

Kenthurst Public School

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2009

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Value of the week:

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



The Kenthurst Public School Newsletter is published fortnightly on a Thursday commencing in week 2 of each term. Please ensure that you read each one to keep abreast of school and community happenings as well as Department of Education policies and procedural changes.

I would like to again extend a special warm welcome to our new Kindergarten families who commenced this week and to all our other new students and families across the school.

Numbers are now finalised with a total enrolment of 194 students. We formed eight classes K-6 which includes one composite class of K/1 students. These students will be in Room 6 (Yr 2, 2008). Year 2 will be in Room 8 which was previously the STLA Room (Support Teacher Learning). Plans are currently underway to install a new air-conditioner and Smartboard.

Staffing for 2009

Kindergarten	Ms Shaw
K/1 K	Miss Simmons
Year 1	Mrs Choon
Year 2	Mrs Ristuccia
Year 3	Mr Wall
Year 4	Mrs Tully
Year 5	Mr Hamilton-Smith
Year 6	Mrs O'Reilly

Support Staff:

Mrs Parnaby	Library
Mrs Ghisla	Learning Assistance
Mrs Leeds	English as a Second Language

School Counsellor:

Mrs Glenda Walter

Office Staff:

Mrs Young - School Admin Manager
Mrs Horsburgh -School Admin Officer

General Assistant

Mr Morgan

The Leadership Team:

Mrs Webber Principal
 Mr Hamilton-Smith Assistant Principal
 Ms Shaw Assistant Principal

As part of their leadership role the two Assistant Principals will supervise and coordinate:

Ms Shaw- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Yr 2
 Mr Hamilton Smith - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please speak to your child's classroom teacher in the first instance. For further assistance please see either Ms Shaw or Mr Hamilton-Smith. If there is an issue that cannot be resolved then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Counsellor – Mrs Walter

I have today received information from the District Guidance Officer that Mrs Glenda Walter will be seconded to another department for five or six weeks. Her replacement for that time is a very experienced Counsellor Mr Darcy Anderson. If you would like to see Mr Anderson over the next few weeks please telephone the office on 9654 1173 to organise an appointment.

Welcome to Kindergarten

What a great start! 28 excited Kindergarten students started school on Monday. Dwarfed by their school bags on their back, they looked terrific in their new uniforms and shiny new black school shoes.

They have settled really well with the caring support of their Year 6 buddies, who have been outstanding as role models for special sessions in the classroom and also out on the playground.

All Kinder students were interviewed by Ms Shaw and Miss Simmons for the Best Start Program prior to starting school last week. The Program was very successful and has provided both teachers with valuable information to plan teaching and learning experiences for every student from day one.

Quality Teaching continues to be a focus for 2009

Research states that within schools, teachers are by far the most profound influence and impact directly on student learning outcomes. We are indeed very fortunate to have a highly experienced staff whose teaching skills are continually being updated through professional learning opportunities.

This year we will again focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Technology where all teachers will participate in professional learning to ensure that the highest standards of education are in evidence at Kenthurst Public School.

We have an outstanding program organised for this term. On school development day, teachers participated in sessions including Linking Grammar to Writing and Numeracy across the stages (Count Me In Too K-4 and Counting On 5-6) with former Maths Consultant Carol Field. Further sessions have been organised throughout the term.

Parent Information Evenings

YOU ARE INVITED! Please come along and join us next week. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher who will speak about classroom programs and procedures and outline the high expectations for every student for the year.

Tuesday 10.2.08

KS	6:00pm to 6:45pm
5H	6:00pm to 6:45pm
6O	6:00pm to 6:45pm

Wednesday 11.2.08

K/1K	6:00pm to 6:45pm
1C	6:00pm to 6:45pm
Year 2R	6:00pm to 6:45pm
Year 3W	6:45pm to 7:30pm
Year 4T	6:45pm to 7:30pm

You will hear about our programs to support all students which include:

Food for Thought Program

The 'Food for Thought' Program provides students in Year 1 and Year 2 with 'hands on' literacy and numeracy opportunities. Using vegetables from our own gardens, students work together to cook delicious dishes to share. Thank you to Kenthurst Rotary for supporting this outstanding project. Last year Rotary donated \$1500 and in 2009 we will receive approximately \$4000 from the proceeds of a huge community Xmas raffle. On behalf of the whole Kenthurst Public School community, students, staff and parents I would like to thank Kenthurst Rotary for their very generous donation.

Support for Student with Special Needs

Students are supported by the Support Teacher Learning Assistance Mrs Ghisla for two days each week and also English as a Second Language teacher Mrs Leeds for one day each week.

The P&C will continue to support students with special needs this year with a donation of \$10,000 which provides for a Teachers' Aide for 10 hours each week. Reading and Writing programs to support individual students will be a feature of the program. Please lend your support to all fundraising events at Kenthurst to sustain this very special program.

Enrichment Groups

Enrichment groups will be held each week to give selected students in Years 2 – 6 the opportunity to extend their learning in numeracy. The Enrichment program caters for students who have been identified as gifted and talented in the area of Numeracy. It provides them the opportunity to be extended academically and expand their knowledge in numeracy. This is achieved through Individual Learning Plans based on higher order thinking skills. The program will be run by Mrs Parnaby.

Bunnings Warehouse

I had a meeting with personnel from Bunnings at Dural at the end of last term. Bunnings are offering an environmental awareness program to all Kenthurst students. The Program will include free bus travel for all students to and from Bunnings, free information sessions on 'reduction of our carbon footprint' and growing your own herbs and vegetables. Students will be given plants to bring back to our vegetable garden. Bunnings representatives will visit the school to give advice and help us to cultivate our own vegetables. More information will be provided as it comes to hand.

NOTE:

THE FIRST P&C MEETING FOR 2009 WILL BE HELD IN THE STAFFROOM FOLLOWING THE INFORMATION EVENING ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 7:30PM.

Student Leadership Team

I would like to again extend my congratulations to our student leadership team for 2009.

I look forward to working with these talented students this year as they represent all students at Kenthurst.

This week, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, our Kenthurst leaders are attending a leadership camp at Vision Valley. I wish them well in their endeavours and look forward to having them back at school for our Induction Ceremony and first SRC meeting on Monday 16 February 2009.

NOTE:

SRC Leadership and Class Representative Induction is on Thursday February 12 at 10:30am. This ceremony will also recognise those students who have been elected to Sport House Captain leadership roles. All parents are very welcome to attend this induction ceremony.

Strategic Planning

As part of the school's planning process we have almost completed writing the Annual School Report (ASR) for 2008. The ASR constitutes a record of the school self-evaluation process which is conducted annually, is focused on student learning outcomes and is part of the ongoing cycle of planning and evaluation in all schools.

This document will be available to all families by the end of this term and included in its contents are Targets that we have set for 2009.

The 2009 Targets (Goals) are:

1. To improve boys' capacity to correctly construct text with emphasis on paragraphs, vocabulary and grammar.
2. To increase the proportion of students especially boys that equal or exceed state average growth in Numeracy from Year 3 to Year 5 by focusing on the working mathematically strand.
3. To increase student connectedness through video conferencing and interactive technology.

The areas of evaluation for 2009 are:

- **Quality Teaching**
- **Numeracy**

Absences

Students who are absent from school are required by law to provide a reason for that absence. Please remember to send a note or telephone the school if your child is absent.

To assist all parents we have attached to this newsletter a pro-forma you may use to report all absences.

Don't forget that students with exemplary attendance will be rewarded with an Attendance Award at the Presentation Assembly at the end of the year. Congratulations to 2008 recipients Emily Newman and Geoffrey Ralph.

Julie Webber
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER	
February	
Friday 6	K-2 Dance 3-6 Athletic Skills SRC Leaders @ Vision Valley Camp
Monday 9	11:45 House Meetings
Tuesday 10	Band 2:20 Chatterbox 5/6 Parent Information Night 6O 6pm – 6.45pm KS, 5H & 6O
Wednesday 11	Parent Information Night 6pm – 6:45pm K/1K, 1C & 2R 5:45 – 7:30pm 3W & 4T
Thursday 12	Scripture 10:30am SRC Induction
Friday 13	K-2 Dance 3-6 Athletic Skills K-6 Assembly
Monday 16	2:20pm Chatterbox 5/6 1:30pm SRC Meeting 2:20-3:15pm Listening Parents Program
Tuesday 17	Band

LISTENING PARENTS PROGRAM

Since 2004 Kenthurst Public School has been running the Listening Parents Program. This program gives developing readers the much-needed opportunity of practising skills being taught in class. We rely totally on volunteers prepared to listen to the students read for approximately ½ hour one day a week. The Pause, Prompt and Praise method of listening is used during this session. Instruction for this simple method will be given on

Monday, 16 February at 2.20pm.

If you are able to spare ½ hour weekly, or if you know someone who can (a grandparent or older sibling in tertiary education), we ask that you attend this training and become part of our program.

If you are unable to participate in the program you are welcome to come along to learn how to support your child in reading at home.

(Mrs) Joan Ghisla
Support Teacher Learning Assistance.

KENTHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

DATE/S OF ABSENCE:

(Please Circle) SICK or LEAVE

REASON:

Parent/Caregiver Signature: Date:

**Children with Anxiety:
...for children
aged 8-12 years and
their parent/s**

The group will help **children** identify their thoughts & feelings, recognize unhelpful thinking, & learn to fight their fear and face their anxiety.

The group will help **parents** understand how thoughts affect feelings, develop management techniques and ways to help their child relax.

Course covers:

- Teaching the child to relax
- How thoughts effect feelings
- Identifying, challenging unhelpful thinking
- Fighting fears & facing anxiety
- Relapse prevention



Cost: **FREE**
When: **16th February 2009**
Where: **Rouse Hill (4:30pm start)**

For more information...

Please talk to your school counsellor, GP or call Jenny or Steve at Hawkesbury-Hills Division of General Practice...
(02) 8884 9467



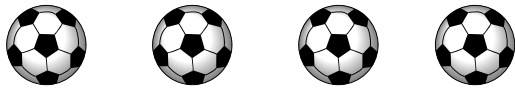
**Kenthurst Public School
Bush Dance**

Friday 27 February

**Keep the night free to....
Come along
kick up your heels!!**



More information will be sent home soon



Kenthurst & District Soccer Club

- It's not too late to register!
- We can still accommodate players in our
- **U6's-U16's** (boys and/or girls;)
- **U17 Girls;**
- **U18/1 Boys;**
- **All Age Women** (all levels from 18 years and up);
- **All Age Men** (all levels) and **Over 35 Men**
- No experience necessary - our talented Coaches will teach you
- Phone 96541251 or 0409997813 or email cathye@tpg.com.au for further information.



- *Script work for stage, film & TV*
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- *Presentation Skills*
- *Voice/Speech Training*



Drama Classes

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www.kimaa.com.au

Kids Classes

Mon. 6:00-7:00

Thu. 5:30-6:30



Lion Park's Tae Kwon Do And Self-Defence

Our Club

Tae Kwon Do is the martial art that has been taught from Father to Son in Korea for over 20 centuries. It is a system of kicks, punches and blocks for self-defence purposes. It will also help with flexibility, strength, agility and self-confidence.

Our classes encourage high discipline and moral values. Students also learn teamwork, co-operation and leadership.



Training Locations

<u>Monday:</u>	Parramatta West Public School Corner Auburn & Young St Parramatta Time: 6:30pm-7:45pm.
<u>Tuesday:</u>	Kenthurst Public School Corner Kenthurst Rd & Dural St Kenthurst Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm Advanced Class 5:30pm-6:00pm
<u>Wednesday:</u>	Toongabbie Public School Fitz William Rd Toongabbie Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm
<u>Thursday:</u>	Parramatta West Public School Corner Auburn & Young St Parramatta Time: 6:30pm-7:45pm Advanced Class 7:45pm-8:15pm

Classes

Classes run for a 1hr period. In this time students will undertake a variety of

- : form techniques,
- : stretches,
- : punching and kicking techniques,
- : engage in one step sparring,
- : speed training,
- : free sparring,

Classes are conducted in a pleasant and positive atmosphere. Catering for children through to adults.

Our Grand Master

In 1967 the Korean Government sanctioned six of its most respected and senior instructors to introduce Tae Kwon Do to the Western World.

One of these instructors is the highly respected Byung Hoon Park, founder and Grand Master of Lion Park's Tae Kwon Do.

Kwan-Jang-Nim Park has built large followings in Thailand (where he taught U.S special forces), America and Australia.

He is one of the highest ranked and most respected instructors in the world today.

Costing

Life Time Membership \$50

<u>Term Fees</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 person \$100	\$100
2 persons \$90 each	\$180
3 persons \$80 each (Immediate Family Only)	\$240

Uniforms

Size 130-140	\$ 55
Size 150-170	\$ 60
Size 180-190	\$ 65
Club Patch	\$ 5

For more details contact Kyo-Sa-Nim Michael on 0409 928 534

Kenthurst Kitchen News

February 2009

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Welcome to 2009

Welcome to the first Kenthurst Kitchen News for 2009.

The Current Menu is now available on the website if you lose your copy. See www.kenthurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

For those new to the school, the canteen is currently open 5 days per week. Michelle works on Monday and Friday and Maryann works on Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday is Volunteers only but you will normally see Tracie in the kitchen that day. Please note on Wednesday we do not do have lunch orders just over the counter sales. This will be reviewed this year.

We welcome any ideas or comments – please ring Tracie or Sandra or email (thegaskins@gmail.com). **We need to keep improving product and service.**

We have developed a healthy canteen menu – note the explanation on the front of the menu. We would also like to do some special things on say the last Friday of the month. We will send out details with a calendar.

Helpers

We love to have helpers in the canteen. Please go in and talk to Michelle (Monday and Friday) or Maryann (Tuesday and Thursday) if you can help or just leave a note. Help is appreciated on any day. We love old and new faces.

Canteen on Line

We are still working on getting an online ordering system for the canteen. It has been a slow process. We now have the computer and printer in the canteen, the computer is being set up in line with school policy then we will approach the software provider who I hope is still going to let us trial the product.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

We have been lucky enough to get 2 Bunnings BBQ Fundraisers this year. The canteen still needs a new sink area in the Kitchen to put the Dishwasher that Martine Bruce cleverly got a grant for and is required as part of Health & Safety guidelines. The first BBQ is on Sunday 29th March from 8am to 4pm at Bunnings Dural. Please keep this date in

Heating up Food

Just a reminder we are unable to reheat food for the children in the microwave or put hot or boiling water into anything. We are sorry we cannot help but there are safety issues we cannot avoid.

Contacts:

Tracie Williams 9654 3531
Sandra Gaskin 9654 3332
Michelle Vatalis (Mon, Fri)
Maryann Lovric (Tues,
Thurs)