Good afternoon family and friends,

As you are aware, sadly this week The Galston High School Library was destroyed by fire. So many precious items lost. As part of the Galston Community of Schools, our thoughts are with the Principal, Librarian, staff, students and parents of GHS as they start to rebuild and replace. Throughout this year, we will have fund raising to assist and if you would like to help, there is further information in this newsletter.

With such glorious weather, smiles abound here at Kenthurst. The children are thriving on their learning with some exciting things happening this term.

Our new Assistant Principal, Miss Amy Dennis will be visiting our school on Monday 26 May, to meet her new class. She will commence her position the following Monday, 2 June. We will organise a Coffee and Cake afternoon tea as soon as possible for parents and friends to welcome her. Miss Dennis brings a wealth of experience, energy and enthusiasm that will enhance and enrich Kenthurst Public School.

Our incursion on Monday for Stage 1 “Movie Bugs” will be an ‘In the Field’ experience. This is an extension to an earlier incursion, where the children thrived with the hands on lessons. I-pads will be used and lots of inquisitive questions, as our children continue to learn about sustainability.

Our senior choir attended the PULSE rehearsal on Wednesday with Mrs Choon and Mrs Collins at Jamistontown PS. Our students were exemplary with their behaviour and commitment and looked resplendent in their school uniforms. That’s the Kenthurst way! Today, at Assembly we heard our first performance of one of the new songs by our amazing choir. The harmony was so professional.

Our debating teams are working diligently for their first encounter and Mrs Burns is thrilled with the commitment of our students.

Drama lessons have begun with Miss Armstrong and I was most impressed with the enthusiasm and natural talent our children have. We hope to have a performance in the near future.

P&C Meeting – Wednesday 4th June 2014
Interviews will be held next month, we will be using the online booking system again this year, information on how to book will go home in the next couple of weeks. So please book a convenient time to visit your class teacher and learn about the exciting changes in curriculum. School reports for Semester 1 will be given to parents after the interviews.

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd
Principal

Updates to our school website:

- Link to Ridges PSSA website – on our front page
- Link for “Notes Home” this will contain files of recent notes sent home should you lose the original copy
- Term 2 calendar – updated
- Gold Pin Awards – updated
- Grandparents’ day gallery
- Cross Country (182 Photos!)
# DIARY DATES

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P&C Meeting – Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} June 2014
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

The following is a list of the students that have completed the challenge. Thank you to those K-2 parents who have handed in their PRC Student Reading record. All other K-2 parents that have not sent in their child's reading record could do so now as I will update this with titles of books read to the children at school. 3-6 students have their own record sheet at school.

KA  Hayley, Braidy, Amy
KC  Isla, Jasmine, Marlee, Beau, Sienna
S1S  Laura, Annalise, Jessica, John, Jessica, Jacob
S1E  Riley, Bethany, Morgan, David, Axel
S1T  Riley, Jake, Piper, Callum, Harrison
S2A  Brooke, Isaac, Ben, Yen, Eloise,
S2P  Erin, Grace, Aria, Oliver, Alyssa, Jade, Lauren, Danielle, Isaac, Harry, Anna, Olivia, Oliver, Emma, Will, Sidney, Scarlette
S3B  Isabelle, Gemma, Steven, Douglas, Mitchell, Mei Lin, Tyron
S3N  Vanessa, Owen, Wyatt, Christina, Chloe, Brooke, Holly, Lillian, Madison, Hayley

Well done to all those children!
Happy Reading

Kerry Parnaby
Yesterday twelve of our students travelled with Mrs Collins and Mrs Choon to Jamisontown Public School for the first PULSE rehearsal. They joined other children from over 50 schools, across the Sydney region to be part of a mass choir. They experienced the professionalism of a choral conductor to further extend and enhance their singing skills.

It was also very exciting to hear that Ella was selected in front of a panel to be a finalist for a solo part in the production. Well done Ella!

All 12 students are to be commended for their exemplary behaviour throughout the rehearsal. Well done to our PULSE students!

S3N
Ella
Wilma
Charlotte
Brooke
Anastasia
Layla

S3B
Gemma
Douglas
Mia H
Steven
Mia B
Isabelle
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PULSE 2014
New App - Kindergarten

We are very lucky to have a talented app designer as part of our school community. Maximillian’s mum (KA) develops educational apps and has kindly offered her time and creativity to develop a fun and interactive app for our Kindergarten to use for their sight words, the starfish says the word and the children then have to drag the bubble with the correct word into the starfish – it is great fun. It is currently installed on all of the kindergarten iPads and used regularly in literacy groups.
GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY RE-BUILDING FUND

On behalf of Galston High School, the Dural Chamber of Commerce has set up The Galston High School Library Re-Building Fund.

This account has been setup to receive donations from Businesses and the Community for the purposes of assisting in the rebuilding of The Galston High School library, which was lost to a fire on Monday 19th of May 2014. To contribute to this most important project please direct deposit your contributions to:

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We appreciate all contributions, as they allow Galston High School to take full advantage of this important time with a view to the school getting back to normality as soon as possible.
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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 – 9pm
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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