

Kenthurst Public School

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Term 4 Week 4

Friday 30th October 2015

Good afternoon parents and friends,

Some very exciting news!

Our Assistant Principal Mrs Murphy has had a beautiful baby boy today, John Dylan Murphy. We all send her our best wishes and are thrilled with the news.

Miss Armstrong has also been appointed, on merit selection, as a permanent classroom teacher, here at Kenthurst Public School. Congratulations!

Our P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday 4th November in The Learning Centre. We will be discussing the recent survey results and future directions for our school fundraising.

Both the P&C and school have been working diligently to keep our students ahead in 21st Century Learning. Technology is vital in the classrooms. We use i-pads, notebooks, desktops and Smartboards.

I.T suggests we replace **25%** of our total fleet per year. We currently have **104** desktops and laptops in the school. This is 25 per year that need replacing. Current price is $\$452 \times 25 = \mathbf{\$11,300}$. The Smartboards are old, fading and desperately need replacing. The cost of and e-Board installed is **\$7,500**. It takes a very long time and a variety of fundraisers, to raise this amount for just 1 e-Board and we need another 5.

To ensure that you are receiving our Newsletter we have a link on the Skoolbag App, the website and for your convenience, there will also be a link on Facebook.

Emailing the Newsletter to individual families has proved problematic, as people change their addresses and then the email bounces back.

When picking up your children after school, please use the Kiss and Drop zone as per the time frame. Our students will be waiting in lines, under the COLA and they will see your vehicle, tell the teacher on duty and walk through the gate. There is a suggestion that parking on Kenthurst Road or at the park in Sandpiper Place and walking up to the school would be safer. A student from another school, narrowly missed being hit by a bus last Friday. It was yet another reminder of the need to be careful driving around school zones.



Please note that Kiss and Drop zones operate under the same conditions as “No Parking”. You may only stop to drop off or pick up children for a maximum of 2 minutes, the driver must remain in or with 3 metres of the vehicle.

Information about our upcoming “Night of Stars” will be given next week, but please note our calendar. There will be two performances, a Matinee and an Evening performance.

2016 Kindergarten Orientation has been an enormous success and we’ll have one more exciting, fun activity to conclude the transition. Details to come.

An exciting countdown to the end of the year!

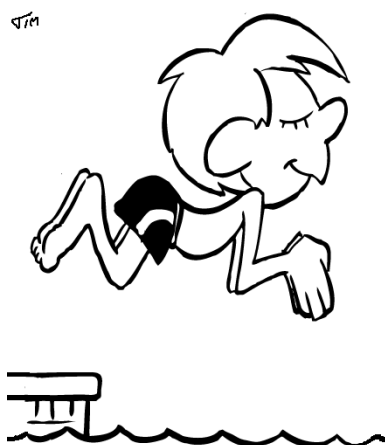
Yours in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal

Just a reminder!

Swim Scheme starts Monday



DIARY DATES – 2015

Week 5 – Term 4

2 nd November, Monday	-	Be Skilled Be Fit Swim Scheme
3 rd November, Tuesday	-	Swim Scheme
4 th November, Wednesday	-	Swim Scheme
5 th November, Thursday	-	Swim Scheme Band / Scripture
6 th November, Friday	-	Swim Scheme



Week 6 – Term 4

9 th November, Monday	-	Be Skilled Be Fit Swim Scheme
10 th November, Tuesday	-	Swim Scheme
11 th November, Wednesday	-	Remembrance Day Swim Scheme
12 th November, Thursday	-	Band / Scripture K- 6 Assembly
13 th November, Friday	-	Swim Scheme Normanhurst Boys – Clown Show

Book Fair



Thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who supported our very successful Book Fair this Term.

Total sales were \$3,485.75

Total profit for our school was \$870.00

K.Parnaby
T/Librarian



Author Visit – Deborah Abela

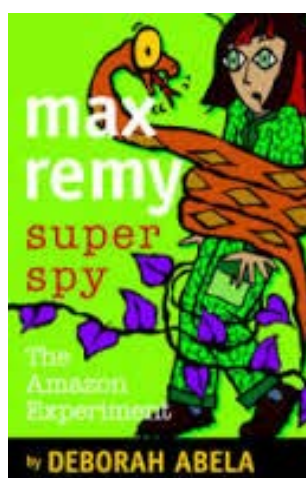
On the 20th October Deborah Abela came to Kenthurst Public School. She is a famous Author and has written many books such as Max Remy and Grimsdon. Everyone was very excited to meet Deborah and all dressed up as their favourite book character. We had a parade later on in the morning session and then had a chance to go with Deborah in our stages. Deborah spoke to all the children about how you could be a better writer and all of the different ways to improve.

In the afternoon a select few were asked to go and have a chance to meet Deborah and do a special writing workshop held in the Learning Centre. She gave people ideas on what to write about that would capture the reader's attention and put more interest into the story.

Now some of Deborah Abela's books have been put in the library for children to borrow.

Everyone had lots of fun and really enjoyed their day.

By Anna – S2A



Year 6 Fete

The year 6 fete was a huge success. There was a flow of happiness through all of the students, parents, grandparents and community members that supported us on the day. A big thank you to all of the following businesses for their donations:

- Reading Cinemas- Rouse Hill
- Hargraves Nursery-Dural
- Feed and Feast-Kenthurst
- Soccer Club- Kenthurst
- Carlile Swimming - Cherrybrook
- Klenall Industrial and Safety Supplies
- SA Cali Mechanical Repairs
- ICOOLM Air Conditioning



We would also like to thank the Deguara family for the fairy floss machine. The students loved it. Another special thanks to the Driscoll family for the yummy cupcakes and also a big thanks to all the parents who helped out with the barbeque and organisation of the fete.

The money raised will go towards the year 6 farewell, a donation to the Cure Our Kids Foundation and a gift for the school.

On behalf of Stage 3 we would like to acknowledge all the people who participated in our Fete.

Owen and Abby

Year 6 Students 2015



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 2016

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 6.
- Selected applicants will write their speeches at school in Week 7. 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 8. 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 2016 at the Student Leadership Induction Assembly.

Ms E. Shaw
Assistant Principal





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SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way

...to be SunSmart in spring.

Did you know that during spring you need to protect your skin from the sun every day?

In most parts of NSW, the UV level is 3 or above during spring. This means that even on cooler days, you need to protect your skin in five ways: **slip** on sun-safe clothing; **slop** on SPF30+ or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen; **slap** on a broad-brim hat; **seek** shade; and **slide** on sunglasses.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

How do you know if the UV level is 3 or above in your area?

Download the SunSmart app! The app provides recommended sun protection times, a calculator to check if you're using enough sunscreen, and a tracker to find out if you're getting enough UV exposure to help with your vitamin D levels.



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Local Health District

To help keep your kids safe,
check your school's SunSmart
status by heading to
www.sunsmartnsw.com.au





Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make a healthy after-school snack.

Most kids are starving as they walk through the door – and reach for processed or packaged snacks for a quick hunger fix. Get them to head to the fruit bowl, or vegie box in the fridge, instead...it's healthier, and will leave them fuller for longer. *Try:*



- Asking your kids to pick a vegetable and fruit, and cut both into smaller pieces
- Adding a vegie dip to keep it interesting
- Making a fruit salad
- Adding a reduced-fat yoghurt and a sprinkle of muesli
- Visit our website for great muffin recipes

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The *Eat It To Beat It* program is supported by the Western Sydney
Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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Glenhaven Public School P&C invite you to come and join us for a
'Movie Under the Stars'

When:

Friday 30th October 2015

Where:

Glenhaven Public School Oval – entry via main gate

Time:

Gates Open 6.30pm – Movie @ sunset approx 7.30 pm

Movie:

Home – rated PG

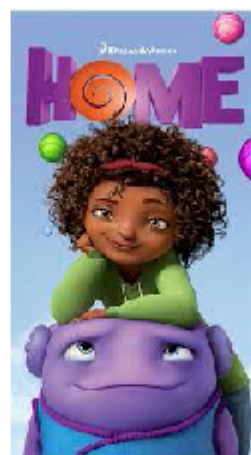
\$8.00 per person

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