

# Kenthurst Public School

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Term 2 Week 10

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Good afternoon families and friends,

The children are all so excited for Saturday Night and the Fireworks. Everything is ready for this extravaganza. A huge thank you to The Fireworks Committee Team, for the organisation and hard work you have done. You are amazing! Also, a huge thank you to our sponsors who have been so generous in supporting this event.

Looking forward to seeing you all, here at Kenthurst PS, from 3.00pm. Lots of rides, food, drinks and of course one lucky student will win the honour of starting The Fireworks. Wow! The new LED sign is currently advertising this wonderful event.

Our Grandparents Day was a magnificent event again. It is so lovely meeting our Grandparents and watching the interactions with their grandchildren, who proudly show them their classrooms. And of course the world famous Chicken Dance 😊

The school holidays begin Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April and students return Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April is a Staff Development Day and the staff will be completing a course on Writing. The staff have spent many hours working on grammar and sentence structure strategies. These hours will accrue to the end of year Staff Development Day.

During the autumn vacation, the Stage 3 classrooms will be refurbished. The students will be thrilled with the results.

The dispersal of students in the afternoon has improved greatly. Thank you. Many children now use the crossing lines to meet their parents or catch the bus. Kindergarten parents have a designated area too, which alleviates the congestion under the COLA. However, just a friendly reminder that parents are most welcome to stay and have a chat for up to 20 minutes and then we ask that you leave the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Claude Acosta, renowned artist and father of one of our students Vinnie, will be painting a new mural near the vegetable garden. It will be stunning. There is an element of secrecy, so together we will find out the story of his artwork.



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The range of talent here in Kenthurst is simply phenomenal. Our students excel academically in their high schools and universities, in the Arts and in Sport. Congratulations Harrison Goddard, a Kenthurst student who is Representing Australia in the Rugby Sevens. In baseball, Cole Buck has won the NSW State Baseball competition for under 15's year and is now off to the National Championships. Cole is travelling to USA in the July school holidays, to represent Australia in Baseball. I have been informed that both young men display exemplary sportsmanship and manners.

That's the Kenthurst way!

A happy announcement. Mrs Light is expecting a baby in September. We are all so thrilled for her and her husband and wish her every happiness for the future.

Mrs Walker will be on leave next week as she is attending the Commonwealth Games with her family we welcome Miss Miu who will be continuing the learning program with Mrs Newton.

Enjoy a wonderful holiday with your families. Let's conclude a successful and happy Term 1 with the best Fireworks Night ever!

Yours in quality education,

*Caron Dodd*

Principal



## Diary Dates – 2017

Week 11 – Term 1	
9 <sup>th</sup> April, Monday	Steam Program K-2
10 <sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday	
11 <sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday	
12 <sup>th</sup> April, Thursday	Band / Scripture
13 <sup>th</sup> April, Friday	Last Day Term 1
Week 1 – Term 2	
30 <sup>th</sup> April, Monday	Staff Development Day
1 <sup>st</sup> May, Tuesday	Students Return
2 <sup>nd</sup> May, Wednesday	BSBF Athletics
3 <sup>rd</sup> May, Thursday	Band/Scripture
4 <sup>th</sup> May, Friday	
<p><u>Important Dates - Term 2</u></p> <p>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Photo Day</p> <p>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Stage 3 Fete</p>	

## **Choir 2018**

We are very excited to get our 2018 Kenthurst Public School choir up and running! Interested students in Years 2 to 6 are invited to audition next Wednesday (week 11) at lunch time in The Learning Centre. The audition will involve singing a verse of a familiar song with 3 or 4 other students. It won't be too scary!

Last year the choir loved performing at the Sydney Town Hall as a part of Celebration Sing Out. We will be a part of this celebration every second year. This year the focus is on performing in our own school musical as well as some local community events. Please talk with your child about auditioning and encourage them to come along if they love music and singing! Feel free to see Mrs Gibbs or Miss Jones if you have any questions.

Melanie Gibbs and Tiarna Jones  
(Choir coordinators)





## ANZAC Day services

Two of our student leaders Bree and Jack, will be representing Kenthurst Public at **Galston High's** ANZAC service on Tuesday next week – 10<sup>th</sup> April.

The ANZAC service held at the **Kenthurst Rotary Park** on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April will commence at 8.30am. Two of our student leaders will assist during the ceremony with poetry recitation and the raising of the Australian flag.

Our school ANZAC service will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** May commencing at 10.45am. All welcome to attend.

We would greatly appreciate any donation of flowers or greenery to make some wreaths for the school service on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (first day term 2). Ideally, we would like each class to have a bunch of flowers to be laid by the class SRC during the service.

Also, if you would like to help with the floral bouquets and wreath making please give your name to the office. Any support and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

ANZAC Co-ordinator  
Mrs K Walker

## Kitchen and Garden Lessons

Kindergarten with the help of their Stage 3 buddies had an awesome time cooking ‘All About Me’ Face Pizzas. They all enjoyed harvesting, preparing and eating their own pizza face. This was kindergartens 1<sup>st</sup> cooking lesson and we would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who were able to help, we had so much support and we are looking forward to another cooking lesson soon!

Here is the yummy recipe and a few photos!

<b>Ingredients:</b>	<b>Method:</b>
Pita bread (gluten free option) Grated cheese Tomato paste Basil – from our garden beds Capsicum – from our garden beds Beans – from our garden beds Spinach – from our garden beds Red onion Mushrooms Olives Corn Pineapple	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Spread tomato paste over the pizza base.</li><li>2. Sprinkle grated cheese over the tomato paste.</li><li>3. Select the ingredients you want to use to decorate your pizza face.</li><li>4. Put your pizza face onto the tray for the parent helpers to put into the oven.</li><li>5. Cook pizza faces for 5 mins.</li><li>6. Wait for them to cool and share together, ENJOY!</li></ol>





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# Grandparents Day 2018





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Thank you to everyone who has sponsored me so far! Not including the cash donations in the office, we have raised \$589!

## THANK YOU!

That’s enough to give a regional family a free place to stay close to treatment for one week. Spread the word and help me reach \$700 by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Armstrong



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## NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

**NAPLAN**  
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

2018

### Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### What will be tested?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at [nap.edu.au/naplanexample](http://nap.edu.au/naplanexample)

### How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

### Participation In NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

### Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN paper tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia may sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit [nap.edu.au/online-assessment](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment)

### What if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18 May 2018.

### NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

### How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your school.

### How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at [myschool.edu.au](http://myschool.edu.au)

### Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](http://nap.edu.au/TAA)
- visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN will be handled by ACARA, please visit [nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy](http://nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy)

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Light Breakfast Served until 8.00am MONDAY - FRIDAY








Bunnings	Science Day	Wave Pool	Park Day	Inflatable World
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
<p>The team at Bunnings Dural are coming along for a morning of making and creating.</p>  <p>Show off your creative side and make colourful candles.</p> 	<p>Feed your curiosity and come in for a day of exciting experiments!</p>  <p>Unleash your inner artist and join us for an afternoon of painting.</p> 	<p>Show off your skills and ride the waves at Blacktown Leisure Centre.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DAY</b></p> 	<p>We're off to the exciting Bernie Mullane Reserve!</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Craft Afternoon</p> 	<p>A fun day out at Inflatable World. Join us for a bouncing time with your friends!</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Baking</p> 
Cost \$65.00	Cost \$65.00	Cost \$75.00	Cost \$75.00	Cost \$75.00



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Light Breakfast Served until 8.00am MONDAY - FRIDAY

Movies	Mt Tomah	ANZAC Day	Stay in Movie Day	Bike Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
<p>We're off to the Cinema to watch the latest blockbusters!</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Baking</p> 	<p>Come out for an exciting day of Dinosaur Hunting at Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DAY</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">NIL</p>	<p>A relaxing day at the center watching in-house movies.</p>  <p>Help us prepare for Bike Day by making Road signs, numberplates and licences for Friday!</p> 	<p>Bring your Bikes and Scooters for a fun day at the School. Make your own Bike licence!</p>  <p><i>You must bring a helmet, have closed in shoes and wear sensible clothing.</i></p> <p>Where art meets science – Make mesmerising and colourful patterns in DIFFUSION ART.</p> 
Cost \$75.00	Cost \$75.00	Cost \$	Cost \$65.00	Cost \$65.00



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Light Breakfast Served until 8.00am MONDAY - FRIDAY	
Park Day	
<p><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p>Come to the beautiful Lakes edge Park</p>  <p>Come on a trip to Kellyville Pets!</p>  <p>Cost \$75.00</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> April</b></p> <p>BACK TO SCHOOL! Normal Before and After School Care Operations Resume</p>

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# The simplest way

...to keep lunch foods fresh.

Food packed at home in the lunch box needs to stay fresh and safe to eat at school.

Meat, fish, poultry, eggs, noodles, rice, pasta, custard, yoghurt, cheese and milk need to be kept very cold to prevent food poisoning.



Pack lunches in a cooler bag with a cold brick or use a frozen bottle of water to keep food cold.

Items such as sandwiches, milk poppers, yoghurt, custard tubs, muffins, or fruit segments can be frozen to pack on hot days.

**For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)  
or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)**

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SunSmart Snippet

# The simplest way

...to use sunscreen!

## What does sunscreen do?

Sunscreen acts as a barrier, filtering UV radiation by absorbing and reflecting UV rays away from your skin.

## Make sunscreen a habit!

In the morning, check if the UV will be 3 or above and apply sunscreen before heading out for the day.



Use SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen 20 mins before going outside. Make sure you reapply at least every 2 hours.

Sunscreen is just one part of sun protection! Remember to use sun-safe hats, clothing and sunglasses and seek out shade.

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