopper race.

The students had a great time displaying sportsmanship and personal best throughout the carnival and there were definitely signs of future Kenthurst champions.

Thank you to all the teachers for your support, particularly Mrs Choon and Ms Shaw for the organisation of the carnival on such short notice. Thank you also parents who came along to cheer.

Go Kenthurst



Term 4 overviews are now on the website:

school years tab --> overviews



## **Application for Year 7 Selective High school in 2016**

Parents are to apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14 October and 17 November 2014.

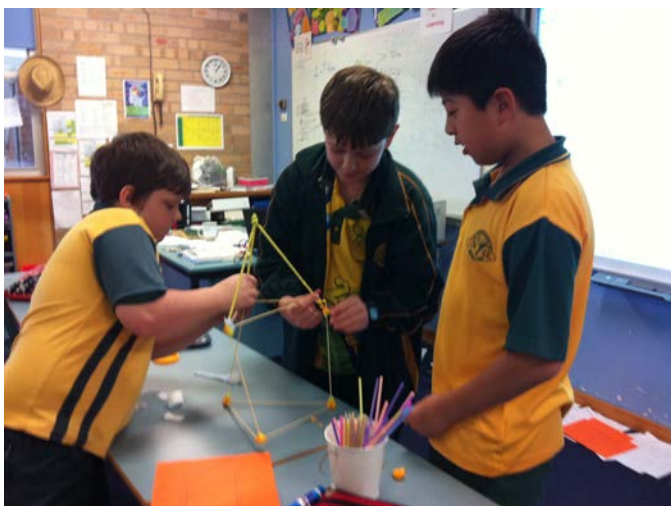
The Selective Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

**NO applications will be accepted after 18 November 2014.**

## S3N

S3N have been working on understanding the properties of 3D objects. As a way of enhancing this knowledge, the class were sorted into small groups and given the taste of constructing their own 3D objects, using straws, skewers, play-doh and blu-tack.

The students were encouraged to be creative and combine multiple 3D objects together in their construction. This task proved to be successful in working collaboratively while engaging in a mathematical challenge. Well done S3N!



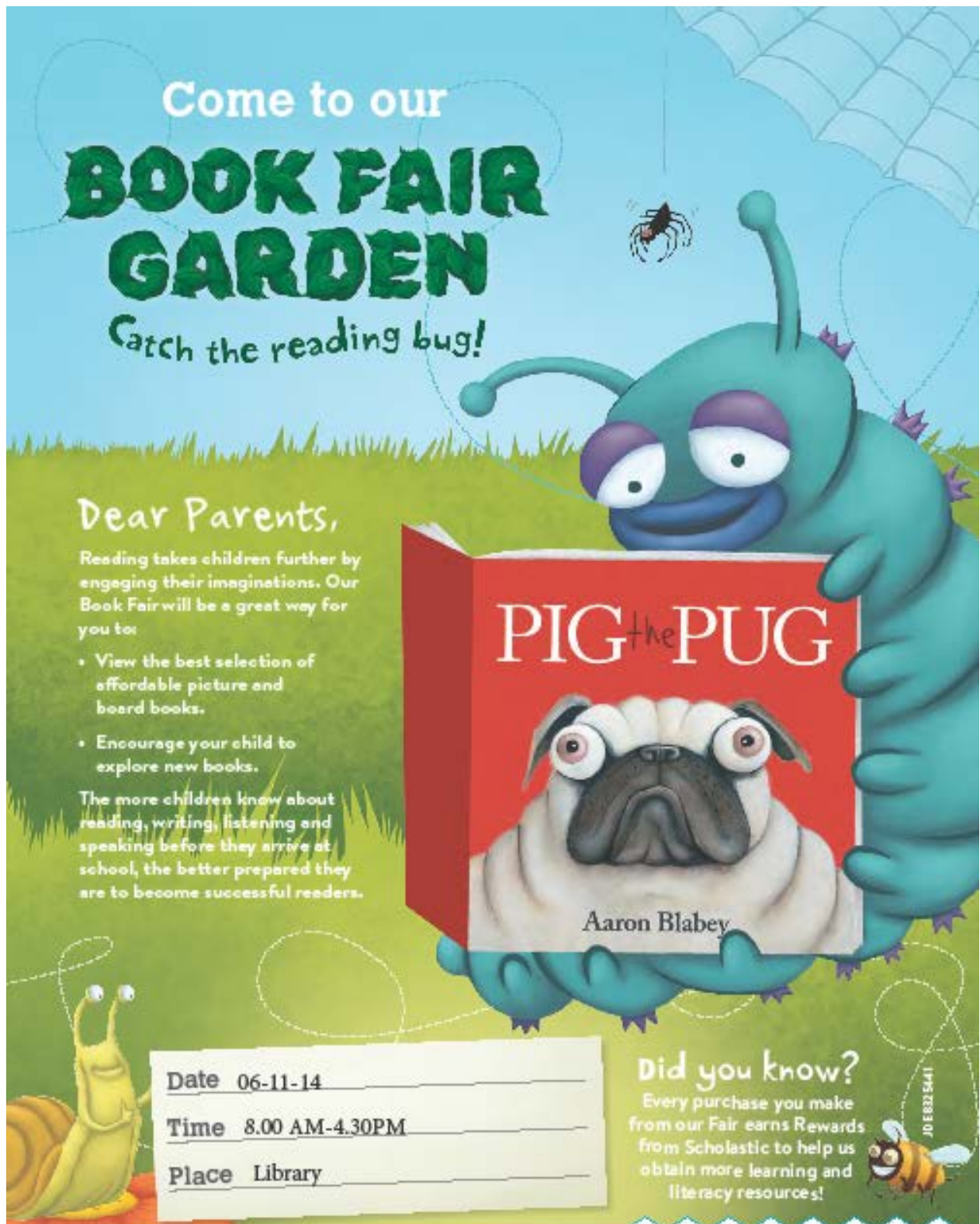
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Aaron Blabey

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**Place** Library

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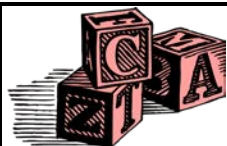
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\*7:30am to 6pm

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### Sharon Chapman

(Principal, Affinity Counselling) Family counselling service

*“Social issues in blending a family”*

### Karen Haga

(Principal, Karen Haga Lawyers) Family law specialist

*“Legal issues in blending a family”*

### Denise Lockrey

(Deputy Principal, Castle Hill Public School)

*“Schools and blended families”*

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