Good afternoon parents and friends,

The students are working diligently and happily as we near the middle of the term already!

**Variation to routine**
At the end of Term 4 this year our school has been allocated two Staff Development Days. These are student free days, where staffs are provided with current training, updating qualifications in student welfare or information. Our staffs have elected to complete three of these courses in afternoon sessions from 4.00-6.00pm on both the 18th and 25th March 2015. We will be completing courses on CPR, Anaphylaxis training and Child Protection Modules.

**Bus travel**
There have been concerns recently, about some of the buses being late and not picking up our students. Please direct your concerns to the bus company and let me know too, so that I can speak with management.

**Parent Information Evenings**
Next week Stage 1 will hold their Parent Information Evening on Monday 23rd, February beginning at 5.00pm.

Stages 2 & 3 will hold their meeting together on Tuesday 24th February, beginning at 5.00pm.

These meetings will be sharing an overview of the year and in particular explains PBEL and the KLA’s. One of our major focuses will be on WW1 and the spirit of the ANZAC’s. Early next term, we will have parent interviews to share results of assessments that we have administered. Throughout the year, teachers may contact you for an interview if there are noted changes in behaviour, any concerns or to celebrate achievements. Of course, if you wish to speak with your child’s teacher or give updated information please ring the front office to make an appointment.
Opportunities to represent the school in sport
For the first time here at KPS we are able to offer our students the opportunity to represent our school and our area in a variety of sports. Thank you to our Assistant Principal Mrs Murphy, who has organized this wonderful opportunity.

Three of our students have already made representation at a high level. They are:-

**Tennis**  Stephen Mitchell

**Softball**  Owen Buck and Cole Buck

Well done and all the best for the next tryouts. We are immensely proud of you!

**Welcome Barbeque**
As a welcome to our school next Friday 27th February from 6.00-8.00pm is our Welcome Barbeque. A sausage sizzle, drinks and hamburgers will be ready to devour and the P&C have booked a Bubble Blowing entertainer for the children too. Come for a chat and to meet new friends.

**The P&C AGM**
Will be held on Wednesday 4th March to vote for our 2015 P&C Executive Team.

After the elections a meeting will be held to discuss the plans for this year. We are proposing that **Task Forces** be created for projects eg The Kenthurst Art Festival. The Kenthurst High Tea, Mothers Day stall and Father’s Day stall.
The School Magazine

The first edition, back in February 1916, promised boys and girls tales of "birds and beasts and fairies and their wonderful doings." There would be stories from the "mother country" and a guarantee children would learn what "brave men did and wise men thought, thousands of years ago."

Almost a century on and 100 volumes later, the School Magazine has evolved into a glossy magazine with stories, poems and plays about martians, superheroes and different cultures within Australia. Thousands of students from public and private schools across the country devour it each month.

The School Magazine is now the longest continually published children's literary magazine in the world. It is also the oldest magazine in Australia. Most people who attended a NSW school in the past 100 years would have read the School Magazine, published monthly by the state's Department of Education, but its popularity has meant schools in other states now subscribe and 1.5 million copies are printed each year. Here at Kenthurst Public School we use the School Magazine in our Literacy sessions and find it an invaluable tool.

The School Magazine has just produced its 100th edition and is the oldest magazine in Australia and the oldest of its type in the world. Photo: Nick Moir
Remembering Levi
On Tuesday 17th February we remembered and celebrated Levi McCormack’s birthday. His family came to visit and Mrs McCormack had made some delicious cakes. Mrs McCormack (Karina) used the recipe that Levi loved that was the beginning of his journey into the gourmet food world. Year 5 students and parents released green balloons, as we paused to remember a dynamic young man ‘Who Never Gave Up’.

Our children/grandchildren are the most precious gift as together we educate their hearts and minds.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon, either in the playground or at our Information Evenings.

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd
Principal

Easter Egg Raffle
The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be raffling Easter Egg baskets on Grandparents’ Day to help raise money for school resources.

We would like you to send in donations of Easter eggs to make up baskets for prizes.

We usually have about 10 each year.

Tickets for the prizes will be sold at school on Grandparents’ Day

Friday 2 April

SRC Representatives will visit the classrooms each morning to collect any donations.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT, SO PLEASE HELP!
Thank You THE SRC

[Image of Easter eggs]
# DIARY DATES – 2015

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ASSEMBLIES 2015
This year we have decided to add a little entertainment to our fortnightly assemblies. Each class has been rostered on twice in the year to perform an item at the whole school assembly on Thursday afternoons. This may be a song, dance, drama, showcase of work or any other fun idea that the class decides. Kindergarten will all perform together and their first performance was at our assembly today. They were fantastic!! Thank you, Kindergarten. We welcome parents, relatives and friends to attend these assemblies. Please find included in this newsletter an assembly timetable. Teachers will also remind their classes as to which week they are performing.

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SPORTS REPORT

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

I apologise for a mistake I made in the results that were published in the last newsletter. The correct results are as follows:
11 years boys butterfly – 1st Isaac Comito, 2nd Steven Mitchell
11 years boys 200m individual medley – 1st Steven Mitchell, 2nd Isaac Comito.

~ AGE CHAMPIONS ~

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~ HOUSE POINTS RESULTS ~

1st Eora - 170
2nd Worimi - 159
3rd Dharug - 143

RIDGES SPORTS TRIALS

In the past couple of weeks we have had students represent Kenthurst Public School at Ridges Trials for Tennis, Basketball and Softball. Congratulations to Steven from S3M who has been selected to attend the Sydney West Tennis Trials on March 3. Congratulations to Cole (S3V) and Owen (S3M) who were selected in the Ridges Softball team to compete at the Sydney West Softball Carnival. We wish these boys the best of luck at the next level. Ridges have more trials this term including netball, soccer and rugby league. We wish all of our students participating in these trials the best of luck.

PSSA

PSSA is beginning tomorrow. This year for Summer PSSA we have entered two Junior and two Senior teams in the NRL League Tag (formally called OzTag). We wish all our teams the best of luck and we know that they will demonstrate great teamwork and sportsmanship every week. Mr Vella and Miss Puddy will be coaching the teams.

Mrs Murphy
Sports Coordinator
STUDENT LEADERSHIP CAMP
“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way”

On Wednesday the 8th of February we participated in the 2015 leadership camp at Wesley Vision Valley.
We were put into fruit groups. There were twelve fruit groups and 280 student’s altogether. We had rosters that the fruit groups had to follow at breakfast, lunch and dinner.
We learnt some really great things while at camp including, different leadership skills and styles, how to run school events, team building and public speaking.
We learnt how to work in teams to complete tasks such as creating the marble race with only two books, scrap paper, one marble, one medicine cup, some play dough and one match stick. You had to use a lot of team work during this activity. We learnt that team work is fun and exciting it builds your self-confidence and you learn new things from people in your group. They always say the more the merrier!
We also learnt how to run school events such as, fundraisers, talent shows, assemblies, fetes, formals and meetings. The skills we learnt will help us with school and also high school, university and life when we get older. To run these events we need to work cooperatively together, a very important leadership skill to have.
We learnt about different leadership styles and public speaking. The keys to being an excellent public speaker are: when you are on stage, look at the audience so you know they are listening, take a deep breath to get all the nervousness out of your system and then talk to your audience. When you have finished speaking you don’t run off, you wait three seconds for the audience to clap then you can bow if you like.
We all had an amazing time. It was a wonderful experience and we look forward to bringing the skills that we learnt at camp into our leadership role at Kenthurst Public School.

Douglas, Layla, Tyron & Wilma
Stage 1 Excursion to John Benyon Park

Quotes
Morgan “I have been to this park lot’s of times but I haven’t noticed the memorial before.”
Callum “I thought the rock would be much bigger!”

Story writing
David
Wow! I had a fantastic day yesterday. I walked to John Benyon Park and I touched the memorial rock. It said “Lest We Forget” which means we must not forget.

Jake
Yesterday we had a super day. We walked to the John Benyon Park, to see the Anzac memorial. We played a game and we had fun.
Anzac Day Presenters required:

To Commemorate our 100th Anzac Day, we require a volunteer who is active or has previously served in our armed forces to present a poem or memoirs or just be present perhaps in uniform at our school Anzac Service on the 24th of April. If you are able to assist please contact Mrs Eurell through the school office.

Liz Eurell

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**Exciting Gardening News**

For some time now we have been working on getting our vegetable and herb gardens underway at Kenthurst.

We are now at the stage where we need a team of parents and community members to help. If you would be interested in hearing what you can do to be involved then you are invited to a short meeting to be held on Monday the 23rd of February at 9am in the Learning Centre.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Eurell & Ms Puddy.
Birthday Buckets
At Kenthurst Public School we have a small number of children with a potentially life threatening allergic reaction.

Last week, Mrs Eurell addressed the P&C meeting to ask for their support with the introduction of “Birthday Buckets”. Essentially a birthday bucket is ordered and paid for through the canteen, over the counter. A bucket will contain frozen Quelch sticks and there would be one stick for each child in the class. We would like these to replace the birthday cakes that are shared by the birthday child’s classmates.

At the Stage 1, 2 and 3 Parent Information Nights, parents will have an opportunity to indicate their interest in ordering a Birthday Bucket.

At the Kindergarten information Night, parents were informed about the Birthday Buckets. Kindergarten parents can register their interest in ordering these by seeing their child’s respective Kindergarten teacher.

The information that is provided will be passed on to Mrs James and Mrs Nelson who have kindly offered to coordinate this initiative.

How it will work;
• Buckets are ordered through the canteen, over the counter or by phone to Mrs Nelson 0405 145 323
• Mrs Nelson will be able to tell parents exactly what ingredients are in the Quelch sticks.
• Buckets are available Monday to Friday but must be pre ordered.
• One bucket only per class on any one day.
• The cost will be 40c per Quelch stick.
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We would like to say a great big thank you to the team of wonderful parents who gave up their Monday morning to cover our books. The mums who came made short work of a huge task which proved the old saying of “many hands make light work”.

Thank you to Karen Forbes, Kay Murphy, Edwina Woellner, Vanessa Collits, Jillian Cook, Kylie Kassis, Kym Mundy, Jane Peacock, Christie Burgess, Cassie Brockman, Helen So and Peouchiva Kao. Hope we have mentioned everyone.

The students in Kindergarten and Stage 1 are very proud of their lovely new books and are now busy starting to use them.

K-2 teachers
School Banking is coming to Kenthurst PS

Kenthurst PS welcomes the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program for 2015.

School Banking day will be Friday morning’s in the Learning Centre, below are the school banking dates for Term 1:

Friday 13 March 2015
Friday 20 March 2015
Friday 27 March 2015

Many thanks
Christy Burgess, School Banking Co-ordinator
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Wednesday 4th March 2015
9.30am – 12.00 noon

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Limited places still available for 2015
Scholarships available for Year 7 2016

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To book places for Open Day please contact the school on 02 9651 2222

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23rd and 24th Feb

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BENEDICTINE MONASTERY ARCADIA is holding their

50TH ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR

121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia
8th March 2015

- Plants
- Sweets
- BBQ
- Choc. Wheel
- Raffles
- Tours of the Monastery - 11:00am / 12:00pm / 1:00pm / 2:00pm

MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZES

1st: $800 shopping voucher
2nd: $400 weekend away
3rd: $100 dinner for 2

- COUNTRY SETTING • FAMILY DAY
- MASS TO BEGIN 10.00AM
- FETE TO BEGIN 10.30AM

RAIN OR SHINE - TELEPHONE 02 9663 1159
benedictine.org.au/go/countryfair

In aid of the Benedictine Missions
Did you know that when it comes to sun protection, not all hats are equal? We all know hats help protect against skin cancer and eye damage.

But did you know that baseball caps don’t provide much protection? Baseball caps leave cheeks, ears, chin and back of the neck exposed to ultraviolet radiation, and to the real risk of skin cancer in later life.

Choose a sun-safe hat
Sun-safe hats include broad-brimmed, bucket, or legionnaire hats. These hats are inexpensive, and give your kids the best chance of staying protected in our harsh summer sun.

Finally, don’t forget to apply sunscreen in the morning before school! Enjoy summer, and remember to be SunSmart!
The simplest way
...to make a healthy breakfast.

We recommend eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetable every day.

Why? Because fruit and veg are packed full of nutrients and vitamins that give you energy, keep you healthy and help prevent diseases like cancer.

Try to get your family eating fruit and veg with breakfast – it will help all of you have more energy throughout the day.

You might like:
- wholegrain toast with avocado and tomato
- sliced banana on Weetbix
- frozen berries blended with reduced-fat milk and yoghurt for a smoothie.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.