Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Easter Hat Parade
What a wonderful day it was! A very big thank you to all the students for their exemplary behaviour. Thank you also to the teachers and parents for your help and support. Great community days such as this do not happen accidentally. It takes a community that works together to achieve them, and that is exactly what took place.

A very big thank you also to all the parents who purchased a sausage sandwich and a drink from our school! We raised a considerable amount of money which is fantastic. These days are great fundraising days for our school and of course all money collected comes back to help all Kentlyn Public School students. What I loved seeing the most, was that when it came to the serving of the lunch orders, quite a few parents and staff joined in to help to make things run smoothly, considering we finished the parade a little earlier than expected, and we took our lovely P&C by surprise 😊. It was wonderful to see that never-ending Kentlyn community spirit. 😊😊😊

We were also very blessed to have Mr and Mrs Easter Bunny visit our school, and that only means one thing; we are a great school and they both wanted to be there and share the day with us. 😊😊

**** All notes sent home and newsletters are now available on our website ****
Thank you Mrs Grover, Miss Hagedoorn and Mrs McIntosh for such a wonderful day 😊

We also would like to say thank you to our special visitors from the Russian Village who came share the Easter Celebrations with us.

Important Term 1 and Term 2 Dates for your Diary:

**Wednesday 3 April** - P&C Meeting 6:30 pm in the staffroom. All Welcome

**Thursday 4 April** - Wheelchair Sports NSW Roadshow

**Friday 5 April** - PSSA GALA DAY

**Monday 8 April** - ANZAC Day Service 1:00pm in our school hall.

**Tuesday 9 April** - Common Day for Parent Teacher Interviews. Please visit our website under your child's class to find out other available times.

**Friday 12 April** - K-6 Assembly - School Leaders run - Mr Ryan will be visiting us 😊

**Term 2**

**Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April** - Pupil Free Days

**Wednesday 1 May** - school resumes -

**Monday 6 May** - **Wednesday 8 May** - Eggs Incursion

**Thursday 9 May** - School Cross Country

**Tuesday 14 May** - **Thursday 16 May** - NAPLAN testing

**Mr Ryan Visiting our School on Friday 12 April 2013 at 1:00pm**
Mr Ryan will be our very special visitor for our K-6 Assembly.

**Two Staff Development Days Term 2**
Due to the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum which will begin implementation in 2014, public schools have been given an additional designated staff development day at the beginning of Term 2 2013. This means that students will end Term 1 on Friday 12 April and do not return to school until Wednesday 1 May.

On Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April staff will be participating in in-depth training of the new English syllabus documents.
Year 3 & 4 - Wedderburn Overnight Excursion 2013 - Expression of Interest
I am pleased to announce that we now have our 30 expression of interests and this excursion will be going ahead as planned. More details to follow soon.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY
We will be having our ANZAC assembly on Monday 8 April at 1:00pm in our school hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Teacher Interviews
If you have sent in your expression of interest note to meet with your child’s teacher, a confirmation slip will be arriving home, or should have arrived home 😊, confirming the time, date and place. If this has not come home as yet, please ask your child’s teacher to send another one.

Parent/Teacher Interview Possible Checklist
Parents can prepare questions and/or comments about some of the following areas:-

Child’s progress, strengths and weaknesses
- academically, socially, personally

Child’s attitude
- neatness in work
- punctuality

Child’s behaviour
- in class
- in the playground

Child’s relationship with peers
- friendships
- working in a team

How to help at home
- home reading and homework
  - Child’s response to rules and discipline

Examples of questions you might want to ask:
- Is there anything about my child’s needs that I should know?
- Does my child ask questions, participate in class discussions/ class room activities?
- Is my child’s reading progress satisfactory?
- What activities does my child seem to enjoy the most at school?
- Is my child’s numeracy progress satisfactory?
- Does my child easily follow directions?
- What can I do as a parent to help my child’s progress in school this year?
- Does my child easily cooperate and follow the rules and routines during class time?

Remember the interview is only 15 minutes long, however, you can always request another time to meet your child’s teacher later on.

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE STUDENT (AND FEEL GREAT!)

✔ When you agree to do something, do it. If you let people down, they'll stop believing you. When you follow through on your commitments, people take you seriously.

✔ Answer for your own actions. Don’t make excuses or blame others for what you do. When you take responsibility for your actions you are saying “I am the one who’s in charge of my life.”

✔ Take care of your own matters. Don’t rely on adults to remind you when you’re supposed to be somewhere or what you’re supposed to bring. You take the responsibility.

✔ Be trustworthy. If somebody trusts you to borrow or take care of something, take care of it. If somebody tells you something in confidence, keep it to yourself. It’s important for people to know they can count on you.

✔ Always use your head. Think things through and use good judgment. When you use your head you make better choices. That shows your parents they can trust you.

✔ Don’t put things off. When you have a job to do, do it. If it is a note that needs to be signed, ask your parents, follow it up and return it back to school. The sooner you do it, the less things you have to be responsible for 😊

Evacuation and Lockdown Drills
Our school will be practicing our WHS (Work Health and Safety) drills throughout the school terms. These drills are compulsory for all schools and it’s to the benefit of all students and staff.
It is imperative that if you are visiting our school as a parent helper, volunteer, tradesman etc you sign on in the front office and receive your visitor's badge. It is also important to read over our evacuation and lockdown procedures and if further information is required you can take an evacuation and lockdown drills pamphlet with you. All are available near our 'visitor sign on book'.

It is imperative to remember that if we did have to go to lockdown or evacuate our school our first two priorities are

- securing everyone that is on school premises, students, staff and visitors, by ringing the appropriate bell and
- contacting 000.

Once the police/fire brigade etc arrives at the school they take control of the site and remain in control until the 'threat' is over and responsibility is handed back to the principal. Police and/or fire brigade then work with the principal to continue to manage the incident.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tasma-Lea King for making it into the Campbelltown Metro Girls Reps Hockey Team. She is their goal keeper.

NAPLAN 2012 - WRITING

Years 3 and 5 will need to write a persuasive text in this year's NAPLAN Writing Test. Persuasive writing is writing in which the writer needs to convince someone of his or her point of view or opinion. For example, a student may be asked whether reading books or watching TV is better. The student would present his or her opinion on this topic and would include reasons for that opinion. In writing this way, the student is attempting to persuade the reader to agree with his or her opinion. For more information visit www.naplan.edu.au.

Headlice

We have been advised that some students at our school have head lice. Please remember to check your child’s head regularly and if head lice are found you must treat them as soon as possible.

You may find the following website from NSW Department of Health useful: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/index.asp

The smiles you give come back to you!

Androula Kavallaris
Principal

Annual School Report

The school's Annual School Report for 2012 will be available to view on our website beginning next term. If you would prefer a printed copy, please request one at the school office. Many thanks to the committee, including parent representatives who assisted with compiling last year's report.

E IS FOR EXPECTATIONS

Holding high expectations for every child promotes the idea that each child's development has both universal features and features that are unique to each child and their context. Each child's learning trajectory is different and some children will require additional and/or targeted support to reach their potential. High expectations for every child, does not involve having the same expectation of every child. Rather, we need to recognise that each child will experience learning and development differently. High expectations for every child affirms that children have diverse culture, ability, learning styles, personalities and identities and that each child can experience success in their learning and wellbeing.

High expectations enable children to achieve the best possible outcomes in both their academic achievement and their wellbeing. In a study by Schiff & Tatar most children reported that significant teachers - those making a positive difference - expect them to succeed. High expectations from parents, professionals and peers are linked to self-esteem, children's sense of agency.
and academic motivation. These factors in turn lead to educational success.

Yours in Education
Tanya Neal
Assistant Principal

P&C would like to say a great big thank you to everyone for their fantastic efforts last Thursday at the Easter Hat Parade.

Our total profit for the day was over $950, making this one of our more successful one-day fundraising event.
Special mention must go to Erin Howe, Michelle & Denise Corbet, Nathan Dobinson, Angela Redzic & Coral Singleton. Also a big thank you to the staff that helped with serving the lunches, Mrs Lynch, Mrs Thompson & Mrs Grover.

Thank you to the Cosgrove family who not only got our drinks for us at a good price, they also sold the most raffle tickets with 4 books sold. An outstanding effort was made by all students who sold raffle tickets.
Thank you very much.

Congratulations to the raffle winners
Anna Jezierski and Alicia Singleton.

School Canteen Update
The new fridge has been ordered and should arrive this week HOORAY.
At our P&C meeting tomorrow night, we are hoping to form a canteen committee with the aim of getting the canteen up & running for the start of Term 2. If you’re interested in helping out in any way we’d love to hear from you.

Next P&C meeting this Wednesday 3rd April at 6:30pm in staff room.

Catherine Cooke
P&C President

Principal’s Awards
Sophie Moore

Value of the Week Awards
Participation
K-2
Hattan Gardiner KG
3-6
Jayden Stanley 4/5S
Excellence
K-2
Tyler Christie
3-6
Sadie Wyer-Manock
Congratulations!