Good afternoon parents and friends,

We are all so excited about Grandparents Day, which is next Friday 11 April. Classrooms will be open from 10.00am and all grandparents are invited to come and see what is happening in our 21st Century Classrooms. Morning tea will be served while our school band is playing.

We have a monster chocolate Easter egg raffle, special hand painted portraits and crafts for sale too. Gorgeous decorations for your keyrings!

A special concert will be held in our School Hall concluding with an Easter hat Parade and our traditional chicken dance.

It is such a wonderful experience being a grandparent. Looking forward to seeing all of our grandparents next Friday because the children are thrilled that you are coming.

Gorgeous photo of one of our students practising spelling words in the sand

State Swimmers Our Senior relay team will be competing in the State Swimming Carnival at Olympic Park on 8.4.14. good luck to Sophia, Lily, Amanda and Christina.
Farewell  We say a fond farewell to Mrs Barrat who will be leaving Kenthurst at the end of this term. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to enhancing the learning of our students. Mrs Barrat has worked tirelessly for our students and takes with her many happy memories. We wish her well at her new school, which is much closer to her home and know that she will always treasure her time here at KPS.

As the Autumn holiday is nearly here some thoughts when you are travelling.

Building Literacy and Numeracy when travelling:

- Play license plate games by making up words from the letters; or add the numbers
- Count the telegraph poles or signs
- Play Spotto- list twenty items the child needs to ‘spot’ or ‘discover’
- Discuss the shape of the road signs. Discuss what different symbols mean.
- Make up stories or histories about street names or locations
- Guess the colour of the next car to appear around the corner. Change this to every third car.
- Give each a child a colour to count and tally the number of cars between two points. Then change it to trucks
- Use public transport and look for times and destinations. Count the number of train stations or bus stops to your destination. Look at the route on a map.
- Estimate how many minutes it will take to reach the next town if you are travelling at 60 kilometres an hour.
- Keep a diary on long trips. Cut out pictures from brochures of each town and record thoughts and reactions about each one.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter holiday with your families, whether you decide to go to The Royal Easter Show, or camping or dinner with friends this is such a special time of year.

The teachers will return on Monday 28 April and will be working with the Galston Community of Schools at Galston High School, on implementing the new Mathematics and English curriculum. Students return Tuesday 29 April.

Happy Easter.

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd
Principal

P&C Meeting – Wednesday 7th May 2014
DIARY DATES

**Week 11 - Term 1**

7 April, Monday  
- 8am Choir  
  Lunch – Senior Dance

8 April, Tuesday  
- Lunch – Junior Dance

9 April, Wednesday  
- PSSA Training – Morning  
  Lunch – Boys Hip Hop

10 April, Thursday  
- Band  
  Combined Scripture  
  Year 6 Meeting

11 April, Friday  
- Grandparents Day  
  Easter Hat Parade

**Week 1 – Term 2**

28 April, Monday  
- Staff Development Day

29 April, Tuesday  
- Students Return  
  Anzac Day Assembly

1 May, Thursday  
- Band  
  Scripture

Important Dates:  6th May – School Photos
Kenthurst Public School App – Skoolbag
Kenthurst Public School have 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:** Simply search for “Kenthurst Public School” in the Google Play store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

Kirsty McHugh - Computer Coordinator

School Email
Please note the current email address for the school is: kenthurst-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Any correspondence via email should be sent to this address.

Contact Details
Just a reminder that it is very important to keep all your contact details up to date. Please let us know at your earliest convenience, if you move house, change your home or mobile numbers, email address or emergency contact information.
Assistant Principal Corner

Stage 3 have investigated the theme “Sustainability" this term through the picture book "One Small Island" by Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch. This has involved students writing a variety of texts including persuasive, imagining and information. I would like to showcase one student's work ….a diary extract by Mei Lin.

My dearest Caroline, April 1890
My love, I miss you. The money is attached to this letter. I hope it reaches you. This life is harsh, early rise, late set. The sea elephants are getting sparse. Our rations are getting smaller and smaller each week. I wish the seals would just die off my dear. With each one I kill a stab goes through my heart. My stomach has already given way many times. Joseph Hatch is a terrible lad. He takes joy from slaughtering the poor animals. His grand idea is to start on the penguins. I fear for this day when the gentle lives of these creatures come to a terrible end. I request you don’t let our dear Edna read this letter. I will try to write another, though it may not reach you. The ships do not come often. Crimson red stains the beaches. Legend has it that it was once beautiful. The chirping of the flightless birds has disappeared. The sound and beauty of them used to remind me of you. By the time this gets to you I may be no more. Douglas my friend and many others have passed. A disease we have called scurvy is the reason for this. You may remember Douglas from the corner shop. What causes this disease is unknown. Your dearest husband, Thompson.

This will be my last AP Corner as I will be taking up the position of Assistant Principal at Waitara Public School at the beginning of Term 2. I would like to thank the Kenthurst community for the kindness and friendliness shown to me during my 4 years at the school.
Best Wishes
Mrs Kate Barrat
Assistant Principal
Stage 1 Report
This term, Stage 1 has been learning about environmental sustainability. This was a unit of work based around many literary texts with a particular focus on the book ‘The Curious Garden’ by Peter Brown. Here are a few sample of work from some of our students.
Att: Year 6 Parents

Year 7 Extension Class 2015

The Year 7 Extension class is designed specifically to provide opportunities for academically gifted or talented students and to develop student-centred independent learning skills. Successful students enjoy the benefits of attending their local comprehensive high school whilst being in an academically challenging group.

Applications for Placement Test close on Friday 2 May 2014

Placement Test Sitting will take place on Wednesday 21 May 2014 at Galston High School from 9.30am – 12.30pm

Please contact the school for an application form
Telephone: 02 9651 2222 Fax: 02 9651 1054
Email: galston-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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Easter Egg Raffle

The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be raffling Easter Egg baskets on Grandparents’ Day to help raise money for school resources.

We would like you to send in donations of Easter eggs to make up baskets for prizes.

We usually have about 10 each year.

Tickets for the prizes will be sold at school on Grandparents’ Day

Friday 11 April

SRC Representatives will visit the classrooms each morning to collect any donations.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT, SO PLEASE HELP!

Thank You THE SRC

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
**Flower Power**

**FREE School Holiday Gardening Classes**

11am daily
Mon 14 - Thu 17 April
Tue 22 - Thu 24 April

"pot your own seedling to take home"

Children under 5 years must be supervised by an adult.
Family & Fun Day
& Learning in the Hills
OPEN Day
Thursday, 24th April
10am - 1pm
at Learning in the Hills
Balcombe Heights Estate
92 Seven Hills Road
Baulkham Hills
*Tea, coffee and cake available to purchase.

- Police
- Course Info & Enrolments
- Fire Brigade
- Speak to students and tutors
- Jumping castle
- Arts & Crafts
- Lucky Door Prize
- Biscuit Decorating
- White Elephant Stall
- Book Sale
- & much more!

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