Good afternoon parents and friends,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a warm welcome to all of our new families who are enjoying the opportunities of being at ‘The School of Choice’ Kenthurst.

Our staff attended a Staff Development Day here on Monday, which was purposeful and informative. These days allow us to access and complete department online courses and ensure your children are receiving the best quality teaching by highly accomplished staff. Then on Saturday the dedicated staff came back to school to complete further training on implementing the new curriculum and applying this knowledge. I am so impressed with the dedication, energy and enthusiasm of our team ~ they really are quality educators who are passionate about their profession.

**Congratulations to Ben and Jasper**

Both boys have received outstanding results in the recent ICAS University competitions. Ben received a Distinction in Computers and was in the top 4% and Jasper received a distinction in Science being in the top 2% Australia wide.

Well done boys.

**Congratulations to our Debating team** who won again at North Richmond today! Coached and mentored by Mrs Burns our G&T teacher; Mia, Brooke, Charlotte & Isabelle have thrived on the challenges of debating and become the epitome of 21st Century learners.

Miss Dennis, who drove our students, commented on their commitment, team work and exemplary manners throughout the day. We are so proud of you ladies.

That’s the Kenthurst way!

**Thank you to Mrs Tani** who sang so magnificently today at our school assembly. The students were enthralled with her beautiful voice as they come to appreciate Opera. This is such a special experience. The Sydney Opera Company will be performing later this term as unfortunately they had to postpone their performance this week, due to illness.
Kindergarten enrolments for 2015
Our Kenthurst Kindergarten transition program has begun with enthusiastic visits from the local pre-schools. If you have friends, neighbours or siblings who are ready to come to Kindergarten, now is the time to enroll and to enjoy the Teddy Bear’s picnic, Pirate and Princesses day and meeting your new friends.

If you would like to come and visit our school to see our fabulous facilities please ring on 9654 1173 and come to the office for enrolment forms and our welcome package.

Social Media
Our technological world is moving at a rapid speed with huge impacts on our culture and society. There are concerns that students are not aware of the possible negative uses of social media and parent involvement.
It has come to my attention that some of our students are using Facebook inappropriately. Students should be 13 years or older before they are permitted to open an account.

I would like to invite our parents and interested citizens, to a Cyber Space Bullying information session with Senior Constable Rob Patterson.
To be held next Thursday 2.00pm in The Hall, it is imperative that students and parents receive all of the necessary information and ramifications. This session is directed towards Stage 3 students but parents are encouraged to attend as well.

This term is an exciting term too! The Athletics Carnival, Hawkesbury Eisteddfod, PULSE concert at the Sydney Opera House, Zoo excursion for ES1 & S1, Gymnastics and Book Week to name just a few.
Looking forward to

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd
Principal
## DIARY DATES

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Our School Website
Just a reminder that all notes that go home with permission slips are available on our website at www.kenthurst-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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.
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

The following is a list of the students that have completed the challenge. Well Done.

KA - All Complete!
KC - All Complete!
S1S - All Complete!
S1E - All Complete!
S1T - All Complete!
S2A - Shelby, Ryan, Rubie, Jasper, Chloe, Charlotte, Lachlan, Andrew, Ruby, Shaylise, Thomas, Mia, Claire, Ashton, Asher, Levi, Jimmy
S2P - Roman, Michael, Jake, Angelina
S3D - Isabella W. All Complete!
S3N - Charlotte, Zachara. All Complete!

Well done to all those children!
Happy Reading

Kerry Parnaby

~ Save the Date ~

Who? Year 5 and 6 students
What? Year 6 Farewell
When? Friday December 12, 2014
Where? The Mean Fiddler, Rouse Hill
Time: 6pm – 9pm
ICAS – International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Science: 1 Distinction, 6 Credit, 2 Merit and 2 Participation

Computer Skills: 1 Distinction, 1 Credit, 2 Merit and 7 Participation

Congratulations

Jasper – Distinction in Science
Ben – Distinction in Computer Skills
On 6th July, in the school holidays, Jack represented Cherrybrook Little Athletics Under 9 Boys in State Cross Country and Road Walks 2014 held in Dapto. This was a very large event with 66 clubs across NSW being represented.

This was held as both an individual and team event. A “team” comprised of the top 3 place getters for each club, within each age race. Jack placed in the top 3 runners for Cherrybrook Under 9 Boys, with the team’s overall result being 1st place and winning the Gold Medal! Congratulations Jack.
Year 6 Fete

Our 2014 Year 6 fete was a great success. The weather was wonderful and it was fabulous to see so many students, parents, grandparents and community members supporting us.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following businesses for their generous donations.

- Caltex-Kenthurst
- Reading Cinemas-Rouse Hill
- Hargraves Nursery
- Rebel-Castle Hill
- Target- Castle Hill
- Sydney’s Plant Market
- Feed and Feast Café Kenthurst
- Kmart- Castle Hill
- Castle Hill RSL
- LM’s Hair Studio
- Kenthurst Gourmet Butcher

We would also like to thank the Chiha Family for donating all the plants and the Deguara Family for donating their fairy floss machine.

We raised an amazing $3157!! This money will be used to pay for the Year 6 Farewell, a donation to Stewart House and the purchase of a new BBQ for the school.

Elora and Holly
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rides - giant raffle - ponies - kid's craft - café
hot food - plants - cupcake decorating - BBQ
face painting - cakes - silent auction
entertainment - fairy floss - showbags
white elephant & more!

Sunday
3 August
10am - 3pm
Rotary Park
Nelson St
Kenthurst
CYBER-BULLYING ASSISTANCE

How do I know if my child is cyber bullied?

- Overly secretive when online
- Change in friendship circles
- Change in mood/ depressed
- Not wanting to attend school
- Anxious when texts/ emails arrive
- Online constantly
- Feeling unusually unwell and often

What can I do if my child is cyber bullied?

- Block the bully and delete from contacts.
- Never respond- ignore!
- Maintain a dialogue and open communication
- Get off social media or have time restrictions
- Have clear computer boundaries - time for socialising/ homework
- Report to the website/ application/ network itself
- Delete account/ change phone number if required and start again
- Tell your child they have done the right thing by reporting
- Report to school if school related
- Report to police if intimidation/ threats or harassment are present
- Keep electronic communication out of bedrooms
- Install a filter on computer
- Keep the evidence in a folder on computer if required for police/ school investigation (if an offence has occurred)
- Set privacy settings up correctly

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WHERE TO SEEK HELP

http://www.dbcde.gov.au

facebook.com/help/safety

kidshelp.com.au/cyberspace

thinkuknow.org.au

schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au (technology)

staysmartonline.gov.au

cyberpatrol.com

webroot.com

mymobilewatchdog.com.au

nortononlinefamily.com

bullyingnoway.gov.au

cybersmart.gov.au

cybersafetysolutions.com.au

netalert.gov.au

facecrooks.com

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What is Kik Messenger?
Kik Messenger (Kik) is a free smartphone messenger application that allows users to send texts, pictures, videos and sketches. Kik uses a wireless connection or mobile data to send and receive messages.

What is the age classification for Kik?
The age classification for the messenger function is 13 years old. Kik also have a feature called ‘Kik cards’ which allows users to find images, videos and play games. This feature is restricted to users 17 years and older due to the inappropriate nature of some of the content available. It is important to know that these classification are set by the apps creator and are not overseen by an independent body.

What are the potential problems with Kik?
Kik is a popular application amongst young people of all ages. Issues arise when this app is used to transmit messages that are menacing, harassing or offensive. In some cases this can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation. Ethically, young people need to be aware that the messages they send can have a significant impact on other people.

As Kik also has the capability for users to share images, it is important that your child is aware of the legal and ethical ramifications of sharing sexualised, provocative and nude images.

It is extremely important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about their safe and responsible usage of Kik.

How can I limit who can contact my child on Kik?
Kik has a setting that allows users to ignore new people who may communicate with them. It’s a good idea for your child to enable this feature before they start using Kik to prevent people they don’t know from communicating with them.

To enable this feature select Settings > Notifications and turn on Ignore New People to ON. This will hide any messages sent to your child from people who aren’t on their contact list.

How can I block someone on my child’s Kik account?
It is really important that children know how to block and report on every social networking site or app that they might use. To block a user in Kik select Settings > Privacy > Block List, click the + to select the username of the person you want to block and select Yes or Block to confirm. This will make sure that all messages from this user will be hidden.

Note: A user will not be notified when they have been blocked.

How can my child delete a user on Kik?
We recommend that you monitor your child’s use of Kik and be aware of who they are communicating with. This might mean going through your child’s contact list together to identify who they are talking to. It is important to ensure that their contacts are people whom your child has met in real life, trust, and want to communicate with on a regular basis. Consider deleting contacts that do not fall into the above categories.


How do I delete my child’s Kik account?
If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Kik and your family’s rules around technology, you may think it’s appropriate to delete the Kik account.

To delete a Kik account you require your child’s username and password. To delete the account select Settings > Your Account > Reset Kik Messenger. You then need to delete the Kik application from your child’s device. Ask a friend with Kik to send a message to your child’s old account and within a few days your child will receive an email (sent to the email address used to sign up for the account) from Kik saying you have unread messages. At the bottom of this email will be a deactivation link – click on this and within a few days your account will be deleted.

Note: If your child logs into their Kik account before you have clicked on the deactivation link the request will be canceled and the account will remain active. It is important that you and your child agree to delete the account and understand the reasons behind that decision.

Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child’s usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au
What is Instagram?
Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to like and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?
Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

How are young people using Instagram?
Instagram is being used by young people to share photos, occasions and situations with their friends. The ability to like and comment on photos provides a useful communication function for young people as they explore and express their personality.

Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?
Any application, when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware of the dangers of communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

What are the privacy settings on Instagram?
Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the Profile option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the Edit Your Profile section scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure Photos Are Private is in the On position and select Save.

What could be revealed through an image?
A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain geolocation information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address.

How can my child limit geolocation information?
It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child utilises. For iOS devices this can be disabled by accessing Settings > Privacy > Location Services and disabling for Camera. On Android devices users need to open the Camera app, access settings and disable GPS tagging. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, please access the online user guide for the model of device.

It is also useful to discourage children and young people from using the Photo Map function on Instagram. This capability plots users' photos on an interactive map and could reveal sensitive location information.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?
It is important that young people only allow people they know and trust to access their photos and learn how to block and report inappropriate users. You can block users via the Instagram app on your mobile device. Open the profile page of the offensive user and select the Further Options icon on the upper-right-hand side of the screen. Select the Block User option and when prompted by the dialog box, select Yes, I'm sure.

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation that carry serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on others as well as their own reputation.

How can I delete my child's account?
If after taking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Instagram account.
To delete an Instagram account log into the account at instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select Edit Profile, click I'd like to delete my account in the bottom right.
Note: Accounts can not be reactivated and photos may be lost.
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