Good afternoon parents and friends,

Term 2 has begun in a very successful manner with a busy first week. Our staff attended a School Development Day at Galston High School looking and analyzing data for English and Mathematics. Networking with six other schools and listening to the High School teachers was informative and productive. Our Miss Armstrong presented a dance session in the afternoon and had over 140 teachers really moving to the beat!

On Friday we held the 2014 Cross Country with outstanding results. Well done to the organizing team of Mrs Tully and Mr Norton and thank you to the parents who assisted on the day.

Our Mother’s Day breakfast stall was held on Wednesday of this week and was a resounding success. More details are in the newsletter but a huge thank you to Cherie Miller and Edwina Woellner for your forward planning and beautiful gifts. A big thank you to Julie Brady for serving delicious coffee and hot chocolate.

School Photos were taken this week and we have been impressed with the company and also welcome any feedback that will assist us.

Parent Interviews will be happening from 10-20 June and you will be able to book online. Semester 1 Reports will be sent home on Thursday 26 June 2014.

Communication is a priority here at Kenthurst. We have our Newsletter which is placed on our website fortnightly and hard copies are in the front foyer and now in the Before and After School Care office. The Skool Ap is easy to download for those people who have an i-phone and all notes are going to be on the Website. We endeavour to hand out notes on a Thursday but do ask parents of the K-2 students to check the Note Folder which is in your child’s bag. Our friendly administration staff are able to assist too if you would prefer to pop in or make a phone call during office hours which are 8.30am-3.30pm.
New home readers have been purchased for our students and the children are thriving using the laptops and I-pads. Sincere thanks to our hardworking P&C who have purchased this technology and more are coming! Kenthurst students are now equipped with necessary technological skills catering for their needs as 21st Century learners.

NAPLAN starts on Tuesday 13 May for Years 3 and 5 for Language Conventions and Writing. Wednesday 14 May is Reading and Thursday 15 May is Numeracy. All schools across Australia are required to complete the tests on these days.

We wish our students well.

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd
Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations Gemma on being selected to represent your school and region at State level as a member of the 2014 NSW Department of Education and Communities Public Schools’ State Junior Wind Band which will perform in the Sydney Opera House as part of the 2014 Instrumental Festival.
## DIARY DATES

### Week 3 – Term 2

12 May, Monday  -  8am Choir  
Lunch – Senior Dance

13 May, Tuesday  -  NAPLAN  
Lunch – Junior Dance

14 May, Wednesday  -  NAPLAN  
PSSA Training – Morning  
Sportspro 3-6  
Lunch – Boys Hip Hop

15 May, Thursday  -  NAPLAN  
Band  
Scripture

16 May, Friday  -  PSSA Starts  
Sportspro K - 2

### Week 4 – Term 2

19 May, Monday  -  8am Choir  
Lunch – Senior Dance

20 May, Tuesday  -  Lunch – Junior Dance

21 May, Wednesday  -  PSSA Training – Morning  
Sportspro 3-6  
Lunch – Boys Hip Hop

22 May, Thursday  -  Band  
Scripture

23 May, Friday  -  No PSSA  
Sportspro K-2  
Zone Cross Country

P&C Meeting – Wednesday 4th June 2014
Kenthurst Public School App – Skoolbag

Kenthurst Public School 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

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Android Users: Simply search for “Kenthurst Public School” in the Google Play store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

This app is free!

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.

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please be advised that dogs (including dogs on leashes) are not allowed on the school premises.

This is for the safety of all our students.
Stage 1
As part of our literacy unit Stage 1 have been learning about the important contribution Australians have made during war time both here and abroad. The Australian War Memorial in Canberra provided us with a ‘memorial box’ containing artefacts from WWII. The focus of this box is recognising the contributions and experiences of women and children during this time. Below are students from S1T examining the contents of the box.

Lenny is holding a soldier’s brass shoulder badge, Jake has a cut throat razor strap, Soraya has a brass badge of the Rising Sun and Eden is holding a tin lid from a jar of Pond’s face cream. All of these items are approximately 75 years old and the students were required to wear curator’s gloves to protect these valuable items.
In S1E we focussed on persuasive writing. Mr Taylor our student teacher showed the children posters that encouraged Australians to help with the war effort. Isabelle (above) is holding an example of an original persuasive poster from WW11 and the poster on the right is an example of what the children were able to create. This particular poster is Isaac’s.

In S1S we learnt about some of the symbols related to ANZAC day. One of these is the poppy. The poppies grew on the fields where the soldiers fought. Poppies are worn on ANZAC day. Our student teacher Ms Moses showed us how to make a field of poppies using crayon and red tissue paper. This picture was created by Michelle.

The students in Stage 1 have thoroughly enjoyed this unit developing an awareness of the significance of Anzac Day and compassion for others through hands on activities and meaningful discussion.

Stage 1 Teachers
Elizabeth Eurell, Edwina Shaw, Susan Tully
Cross Country Carnival
The Kenthurst Public School Cross Country was ran under clear blue skies on Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May. The format was slightly different this year with Year 6’s taking the responsibility of running with their Kinder Buddies to open the event. The Kindy students ran their hearts out, while the Year 6 Buddies demonstrated excellent leadership to guide and encourage them through the course. This set the platform for some excellent races and each student was able to produce their Personal Best.

The runners were well supported by parents, grandparents and the cheering crowd of students waiting for their turn to run. A big thanks to the parents who acted as Course Markers or Result Recorders and to Mrs Tully for her entertaining compering and organisation.

The students can be very proud of the effort they made to run and the support they gave their school-mates – Well Done!

| Girls | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| KC | KA | 6 Years | 7 Years |
| Marlee | Millie | Bethany | Skyla |
| Angelina | Amy | Eden | Soraya |
| Sienna | Hayley | Annalise | Sienna |
| 8/9 Years | 10 years | 11 Years | 12 Years |
| Lauren | Tessa | Chloe | Holly |
| Sophie | Jade | Layla | Caitlin |
| Shaylise | Danielle | Samantha | Amanda |

| Boys | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| KC | KA | 6 Years | 7 Years |
| Max | Gershom | Jake | David |
| Max | Kai | Zane | Dean |
| Beau | Joshua | Alex | Callum |
| 8/9 Years | 10 years | 11 Years | 12 Years |
| Jack | Sam | Douglas | Lachlan |
| Joshua | Steven | Tyron | |
| Austin | Jarrod | Louis | |

Mr Norton
Cross Country Organiser
P&C News

Mother’s Day Stall

On Wednesday morning we held our annual Mother's Day stall. It was a terrific success with over $2000 raised! The Learning Centre looked wonderful and the children had a great time picking out something special for their loved ones. Money raised from events like the Mother’s Day stall works its way straight back to the school to aid with reading recovery, technology and generally making the school a more productive and exciting learning facility. Thank you to all who helped on the day a big thank you to Cherie Millar and Edwina Woellner who organised it all (huge amounts of work) and a very special thanks to all who supported the day by allowing their child to purchase a gift.

Enjoy the rest of the week. Have a lovely Mother’s Day.

Kenthurst P&C
Bushfire: Insurance never covers it … but preparation usually does.

Firewise property preparation that minimises the risk of loss or damage in the first place is the best way to complement fire insurance cover and keep it affordable.

Kenthurst RFS Brigade will be running courses in May, the courses will teach participants how to effectively reduce their bushfire risk, especially from ember attack. The course also covers strategies for minimising risk to pets and stock, along with home safety and children’s fire-safe education with lots of fun, practical ideas.

There are three options, each pitched at the preferences of a particular audience on the basis of research findings from previous attendees:

**Saturday May 3rd**, 1pm to 6pm, a comparatively “technical” course that often appeals to men and so is followed by a “beer-and-bangers-BBQ”

**Tuesday May 13th**, 9am to 3pm, an option specially designed for mothers of school age children with a catered “country farm house picnic” lunch

**Sunday May 18th**, 1pm to 6pm, which might suit rural ladies who may be home alone through the week followed by a “champagne soiree” networking opportunity.

Experience has proven that the social networking elements of each course option are often the most valued component of our programme because they allow neighbours to establish co-operative arrangements to support one another in both preparatory projects and in dealing with fire attack. Having a resilient community where residents look out for each other is what make Kenthurst a very special place to live.

**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

Ring Bill or Patricia Duncan NOW to secure your place – Call 9654 0525
Interrelate Bella Vista
Term 2 Events & Programs

Making Stepfamilies Work – 3 hour seminar (for couples)
$50 / $30 concession (per couple) – 3 June 6 – 9pm
A 3 hour seminar that will assist couples in the process of forming a stepfamily or those already living in a stepfamily to:
• Encourage an awareness of the need to forge new ways of being in a stepfamily
• Develop strategies for coping with difficult stepfamily dynamics and relationships
• Accept each individual’s current and prior situation no matter how complex or difficult these are

Being A Mum
$25 / $15 concession – 26 June 10am – 1pm
A 3 hour seminar that will assist mothers to:
• Understand themselves as a Mum
• Really connect with their children
• Understand children at different ages
• Learn positive ways to discipline children and communicate more effectively

The Challenge of Disciplining your Child
$25 / $15 concession – 24 June 6 – 9pm
A 3 hour seminar that will assist parents of children aged 2 – 12 years old to:
• Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
• Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
• Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Ideas for Parenting Teens
$25 / $15 concession – 17 June 6 – 9 pm
A 3 hour seminar that will assist parents to:
• Understand what is normal adolescent behaviour
• Reduce the anxiety inherent in raising teenage children
• Develop skills to communicate and negotiate with teenagers

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