Good afternoon Parents, Grandparents and Friends,

We have an exciting couple of weeks with activities to conclude Term 1 this year. Parent Interviews will be held next week and the teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss the assessments of your child and directions for this year. Thank you for making your appointments so promptly.

**State Election Day** - Voting will be held here next Saturday 28th March from 8.00am to 6.00pm. A breakfast/lunch barbeque and the coffee van will be operating on the day, to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell. Please support this initiative for our students and encourage family members and neighbours too.

**Grandparents Day Thursday 2nd April 2015**, is one of the highlights here at Kenthurst PS ‘The School of Choice’. We are busily rehearsing for our concert and a sumptuous morning tea will be prepared. Classrooms will be open for you to visit from 10.00am then our Concert in the Hall followed by morning tea. The Book Fair will be set up to purchase books etc and Raffle tickets will be sold for the amazing Easter Egg Baskets. These are beautiful creations, designed and made by our Aunty Susie (Sue Parnaby) they truly are a sight to behold! Of course there is an Easter Hat Parade followed by the Chicken Dance 😊 What a fabulous day to conclude Term 1 and begin the Easter vacation.

**Strategic Directions** - This year, our school is initiating Faces on the Data. (Sharratt & Fullan) We will be using the data we collect in diagnostic and formative assessment tasks, to plot our students on both the Literacy and Mathematics Continuum.

In the words of Asa Hillard (2012) “ Human beings are learning machines” and we want to ensure that our students better understand and can take advantage of their unique gifts and talents in ways that will contribute to the knowledge of the community. Exciting times ahead to be a learner at Kenthurst Public School.

Next term, I will be observing and talking with students on Learning Walks and Talks in every classroom. This will enable me to quietly go into the classroom and ask three questions to some students.
What are you learning? / How are you doing? / How do you know?

The purpose is to have conversations with both students and staff about the learning happening in the classrooms and how leaders, teachers and students work together to create clearly, articulated, purposeful learning.

Good to Great to Innovate. That’s the Kenthurst way! Together, with the staff, we are currently working on our School Strategic Directions will be posted on our website early next term. Together with our 5P Planning, this will form the basis of our new financial system that are going to be implemented this year. In the coming months, we will have discussions and explanations at our P&C meetings, so please come along to find out more information.

Technology has given us all so many wonderful opportunities. How fantastic it is to Google and research holiday destinations. To ensure our children are safe and looking at appropriate videos and games, may I encourage parents to monitor the Internet access and know who your children are playing games with. I will be organizing a Parent Forum next term to hear the latest information about Cyber Space and Internet concerns. Constable Rob Patterson will be invited to come and speak with parents regarding this issue. He spoke with the students last year about Facebook and age appropriate games and was informative and current. It is a new world and technology is a fabulous tool if used appropriately. We all need to keep informed and diligent.

Bus Issues - There have been recurring bus issues over the past couple of weeks and I have been in contact with Dural Bus Services management and Mr Ray Williams our State Member of Parliament. Conversations have been productive and changes will ensure an improved bus service.

Parking - Schools are busy places, especially in the afternoons during the pick up time zone. We have limited places to park and safety is of real concern. Alternatively you could park on Kenthurst Road or may I suggest parking near the park in Sandpiper Place and walking up to the school.

Looking forward to seeing you in the playground or the classrooms soon.

Yours, in quality education.

Caron Dodd

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

ATTENTION PARENT HELPERS

Any parents who kindly donate their time to help out here at Kenthurst, need to complete a Working with Children form for volunteers, each year.
# DIARY DATES – 2015

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Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

Thank you to those K-2 parents who have handed in their PRC Student Reading log. All other K-2 parents just send in your child’s reading record log as soon as your child has reached 30 books.

Years 3-6 students have their own record sheet at school.

The following is a list of the students that have completed the challenge for 2015.

Their names are on our Champion Readers Wall

KA Aimee
KC Emily
S1S
S1E Soraya, Morgan
S1T
S2A Pierce, Anna
S2P Erin
S3M Owen B, Jasper
S3V

Well done to all those children!

Happy Reading
Kerry Parnaby
Teacher/Librarian
You're invited to our Scholastic Book Fair

Kings, Queens & Castles
Enter the Kingdom of Books!

Date: 28 March - 2 April
Place: Library
Time: All day
SPORTS NEWS!

Congratulations to Douglas Gosling who has been selected in the Ridges Soccer Team. Douglas will represent Kenthurst and Ridges at the Sydney West Soccer Carnival early in Term 2. Good Luck Douglas!

PSSA Patches

A few students who attended the zone swimming carnival have asked me about getting a PSSA Ridges Representative patch. I would just like to clarify that the PSSA Ridges Representative patches are ONLY for students who are Ridges Representatives. When Kenthurst Public School attend a Ridges sport carnival they are representing their own school. If they are successfully selected to compete at regional level (Sydney West) then they are a representative of the Ridges team and will be given a patch.

I hope this has helped to clarify any confusion about who is eligible to receive the patches.
St Patricks Day Fundraiser
Firstly we just wanted to say thank you for your support with the St Patricks Day jelly cups last Tuesday. It was a great day, the kids were excited, and we were able raise $350 to go towards our fantastic reading recovery program for the School. So thanks again.

Thank you also to the parents and grandparents who came up to help sell jelly cups.

We have some other events coming up, so make sure you put the following dates in your diary:

Saturday 28th March- Election Day
We will be running a coffee and cake stall and we need your help. Last week we sent home some cake boxes and we would really appreciate if you could make something to fill the boxes and return them to the school on Friday 27th.

Also if you are able to help out on the day that would be fantastic!! Even if you can only help out for an hour or so that would be awesome as every little bit counts, just write your name on the roster outside the canteen. The coffee/cake/scones stall starts from 8am and runs till about 3pm.

Thursday 2nd April- Grandparents day
Again we are asking for donations of cakes and slices for our Grandparents day morning tea. The coffee machine will also be running on the day. A letter will be going home soon regarding this. If you can bring along a plate to share on the morning of 2nd April that would be great. We can’t have our Grandparents hungry!

Wednesday 1st April - P&C Meeting
Our last P&C meeting for the term will be held at 7pm in the Learning Centre. It is a great opportunity to see what is happening at the school and meet new people. .So come along.. It would be great to see you!!

Volunteers Needed for Term 2 Canteen – If you can help out please place your name on the roster outside the Canteen.

The P&C committee
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The simplest way

...Six steps to packing a healthy lunch.

Follow these tips to make lunch-packing a cinch!

**Breads/ cereals:** wholemeal or wholegrain bread, wraps and pita. For a treat, pack pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.

**Fruit:** Serve in fun ways; try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly, and cut whole fruit into small pieces.

**Veggies:** Pack carrot or celery sticks with hummus.

**Reduced-fat dairy:** A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.

**Lean protein:** cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein, and a great source of fibre too!

**Water or milk:** Water or reduced-fat milk are the best drink choices for the lunch box.

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.
The simplest way

…to make pineapple sorbet.

On a hot summer’s afternoon, there’s nothing better than some refreshing sorbet. Why not make it yourself? It’s easy, cheap and fun!

**Ingredients**
440g can crushed pineapple in natural juice, frozen

**Method**
Roughly chop frozen fruit and place in the bowl of a food processor. Process until fruit becomes granular. Scrape down sides of bowl with a spatula and process again. Repeat 4-5 times until fruit mixture is a smooth, thick and creamy texture. Spoon into bowls and serve immediately with fresh fruit, if desired.

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OPEN Day @ Learning in the Hills and Family FUN Day

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FREE ENTRY
Thursday 16th April
10am - 1pm
at Learning in the Hills
Welcombe Heights Estate
52 Seven Hills Road
Baulkham Hills

School Holiday Craft Workshops
For children aged 5-12 years
Workshops operate from 10 - 11.30am
on Tuesday, 7th and Tuesday, 14th April
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