Good afternoon Parents and Friends,

Welcome to our new families who have enrolled in the past couple of weeks. There are so many exciting things planned for this semester too, it will be busy but that’s the Kenthurst way!

Our Kindergarten 2015 transition has begun with visits from our pre-schoolers. The Teddy Bears Picnic was a fabulous morning with activities, songs and a delicious morning tea in the playground. A couple of our new parents have emailed me to say that their children won’t take off their new uniforms! Enrolments are filling fast as we have 32 students for Kindergarten 2015 already! If you have friends, neighbours or siblings who have children coming to school next year please contact the school for enrolment forms and our program details so that your child can participate. The next exciting transition session is the Pirates and Princess Day! See you there 😊

Wonderful writing by David
One of our targets this year at Kenthurst is to improve writing, with a particular focus on engaging boys. A Year 1 student has written this exciting story about Pirates.

*Every time I eat alphabet soup I see strange messages appear in the bowl. The first message said ‘get a glass of water,’ so I did. The second message said’ put in five mandarins and stir it, so I did.*

A boat appeared! I opened the door and here was water everywhere! I pushed the boat in the water and hopped on the boat. I launched the boat. There was a steering wheel. I turned the steering wheel and I went out to the sea. I found a bottle in the water. I picked up the bottle in the water. Inside the bottle was a treasure map!

I decided to sail to the treasure. Suddenly, I found an octopus! It was enormous! I fired the cannons at the octopus and luckily I killed it. Next thing I knew a whale ate me and it ate my ship too! I was in the whale’s tummy! I found other people and pirates. They became my slaves! Now we had 26 people. Every time when the whale opens it’s mouth we tried to get out. Eventually we did but we were drowning!
A bundle of dolphins was passing and saved us! The dolphins took us to an island. Luckily we found a ship! I started to sail away. I got the treasure map out of my pocket. I found the island where the treasure is.
Suddenly I saw another ship and they were after the treasure like us! They had the second treasure map!

We had to fight for the treasure. I fired the cannons and we sank their ship but then they landed on the island. So we went on the island. They had 10 people and 4 of them had pistols and six had a sword. I had a pistol and sword. 10 of us had pistols and 16 of us had swords. We started to charge. In 5 seconds we had won the battle. We shared the treasure and I went home.

Wow! What an achievement from a 7 year old!

Our stage 1 teachers Mrs Eurell and Mrs Tully have been invited to present at the Annual Conference for members of the Primary English Teaching Association Australia PETAA. To be held later this month, the delegates come from NSW and interstate and our Kenthurst teachers have been asked to demonstrate the great teaching of Writing that we do here at ‘The School of Choice’.
Quality teachers engaging students in 21st Century Learning and having fun too!

Just a friendly reminder that students are not to bring lollies or chocolates to school please, due to allergies and choking hazards. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Our students are busily learning their pieces for the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. We have students participating in Verse Speaking, Dance, Choir and Individual performances.

Yours in quality education

_Caron Dodd_

Principal
DIARY DATES

Week 5 - Term 3

12 August, Tuesday - ICAS - Maths
Lunch – Junior Dance

13 August, Wednesday - PSSA Training
Sportspro Stage 2 & 3
Lunch – Drama

14 August, Thursday - PULSE
Band
Scripture

15 August, Friday - PSSA
Sportspro Early Stage 1 & Stage 1

Week 6 – Term 3

19 August, Tuesday - Athletics Carnival

20 August, Wednesday - PSSA Training
Lunch –Drama
Sportspro Stage 2 & 3

21 August, Thursday - Band
Scripture

22 August, Friday - PSSA
Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Choir
Sportspro Early Stage 1 & Stage 1
Term Overviews are now available on our web page. School Years Tab, Term Overviews link on the left.

~ 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

Athletics Carnival Presentation

We will be having an Athletics Carnival Presentation on Friday August 22 in the hall. The presentation of ribbons for the 5, 6 & 7 Year Olds will begin at 2.10pm and the presentation of ribbons and age champions for the Juniors, 11 years and Seniors will begin at 2.30pm.
Kindergarten has been studying the weather. Here they are using view finders to focus on different parts of the weather around us.

Stage 1: no they are not kissing balloons!!.. they are talking onto the balloons and feeling the vibration from their voices. They learnt that vibrations make sound.

Stage 2 are studying heat.

Stage 3 will be doing experiments every week. So far they have investigated a mess scene and also discovered how salt dissolves and its saturation point.

Kirsty McHugh
Computer Coordinator
Sustainable Houses...

Last week Stage 2 had their sustainable houses design and make projects judged by Erin’s dad Nick. Nick is a sustainable designer and engineer and kindly gave up some of his time to judge their designs. Nick gave the classes an insight into his work with sustainable houses and went around chatting to each group about their designs. They thoroughly enjoyed his advice and were very proud to showcase their hard work! A big thank you to Nick Asha for sharing his expertise!
News from S2A

Over the past two weeks, S2A have been working on a photography project, incorporating technology and mathematics to create a "trick of the eye" within a photograph. Students photographed one another in a variety of settings around the school. After their photographs were printed they went back to those same locations to take another, this time studying the parallel lines of the environment around them; trying to match up their photo to the background. The students did a wonderful job of accurately aligning their photos (with lots of shaky hands!). So make sure to look closely!
Congratulations

Damon placed:
4th in Double Mini Trampoline
2nd in Tumbling
2nd in Trampoling

and came 2nd in points over the entire competition which included all Levels in the National Club Championships which were held in Tasmania last week.

Well Done Damon!
Teddy Bear’s Picnic

Kindergarten students shared a wonderful morning with our preschool friends. There were wonderful activities in the Kindergarten rooms including craft, singing and dancing. This was followed by a Teddy Bear Parade and concluded with a yummy picnic. We all had lots of fun. What a 'beary' good time was had by all!

Louise Choon and Alyse Collins
Kindergarten Teachers
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presents
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and the
2014 HSC Showcase
6:00pm-8:30pm
Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th August

- Work from Years 7-11 on display in the Hall
- HSC Drama Performances starting 6:00pm
- HSC Music Performances starting 7:30pm
- HSC Visual Arts and HSC Industrial Technology exhibitions throughout both evenings

Canteen and SRC Sausage Sizzle Available from 6:00pm
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