

Kenthurst Public School

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Term 4 Week 6

Friday 14th November 2014

Good afternoon families and friends,

Our term is busily bubbling along. Please check the calendar on our website for the important dates.

Thank you to those parents who gave of their time to answer the survey questions and being part of our parent focus groups. This information, together with data from our students and teachers, is being collated so that we can make an informed decision for our future strategic directions. To ensure Kenthurst remains an excellent school.

Next Tuesday, our future **School Leaders for 2015** will be giving their speeches explaining what they would bring to the leadership role at Kenthurst Public School. The students have written their speeches, here at school and will speak to their peers in the School Hall. Parents of these students are welcome to attend. After the speeches our K-5 students will be voting for the Captains and Vice Captains for 2015. The announcement of the successful applicants will be made at the Celebration of Learning assembly.

Our School Concert is in the final stages of rehearsal. An evening not to be missed! The children are busily practicing and the finale is truly spectacular. Bring your families to enjoy an evening of entertainment!

Year 6 2014 ~ how the time has flown! This is a brief overview of your

Year 6 Graduation 10.00am – 11.00am

Year 6 students may leave to get ready for the evening

6.00pm Arrive at The Fiddler for the 2014 Year 6 Farewell

8.45pm Last Dance with parents

9.00pm End of the Year 6 Farewell evening

K Factor is an opportunity for children to showcase their individual talents. This can be a solo or a group performance and auditions are held prior to the showcase. The final contestants will perform on Monday 15th December 2014.

The Great Aussie Bush Camp for Stage 3 will be an exciting time for our students. There will be lots to talk about and great memories to share. As they climb ropes and develop team skills. Students will be having meetings next week to explain what needs to be brought and the expectations.

The Stage 2 **ZoosnooZ** will be held on 3rd & 4th December and I am particularly looking forward to this overnight extravaganza!!! Yes, Ms Dodd will be coming too! Listening to the animals at night time is quite amazing and to be in the Zoo first thing in the morning as the animals are waking up, is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The children will be able to hold some native animals and even pat a lizard! We will also be meeting this week to discuss what to bring and what shows we will be seeing.



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Just a friendly reminder about parking outside the school. The Kiss and Drop is a *very brief* stopover, not for parking. The buses are arriving at 3.20pm and as it is such a busy area at that time parking on Kenthurst Road may be a better option.

We are currently working with the Hills Council and the RTA to try and change the current unacceptable situation.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Enjoy your weekend with your families.

Yours in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal



DIARY DATES

Week 7 - Term 4

- 19th November, Wednesday - PSSA Training - 8.15am
 Choir Recess
 Drama Lunch
- 20th November, Thursday - Band
 Scripture
 Annual Band Showcase 6pm
- 21st November, Friday - PSSA

Week 8 – Term 4

- 25th November, Tuesday - Levi's Lunch
- 26th November, Wednesday - Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp
 Choir recess
 Drama Lunch
- 27th November, Thursday - Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp
 Band
 Scripture
 Assembly
- 28th November, Friday - Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp
 No PSSA

Important Dates

- 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 - Evening
- 11th December, Thursday - Parent Helper Morning Tea
- 12th December, Friday - Year 6 Graduation
 - Year 6 Farewell - Evening
- 17th December, Wednesday - Last day for students



Swim Scheme 2014

Over the last two weeks 59 students from years 1-6 have attended the Aus Swim program at Galston Swimming Centre. All of the students have had a terrific time learning new swimming skills and refining those they had. They have also learned many valuable lessons in water safety in a variety of environments and situations.

Mrs Tully and I have had a great time teaching this year and are very proud of the students, their achievements and their wonderful behaviour throughout the two weeks. Well done swimmers! Here are a few photos of the action!

Edwina Shaw





Kindergarten have been investigating how they move. Now they have been describing how their toys from home move. They had lots of fun playing and manipulating everyone's toys.



Stage 1 are looking at the properties of cooked and uncooked food. What happens to corn kernels and chocolate when they are heated? Can we return them to how they looked before?



Stage 2 are investigating rocks and soil. They have been bringing in samples from home for their peers to take a close look at. Some have even been professionally labelled ☺. From here we have filled up their jars with water and let them settle so that they could observe the different layers of soil and matter present in their samples. We drew labelled diagrams to scale.



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Stage 3 have been feeling trembles under their feet! Continuing on from plate tectonics, students completed interactive activities looking at plate movements and joining up the plates as one large jigsaw puzzle.



BOOK COVERING

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have purchased new reading resources for our students and we are kindly asking for your help to cover them. We will be having a '**Book Covering Week**' in Week 9 (Dec 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th). If you are able to spare an hour or two on any of these days, to cover some books it would be greatly appreciated. We will be set up in the Learning Centre. Your child should have brought home a note today. Please indicate on the slip provided on the note, the date and time that you are available to help and return it to the front office.

Thank you for your support.

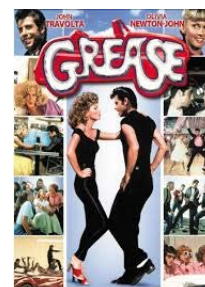
Miss Dennis
Assistant Principal





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!

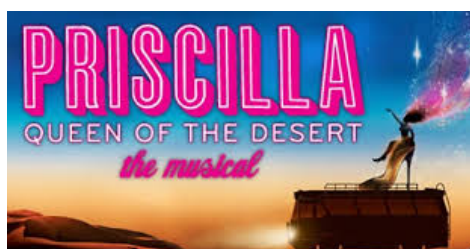
Once again we have some awesome prizes to auction off. And once again we are asking for donations of vouchers, services and products. Be it via your own businesses or place of work or even if you're just feeling down right generous. As always we are tremendously thankful and will supply copious amounts 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



Trivia Night

Saturday 22nd November

*****Update*****

Don't forget to get your tickets for this year's Trivia Night.

We have fabulous prizes to auction off including a very special **'Date With Dave'**. Not your ordinary date but feel free to bring flowers if you want. Dave Dennis (Rugby legend and captain of the waratahs) is taking one lucky person on a date to play 18 holes of golf at Stonecutters Ridge Golf Course!

Tickets are available via Flexischools and through the office. We also have a delicious food option for those who don't want the hassle of packing your own.

New this year...

The Before and After Care school bus will be offering a pick up and drop off service. Please call BASC 9654 2072 to book your seats.

Thanks to all who have been involved it's going to be a fantastic night.
Support Your School!

Cheers
Kenthurst P&C

Costume Corner

Shop 4/18 Kenthurst Road, Dural

It has come to our attention that Kenthurst Public School will be holding a trivia night on the 22nd November and as a result we would like to offer our services to your school community.

Here at Costume Corner we are always so thrilled to have so many Kenthurst Public School community members continually supporting our business and would like to return the favour by donating to the school 10% of each costume hired for your trivia night.

Contact Kate or Jenny on 9651 2313



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Arcadia Markets

Saturday 15 November 2014 8am - 3pm

Arcadia Public School

140 Arcadia Road, Arcadia

www.arcdiamarket.com.au



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Re: Whooping Cough - Public Health alert

There has been an increase of whooping cough (Pertussis) notifications in the Western Sydney area since June 2014, particularly in the 2155 postcode area.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Western Sydney Public Health Unit advises the following:

If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as **a dry or persistent cough**, which may be especially bad at night, please **see your doctor** and take this notice with you. A nose and throat swab test can be performed to confirm the diagnosis.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until s/he has taken 5 days of antibiotics.

A whooping cough fact sheet is enclosed. More information on whooping cough is available on the NSW Health website at

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>

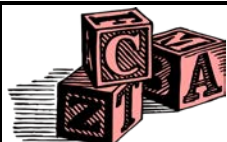
or please call Western Sydney Public health unit on 9840 3603 if you have any queries.

Thank you for your attention.

Western Sydney Local Health District
Centra for Population Health
LME 7118, Parramatta, NSW 2124
Tel 9840 3603 Fax 9840 3606



Galston
Community of Schools



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174 Kenthurst Road, Kenthurst 2156
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9654 2009

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