## Kenthurst Public School

#### Excellence and Innovation in a Unique Community "The School of Choice"



Term 3 Week 10

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

#### **Principal's Report**

A very busy and productive term has come to the end. Wow! So much achieved. We are still busily preparing for the end of year Concert with many excited students practicing their lines and their moves.

We are going to trial putting our newsletter on the School Stream App for ease of access for parents. Please let us know if this is beneficial.

Feedback from parents regarding See-Saw has been very positive as teachers are able to showcase students' work and keep parents informed of class activities, excursions, assignments and assessments. Great feedback for both students and parents.

#### Tell Them From Me Survey

 Please click on the link below to take part in the Tell Them From Me – Parent Survey about Kenthurst

 Public School.
 <u>http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/kenthurstps2019</u>

 For more information about the purpose of this survey, please see more information below in this newsletter.

#### 'Why you should read children's books as an adult' by Jen Robinson

- 1. It's fun
- 2. It keeps your imagination active
- 3. It strengthens your relationship with the children in your life who read.
- 4. It sets an example for the children in your life, making them more likely to become readers.
- 5. It clues you in on cultural references that you may have missed (both current and classical)
- 6. It's fast. Children's books are usually shorter than adult books, so if you don't think you have time to read, you DO have time to read children's books.
- 7. It allows you to read across genres. Children's books aren't limited to mystery or science fiction or fantasy or literary fiction. They can have it all.
- 8. It's like time travel- it's an easy way to remember the child that you once were, when you first read a book.
- 9. It's often inspirational- reading about heroes and bravery and loyalty makes you want to be a better person.
- 10. Did I mention that it's fun?

#### Read, read, read these holidays

Students and Teachers return Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, all ready for a dynamic Term 4!

Yours in quality education,

Caron Dodd

Principal



Diary Dates					
Week 1 – Term 4					
14 <sup>th</sup> October, Monday	Students Return				
15 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday	Concert Full Dress Rehearsal				
16 <sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday					
17 <sup>th</sup> October, Thursday	Scripture / Band				
18 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday	Sport & Year 6 Photo Day PSSA				
Week 2 – Term 4					
21 <sup>st</sup> October, Monday	Concert Evening Performance Calamity Dame				
22 <sup>nd</sup> October, Tuesday	Concert Matinee Performance Calamity Dame				
23 <sup>rd</sup> October, Wednesday					
24 <sup>th</sup> October, Thursday	Scripture / Band K-6 Assembly				
25 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday	PSSA				
Important Dates					

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Awards Ceremony Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Students Last Day 2019



# Words Their Way

Mrs Eurell will be holding a Words Their Way Parent information session on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. Early Stage One parents are encouraged to attend as the students will be utilising this system in Term 4. All parents with students in any stage are also welcome to attend.

# **Be Skilled Be Fit**

Please note: Be Skilled Be Fit will be on **Tuesday's** during Term 4, starting week 3 (29/10), Sports Uniform to be worn.







### P&C Wrap Up 2019!

The P&C held its last meeting before the AGM and is so excited to let you all know how much we have contributed to the school this year!

It has been a positive and fantastic year with lots of hands helping and we are very grateful for all the help we have been given at each event- the school community is wonderful!

A very special mention to our wonderful team of parents who are a part of the Committee Team, who give up a lot of their time to make all the events such wonderful successes- without these events being successful our children would not have the technology & all the extra little things they have access to at KPS!

To give you a quick look at what we have purchased the school this year:

- 15 Robotics, Lego Wedo. Focus on robotics, coding and computational thinking.
- 20 Apple iPad. To be used for STEAM robotic lessons.
- 20 iPad cases
- 30 HP Notebooks
- 30 Filming parts and accessories sets
- \$5000 towards a new E board for a Classroom
- 80 Representative Sports Shirts for use for PSSA and other Representative Sporting Days.

Total contributions to the school will be \$36,439.24

That is a massive effort and KPS community we thankyou for your support and look forward to an even more amazing 2020!



The AGM will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the library- look forward to seeing everyone there!

#### FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR 2020

Team Fireworks 2020 has already set the wheels in motion and we are looking for a couple of new team members for 2020- being part of Team Fireworks means lots of fun, casual meetings and a bit of work, but it also means you get to be a part of THE event of 2020 in the Hills District and help raise the \$\$ that benefits each and every child at KPS! Please contact Emma if you are interested in joining the Team (3)





#### Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2020.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7</u>.

The application website opens at that link on 8 October 2019 and closes at 10pm on 11 November 2019. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Remember: the tear-off slip below is NOT an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE. https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes

#### Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021

Student's name:	_Class:		
I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2021 through the High Performing Students Team website between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019	).	Yes	No
Signature of parent/carer:	Date:		

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## Parent survey

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

Access resources to increase parent participation in the surveys.

#### How does it work?

The survey is anonymous and can be used either as a one-off survey or over time, with the ability to identify trends within schools and better inform school priorities. The survey is held once a year in Term 3 and is run at the same time as the teacher survey and the second optional student survey. The survey is available in multiple languages and is conducted entirely online on computers, tablets, ipads or smartphones during the specific survey window. Schools may wish to make school computers available for parents to use. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete. Parents with more than one child at the school may choose to complete the survey more than once, if they feel that their children's experiences differ.

#### What does it ask?

The parent survey asks parents/carers a range of questions related to the following drivers of student outcomes:

Parents feel welcome	Parents are informed	Parents support learning at home	Parents' participation at school
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion	School supports learning

#### How do parents access the survey?

- Schools will provide parents with a unique URL to log into the survey.
- Parents will not need usernames or passwords to access the survey. Just follow the unique URL provided by the school.
- Parents can now easily complete the survey on their mobile device and choose from 22 available community languages.

#### How will schools receive their data?

School leaders receive their school's data within three business days of closing the survey. School leaders receive two data reports, including: a 'one click' PDF summary report of their school's results including 'radar' charts showing their school's average scores on a ten-point scale for seven measures; and interactive charts which look more closely at their school results for specific groups of parents (e.g. by child's year group or aspirations for their child). Schools' results will be compared against state-wide averages.

#### How can schools use the data?

The survey data can help schools:



- understand parents' perspectives on their children's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour
- understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their children's learning
- · provide evidence of areas of strength to support self-assessment and reporting
- engage the school community in discussions to identify strategic directions for school improvement
- establish quantitative improvement measures and help schools track achievement against them.

#### How will the department use the data?

Tell Them From Me data contribute to a state-wide research project. This project is led by the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE). It is hoped that results from CESE's analysis of the TTFM data will help teachers, principals and other education stakeholders discuss what works to improve student outcomes. CESE's analysis supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership.

For copies of TTFM-related publications, visit the CESE publications page.

#### Questions?

For more information about the parent survey, read our Frequently Asked Questions.

Read 17253 times





For booking form please email centre@kenthurstbasc.org.au Ph. 0477 333 116





#### Member for a Day: What would you say?

Free fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament for children from 4 to 12 years.

Follow the children's trail; enter the guessing competition, participate in the arts and crafts; visit the historic legislative chambers and places rarely open to the public; give your first speech as a Member of Parliament in the chambers; be entertained by roving musicians. FREE ENTRY Activities 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

Location 6 Macquarie Street – opposite Martin Place

The public café will be open.

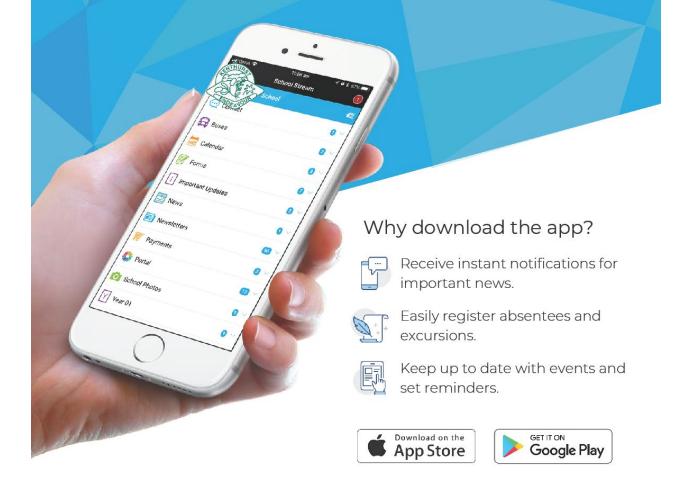




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# Download our school app for free!



#### **Download instructions:**

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone. 2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile. 3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

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#### Dear Parents,

Kenthurst Public School is updating our methods of communication with the school community. From Term 3, we will be using an app called 'SchoolStream' for a number of everyday school matters. SchoolStream is used in over 800 school's around Australia. It has proven to be an effective method of making life easier for our parents when it comes to issues of school life.

SchoolStream will become an app to manage including, but not limited to; student absences, notes home to parents, permission slips and payments through the 'SchoolStream' app. This app will reduce the chance of students misplacing notes to and from school, allow instant access to forms and signing of permission slips, keep you in the loop with what is happening at school at all times and most of all, make life easier for everyone. Notes will always be available on our SchoolStream app, as well as event times on the app calendar, complete with locations and directions to and from venues.

Over the remainder of Term 2, we will be using the app in conjunction with other programs in existence at the school. We would like **you** to download the app as soon as possible and create an account following the prompts below. We encourage both parents to have this app on their phone/device. Once you have registered to be a part of Kenthurst Public School SchoolStream, an administrator will then approve your request. Following approval, you will be able to access, events, forms and notifications for anything that is happening at Kenthurst Public School Stream Sign Up'. Successfully completing this form will allow the school to track the registration of parents from each class.

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1. If this is your first time using the app, you will have a screen to search for your School Profile. Search your School Name and add your School from the dropdown options. (If you have already added your School, skip this step).

2. Tap the menu icon at the top left of the App.

3. From the menu, select the top option 'Log in or create account'.

4. You will need to accept our Privacy Policy to create an account. If you accept the Privacy Policy, tap 'I Agree'.

- 5. Choose to login via Email, Phone or Facebook.
- 6. Enter the required details and select 'Get Code' (Facebook
- 7. We will send you a code via either Phone or Email, depending on your login option. Enter this code into the App. (Facebook login skips this step).
- 8. That's it! You're logged in, simply tap 'Continue' to start using the App.

#### Please now complete the SchoolStream Sign Up note that you will locate in 'Forms'.

Thank you for your time in continuing to work with our school to improve the lines of communication.



# **Holiday Swim Program**

Get a swimming lesson every day for a week during the school holidays in our indoor heated pools



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# **"MINI" REFLEXOLOGY TREATMENT**

*GET RID OF STRESS NOW* Reflexology is the whole body reflected on the feet, through a combination of pressure techniques on those reflexes on your feet, it can benefit:-

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# School Holiday Activities

# Free activities for primary school students at **The Reserve Bank Museum**

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new uncirculated \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

#### Cost

Free (Registration essential)

#### **Booking Information:**

- Expressions of interest are now open for the Spring school holiday period.
- For further information, session times, and to register your child please visit the Museum website.
- Registrations will dose on 20th September at 5.00 pm.

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