

Kenthurst Public School

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Term 4 Week 4

Friday 31st October 2014

Good afternoon family and friends,

You may have heard from your children that we are playing music before the bell at 9.15am. This is so the children can walk happily to their class lines. A great way to start the day!

The bell then rings at 9.20am and the expectation is that the children are seated ready to learn. Several of our students are arriving at school after the bell. It is a legal requirement that parents sign in their child each time they arrive late to school or leave early. Bus travel is covered.

We appreciate that mornings are busy times, but it is imperative that our students are here on time, if not before, so that they can play with their friends and have a great day of learning. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Kindergarten Orientation has been a huge success. Our buddies have been eagerly waiting for their Kindy friends to participate in the games, which were held yesterday. Bags of goodies and new friendships were made. Interviews have been held this week and my goodness we have some clever students coming in Kindergarten 2015!



Information Technology

Information technology plays an important role in everyday life at Kenthurst. Instructional, creative, assistive and innovative technology tools are seamlessly integrated into our school's teaching and learning programs allowing your child the chance to achieve their academic goals in a way that would not be possible using traditional methods.

Your child is of the digital age and Kenthurst endeavours to prepare our students to succeed in our ever-evolving world. From their first Kindergarten days they will have access to computers and interactive whiteboards. In Stage 3, our students will gain invaluable experience with the introduction of the laptop computer program and by then your child will be fully immersed in the Kenthurst Public School's state-of-the-art technology program. Features of the program include:

- Kenthurst students are given a Kenthurst network username, space on the network to store data and unlimited filtered Internet access. Students will receive a personal email address.
- Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 2 students will have access to I-Pads with educational apps, to enhance learning and support reading and mathematics programs.
- Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will have access to laptops and i-pads for research and learning programs.



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- Our Computer Lab is equipped with 34 computers with explicit lessons taught in design, image and video editing.
- Expansive high-speed wired network, complemented by flexible wireless network that links all buildings and outside areas.

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Yours in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal

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

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.



DIARY DATES

Week 5 - Term 4

Swim Scheme starts Monday 3rd November for 2 weeks until Friday 14 November

5th November, Wednesday - PSSA Training - 8.15am
Choir Recess
Drama Lunch

6th November, Thursday - Book Fair Starts
Band
Scripture

7th November, Friday - PSSA

Week 6 – Term 4

12th November, Wednesday - Book Fair Ends
PSSA Training - 8.15am
Choir recess
Drama Lunch

13th November, Thursday - Band Scripture
Assembly

14th November, Friday - PSSA

Important Dates

22nd November, Saturday - Trivia Night
26th to 28th November - Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp
3rd to 4th December - Stage 2 – Zoosnooz
8th December, Monday - Celebration of Learning
10th December, Wednesday - School Concert
12th December, Friday - Year 6 Farewell
17th December, Wednesday - Last day for students

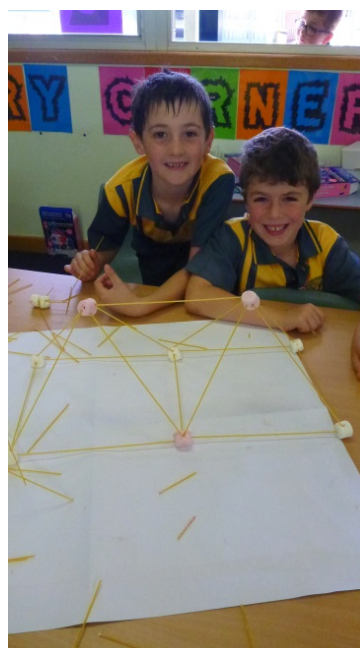




Kindergarten have been investigating how they move. Unfortunately the play equipment was not ready for this activity but we improvised 😊



Stage 1 are looking at the properties of cooked and uncooked food. They have made artwork with cooked spaghetti and then constructed towers using spaghetti and marshmallows. All of their towers are available in the gallery on our website.



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Stage 2 are investigating rocks and soil. They have been bringing in samples from home for their peers to take a close look at.



Stage 3 have been feeling trembles under their feet! They have read about the Newcastle earthquake, which many of us would remember and are now looking at plate tectonics.



Student Leadership

School leadership **provides an opportunity** for students to play a major part in the decision-making processes of the school. The **major role** of our school leaders is in the organisation and running of the School Representative Council. Other roles and responsibilities may include speech making, organising and running assemblies and welcoming guests to the school.

Nomination and Election Procedures for Student Leaders 2015

It is time for us to begin the selection process for student leadership in 2015. We would like to inform you of the process and the timeline this year.

- Year 5 students will be given a general talk on leadership skills in Week 4. The children will also listen to the experiences of the present school leaders. School leaders will be selected from Year 5 only. Students will be given a copy of the 'School Leadership Criteria' and an 'Application For Student Leader' form
- Students will self-nominate by submitting a school application on the pro-forma provided addressing the school leadership criteria. Due Monday Week 5.
- Selected applicants will write their speeches at school in Week 6. Students may work with a mentor teacher. Speeches should not exceed two minutes.
- Election speeches will be delivered at a special Assembly to be held in Week 7. Students in Years K – 5 and staff will vote by secret ballot. Two boys and two girls will be elected. The captains (one boy and one girl) will be selected by the highest number of votes for boys and girls.
- Successful candidates will be announced at the Celebration of Learning Assembly in Week 10.
- Leader badges will presented in Term 1 2015 at the Student Leadership Induction Assembly.

Miss A Dennis
Assistant Principal



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Statement of Purpose

To create an environment that encourages personal best in learning, positive values and relationships, reflecting respect and care for our school community. School leadership **provides an opportunity** for students to play a major part in the decision-making processes of the school. The **major role** of our school leaders is in the organisation and running of the School Representative Council. Other functions will include delivering speeches, organising and running assemblies and welcoming guests to the school. The following criteria are to be used in the selection of a school leader. Although these criteria are specifically designed for children who are seeking to become a school leader in Year 6 they may also apply for children who are want to be a SRC representative for their class.

School Leadership Criteria

Respect		Responsibility		Personal Best	
Pride in School	Involvement in School Activities	Being Reliable and Punctual	Public Speaking Ability	Role Model	
<i>This should be demonstrated by the student:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• taking pride in yourself and your school;• always obeying the school rules;• always wearing your school uniform neatly;• keeping the playground and school environment clean.	<i>This should be demonstrated by the student:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• always striving to achieve your best participating fully in all school and classroom activities;• attending all school activities that are held out of school hours;• being willing to try out and participate in extra curricula activities e.g. choir, band, dance groups, etc;• setting goals and endeavouring to achieve them;• being available to attend the SRC Leadership camp in February	<i>This should be demonstrated by the student:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• considering the safety of yourself and others• always obeying the school rules;• completing all classroom work;• completing class homework each week;• always arriving at school on time;• lining up promptly after recess and lunch;• assisting other students in the classroom without prompting;• working well in classroom groups;• completing competently any task given by the teachers	<i>This should be demonstrated by the student:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• clearly and appropriately speaking to other students and adults;• speaking clearly to a group of children on a given topic;• participating in the public speaking competition;• participating in school assemblies.	<i>This should be demonstrated by the student :</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• being a good role model;• showing empathy towards others and acting as a good friend;• treating others fairly, honestly and keeping their dignity intact;• demonstrating self control of feelings and actions;• having kindness and consideration for others;• celebrating differences;• showing respect for yourself and others;• showing resilience;• being a team player	





Kindergarten Orientation 2015



Over the last few weeks we have been having our Kindergarten 2015 Orientation days. Our new 2015 Kindergarten children have had fun singing and dancing, listening to stories and music, completing craft activities and playing sport. They enjoyed visiting different areas of the school and having recess in the playground with their buddies.

Kindergarten Orientation is a very important step in the process of transitioning to 'big school'. The Year 5 Buddies were wonderful with their Kindergarten Buddies, supporting and helping them with a series of fun learning activities.

Here are some photos of our new Kindergarten children having fun during the transition days.



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Aaron Blabey

Date 06-11-14
Time 8.00 AM-4.30PM
Place Library

Did you know?
Every purchase you make from our Fair earns Rewards from Scholastic to help us obtain more learning and literacy resources!

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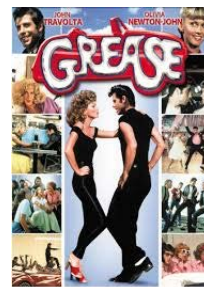
LET'S GROW READERS!



Trivia Night

Saturday 22nd November

Celebrating the Musical



Trivia Night for 2014 is fast approaching. This year's Trivia Night is Celebrating the Musical...a veritable smorgasbord of fun!

Once again we have some awesome prizes to auction off. And once again we are asking for donations of vouchers, services and products. Be it via your own businesses or place of work or even if you're just feeling down right generous. As always we are tremendously thankful and will supply copious amounts of shout outs to all who are charitable. Please contact your P&C if you are able to help with donations. Please note that this year's Trivia Night is the major fundraiser for the year. Fundraisers like this need your support. With fundraising organised by your P&C we are able to purchase equipment and supply services used and enjoyed by our children. Last year's Trivia Night contributed greatly to the purchase of new technology for the school (ipads, computers etc.)

Watch this space for some exciting food options for the night.

Here is what you need to know –

- \$25.00 entry per person.
- Doors open at 6.30pm ready for a 7.00pm kick off
- Order **Tickets** and **Food** through FLEXISCHOOLS or at the SCHOOL OFFICE (Cash Only)
- Prizes for the table that wins
- Celebrating the Musical (not essential to dress in theme – but incentives if you do...are we going to see The Von Trapp Family, maybe Frank-N-Furter, Dorothy, Mr Mistoffelees, Danny or Rizzo there are just too many to mention!)
- **NEW THIS YEAR...** for a small cost Kenthurst's very own Before and After School Care Bus will offer a local pick up and drop off service... we will provide the streamers and mirror ball .. our very own Priscilla!

Kenthurst P&C

Update

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have offered to donate prizes for this year's Trivia Night. It is bound to be a fabulous night.

Just in ... for anyone who is a sports fan, especially rugby union, the one and only Dave Dennis Waratah's captain has offered up an 18 round game of golf at the prestigious Stonecutters Ridge Golf Course (Greg Norman designed course and NSW open held here)

What a fabulous prize to win – teeing off with an Australian legend of sport!



FAIR TRADE MARKET AND MORNING TEA

THURSDAY NOV 6TH

10am – 12pm

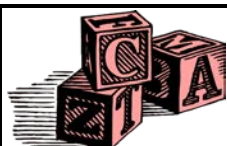
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(Opposite Caltex Service Station)
9654 2009

*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
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Half Gameshow, Half Party

Come along for a fun night and help raise funds for Annangrove Public school.

When: Friday 14th Nov 2014

Place: The Cool Room, The Australian Brewery,

**Time: Doors open at 7pm , Show starts at 8pm.
Finishes 10.30pm.**

Cost: \$25 per person. (+ \$1 booking fee)

Night includes, Comedy Bingo, Air guitar competition, Crowning of the Bogan king & Queen. Raffles, silent auction, games.

Win some great and not so great prizes!

Get your tickets at

www.ticketbo.com.au/boganbingo

For more info contact annangrovetfundraising@outlook.com



Over 400 shows a year worldwide. As SEEN ON Australia's got talent, Getaway & A Current Affair.



Dural Scouts are celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year and are holding a 75th Anniversary Dinner.

Venue: Dural Country Club

Date: 15 November 2014

Time: 7:30 pm

Price: \$65 per person

RSVP: 7 November 2014

Includes: 2 Course meal and soft drink (Cash bar), Trivia, Silent Auction, Great Prizes, Live Entertainment, Loads of fun.

Please complete this booking form and forward a scan via email to mark@sonmar.com.au or post it to:

P O Box 210, Galston, NSW, 2159

Name _____

Number of tickets _____ x \$65 = \$ _____

Best contact details for you:

Cheques payable to 1st Dural Scouts or EFT: Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd
BSB: 633108 Account number: 1317 22902

Please use your "surname - 75th" in the description/reference cell.

Any questions feel free to contact:

Warren Payne 02 96521713 or 0419 280 967 sydbp@bigpond.com

Mark Gibson 0403 061 276 or mark@sonmar.com.au





Are you going 'Trick or Treating' for Halloween on the 31st October 2014?

NSW Police recommend you do not participate in this activity. However, if you choose to participate, here are some things you should consider:

- Is it safe to take candy, lollies, chocolate from strangers?
 - Do I know the person whose door I am knocking on?
- Will I get into trouble from police if I play a 'prank' or damage property?
 - What if a stranger talks to me?



Remember your safety tips from the NSW Police 'Keeping Me Safe' initiative:

- Safety in numbers! Walk in a group. Never walk alone. Ensure you have adult supervision.
- Hold hands and cross roads at safe locations such as marked crossings and/or traffic light intersections.
 - Don't forget to 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think.'
 - Do not take candy, lollies, chocolate from strangers.
- Do not talk to strangers other than the people nominated as 'Safe people' from 'Safe places'
 - If you feel unsafe or unsure remember to tell a stranger 'No' 'Stop' and/or 'Go away'

If you would still like to celebrate the occasion, perhaps you could consider celebrating at home.

Police will not tolerate poor behaviour, particularly in public so remember your manners just like every other day of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Senior Constable Rob Paterson, Youth Liaison Officer from Castle Hill Police.

Call 000 if you require immediate assistance or 9680 5399 for Castle Hill Police.

