Good afternoon parents and friends,

What a wonderful week of learning, here at Kenthurst. Kindergarten are reading!!! Yes, I listened to our students reading fluently and they have been at school for just 4 days. Wow!

Stage 3 had a magnificent day with Claymation, creating their own mini movies using colourful play dough. A DVD with their creations will be available soon.

This year we will holding our school Assemblies on a Thursday afternoon from 2.20pm *every second week*. Next Thursday February 14 will be our **Induction Assembly** and all parents/grandparents are most welcome to attend.

Classes have been formed and are to be known as:-

- KA Mrs Collins
- KC Mrs Choon
- S1O Mrs O'Reilly
- S1T Mrs Tully
- S1S Ms Shaw
- S2SR Mrs Sinclair (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Ristuccia (Thurs-Friday)
- S23B Mrs Barrat
- S3N Mr Norton

We are indeed fortunate to have such outstanding teachers who are working hard to ensure that your child is given the best education that Kenthurst Public School can provide. ‘The School of Choice.’

As our numbers are a mere 4 short of forming the 9th class, Mr Pengelly will be unable to continue here at Kenthurst Public School as a classroom teacher. We have secured him a position at another school and wish him every success. In such a short time he has become an integral part of our school team and made a wonderful contribution. The children think he is wonderful too 😊

Our Parent Information nights will be held for K-2 parents on Monday 18 February and for 3-6 parents Tuesday 19 February. At these meetings teachers will explain what units of work are going to be taught and the composition of the classes. The names of the classes reflect this. S is for stage then the stage number and then the teachers name.
Our new mandatory Australian curriculum is divided into stages, with explicit outcomes. Kindergarten is known as Early Stage 1 and is a one year course. The remainder of the stages are two year courses. Stage 1 is Year 1 and Year 2 Stage 2 is Year 3 and Year 4 Stage 3 is Year 5 and Year 6

Please come to the Information Nights as teachers can explain in detail these aspects of the new Australian curriculum. All professional development this year will be focused on the familiarization and implementation of the new curriculum.

Band has begun with Mr Geoff Wilson. Lessons are going to be held every Thursday with band members needing to be at school with their instruments at 7.45am for a prompt 8.00am start.

Scripture will begin next Thursday. Please ensure we have all your details regarding your requests for scripture or non-scripture.

On Friday we will be selecting our House Captains and our Induction Assembly will include all SRC representatives and the presentation of badges for our School Captains and Vice Captains. This afternoon I will be travelling to Vision Valley to visit our student executive team as they are spending a couple of days there for a Leadership course.

On our Staff Development Day our teachers and administration staff were trained in Anaphylaxis intervention. If you have a child with allergies that require special attention and if you haven’t already done so, please send his/her Anaphylactic Action Plan to the school immediately.

Please be aware that the school has a ‘NUT FREE’ policy. Please do not Send any nut products to school with your child as we do have several children who suffer from this condition.

Working Bee. This term I would like to organize for a clean up of all the dead branches and foliage around our school. Our mower has broken and our children need to play safely on the back playground. Please email the school if you are able to help clean up our beautiful school. I am thinking towards the end of this month before soccer starts 😊

Thank you again for your lovely thoughts and hugs. It has helped so much.

Yours in quality education.

Caron Dodd

Principal.
Term 1 - 2013

Week 2
Thursday 9 February  SRC Leadership Camp
Friday 8 February  9.20am Sport

Week 3
Monday 11 February  Introduction to Debating Yr 5 & 6
Tuesday 12 February  Planetarium Incursion – Stage 2
Wednesday 13 February  7.30pm P & C Meeting
Thursday 14 February  Scripture starts back
                        2.30pm Induction Assembly
Friday 15 February  9.20am Sport

Week 4
Monday 18 February  Parent Info Evening – Stage 1 – 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 February  Parent Info Evening – Stage 2&3 – 6.00pm
Wednesday 20 February  Swimming Carnival – Yr 2 – 6 (must turn 8 2013)
                        Galston High School Open Day
Thursday 21 February  Harmony Day
Friday 22 February  9.20am Sport

Important dates coming up:
1 March – Clean up Australia Day
14 March – Selective High School Test
28 March – Grandparents Day

Induction Assembly for 2013 School Leaders

Date:  Thursday 14 February
Time:  2.30pm
Venue: School Hall
Who:  Year 6 Student Leaders, all class SRC Representatives, Sports Captains and Vice Captains

All parents welcome.

Mrs K Barrat
Assistant Principal
**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2013**

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

Not content with just completing the PRC we have some students going beyond their age group and reading books from the lists above them.

All our classes have taken up the challenge this year.

The K-2 Challenge is open to students in ES1 and Stage 1. These students must **experience 30 books**. In Stage 2 and 3 students must **read 20 books**.

This is an amazing effort especially for those children who find reading difficult.

The Challenge ends on 31st August and we are well on the way already in 2013.

The following is a list that I will update in each Newsletter of the students that have completed the challenge.

KA
KC
S1S-Nicholas Radburn
S1O
S1T
S2SR
S23B-Imogen Clark, Mia Hajje
S3N

**Well done to all those children!**

Happy Reading

Kerry Parnaby – Librarian
The New South Wales Police Force is presenting a Forum on **Cyber Space Crime Prevention**

India Club is hosting the Forum

The Hills Local Area Command Team will share a wealth of information on "Cyber Space Bullying & Safety"

**Topics:**

* Social Networking  
* Bullying  
* Internet filtering and safe chat  
* Chain email/letters  
* Cyber Crime  
* Gaming and parental responsibilities  
* Mobile phones  

**Guest Speakers:**

Rob Paterson  
Senior Constable - Youth Liaison Officer  

Josh Maxwell  
Chief Inspector - Manager for Project Eyewatch

**Day & Date:** Sunday the 17th February 2013  
**Time:** 2 pm to 5.30pm (Assemble @ 1.45pm for 2pm start)  
**Venue:** Castle Grand Pioneer Hall  
Castle Street Castle Hill (Corner Pennant and Castle Street)

It is a free event and the Forum is open to all communities.  
We invite you to benefit from the presentation and contact & encourage your friends to attend.

**Enjoy over Tea Coffee & Snacks**  
If you have any specific concerns or questions, please let us know in advance so those can be addressed at the Forum

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Rob Paterson  
Senior Constable: 9680 5399, Castle Hill Police: 9680 5399
Sydney Talentco

Script Work for Film, TV & Stage
Improvisation & Theatre Sports
Presentation Skills & Voice Training
Sydney Eisteddfod Winners

Drama Classes

Baulkham Hills, Pennant Hills, Penrith
Students have appeared in Home & Away, Neighbours,
Blue Water High, Underbelly, Wolverine, The Great Gatsby, other movies, TV series, TV ads & much more....

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