Kenthurst Public School

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Term 3 Week 10

Friday 25th September 2020

Principal's Report

Good afternoon,

Term 3 has been very productive and students have worked steadily with excellent results. Lots of laughter from both students and teachers ⁽²⁾

I am so thrilled with Kindergarten children's progress. Visiting their classrooms I have seen them recording 1-100 and then backwards 100-1. Every student achieved this feat! Reading books, spelling lots of words, it is a joy seeing the learning in action.

The Year 6 Graduation and Farewell plans are underway and it will be fantastic. Information for parents with all the details will be sent, but keep these dates in your diary.

Tuesday 8th DecemberAwards CeremonyWednesday 9th DecemberGraduation and FarewellWednesday 16th Decemberlast day for students

There is a detailed report about the updates to Technology by our wonderful Technology teacher Mrs Ristuccia. The photos show the delight our students are having using this new equipment in our refurbished Learning Centre.

Statement of Accounts have been sent and we do appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Our Leadership Team process for 2021 has begun, with students being issued the timeline and submission form.

Kindergarten Orientation will begin next term, with some adjustments made.

Today we farewell the Principal of Galston High School, Jillian Tourlas, and thank her for her support and leadership over the years and our close friendship at Kenthurst Public School.

Have a wonderful vacation with your families, as we prepare for an amazing Term 4 to complete 2020.

Yours in quality education

Caron Dodd

Principal

Diary Dates				
Week 1 – Term 4				
12 th October, Monday	Students Return			
13 th October, Tuesday				
14 th October, Wednesday	Be Skilled Be Fit			
15 th October, Thursday	Band			
16 th October, Friday				
Week 2 – Term 4				
19 th October, Monday				
20 th October, Tuesday				
21 st October, Wednesday	Be Skilled Be Fit			
22 nd October, Thursday	Band			
23 rd October, Friday				

Important Dates – 2020

26th October, Monday – Penny Henny Hatchings arrive in Kindergarten 27th October, Friday – Big Day In – Stage 3 9th December, Wednesday – Year 6 Graduation and Farewell 16th December, Wednesday – BSBF Let Loose Day 16th December, Wednesday – Last day of 2020 for Students



Term 3 Technology RFF

This term all students have been working on their computer skills during Technology RFF lessons.

Kindergarten

Mrs Hayden has been focusing on building keyboard and computer skills with both Kindergarten classes. They have been familiarising themselves with the layout of a keyboard, logging onto a computer and the school network and working on their beginning typing skills.

Stage 1

Stage One have been working on being able to log on to the school computers and using their Student Portal. They have been using typing.com and other programs to enhance their typing skills. Stage One students have learnt how to use basic applications in Microsoft Word and published their own piece of writing from class.

Stage 2

Stage 2 students learnt how to navigate the Student Portal and how to send and receive emails using their DOE account. They continued to enhance their typing skills and used Word to present written work. Students then focused on using PowerPoint to make a short presentation about themselves, which they presented to the class.

Stage 3

Stage 3 have focussed on enhancing their typing skills and their knowledge of Microsoft Word and PowerPoint. They have started to learn basic functions in Excel in order to create a simple profit and loss spreadsheet and appropriate graphs.

Technology Resources

We would also like to announce that we have made some exciting improvements to our resources this term.

- Students in K-2 were thrilled to start using 30 of our newly purchased 7th Generation iPads. These were purchased to replace 30 2nd generation iPads still being used across those classes. These iPads were not supporting some of the newer apps we were using. There will still be 1 iPad for every 2 students in all K-2 classrooms.
- To add to our current robotic resources, we have acquired 12 Sphero robots, 10 Makey Makey and Microbit sets. These will start to be used across all stages, starting in Term 4.



- Our network upgrade was completed, which included replacing old cables in our network server, creating more electrical outlets in the classrooms in order to effectively charge devices, moving WIFI points to gain better coverage and adding some more WIFI points in new areas. We now have WIFI under both COLAS, for the option of outdoor lessons with technology.
- The library received a new interactive whiteboard to replace an old one, which was no longer working efficiently.
- David, our ICT support contractor, has been working hard on upgrading the very old desktops in the computer lab to be able to work more efficiently with Windows 10. He has also kindly donated some newer model desktops from his own business.
- Our G.A. Victor helped to install a LEGO wall in the Technology Learning Centre. This has been a hit with the students!

Regards Melinda Ristuccia





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Stage 3 Sport

Each Friday, Stage 3 students have been enjoying their sport sessions. One of their favourite sports to play is Tennis! We are so fortunate to have excellent sporting equipment here at Kenthurst.















Stage 3 News

This week, we would like to present our school leaders. Each fortnight, the school leaders have been contributing to the school newsletter – writing articles, interviewing teachers, and providing recipes and workout routines.

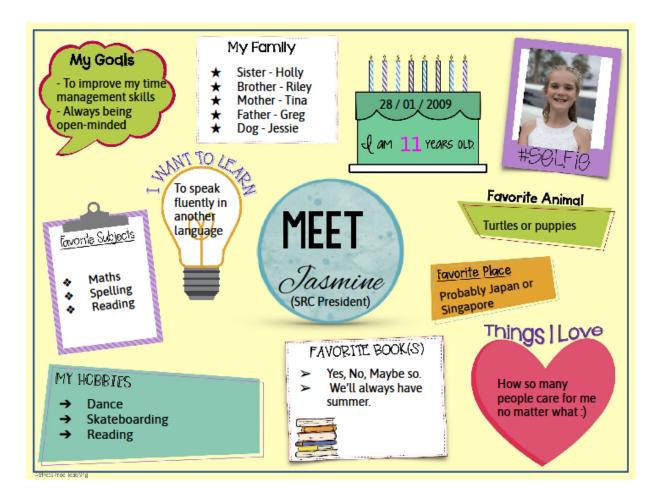
Whilst COVID has changed many things, it has also provided many new opportunities. We are so proud of our school leaders and would like you all to have a chance to get to know them a bit better.

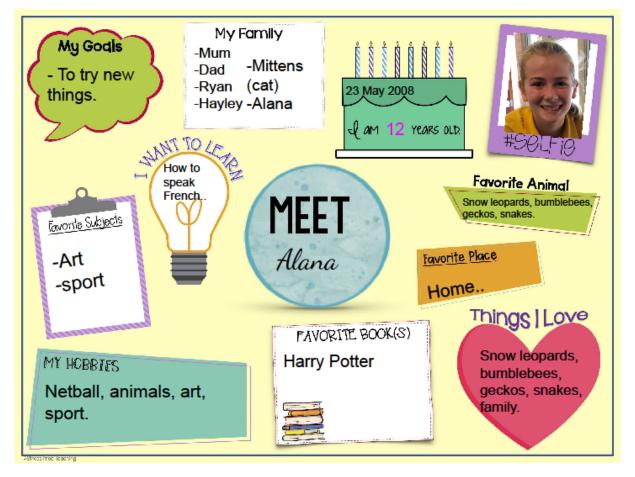




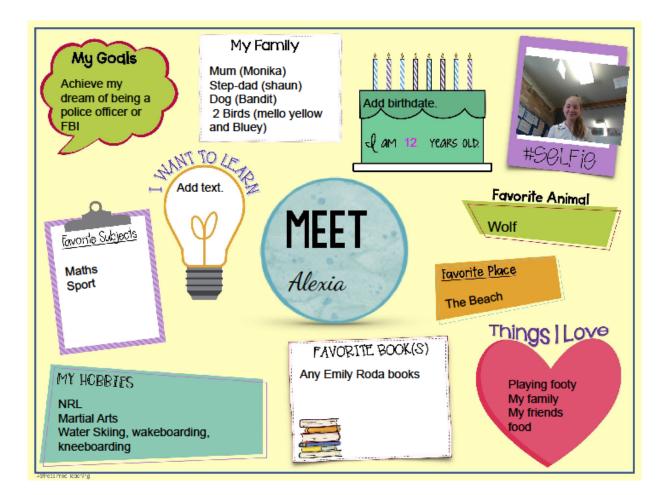


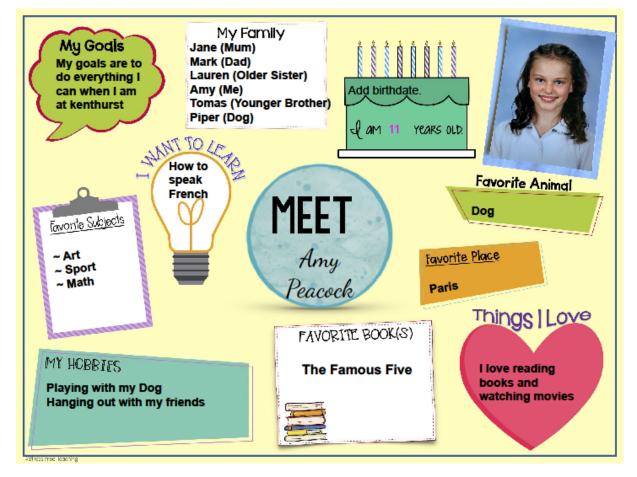




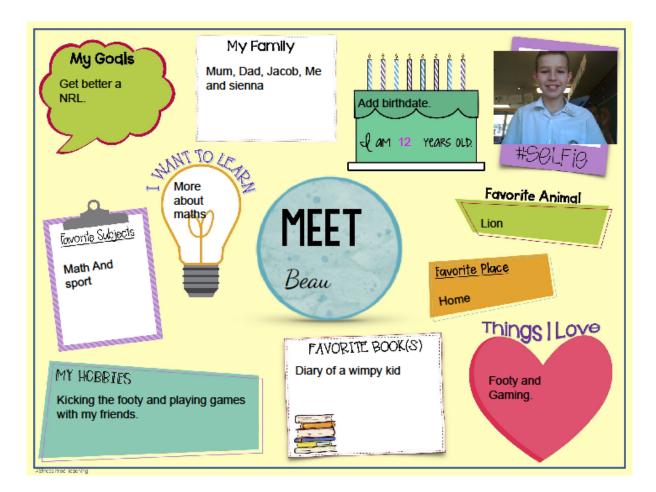






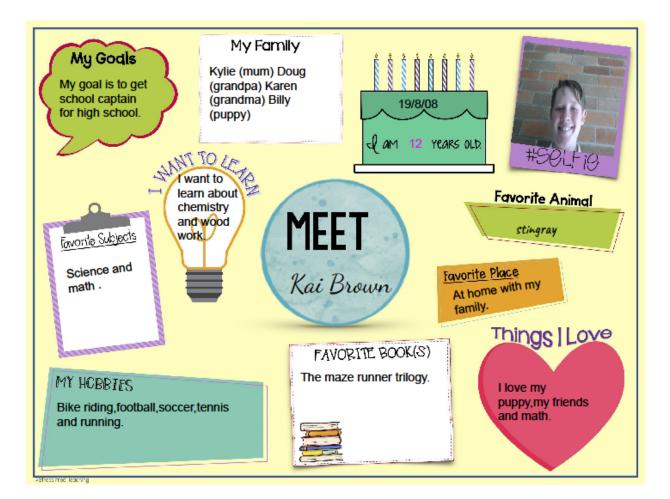


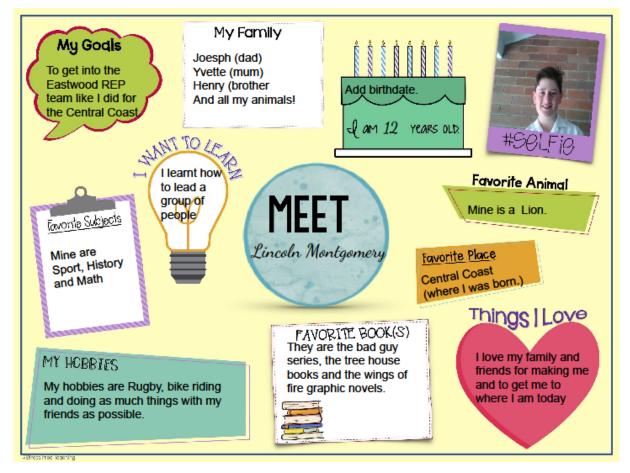




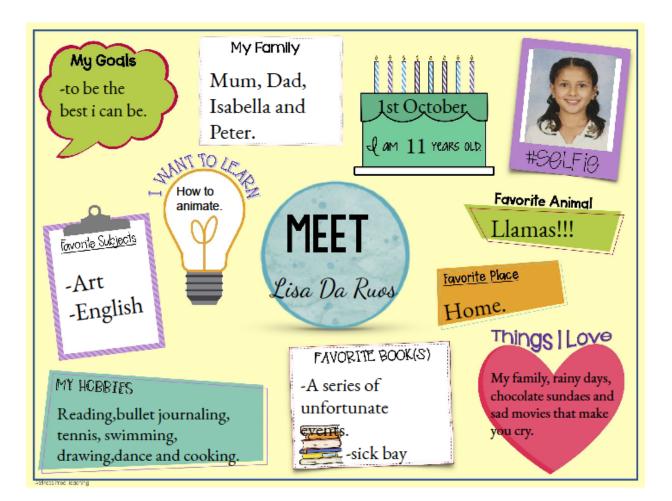


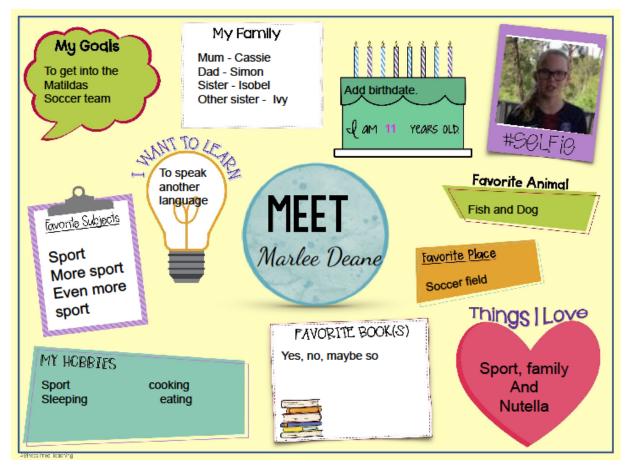




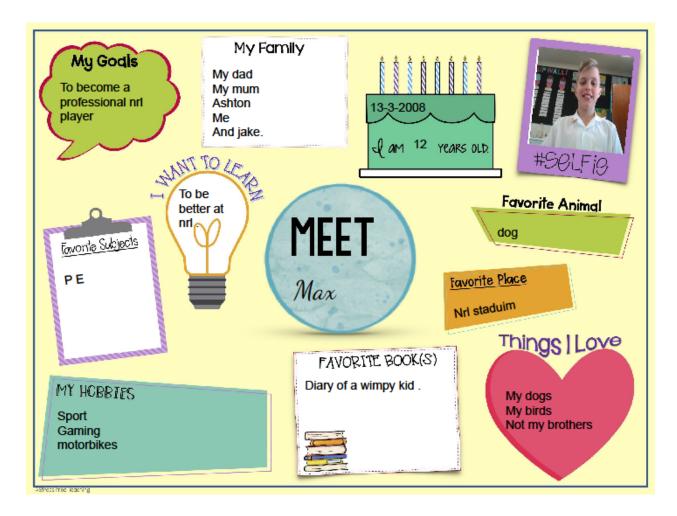


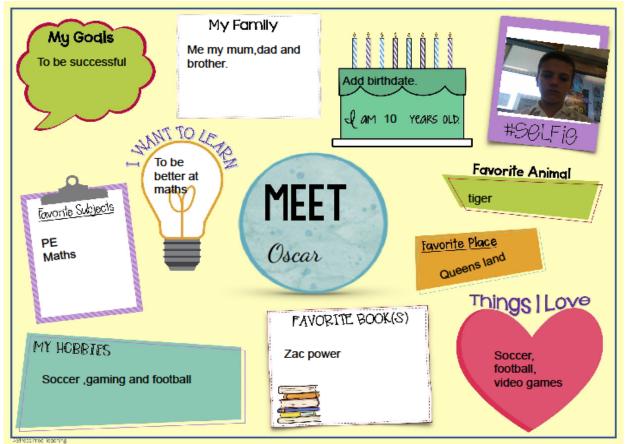




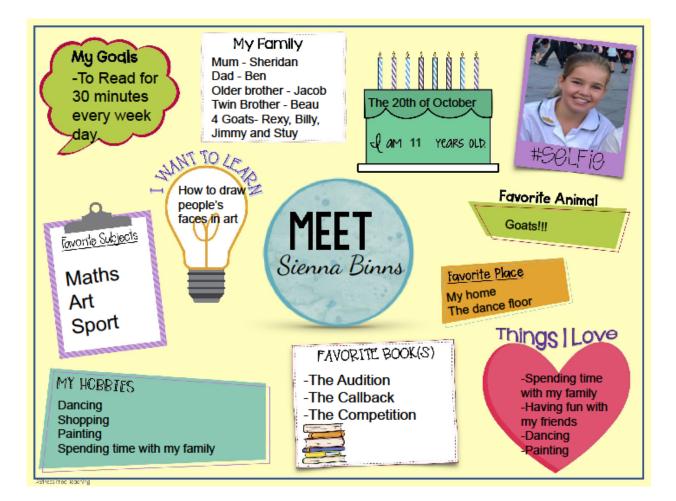


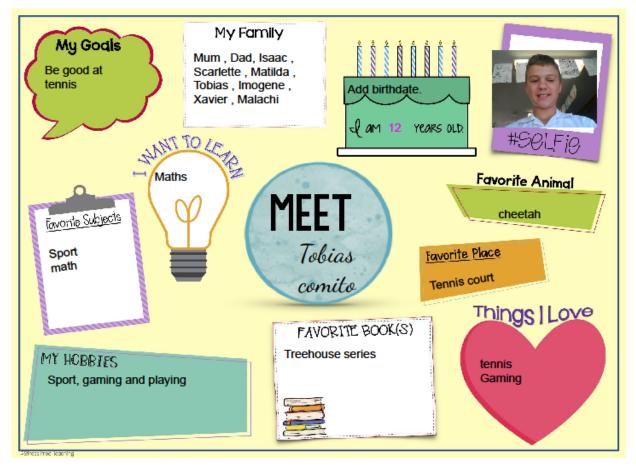














CONGRATULATIONS!

As term 3 draws to a close TSA wishes to congratulate the amazing student musicians who have been 'keeping the music alive' at school during these crazy times.

Whilst we have not had the chance to showcase your wonderful talents on the stage, we want you all to know that you have blown us away with your resilience and creativity.

You should be very proud!

A massive thank you must also go to your teachers, parents and the whole school community who have helped support you through these times.

We look forward to seeing you all next term!



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Road safety

Wearing helmets and riding safely

Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades.

Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au

Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads



Lives lost on NSW roads. Our goal is zero.





Road safety

Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

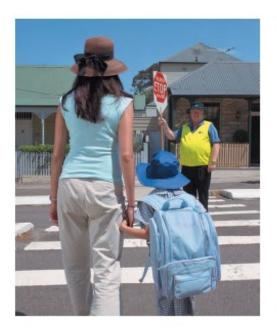
- on the footpath
- in the car park
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very dosely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you can't be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted or tired and often not concentrating on their own safety.

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Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
- you cross the road
- you're on the footpath
- you're in a car park
- Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road

Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across



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News letter Term 3 Week 10

Week 10 highlights: Favourite activity:

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Making Wool Animals

favourite afternoon tea snack:

Fish and Chips



If there are any activities or afternoon tea snacks which you think your child/ren will enjoy please lets us known and we will do our best to include these.

Centre Updates:

For family that still haven't activated the my family lounge app or are trying to use it for the first time to book your children in for vacation care. You need to email us to get an activation link otherwise the app will not work. This activation link only last for 7 days before it expires meaning you need to activate the app through the link as soon as you get it. If anyone has any other questions please email or call the staff.

Coming Up in vacationcare: What's programmed:

Area Quality Focus for this week: 4.1 Developing dispositions for learning such as curiosity. Cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence and imagination

Next week is the first week of our jam-packed vacation care. We are going on two excursions, one is to net world were the children will jump on trampolines in the tress and the other is a beautiful bushwalk. For the rest of the week we will run numerous activities from a basketball workshop, craft and cooking multicultural foods. If you have any recipes you would like us to include please let us know.



Kenthurst Funzone Vacation Care Sept 28th to 9th Oct 2020



Basketball & Sports Games	Craft Day	Multicultural Day	Net World Tree Tops	Bush Walk
Monday 28 th Sept	Tuesday 29 th Sept	Wednesday 30 th Sept	Thursday 1 st Oct	Friday 2 nd Oct
Learn new ball skills with our Basketball coach.	Today is Jammed pack with craft activities.	Multicultural Day Food, craft and games from around	We are bouncing around and climbing the nets at Net	Join us for a bush walk in Castle Hill
Spend the afternoon playing sport games.	Crafts	the world	World.	
	Craft activities are different for each day.		Limited numbers	Excursion \$65.00
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Labor Day Holiday	Australian Reptile Park	Martial Arts	Craft Day	Park Day
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Monday 5 th Oct	Tuesday 6 th Oct	Wednesday 7 th Oct	Thursday 8 th Oct	Friday 9 th Oct
Monday 5 th Oct	Tuesday 6 th Oct Spending the day at the	Wednesday 7 th Oct Professional teacher in Martial arts will give	Thursday 8 th Oct	Friday 9 th Oct Visit local parks

We are open 7am to 6pm

Programmed incursions start at 9.30am and finish at 3.30pm

Programmed excursions start at 8:45am and finish at 3:30pm

Children to bring healthy morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a bottle of water.

Eligible for CCS Government rebates

Breakfast provided to 8.30am

Staff ratio 1:10



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