Good afternoon parents and friends,

I hope you have downloaded the School App as we want to keep you up to date with events. You will notice that there are daily reminders for the Walk-a-thon and information regarding Pancake Day and ANZAC Day Assembly etc. Notes will still be sent home with students and the Website will keep a current calendar as well as the Newsletter. A hard copy of the Newsletter is available in the front foyer. Parents of students receiving The Gold Key are emailed with details and it is much appreciated that so many parents and grandparents are able to come and pin their child’s key on personally. The children are really so thrilled to have you share this special assembly.

As always please feel free to contact the front office if you have any concerns or queries regarding dates.

Our staff will be having Consistency Days next week, for each stage to work together collaboratively, in preparing for next term and in implementing the new Australian Curriculum. Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April are designated days from the Department of Education, to be used as Staff Development Days across the State of NSW. Together with the Galston Community of Schools, we will be working collaboratively, learning how to implement the Literacy and Numeracy Curriculums into our planning and lessons.

These days are important as they enable teachers to continue our focus on Literacy and Numeracy, as well as recognising the changing environment in which we are working, with a focus on; school improvement, new syllabus documents, 21st century learning, which is –

**collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication and the importance of these elements in the broader learning areas and across curriculum concepts.**

**HELP**

Our Working Bee has been postponed this weekend, but will be held early next term either Sunday 19 or Sunday 26 May. Please let the front office know if you are available either of those days and we will decide depending on how many people are available.

A HUGE thank you to Mr and Mrs Chia who have kindly donated the Orange trees and the buxus hedge and to Mr Hellams who planted them in time for Grandparents Day.

Mrs James and her wonderful father in-law, Mr Mick James and father Mr Dick Nowlan have kindly offered to replant out the front of the school and supplied plants to enhance the entrance. That’s the Kenthurst way!!!
Once we have decided on a date for the Working Bee Day, we could really achieve some much needed maintenance. Mrs Peacock and Mrs Ristuccia are currently working on a submission to apply for a grant for the Vegetable patch. This is a priority, as is removal of dead branches, mulching and mowing.

Please, Dad’s we need your help!

Parent Interviews will be held in Week 5 of Term 2, beginning Monday 27 May and once again you will have the convenience of booking online.

May I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday and thank the Kenthurst staff again for a magnificent term 1. Refresh and get ready for an amazing Term 2 and beyond.

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd
Principal

Kenthurst Public School App – Skoolbag
Kenthurst Public School now has their own app!!! Check out the features! You'll also find our newsletters there and parent calendar, flexischool information and announcements.

How to install Skoolbag on your smartphone
iPhone Users: Simply search for “Kenthurst Public School” in the App store on your phone, PC or Mac and install. This app is free.
Android Users: Tap the applications icon, then tap the internet icon to open your web browser. Type www.skoolbag.com.au/kpsnsw into the address bar. Once loaded you can save the Skoolbag icon to your home screen for easy access every day.

Any queries please contact the school.
Kirsty McHugh
Computer Coordinator
Diary Dates

8th April, Monday   -   S23B & S3N Persuasive Text VC
9th April, Tuesday  -   Pancake Day
10th April, Wednesday   -   Walkathon 12.00pm start
12th April, Friday   -   Last Day of Term 1
1st May, Wednesday   -   Students return to School
8th May, Wednesday   -   Mother's Day Breakfast & Stall
14th May, Tuesday    -   Naplan
15th May, Wednesday  -   Naplan
16th May, Thursday   -   Naplan

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Working Bee – Dates to be confirmed

Pancake Day
Just a reminder, that Pancake Day is on Tuesday 9th April, you can grab a pancake and a popper for $3.50 with a selection of toppings. Gluten free options available too.
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 - Morgan
KC - Harrison
S1S
S1O
S1T – Cole, Sidney
S2SR
S23B
S3N- Jordan, Tenaya

Well done to all those children!
Happy Reading
Kerry Parnaby – Librarian

Vegetable Patch - Volunteers still Wanted!

Next term I would like to get our Vegetable Patch up and running again! All students will be given the opportunity to learn about and help grow a variety of vegetables and herbs. The aim is to be able to use the produce to make meals to eat, give to the canteen or sell to the community with the proceeds going towards maintaining the Vegetable Patch.

In order to make this happen I need some volunteers! Please let me know if you would like to help by either working with the students in the garden on a Friday afternoon, working in the garden at another time during the week or donating any vegetable and herb plants, compost or even your knowledge! Please come and see me on a Thursday or a Friday, or you can send an email/note to the office.

Thanking you
Melinda Ristuccia (EnvironmentCoordinator)
Grandparents Day

Last Thursday Kenthurst hosted our annual Grandparents Day. It was an exciting time for everyone involved. Many grandparents took the opportunity to visit the school, go into classrooms and watch their grandchildren performing, some coming from as far away as New Zealand!

By all accounts it was a wonderful experience for all. The weather was beautiful and lots of people went home with fabulous baskets of chocolate eggs.

Thanks to everyone who donated eggs for the baskets. Over $1000 was raised which will go towards reading resources. Thanks to all of the parents who contributed to the morning tea and to the Parents Auxiliary who set the morning tea up in the COLA area. A special thanks goes to all of the parents who spent hours creating the fantastic hats for the Easter Hat parade!

Edwina Shaw
Assistant Principal
NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY
On Monday the Year Six students went to the Sydney Entertainment Centre. We went there to listen to 4 speakers. The speakers were: Jess Fox who is an Olympic silver medallist for kayaking, Brett Lee who is a cyber-safety consultant who is also a cop, Creel Price who is an Entrepreneur of club kidpreneur, Mike Martin who is a former Outdoor educator, corporate trainer and Officer in the Australian Army and Nathan Hindmarsh a former NRL player for the Parramatta Eels.

They talked to us about leadership, Influence, Vision, Resilience, Initiative, Integrity, opportunity and how knowledge is power.
We had recess and lunch there however we had to pack our own food. But before lunch we played this game where there were huge bouncy balls and we had to hit them to the centre of the entertainment centre and back to the top. Sadly we did not have a hit of the ball.

Students selected by their schools or community groups as possessing leadership potential attends these events. Some schools send the students they have recently appointed to leadership positions such as SRC members, Prefects, and School Captains. (Except our whole class went to the entertainment centre) The program is designed to benefit any student who shows an interest in developing their leadership potential. Around 30,000 people attend The National Young Leaders Days in Australia annually. All students attending The National Young Leaders Days will receive a Certificate of Participation.

There were at least 1000 adults and 10000 children. So that was a pretty big crowd. We got to ask questions to our speakers. The speakers were very effective when they spoke. We had to take notes and write our main thoughts. We got to see a video of Jess Fox when she got a silver medal at kayaking.
After Nathan Hindmarsh retired from Parramatta Eels he started a thing about bullying and how to stop it.
Choir Report
Congratulations to all our students who performed for the recent audition for School Spectacular 2013. You should all be very proud of your effort and commitment! To view the whole choir singing on YouTube please type the following link into your internet browser: http://youtu.be/m2Cstt685Nc
To view the senior choir singing on YouTube, please type in: http://youtu.be/mlM9kle4zL8
The children also worked hard to prepare for Grandparents Day and did a fantastic performance on the day.
I would like to also thank parents for their continuous support and commitment of the choir program. It has been wonderful to see all the children attending the Monday morning choir rehearsals and enjoy singing so early in the morning.
Term 2 rehearsal times will continue on Monday morning at 8.00am until 8.45am.
Well done and good luck with the audition results!

Alyse Collins
Choir Coordinator

Dance Report
There will be no dance next week. Dance will continue next term as per details below.
Term 2 Dance – Junior Tuesday afternoon with Miss Emilee and Miss Lauren
Term 2 Dance – Senior Monday Lunch with Mrs Weekes

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P & C Corner
Grandparent Day was a great thrill for all involved. The new hall looked wonderful set up as an al fresco café and the scene was set as we all enjoyed listening to our wonderful school band! Cherie Millar and Parents Aux worked tirelessly from early morning to the end...
Much thanks to all the parents who provided a plate for the morning tea as well as Edwina Woellner, Alison Carter, Celeste Lowe, Tania Sullivan, Mom McCusker, Sonja Djukic, Sandra Peacock, Amanda McVey, Tracey Lee Hewitt, Michelle Rawling and the other parents that lent a hand as they passed by – it was much appreciated. Also special thanks to Tracey Nelson who assisted with the mammoth task of cleaning up.

We’ve had a tremendously exciting start to 2013 with lots of ways to become involved with upcoming fundraising opportunities and general P&C “fun-ness”. If you would like to come to our next P&C Meeting it is on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm.
There are still some positions available within the P&C committee such as Treasurer and various sub-committees from band, uniform shop to canteen and trivia night. Look forward to seeing you there.
Kenthurst Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now open on Wednesday Mornings 8:30am to 10:30am
If you wish to swap or try on uniforms, you are most welcome.

For your convenience orders can be placed on Flexi-Schools.

Any problems please feel free to contact Tracey Nelson on 0447874924
Kenthurst Canteen Needs You!

The Canteen would love Helpers.

If you would like to see the smile on your child’s face, please come and volunteer your time.

Volunteers do not have to spend the whole day.
We appreciate any amount of time that you can give.
Please call or text Tracey on 0405145323.

Please find below our Price List for the Canteen.

Please note that we have had a price increase on Sushi Tuna or Vegetarian
New Price is: $3.50

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HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
Ellabelle’s Preschool and Early Learning Centre
174 Kenthurst Road, Kenthurst 2156
(Opposite Caltex Service Station)
9654 2009

*7:30am to 6pm
* A “NCAC” Accreditation of “High Quality” in all areas of Early Childhood Education
* Extensive Transition to School/Pre School Program for children aged 3-5 years
* Children are divided into groups according to age with qualified staff programming for each group
* All meals provided
* Licensed for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years
* Some casual days available
* Child Care Benefit available
* 50% Childcare rebate on all pre-school

Kenthurst & District Soccer Club
- It’s not too late to register!
- We can still accommodate BOYS and GIRLS in most age groups, but would especially like more U6’s, U7’s, U8’s, U9’s, U10’s & girls for our U14G’s (including U12G’s & U13G’s)
- Phone 96541251 or 0409997813 or email cathye@tpg.com.au for further information.
Lion Park’s Tae Kwon Do
And Self-Defence

**Tuesday:** Kenthurst Public School
Cnr Kenthurst Rd & Dural St Kenthurst
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Classes run for a 1hr period, with a focus on high discipline and moral standards
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
Contact Sa-Bum-Nim Michael 4th Dan Black Belt on 0409 928 534

1st Lesson Free
Call for Details

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