

Kenthurst Public School

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Excellence and Innovation in a Unique Community

"The School of Choice"

Term 4 Week 10

Friday 15th December 2017



Good afternoon families and friends,

NSW public schools are committed to the pursuit of excellence and the provision of high quality educational opportunities for each and every child.

Here at Kenthurst, we prepare young people for rewarding lives in an increasingly complex world. Our vision is improved performance for every student, every year. At Kenthurst every child is known, valued and cared for. Parents want the very best for their children. In education, this means teachers with a commitment to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students to find joy in learning, to build their skills and understanding and to make sense of their world. At Kenthurst we have the best teachers, who know and understand their students and develop their individual potential. Our vision is for our students to be self-motivated learners- confident and creative individuals, with the personal resources for future success and wellbeing.

This year has seen some extraordinary achievements and initiatives, namely 10KM for EM. Jack wrote me a letter declaring that he would like to do something to help a fellow student. 'I can run Ms Dodd'. As you know, he certainly did run. Significantly on Remembrance Day, Jack was cheered on by the Kenthurst community and concluded the run up **that** hill steaming ahead. Humble and determined to complete the 10kms. Waiting at the end were many smiling parents and grandparents, but none more broader than Emily herself. Her courage and determination is amazing. We wish her well in the future.

In sport, we have excelled in tennis, namely Jessica and David and in tumbling Damon represented Australia in the World titles and was placed 11th. A remarkable achievement! In the world of Equestrian Champions, Rubie has excelled and represented the school at the highest level.

Money raised at our famous Grandparents Day enabled a much needed, new bubbler to be installed.

Thank you to our P&C who have worked so hard this year. Our submission to Bendigo Bank has resulted in a \$5,000 grant to purchase a new coffee machine. We deeply appreciate the support from this Community Bank and at the invitation of Mr Gary Mangan, our Christmas Choir performed at the Galston Branch.



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In 2018, Kenthurst Public School will launch its exciting and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) program.

The STEAM Ahead Program will provide a unique opportunity for K-6 students and ensures that they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge that will give them the edge to succeed in the twenty-first century.

Our famous K Factor was held this week with a range of performances, from dancing, improvisation, singing, pianist and the Banana Dance. So much fun!

We say farewell today to our glorious year 6 Graduates and wish them every happiness and success in their future learning journeys. Please come back and say hello and let us all know how successful you have all been.

We also say farewell and thank you to Miss Riley and Mr Starr and wish them well in their new schools. Bon voyage to Ms Shaw who will be spending the year with her family and travelling to Europe.

A special thank you to the teaching staff for your ongoing support, commitment to quality learning and dedication to student learning outcomes. Please enjoy a restful holiday!

Thank you to the School Administration team for all your hard work this year, Mrs Paddison and Mrs Dickson. You take special care of our students and always greet visitors with a smile. You are greatly appreciated.

Staff Development Days are next Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December 2017 and next year 29th January 2018.

Students return Tuesday 30th January with *all* of Kindergarten starting Friday 2nd February 2018.

Finally, to the students of Kenthurst Public School. May I wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and a wonderful holiday. Please keep reading during these holidays, by the pool, at the beach or even before you go to sleep at night. It's fun!

2018 is going to be spectacular!! 😊

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal

Important Dates 2018

30th January, Tuesday – Students Return

2nd February, Friday – Kindergarten Start

9th February, Friday – Swimming Carnival



Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Swim Scheme

62 of our students participated in swim scheme over the last 2 weeks where they swam every day. This allowed them to focus on specific skills they needed to work on to improve. Here are some pictures from our last day where we played some fun swimming games!



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BENDIGO BANK CAROLS

Thank you Gary Mangan for inviting 22 Kenthurst students to sing Christmas carols outside the Galston Bendigo Bank. The students and family members had an exciting morning filled with joy and Christmas spirit. The students were surprised with hot chips and juice from local stores and show bags supplied by Gary Mangan. The bank has also donated \$200 for the school as well as a trophy for our awards ceremony. Thank you to everyone at Bendigo Bank and we look forward to singing again next year!



FESTIVE COOKIES

Ingredients (Makes 8)

- 63g soften butter
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 1/2 cup self-raising flour
- 1/3 cup plain flour
- 2 tablespoons milk
- Icing with food dye and edible decorations



Method

Preheat oven to 160°C. Line 2 baking trays with non-stick baking paper

- Step 1: Mix the butter, sugar and vanilla essence in a medium bowl until just combined.
- Step 2: Add the sifted flours to the butter mixture and use a wooden spoon to mix until combined.
- Step 3: Add the milk and mix well. when the mixture becomes difficult to mix with the wooden spoon, use your hand. Mix with your hand until the mixture forms a soft dough.
- Step 4: Roll dough with a rolling pin and cut out Christmas tree, star and bauble shapes place about 4cm apart on the lined trays.
- Step 5: Bake the biscuits for 15-20 minutes.



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Kindergarten enjoyed having their Stage 3 buddies help them bake and ice festive cookies. Huge thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents that came and helped out, we really couldn't have done it without you!!

Here are a few pictures of kindergarten students receiving their handmade gifts from their buddies!!

It was a very fun day for everyone!



Dance-a-thon Extravaganza

On the 8th December KPS held its first ever Dance-a-thon Extravaganza! The day went extremely well and every student participated in the event. Our students had so much fun with being able to Dance in 8 rooms around our school.

Congratulations to our highest fundraiser Jessica E who raised \$500. The whole school raised a total of \$3,226 which will go towards technology and the new Steam program.

A very big thankyou to our wonderful P&C for donating the amazing free lunch for each student to enjoy.



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Christmas Carols in the Park

Last Saturday, soloist Anna Scott and a group of 70 students sang 2 Christmas Carols at the Kenthurst Carols in the park. I am so proud of all the effort they put in and it showed with their wonderful performance. We had lots of compliments regarding the way the Kenthurst students demonstrated school values and showed off their talents.

Thank you to the families and teachers who came to support the students, hope you all had a night filled with joy and happiness!

Looking forward to next year!



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K FACTOR



SURF ED

Stage 3 went to Dee Why beach on Tuesday for Surf Education, they had a fantastic day and learnt many new skills.



P & C WRAP UP 2017

Heading up the Kenthurst P&C this year has been a fantastic experience. The amazing team of mums and dads who put countless hours into making sure that each event is a success is something we as a school community must be grateful for. So, a massive and heartfelt thank you to all the P&C committee and the team behind the committee- every little bit counts, and we are most appreciative of everyone who has contributed over the year.

Exciting events throughout 2017 saw us raise much needed funds to put back into the school in the form of technology. Our last meeting a productive discussion was had with Ms Dodd and the executive to decide what purchases are needed both for now and in the future. Our school relies heavily on fundraising and donations by the P&C to ensure we keep up with the latest technology both hardware and software, replenishing our library resources, funding our learning support team to name just a few. Every dollar raised by the P&C goes back to the school in a variety of forms & every child benefits, therefore every dollar really makes a difference.

Without your help as a school community at every event and your contribution to the Fundraising Levy, our school would rely on government funding only, which limits us immensely. Therefore, thank you to all our families who have supported each event, you are making a difference to your child's school every time.

I will also take the time to send thanks to Bendigo Bank for donating a massive \$5,000 for the P&C to purchase a very useful fundraising tool- a new Coffee Machine... this purchase will see the much-loved & used, old machine retired and we hope to be able to brew some fresh, hot coffees at as many events as we can each year! Thank you, Gary and the team, from Bendigo Bank, Galston.

2018 sees our P&C Team charging into first term full steam ahead- dates for your diary are already locked in and we can't wait to see new and old faces around the school and the events!

P&C Dates for your Diary 2018:

Thurs 1st FEB **P&C Meeting 7pm**
Learning Centre

Friday 2nd FEB **Back 2 School Meet N Greet**
John Benyon Rotary Park, Kenthurst
from 3:30pm - Please bring a plate of goodies to share

Thurs 29th MAR **Grandparents Day/Easter Hat Parade**
At School- details to follow

Sat 7th APRIL **The EVENT OF THE YEAR!**
KENTHURST FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR!
3pm – 7pm at the School
Lock it in and spread the word to all your friends and family!

*I wish everyone a very Merry and Safe Christmas & look forward to a
fantastic New Year at Kenthurst.*
Emma



Kenthurst Rotary

TWILIGHT CAR BOOT SALE & STALLS

16th December 2017
3pm – 8pm

John Benyon Rotary Park

It will be a wonderful community and family event during which those last minute Christmas presents could be found at a bargain price.



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Celebration of Learning Criteria for Awards

Major Awards

Award	Criteria	Trophy	Recipient
Kenthurst Rotary Club Award for Citizen ship Stage 1	For citizenship which is awarded to a student who displays exemplary conduct, respect and responsibility, considers the needs of others and reaches personal goals	Plaque Individual trophy	Mahalia LaPlume-Barker
Kenthurst Rotary Club Award for Citizen ship Stage 2	For citizenship which is awarded to a student who displays exemplary conduct, respect and responsibility, considers the needs of others and reaches personal goals	Plaque Individual trophy	Jasmine James
Graham Ross School Service Award Year 6	Presented to a student who willingly and freely dedicates time to the school throughout the year.	Perpetual Individual trophy	Anna Scott
Baulkham Hills Shire Council School Citizenship Year 6	For citizenship which is awarded to a student who displays exemplary conduct, respect and responsibility, considers the needs of others and reaches personal goals	Medal supplied	Chloe Ellison
Encouragement Award for Personal Best Year 6 (Ray Williams Member for Castle Hill)	Presented to a student who is always striving to achieve personal best	Book Prize Individual trophy	Angelina Djukic
Encouragement Award for Personal Best Stage 1 or 2 – Mr Dominic Perrottet (new award 2017)	Presented to a student who is always striving to achieve personal best	Provided	Hayley Collits
Most Improved Year 6 Julian Lesser Member for Berowra (new award 2017)	Awarded to a Year 6 student who demonstrated improvement over the course of the year.	Prize provided by Julian Lesser Trophy	Aria LaPlume-Barker
Dux Year 6	Awarded to a Year 6 student who has attained the highest of academic standards	Perpetual Individual trophy	Ben Carter
Kenthurst Pre-School Creative Arts Jnr & Snr	Awarded to the student who exhibits outstanding skills in Creative Arts	Plaque Individual trophy	Skyla Deguara - Junior Emma Kassis - Senior
House Shield	Champion House	Perpetual Shield	
Premier's sporting challenge Medal	Awarded to the student who has demonstrated exceptional sporting skills throughout the year from Stage 3	Medal supplied	Jessica Emanuel
Sportsperson medallion Boy & Girl Stage 2 or 3	The Sportsperson medallion is awarded to a student who has consistently shown outstanding effort, participation, commitment to fair play throughout the year.	Individual Trophies	David Mitchell Bree Collins