

Kenthurst Public School

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Term 1 Week 10

Thursday 1st April 2021

Principal's Report

As our first term ends, it has indeed been a busy and eventful one.

Concluding with our Grandparents Day, which was so special. Thank you to Suzie for once again, creating 20 magnificent Easter Egg Baskets. Each basket was filled with a wonderful selection of quality chocolates, valued at over \$60 each!

The Chicken Dance is a Kenthurst tradition and to see Easter Hats created by the students, was a wonderful sight. We missed this!

We welcome Ms Kristin Alexander to Kenthurst Public School as the Stage 1 teacher for the remainder of this year. Ms Alexander is an experienced teacher who has worked with Multi Lit across a range of classes. She is very excited to be teaching our children and working with the KPS staff. Ms Alexander has been teaching at KPS this week and will be teaching her class tomorrow.

We will return to K-6 Assemblies next term and have changed to Friday afternoon, beginning at 12.45pm – 1.10pm.

Next term, we will be adhering to COVID safe procedures. Parents/Grandparents are to use the QR code when entering the school grounds and to meet *only* under the Hall COLA. The guidelines are specific.

Please remember to use the Kiss and Drop Zone appropriately and not to park in the Bus Zones during the times displayed. The Park Rangers make regular visits.

Staff Development Day will be held on Monday 19th April. Our staff will be working on the School Improvement Plan, PLAN2 data, report preparation, planning and professional development. Students will begin Term 2 on Tuesday 20th April.

Wishing you a Happy Easter. Please stay safe and enjoy quality time with your family and friends.

Yours in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal



Diary Dates Term 2

Tuesday 20th April – Friday 25th June

Week 1 – Term 2

19 th April, Monday	Staff Development Day
20 th April, Tuesday	Students Return
21 st April, Wednesday	Band
22 nd April, Thursday	
23 rd April , Friday	

Week 2 – Term 2

26 th April, Monday	
27 th April, Tuesday	
28 th April, Wednesday	Band
29 th April, Thursday	
30 th April, Friday	PSSA

Important Dates

Photo Day – Thursday 6th May
 Naplan – Commences Tuesday 11th May



Premier's Reading Challenge 2021

Once again our children have taken on the Premiers' Reading Challenge with great enthusiasm and we have been involved since its inception in 2001.

K-2 Challenge is open to students in K, Yr1 & Y2. These students must **experience 30** books.

In Years 3-6 students must **read 20** books.

The following is a list of children who have completed the Challenge in the last two weeks.

KT
S1A
S1L Airlie P, Reid G,
S1M Eamon E, Jake Pr,
S2G Victoria D, Cooper Mc, Madden De, Roman V, LeAnne T,
S2L Sylvia D, Cooper W, Quinn B,
S3A Rocco B, Annabelle V, Zachariah F,
S3P Amber G, Harrison S, Andrew C,

Well done to all those children!
Kerry Parnaby
T/Librarian

Science and Technology Term 1

This term students in Stage 1, 2 and 3 have been enthusiastically learning about Earth and Space Science. Kindergarten students have been focusing on Living Things.

Kindergarten:

Students investigated Living and Non-Living things in our playground and took photographs using iPads.



Stage 1:

Students were learning about the phases of the moon and constellations. They used Google Sky to find out about the many constellations in our night sky.



Stage 2:

Students researched facts about the sun and used their information to create a Kahoot Quiz for the whole class to play.



Stage 3:

Students participated in an experiment to demonstrate the power of the sun by creating their own solar cooker!



Mrs Ristuccia

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Friday, 26th March we held our School Cross Country and Superhero Fun Run. It was a fantastic day, filled with sunshine, laughter and amazing costumes. We could not believe how fast our superheroes can run!!

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for Zone: Harrison S, Rocco B, Amber G, Mahalia L, Oscar T, Noah B, Balin S, Andrew C, Addison D, Isobel D, Annabelle V, Talia B, Tealia C, Rachel H, Lonny J, Peter C, Massimo B, Madden D, Zade R, Finn M, Sylvia D, Jessica S, Allie M, Chloe P, Aria Y, Hudson T, Anton J, Liam C, Ellis C, Lukas J, Roman V, Grace A, Amiya R, Sierra S, Eloise D, Quinn B, Isabella Z.



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Event: 12/13 Years Boys		Event: 12/13 Years Girls	
1 st	Harrison S	1 st	Amber G
2 nd	Rocco B	2 nd	Mahalia L
3 rd		3 rd	
Event: 11 Years Boys		Event: 11 Years Girls	
1 st	Oscar T	1 st	Adison D
2 nd	Noah B	2 nd	Isobel D
3 rd	Balin S	3 rd	Annabelle V
Event: 10 Years Boys		Event: 10 Years Girls	
1 st	Lonny J	1 st	Sylvia D
2 nd	Peter C	2 nd	Jessica S
3 rd	Massimo B	3 rd	Allie M
Event: 8/9 Years Boys		Event: 8/9 Years Girls	
1 st	Hudson T	1 st	Grace A
2 nd	Anton J	2 nd	Amiya R
3 rd	Liam C	3 rd	Sierra S

SPORTING SHOUT OUTS!



On the 16th March, 2021, Isobel D attended the SW Girls Soccer Carnival with the Ridges team. The girls played exceptionally well, finishing undefeated in their pool with one draw and 4 wins. They progressed to the semi-finals and played Blue Mountains, defeating them to move into the final against Castle Hill. Unfortunately, they went down 2-0 in a hard-fought game to finish as runner up in the tournament.

Mrs Iredale, the Ridges Soccer coach, commended all of the girls on their sportsmanship, friendship and support of/with each other and the way they played the game. She stated, "They were exciting to watch and a credit to themselves, families and schools."

Congratulations Isobel!

Term 1, Week 10

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS

HALOGEN- National Young Leaders Day

On Thursday, the 25th March, the Kenthurst leadership team attended Halogen. Halogen is a National Young Leaders Day event, which has been running since 1997.

OSCAR

Last Thursday the school leadership team went to halogen at the International Convention Centre in Sydney. It was a great experience. The people there were amazing such as Jimmy Rees (jimmy giggle), Lachie Smart, David Campbell and Anastasia Woolmer. But the highlight was Jimmy Giggle because I grew up watching Giggle and Hoot and I love Jimmy Giggle. Lachie Smart and David Campbell were very good and entertaining. Anastasia Woolmer was okay but was not for me. Overall it was amazing and it was the best Halogen ever!

ADDISON

The first person we saw was Lachie Smart. His touching story inspired me. He was the first 18-year-old to fly around the world. The second person was Anastasia Woolmer she has one of the best memories I've ever seen. Third was Jimmy Rees, the actor from Giggle and Hoot. He wants to be a stand-up comedian. Last was David Campbell. His dad was a famous rock star and he had to live with his grandma for most of his life. These four people had experiences with tough choices that have improved their lives and inspired me to become something amazing!

ANDREW

On Thursday the school leadership team went to Halogen in Darling Harbour in the city. It was really cool when we entered the international convention centre as it was massive. We met 4 people there: Lachie Smart, Anastasia Woolmer, David Campbell but the highlight was Jimmy Rees. It was really fun to play games and learn new dance moves I wish could go there again.

HARRY

On the 25/3/21 Thursday the leadership team went to halogen young leaders day at darling harbour in the city. We went to the international convention centre Sydney or the ICC Sydney. We got to see some people who completed a big achievement in their life or a famous person. The first speaker was Lachie Smart he is the world's youngest pilot to fly around the world. He flew around the world when he was 18. The 2nd speaker was Anastasia Woolmer she is the best Australian's memory sport. If you are wondering what memory sport is well, memory sport is where there are some digits and you have to memorize them. The 3rd speaker was Jimmy Rees aka Jimmy giggle. Jimmy is an actor and a comedian he is an actor in a preschool show named giggle and hoot. The last speaker was David Campbell. David is a news presenter, author and singer. If you don't know who David is, well his father is Jimmy Barnes, a famous rockstar from cold chisel. We had some much fun at halogen.

AMBER

At Halogen we saw Lachie Smart, who really wanted to become a pilot, we also met Anastasia Woolmer who had a great memory and could remember a lot we also met David Campbell who has a dad Jimmy Barnes who was a singer and finally Jimmy Rees who was on a TV show, giggle and hoot for 10 years! I mostly enjoyed Lachie Smart's story because he talked about how he became a pilot and he told us how he had a lot of people telling him he can't do it and it's impossible but he still gave it a go and tried his best. He also talked about all of the mistakes he made and how he solved them to not do that again and that it took him a year to study really hard to understand to become a pilot and fly a plane. At Halogen Lachie Smart showed us his very first airplane he got on the big screen and that he was very excited. Lachie told us that when he flies an airplane he knows when there's danger when he sees big piles of clouds and he knows not to go there.

**JESSICA**

The National Young Leaders Day was a great learning experience for all of us. We met 4 famous people, Lachie Smart, Anastasia Woolmer, Jimmy Rees, and David Campbell. They were all extraordinary public speakers and very inspirational too. The auditorium was huge and we were up very high. The hosts for the show were both fabulous and so was the new dance we learnt. We learnt some amazing inspirational messages from these people like never give up, always believe in yourself, and try hard in everything that you do.



SRC

GRACE

Halogen, the young leader's day was so fun.

There were four speakers at halogen. The first speaker was Lachie Smart (the youngest person to fly a plane by himself around the world). After the first break we had Anastasia Williams (she had won the first female Australian memory champion), thirdly we had JIMMY GIGGLE! (the star from giggle and hoot and an actor). Then we had Jimmy Barnes's son David Campbell who was very inspirational (David is a tv star, he has been on lots of show's). My favourite speaker at halogen was Jimmy Giggle and not just because he was funny because he taught us to be ourselves and go for it and don't care about what people think of you and what you're doing no matter what. That's what I learnt at halogen, to be yourself no matter what. Halogen was inspiring from each speaker I learnt something.

ANNIKA

The day at halogen was extremely fun it was an experience we will never forget. We met 4 amazing public speakers they were: Lachie Smart, Anastasia Woolmer, Jimmy Rees and David Campbell. The story of Lachie Smart was very inspirational and it was extremely fun meeting our childhood hero Jimmy Rees. At the end of all the fun we all stood up and did a great YMCA with all the schools!



SPORTS CAPTAINS

ROCCO

David Campbell was the best. He talked about how hard it was to not know his dad and mum for a long time, having a rock-star dad, a ww2 grandma and always knowing he would always be compared to his dad.

ISOBEL

Halogen was super fun and was an amazing experience. We listened to four speakers and their stories. My favorite was Jimmy Rees. I love his story and we got to meet him in person. We took a picture and he high fived us. My favorite part was when we got to dance, we even did the YMCA. I am really happy I went. The other three speakers were Lachie Smart he was the youngest to fly around the whole world solo, Anastasia Woolmer who has the best memory in the world, Jimmy Rees the comedian and star of giggle and hoot, and David Campbell the author of really funny books. I really hope I can come next year.



SPORTS CAPTAINS

RYDER

Lachie Smart was the youngest person to fly around the world in a plane. During his talk he told us about a time that he was nearly shot down. Lachie was flying in Egyptian airspace and lost contact for a long time. He also told us about a practice flight he took near Tasmania when he nearly fell into the water during a storm. Lachie was very cool to listen to.

HAYLEY

On Thursday I went to Ridges Netball instead of going to Halogen. At Ridges Netball I did warm ups with 9 other girls. All the warm ups are needed for our bones to get ready to practice netball. There have only been two training sessions, those training sessions were on the 18th and the 25th. Sadly, on the 25th Halogen was on and so was Ridges. The bus was going to come back at 4:00 and I needed to be at Ridges by 3:20 so I chose Ridges instead. At Ridges they train you to help you get better at netball. Our carnival is next Term on the first Thursday back at school. Ridges is something everyone should try as soon as they are in year 5-6!

MAHALIA

Mahalia's article will appear in next term's newsletter. We wish Mahalia and her family all the best.

ROME

Rome's article will appear in next term's newsletter.





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KENTHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL – BAND

JUNIOR BAND: Congratulations to the children who began learning an instrument at school this year. It is a very busy term, yet our children have still found time to practise their chosen instrument, and now we are nearly ready to begin rehearsing together before school every Wednesday, as well as still having our group lessons during the day. Junior Band will begin band rehearsals in the Hall on the first Wednesday of Term 2 at 9.00am and rehearsals will continue every Wednesday at 9.00am during term for the rest of the year.

Junior Band children will also be supplied with a performance book 'Concert Favourites Volume 1' halfway through Term 2 which will be charged to your account. If you would rather organise your own copy, would you please contact Teaching Services Australia on 9651 7333 so that your account is not charged. Each child in Junior Band will also be supplied with a display folder free of charge, but which will need to be replaced by parents if it becomes lost. This folder is very important as several loose sheets will gradually be handed out which need to be brought to band and lessons every week. It is a good idea to have your child put their books/display folder in one of those 'Woolies' green bags or something similar so that they keep everything together when they come to band and lessons each week.

SENIOR BAND: In Term 2 our Senior Band will continue with their band rehearsals every Wednesday morning, arriving at 7.50am, ready to play our first notes at 8.00am. Our motto is 'We Start at 8, don't be late'. I must congratulate all of the children who are so helpful setting up for Band each week – they do a wonderful job!

It is amazing how well our Senior Band has progressed this term. Many teachers and parents arriving at School have heard our Band, and have commented on how beautifully the Senior Band is playing together in their 'before school band rehearsals' and how squeaks and squawks have magically changed into musical notes, and recognisable songs. They are very much enjoying their band experience and look forward to their first performance for the year, where they can showcase their wonderful talents. Our 'Musical Evening' for Junior and Senior Bands will be held on **Wednesday, 23rd June at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start in the School Hall**. I hope that you received your 'Musical Evening Invitation'. Please put this date in your diary. Both bands will perform, as well as small instrumental groups. Our children are very excited about choosing a song for their group to play in front of parents and friends.

All children should be encouraged to practise their instruments at least three or four times each week, for about 10 minutes each time. This will give them more confidence in their note reading and playing, and allow us all to move forward more quickly with our songs.

If you have any questions about band or lessons, please email me jenny@teachingservices.com.au where I will be very happy to help you. I look forward to meeting you all at our performance in Term 2.

Kind regards

Jenny Sparks – Band Director

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MindQuest2021

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On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May 2021 the NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend **MindQuest** will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and high potential students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. They will have an opportunity to participate in over **37 exciting, fast paced course in the two day program**. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, 3D printing, lego robotics, art and much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$210 (including GST).

Contact your school office for a brochure OR Shelagh Porary on 02 4959 7148

Closing Date: Friday 23 April 2021



Term 1 Week 10

Week highlights:



Easter Craft



Cardboard Craft

Happy week 10 everyone! We hope everyone has been safe and dry with all the rain in the past fortnight. As a result of the wet weather we have been playing mainly under the Cola games like musical statues. The past fortnight we have been making a lot of Easter and autumn craft. Our week long project has been making a tree, with the children adding different animals throughout the week. **A reminder that any cancellations to bookings after 2pm will result in a non-notification fee.**

Coming up:

April Vacation Care bookings are open! We have posted a copy of the program on our Facebook page. We are updating the following policies in April: *Additional Needs policy, Administration of Medication policy, Supervision policy, Anti Bias and Inclusion policy, Gender equity policy, Curriculum and Educators training policy.* If you would like to suggest any ideas for our policy revisions, please email, text or let us know! Copies of all our policies can be found in the **Parent and Staff Drawer** under the fish tank.

Kenthurst Funzone Vacation Care April 2021



Monday 5 th April Easter Monday	Tuesday 6 th April Craft Day	Wednesday 7 th April Holey Moley Castle Hill	Thursday 8 th April In House Movie, Bike & Cooking Day	Friday 9 th April 9D Mobile Cinema
	<p>Incursion \$65.00</p> <p>Today is jammed pack with craft activities.</p>  <p>Craft activities are different for each day</p> <p>Craft supplied by Dural Bunnings Warehouse</p>	<p>Excursion \$75.00</p> <p>We are going to Holey Moley to test our golf skills and bowling. Come and join us for a round of fun golf & bowling.</p> 	<p>Incursion \$65.00</p>  <p>We are baking today and watching movies and riding bikes or scooters around the school.</p>	<p>Incursion \$75.00</p>  <p>Fun Afternoons in the 9D Mobile Cinema</p> 
<p>Monday 12th April Science and Leaping Frogs</p> <p>Excursion \$75.00</p>	<p>Tuesday 13th April In House Movie, Bike & Treasure Hunt Day</p> <p>Incursion \$65.00</p>	<p>Wednesday 14th April Western Sydney Zoo</p> <p>Excursion \$75.00</p>	<p>Thursday 15th April Adventure Day, Park and Bush Walk</p> <p>Excursion \$75.00</p>	<p>Friday 16th April Craft Day</p> <p>Incursion \$65.00</p>
<p>Spend the morning doing Science experiments</p>  <p>The Sonic Kitchen will be exploring electricity and air pressure in the afternoon.</p>	 <p>Join us for a treasure hunting, watching movies and riding bikes or scooters around the school.</p> 	<p>Join us for visit to the zoo.</p> 	<p>Join us for a bush walk and play at the playground.</p> 	<p>Today is jammed pack with craft activities.</p> <p>Craft activities are different for each day.</p> 
<p>Monday 19th April Reading Cinemas</p> <p>Excursion \$75.00</p>	<p>Tuesday 20th April Back to School</p>	<p>We are open 7am to 6pm. Programmed incursions start at 9.30am and finish at 3.30pm</p> <p>Eligible for CCS Government rebates</p> <p>Breakfast provided to 8.30am. Staff ratio 1:10</p> <p>Children to bring healthy morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, a bottle of water and a hat.</p> <p>Sunscreen is provided. Children to wear enclosed shoes each day.</p> <p>Booking made within 48 hours of attending will incur a \$10.00 late booking fee (per child/ per booking).</p> <p>On excursions children will wear blue KBASC tops (supplied by KBASC).</p>		
<p>JOIN US TO GO TO THE MOVIES.</p> 		 		

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