

Kenthurst Public School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Value for this week:

EXCELLENCE - Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.

Welcome Back

Dear parents, students and staff

I hope that the summer has allowed you to have some quality family time and that you are rested and ready to go for another great year at Kenthurst. It was wonderful to see so many eager faces coming through the gates yesterday, ready to greet old and new friends and to start a fresh new year.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new families who have commenced this year. I hope that your time with us will be rewarding as you and your children develop new friendships in the Kenthurst community. Please remember that communication is the key to achieving successful academic outcomes for all students and as such we look forward to developing a close relationship with all new families.

Again, the beginning of the year has been a busy time for us with some changes in our enrolments. We have a delightful 28 students enrolled in Kindergarten with a further 10 new students enrolled across the school. Our total enrolment for 2009 is 195 which is an increase of 15 students on 2008 numbers. We will again be forming 8 classes.

Years 1 to 6 started on Wednesday January 28 and Kinder will begin on Monday February 2, 2009.

Classes will be formed on Friday January 30, 2009. Information regarding the formation of classes and teachers will be sent home tomorrow as we are finalising class numbers today.

The successes celebrated for the 2008 school year are fresh in our minds. Our focus for the new school year will be numeracy, writing and technology. Next week I will itemise our Targets / Goals for 2009.

Staffing 2008

It is my pleasure to welcome Shane Wall to the staff and I hope all parents will have the opportunity of getting to know him as the year progresses.

Anaphylaxis

This is a **severe and sudden** allergic reaction to foods, insect bites, medications and or latex products, which is **life threatening**. We have students who have started in Kindergarten this year who are allergic to peanuts and / or nuts. To assist us to manage their environment as safely as possible, we ask that you **do not** send your child to school with Peanut butter or Nutella and refrain from supplying snack bars or foods with nuts.

At Kenthurst Public School, we have several students who have allergies which are severe enough to warrant the use of an EpiPen (the emergency response) if they come into contact with the wrong foods. As yet, we have not had to implement our emergency plan. We want to maintain our exemplary safety record and ask for your continued assistance this year. The safety of all Kenthurst Public School students is paramount and we ask that you please follow our policy of a “nut free” zone for these children.

Hot Weather

With the continued prospect of hot dry weather we encourage all students to bring water to school each day and to have it available in the classroom.

Students will be supervised for passive play under the trees on the playground (no physical games) at Recess and Lunch. If the temperatures rise significantly students will be kept inside in the air-conditioning.

Please make sure that your child applies sunscreen daily and wears a hat to and from school. We would like to remind parents of our “No hat, Play in the Shade” policy.

Road Safety

Please remember to take care whilst dropping off or picking up your children from school. It is particularly busy of an afternoon from 3pm with mums, dads, preschoolers and grandparents crossing the road and a significant number of cars searching for a parking spot.

The safest place to park of an afternoon is on Kenthurst Road. It is a short walk over to the school grounds to meet your child and the safest option to reduce the amount of traffic in Dural Street.

Car Park

The school car park is for staff use only and parents are requested not to use it under any circumstances. Please also remember that the car park is out of bounds for all students at all times.

Uniform


It was wonderful to see that our students arrived at school on the first day demonstrating pride in their school by wearing full school uniform.

Both boys and girls wear a green Kenthurst hat and black shoes. Hats must be worn to and from school.

On sport days students may wear joggers with their sports uniform. Please ensure that the footwear is sturdy, with laces or Velcro straps to ensure the safety of our students whilst engaging in sporting activities.

I look forward to another wonderful, challenging and exciting year at Kenthurst Public School and we all look forward to sharing in the education of your children.

Julie Webber
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER	
<p>Monday 2 February Tuesday 3 February Wednesday 4 February to Friday 6 February Tuesday 10 February & Wednesday 11 February</p> <p>Friday 20 February</p> <p>Friday 27 February</p>	<p>Kindergarten start Band commences SRC Leaders Vision Valley Camp SRC Parent Information Evenings</p> <p>Swimming Carnival</p>  <p>School Clean Up Day and Bush Dance – more news soon!</p> 