Good afternoon Parents, Grandparents and Friends,

**Grandparents Day**
What a fabulous day today was, with our much-loved Grandparents. A lively concert, followed by the Easter Hat Parade and dancing. The chicken dance is a tradition here at Kenthurst and so much fun.

Thank you everyone for coming today and we hope the winners of the Easter Basket Raffle enjoy those delicious chocolate eggs 😊  Pictures below.

**Parent Interviews**
This term has been very busy with parent interviews now completed. If you were unable to meet with your child’s teacher, please ring the office early next term, to organise another time or to make a phone interview.

**Election Day Fundraising**
Thank you again to our fabulous P&C who organised the best cake day stall and our famous coffee machine. The Year 6 Parents sold sausages, eggs and bacon on rolls until they sold out!!! A fantastic effort from all. Election Day is a great opportunity to catch up with people and there were lots of familiar faces and some new ones having a chat and laughs at the café tables.

I believe that’s the joy of living in Kenthurst ~ we are a *community* not just a suburb!

**ANZAC Centenary Program 2015**
Together with Kenthurst Rotary, Kenthurst PS has been successful in receiving the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program, through the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. This program is a key element of the Australian Government’s ANZAC Centenary Program to support projects commemorating the First World War. Kenthurst Public School will be researching the names on the commemorative stone, putting ‘faces’ to the inscriptions. Kenthurst Rotary will be using the money to upgrade and complete the Kenthurst War Memorial. The improvement to the John Benyon Park will be an inspiration to our community and to the men and women who have fought and represented our country so valiantly in war times.
Vegetable Garden Beds
Our vegetable garden beds are making steady progress with watering systems in place. Mrs Eurell will be overseeing this project and welcomes any gardeners or enthusiasts to contact her. We are ready to go!

Cyber Space Bullying
An information afternoon will be organised next term for parents to come and listen to Constable Rob Patterson about cyber space bullying. As the technological age makes sweeping changes, it is vital that adults/parents are aware of what their children are watching or participating in, online. Constable Patterson will bring you current information and laws about the Internet, age appropriate games and consequences. I hope you can come.

Staff Development Day Term 2 Monday 20.4.15
Term 2 begins for students on Tuesday 21st April.
Teachers will be attending Galston Public School for a Teacher Professional session. We will be returning to our school for the afternoon session.

Happy Easter
May I wish you and your families a Happy Easter holiday. Whether you are going away to the beach or the mountains or visiting the Royal Easter Show (me too😊) maybe visiting family or just enjoying this glorious weather, we all need to spend time with our families. The most precious gift and it’s free!

Looking forward to a wonderful Term 2 and the excitement that is Kenthurst Public School ~

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Caron Dodd
Caron Dodd - Principal
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BOOK COVERING – BOOKS MISSING

We would like to thank everyone for their help in covering our Stage 2 & 3 books recently. We will begin using the books in Term 2. Any books that have not yet been returned, can we please have back as soon as possible.

Missing Titles:

Year 4
Thempark Forces
What a waste
Our World, our place

Year 5
Let’s Vote!

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

Week 1 – Term 2

20\(^{th}\) April, Monday - Staff Development Day
21\(^{st}\) April, Tuesday - Students Return
22\(^{nd}\) April, Wednesday - Be Skilled Be Fit – K-6
23\(^{rd}\) April, Thursday - Band / Scripture
24\(^{th}\) April, Friday - Anzac Ceremony

Week 2 – Term 2

27\(^{th}\) April, Monday - 
28\(^{th}\) April, Tuesday - 
29\(^{th}\) April, Wednesday - Be Skilled Be Fit – K-6
30\(^{th}\) April, Thursday - Band /Scripture
1\(^{st}\) May, Friday - Cross Country
CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday, 30th March, 2015, Owen and Cole represented Kenthurst Public School as part of the Ridges Representative Boys Softball Team at an all-day tournament in Penrith. They competed against other teams from across the Sydney West School Sports Association. Their team played with heart and soul showing what amazing skills they have with a bat, ball and glove. They won 4 of their 5 games (convincingly) to come in 3rd place out of 11 teams. Both boys sent balls flying to the outfield and infield, ran with determination, stole bases and slid in as much dirt as possible to have a sensational day. When fielding, they tracked balls with style, threw hard, caught hard, and Cole even managed an unassisted double play to get 2 kids out in one go. All boys in the team showed great pride and respect, not only for each other, their coach and families, but for the game! Way to go boys!

(Owen playing catcher)

(Cole pitching to his brother)
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
KC Harry
S1S Alex, Beau, Kurtis
S1E Sienna B. Bethany
S1T Jasmine, Joshua, Lisa, Tobias
S2A Eloise, Jessica E, Jacob B, Joshua C
S2P- Bree, Ben C, Aria
S3M Tyron, Douglas, Alyssa, Vanessa, Erin, Steven, Mia,
S3V Wyatt, Cole

Happy Reading
Kerry Parnaby
Teacher/Librarian
Science this last month...

*Early Stage 1* are looking at Staying Alive. We have been exploring the need for space and sorting out what we really helps us stay alive when we go camping.

*Stage 1* Now instead of mixing substances we have been separating them.

*Stage 2* are waiting for a sunny day to investigate the length and direction of shadows over the whole day. We have however used PowerPoint to create a stop animation video showing how earth and the moon rotate and spin around the sun.

*Stage 3* are learning about circuits. We have been testing which materials are conductors and which are insulators.
NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

“Nothing significant, enduring or amazing ever began that way”

On Monday March 23 Year 6 students travelled to Sydney to attend The National Young Leaders Day. We listened to some very inspirational speakers, who all talked about the importance of leadership.

First we listened to Mike Martin talk about how science and stories. We learnt that the two go together and how science is proof of the stories. He told us that leadership means influence. He also talked about how our DNA is like the instructions for Lego we use them to build the Lego but then when we are done with them we throw them out.

Our next speaker was NSW premier Mike Baird and he spoke to us about how we can achieve personal greatness by believing in ourselves. He also told us we need courage to be a leader and how leaders look out for other people.

The third speaker was Bindi Irwin. Her father Steve was her inspiration. She is passionate about animal conservation but there is one animal that scares her! It is the bee! Bindi talked to us about the two things that make a leader and they are; passion and giving up your time for others. She also talked about following in others footsteps like she is following in her father’s footsteps.

Our fourth speaker was Rachel Leahcar. She was a contestant on the Voice and is 90 percent blind. She spoke about confidence and how we need to turn our weaknesses into strengths.

Last but not least we had Dylan Parker and James. These two men inspired the movie Paper Planes. They were pretty cool! They brought in a lot of paper planes and at the end of their speech a few lucky students got to go on the stage and throw them. They told us how important it was to follow our dreams.
We all had a really great time and listening to these inspirational speakers was an excellent learning experience. We all talked about it the next day.

Owen & Vanessa
Anzac Day 2015
Centenary of WW1

Invitation to our parents and families to attend our Anzac Day Service
24th of April 2015
12 noon
(As this is a solemn occasion we request that toddlers should not attend)

Service will be conducted by our school leaders
SRC representatives will be laying their class wreath.
Display of WW1 memorabilia

Our students have been involved in a variety of activities this year to broaden their knowledge regarding the contribution made to our country by our fellow Australians who have served.

Recently, four of our SRC attending a launch at the Castle Hill R.S.L. and did a fine job representing Kenthurst. They listened to speeches by the three Hills Anzac Day Youth Ambassadors. Douglas said “One boy made a great presentation as he told us about his great grandfather who fought in the war.” Bree was impressed with the photos that we took. The one below shows the SRC representatives standing at the memorial.
Election Day BBQ, Coffee and Cake Stall
On Saturday 28th March there was a hive of activity up at the school. Whilst everyone else was lining up to vote - parents and kids from the school were selling bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches, ‘the works’ rolls, coffee/tea, and an array of delicious baked goodies.

The day was a huge success and we raised a combined effort of almost $2500!

The money raised from the cake stall and coffee/tea will be going to the P&C to help pay for the reading recovery program. We sold out of most of our cakes by 2pm!

Thank you … Thank you!
A massive thank you to all the parents/grandparents/kids who spent their time baking all of the delicious items we had to sell. I’m sure there were lots of satisfied customers over the weekend! Another huge thank you to Bec, Edwina, Vanessa, Rosalie, Tamela, Sonja, Alison, Selena, Tina, Joy and Karen for all your help on the cake/coffee stall on Saturday. Many hands made the job a lot easier.

The Year 6 BBQ
All the money raised from the BBQ will be going towards the Year 6 farewell. The BBQ was so popular they had run out of bread/rolls by around 2pm also.

Many thanks to the following Year 6 Parents for giving up your time on Saturday – Bec, Nina, Jane, Kirsten, Michelle, Mom, Mary, Tracey, Claire, Jules and Claude. Also thank you to Neil Parnaby, Mrs Murphy and Mr Vella. We had some keen Year 6 Student helpers also – Owen, Wilma, Ruby, Samantha and Gemma.
Thank you to the Kenthurst Public School community for sponsoring me in the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave!
It means a lot to me and to the families who will get the support.
From Mei Lin
Save the Date

Cocktail Opening
Friday 24th July, 7pm

warming up by the fireplace, hanging
with friends, swilling mulled wine and
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