

# Kenthurst Public School

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**Excellence and Innovation in a Unique Community**

**"The School of Choice"**



Term 4 Week 2

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Good afternoon parents and friends,

At Kenthurst Public School 'The School of Choice', our focus is on students.

All parents want the very best for their children. In education, this means teachers and schools with a commitment to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students to enjoy learning, to build their skills and understanding and to make sense of their world.

## Centenary of ANZAC – **Kenthurst PS State Winners**

Kenthurst Public School students from Year 1 to 6 have researched some of the local ANZAC's whose names appear on the local War Memorial. This research project, initiated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, was a joint venture with the Kenthurst Rotary Club. They have completed restoration works on The Memorial at John Benyon Rotary Park.

The project was led by Mrs Elizabeth Eurell. Each class selected an ANZAC and accessed records from the National Archives for research. Local historian, Mr Malcolm W Johnston and Mrs Trish Epthorp (nee Sedger) were able to provide us with local history and family knowledge.

Class S2A researched Victor Herman McKenna and entered a Department Of Education state wide competition called 'We Commemorate.' This competition challenged the students to apply the 21st Century learning skills of critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration to produce a creative, stage appropriate, multimedia project.

Mrs Eurell and S2A's teacher Miss Lauren Armstrong, worked jointly on this project along with the students and were delighted when it was announced that S2A had **WON** the State competition for Stage 2. They created a videoed play, which told the story of Victor McKenna from his days as a school boy at Kenthurst Public School through to his parents receiving the devastating news that he had died in action in France.

The students in S2A have been invited to attend a presentation of prizes at the Museum of Applied Arts & Science on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November and as part of the prize students will be participating in an exciting workshop at the Museum. Congratulations!



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Our 2016 Kindergarten Information evening was held on Monday evening and was a tremendous success. Rotational activities enabled parents to listen to every staff member and the variety of opportunities we offer our students here at Kenthurst. The Kindergarten transition program has a wonderful variety of activities that allow our newest students to be confident and to feel that they belong to our school community.

We have many new students starting at our school and the response has been that the welcoming smiles and ‘vibe’ of our school is what makes the difference. A positive school community.

Our P&C have once again worked so hard in raising money this year for technology. A new E-Board has been ordered from money raised. On behalf of the students and parents of Kenthurst a sincere thank you to the P&C team.

A survey, from our P&C has been sent out on our app, in regards to future directions.

The Smartboards in the classroom need to be replaced urgently. These are an essential tool and necessary resource, for both students and teachers to enhance the learning/teaching programs. With installation, the E-Boards cost \$7,500 each and we need to purchase at least another 4.

Earlier this year, an arborist inspected the trees on our property and each tree was tagged. Initially, the Department of Education paid for the removal of some dangerous trees. However, from now on our school must make provisions for the cost of removal of problematic trees. We have had large branches fall in windy conditions and for the safety of our children, which is paramount, we will be pruning or removing these trees.

A humongous **THANK YOU** to Mrs Tracey Nelson who has managed our Kenthurst Kitchen for the past three and half years. She has cared for our children and worked incredibly long hours preparing a variety of meals. We have had Mexican Days, Hotdog Days and seen the installation of the magnificent new Kitchen. We appreciate all that you have done and wish you all the best. Tracey will still be overseeing the Uniform Shop this term.

Yours in quality education.

*Caron Dodd*

Principal



## DIARY DATES – 2015

### Week 3 – Term 4

19 <sup>th</sup> October, Monday	-	Book Fair
	-	Be Skilled Be Fit
20 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday	-	Book Fair
	-	<b>Author Visit</b>
		<b>Book Character Parade 11am</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> October Wednesday	-	Book Fair
22 <sup>nd</sup> October, Thursday	-	Band / Scripture
23 <sup>rd</sup> October, Friday	-	

### Week 4 – Term 4

26 <sup>th</sup> October, Monday	-	Be Skilled Be Fit
27 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday	-	
28 <sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday	-	
29 <sup>th</sup> October, Thursday	-	SRC Bandanna Day
		Band / Scripture
30 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday	-	ES1 & S1 Aquarium Excursion



## Please Note:

Term 4's Website and App calendar are updated.

Don't forget the Term Overviews are also on the website ... (see image)



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with 'SCHOOL YEARS' highlighted. Below it, a sidebar lists school years from Kindergarten to Year 6, with 'Term Overviews Term 4' at the bottom, circled in red. The main content area is titled 'School years' and provides information about the section's purpose and how to use the links.

School years	
Kindergarten	→
Year 1	→
Year 2	→
Year 3	→
Year 4	→
Year 5	→
Year 6	→
Term Overviews Term 4	

### School years

The school years section helps you get to know the important high year to year.

Click on each year to find out about the focus of your child's learn assessments, and how to help them prepare for transitions as the

There are links to great tips on how to help your child learn, and homework. Much of the information is also available in multiple c



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Time **8.30am - 4.00pm**

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# CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October Coco entered in her Physical Culture Champion Girl Competition. And was very successful in advancing to the nationals in November to represent her Club Castle Hill.



# Thinking of applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in **2017**

You must apply online at:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

Key Dates:

**Tuesday 13 October 2015** – Application website opens

**Monday 16 November 2015** – Application website closes

**Thursday 25 February 2016** – Test authority letter sent

**Thursday 10 March 2016** – Selective High School Placement Test

Late applications will not be accepted



# P & C CORNER

## P&C Fundraising Survey

The P&C would like to gain some feedback from parents on fundraising for 2016 and would greatly appreciate you clicking on the below link to answer 6 quick questions. All answers are anonymous and confidential.

Thank you so much for your help.

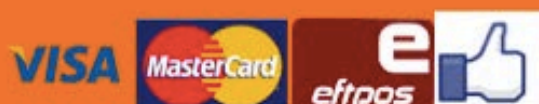
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Nutrition Snippet

# The simplest way

...to make a healthy Red Bean dip.

## Ingredients

- 1 can of Kidney Beans
- ½ cup reduced-fat natural yoghurt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Pinch salt and pepper
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon diced spring onions and ½ cup diced avocado (optional)
- Vegie sticks to serve



**Method** || Rinse and drain kidney beans || Place beans, along with yoghurt, olive oil, salt, pepper and cumin into a food process and blitz until smooth || Spoon into a bowl, and top with spring onions and avocado, if desired || Serve with vegie sticks...delish!

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**Nutrition Snippet**

# The simplest way

...to create a healthier brekkie.

Choose these simple, tasty swaps for your family's brekkie: they're fruit and vegie rich and will give you the energy to get through the day!



Swap this Breakfast	For these Healthier Options
White toast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Choose wholemeal</li><li>- Add tomato or avocado</li><li>- Spread ricotta, top with sliced fruit for a sweet treat</li></ul>
Flavoured milk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Make a fruit smoothie: blend frozen raspberries + honey + reduced fat milk + yoghurt</li></ul>
Rice bubbles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Porridge or wheat biscuits topped with banana + a small amount of honey</li></ul>

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