Good afternoon parents and friends,

This glorious weather continues as our children are busily working and learning. We have welcomed our new Assistant Principal, Miss Dennis who has been busily getting to know everyone and thoroughly enjoying teaching her class.

The Year 6 Fete will be held on the last day of school, Friday 27 June so keep the day free and come enjoy fun activities, things to buy and delicious food. Please start sending in any items for our White Elephant Stall for the Fete. No electrical items, but preloved soft toys, books, games, kitchen-ware, pottery, plants would be greatly appreciated.

We had a fantastic Stage 1 incursion where the students made videos of their bugs and then these were loaded onto YouTube. Thank you Mrs McHugh, our Science teacher for organizing this extraordinary event!

For your convenience the School Interviews can be scheduled online. Please take the time to come and speak with your child’s teacher about their progress and to see the assessment and data to support their learning this semester. School reports are being finalized now and will be issued to students on Thursday 26 June.

Renowned author and artist Miss Antonija came to visit our school this week. Residing now in Singapore, Miss Antonija has her own workshops and school of art for primary students. Miss Antonija is also the god-mother of two of our students Sidney and Rubie. Her amazing talent enabled our children to appreciate, that with practice, anyone can draw. She connected the drawings to stories and characters that enabled the children to write some fabulous story starters. Her website is www.antonijagros.com

P&C Meeting – TBC
School Pick Up
Outside of our school is extremely busy in the afternoons, with many buses, other students and cars/vehicles making it a hectic time. There have been many incidents in other school zones lately, where students have been injured or severely hurt during pick up times. May I ask you to please park in a safe, time allocated zone.

I have contacted the RTA regarding the need for our students to have a safe crossing across Dural Street. Data has been collected to determine traffic flow and the results will be sent to us shortly. I have contacted our local member Mr Ray Williams and he is trying to get answers for us as well. The Hills Council are also aware of our concerns and have noted this. Concerned parents have contacted the local newspapers and as this has been an ongoing issue for many years we sincerely hope it will be resolved soon.

*We will continue to pursue this as a matter of urgency.*

Tree procedures.
The process for the removal of trees from our school has begun. The arborist has submitted their quote that has been forwarded to the Education Department. Approval from The Hills Council will be required before any tree is felled or branches removed. All submissions must be forwarded before the end of this term.

Stage 3 participated in an Orienteering activity at Fred Caterson Reserve, where their thinking and problem solving skills were put to the test. Well done to all of our students who conquered some challenging aspects of orienteering.

Currently I am attending the annual Primary Principal’s Conference to listen to some outstanding speakers, politicians and to familiarize myself with current policies and future directions in Education. It is an exciting time to be an educator, as we truly embrace 21st Century Learning at Kenthurst Public School.

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Yours, in quality education.

*Caron Dodd*
Principal
THANK YOU!

I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to the whole learning community for your extremely warm welcome to Kenthurst Public School. The students have been very friendly and helpful in the playground and classroom, helping me to settle in and feel at home. Similarly I have experienced an amazing number of smiles, waves and welcomes from parents and grandparents. It is already obvious to me that you have such a fantastic school community to be part of. I hope to meet more of you over the coming weeks and at the next P&C meeting.

I am keenly looking forward to working with all of the students, staff, parents and wider school community during 2014 and far beyond.

Miss Amy Dennis
Assistant Principal
DIARY DATES

Week 7 - Term 2

9 June, Monday  -  Public Holiday
10 June, Tuesday -  Lunch – Junior Dance
11 June, Wednesday -  PSSA Training – Morning
                   -  Sportspro 3-6
                   -  Lunch – Drama
12 June, Thursday -  Band
                   -  Scripture
13 June, Friday  -  PSSA
                   -  Sportspro K - 2

Week 8 – Term 2

16 June, Monday  -  8am Choir
                   -  ICAS - Writing
                   -  GHS Band Workshop
                   -  Lunch – Senior Dance
17 June, Tuesday -  Interrelate Stage 3
                   -  Lunch – Junior Dance
18 June, Wednesday -  PSSA Training – Morning
                   -  Sportspro 3-6
                   -  Lunch –Drama
19 June, Thursday -  Band
                   -  Scripture
20 June, Friday  -  PSSA
                   -  Sportspro K-2

P&C Meeting – TBC
Bus Travel
Due to the reorganisation of many school services, the bus company is asking for all students to signal the drivers as this will assist the driver in identifying where students need to get on and off the bus.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal 2014
Clothing bags have been sent home this week. Please support Stewart House by donating any good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets your help is greatly appreciated. Please return bags to school before Friday 13th June.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Damon on being selected as a member of the 2014 Trampoline State Team. Damon travelled to Melbourne last week to be part of the team. Being selected on to the NSW State Team is a tremendous achievement that has required many months of vigorous training and preparation. The National Championships present the highest level of Australian competition.
Sports Report

The weather was perfect and the runners were excited and enthusiastic. This is how the Zone Cross Country at Patterson Reserve Quakers Hill started and finished. Once again I cannot express how wonderful the Kenthurst students were. Their behaviour was exemplary and they all showed the Kenthurst spirit by having a go and doing their personal best.

We managed some excellent results with Douglas placing 3rd and representing Ridges in the upcoming Area. Also a magnificent run by Chloe put her just outside the placings but on the reserve list for Area. Congratulations to you both.

Some other great results were Jack 12th, Tessa 13th, Lauren 16th, Holly and Lachlan 18th. No matter where they came they all did the Kenthurst name proud. Well done!

A warm and fuzzy moment- Kenthurst students assisted each other to clean up the area and pull down our shelter. As we were about to leave we noticed the school next door had left a mess. Without being asked a few exemplary Kenthurst students started cleaning up their mess. With some encouragement all the students pitched in to help. This saves Ridges PSSA being fined for leaving litter behind for the council workers. Thank you.

I’d also like to give a special shout out to Mr Norton and Mrs Gosling for their assistance on the day. Also thank you to Mrs McCusker for all the photos.
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 you 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  -   Ivy, Alana, Marlie
KC  -   Max, Tobias, Max P, Hailey, Gabrielle, Cooper, Lisa
S1S  -  Michelle, Hayden, Isabella, Abbey, Brayden, Rohan, Imogen, Kate, Jacob (3-4), Joshua C (3-4), Cooper(3-4), Zayne, Jack
S1E  -  Jack (3-4), Tiana, Mia, Skyla, Ava, Isabelle, Lukas, Joshua, Vinnie, Dean, Sasha(3-4), Austin (3-4)
S1T  -  Matilda, Alex, Lennie, Phoenix, Charlotte, Soraya, Cooper, Eden, Alila, Siena, Lachlan, Riley, Bree (3-4)
S2A  -  Cole, Todd, Alex, Steven, Damon
S2P  -  Bryce, Pierce, Jack T, Tyra, Talia, Sophie, Tessa
S3B  -  Mia, Jordan, Laura, Ruby, Samantha, Zac, Caitlin
S3N  -  Layla, Wilma, Anastasia, Ella, Sophia

Well done to all those children!

Happy Reading

Kerry Parnaby
Dear Band and Choir Parents and Carers,

Invitation to GHS Band Workshop Day and GHS Choir Workshop Day

Galton High School invites students from the Galston Community of Schools Band and Choir programs to attend our Band Workshop Day and Choir Workshop Day. These will be enjoyable days of small group tutorial learning and large ensemble music making.

Where: Galston High School (403 Galston Rd, Galston)
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm (meet at the Galston High School Hall)
Concert 2:00 – 2:30pm for Parents, Carers and Community members
Cost: $12.00 per student for one workshop or $20.00 per student for both the band and choir workshops (payable at your school office)

Band Workshop
Date: Monday 16 June (Term 2, Week 8)
Bring: Instrument, music stand, reed, lunch and a water bottle

Choir Workshop
Date: Monday 23 June (Term 2, Week 9)
Bring: Singing voice, reed, lunch and a water bottle

Students will meet in the school hall at Galston High School at 9.30am and start work on large ensemble pieces. There will be Galston High School students to assist in directing you there. After recess there will be small group tutorials. Students will join together again in the large ensemble after lunch in preparation for the concert. The GHS Cantata will also be open to visiting students. Students are responsible for their own transport to and from the venue and are required to wear full school uniform. Music for performance and practice on the day will be provided.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms Jillian Toufas
Principal
Ms Katrina Andrus
Music Faculty
Mrs Janet Fuller
Music Faculty

× Please detach and return this slip with your payment to your school office no later than 12/0/14

Name: ________________________________ Instrument: ___________________ Year: __________

Tick for attendance: □ Band workshop □ Choir workshop

Payment: □ Band & Choir workshop $20.00 □ Band or Choir workshop $12.00
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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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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6:45pm – 8pm Wednesday 18th June 2014
William Clarke College, 1 Morris Grove, Kellyville

RSVP to natalsie.pacik@2realise.org.au or 02 9639 0253

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