Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Crucial to achieving excellent social and learning outcomes for the students in any school is the quality of its teachers. We are blessed with a beautiful mix of experienced and younger teachers of considerable expertise who repeatedly give their best to help your children. On Friday we celebrated World Teachers' Day. In today's society, sometimes our teaching profession can be viewed in a less than favourable light. At our school we value the significant work that teachers undertake in creating a positive learning environment for your children.

Congratulations to Stage 3 students and Miss Chisholm for raising a total of $3,651.00 for their Billy G's Cookie Dough Fundraising. From this close to $900 will be donated to our school which of course will go towards the Year 6 farewell as well as purchasing a present for the school. Excellent work 😊

State Reps - Sarah, Jade and Leah

Congratulations to Sarah, Jade and Leah for an exceptional result while representing us at State Level Cricket. Representing our school at any time is a great honour, but doing it at a state level is an honour to be remembered as it becomes part of Kentlyn Public School's history. Well done girls.

‘On Sunday 20 October we went to Shoalhaven Heads, near Nowra, to play cricket. We stayed there for 4 days and played seven games for Sydney South West. We won 5 of them. While we were there with the rest of the team we went on a jet-ski ride, the tube, jumping pillow and we did lots of swimming. We had lots of fun and we were proud to represent our school'.

By Leah, Jade and Sarah

Kindergarten Transition 1

Kinder Transition session 1 for our incoming 2014 children will be held on Thursday 7 November 2013 at 9:30am. While the children participate in a variety of class activities, a parent education session will occur in 3/4N room.

KidsMatter has also produced a “Starting School” set of resources as part of their contribution to Children's Week. This is an excellent resource and you can access the “Starting School” resources at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/startingschool
Travelling to and from school by bus:

It has come to my attention that some students are not acting responsibly while travelling on our school bus. Mrs Grover spoke to all students once again last Friday afternoon. One unsafe behaviour taking place was students continually getting up and swapping seats while the bus was moving. Students were reminded of basic rules they will need to follow to be safe and responsible while travelling on the school bus. The bus driver who made the complaint has also mentioned that any student who continues to act irresponsibly on the school bus will not be allowed to travel to and from school by this means of public transport.

If your child travels to our great school by bus please have a chat to them and reinforce the importance of acting responsibly while on the bus.

Morning Supervision at School

Please remember that morning duty at our school begins at 8:40am. Please make sure you do not drop your child at school before that time unless they are going to Marian's OOSH. Some students are dropped off as early as 8:10am on some days. If you need to go to work early, please register with Marian's OOSH so that your child can access this service when you need them to. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Supporting ALL Students

To ensure the wellbeing of all students please remember to contact your child's class teacher if your child is having difficulty that is causing them concern. This includes managing social interactions between students, both in the playground and / or the classroom.

Departmental and school guidelines highlight that it is not appropriate for parents to confront or discuss concerns with students other than those in their care. Thank you for your support.

Stage 3 Mini Fete

Krylton Public School Stage 3 students will be having a mini fete on the 31st October 2013. Students will be able to wear mufti for a gold coin donation. Mufti must be appropriate and include enclosed shoes, no singlets or inappropriate slogans. School will run as normal up until 1:00pm when students will be allowed to use tickets to participate in the stalls and activities set up around the school grounds. Stalls include:

- Sponge throw - with some teachers and student targets.
- Haunted house
- Lolly guessing competition
- Food Stall - cakes, ice blocks and cans of drink
- Wii room x 2 - Just dance & Mario Kart
- PS2 room - Sing Star
- Balloon Mystery - Pop the balloon and uncover a prize, everyone gets a prize
- Face painting
- Buried treasure - 30 second dig in the sand pit to win up to 3 prizes
- Frisbee golf - full course with a last hole challenge. Go into the running for your own Frisbee.
- Kicking competition - how far can you kick our mystery object??
- Fox hunt - A quick challenge using the big chess board, can you catch the fox?
- Colouring booth
- White elephant
- Computer lab - time to play cool maths games.

Tickets will be 50 cents each with stalls ranging between one and four tickets. The white elephant may have some high priced items depending on what comes in. Not all activities have a cost, and there will be plenty to just watch and enjoy.

Medical Forms

All medical forms must be completed and sent to school. If your child has asthma or needs an EPIPEN, an up-to-date Health Care Plan from the child's doctor is needed, especially if they are going to camp, or an overnight excursion. Please assist the school by completing these forms and sending them back to school. My office personnel are in the process of lodging the information on the computer and must complete the process by the end of this year for the Department of Education.

No Hat - Play in the Shade

A kind reminder to everyone that we will be following and monitoring, more than ever our, "No Hat - Play in the Shade" policy in Term 4. Please ensure that your child has their school hat with them every day.
P&C Disco – Thursday 5 December from 5:00 – 7:30pm
Our great P&C will be organising a school disco on Thursday 5 December 2013 from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. More details to follow in the next few weeks.

Presentation Awards Ceremony -
Our Presentation Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 10 December from 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

Please note that in case of wet weather we will need to move the Awards Ceremony to another day that week.

Selective High Schools application
Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2015 - Online applications open

Application is required by mid November 2013 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2015.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 15 October to 18 November 2013.

Application information is available on the Department’s internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms are available in our school. Paper applications must be submitted to myself or Mr Saunders by 18 November 2013. All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 13 March 2014.

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools. A complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Student Leaders 2014
The following students have been nominated or have nominated themselves as future Student Leaders. Congratulations to the following nominees:
Matthew Cooper
Tamara Woolley
Anthony Robinson
Damien Ross
Travis Reardon
Ben Jackson
Tarra Straney
Jo Corbet
Joel Martin
Maamora Tema S
Sam Maxwell
Riley Arnold
Penny Auger
Erin Dobinson

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, their speeches will be on Wednesday 27 November from 12:30 – 1:30pm in our school hall. The following is the list of what our senior students believe are the qualities that we as a school want in our leaders. A good student leader:

- is responsible, reliable, and respectful
- is helpful, caring, encouraging and a good listener
- is organised and on time
- is fair, honest, humble and uses manners
- is adaptable, shows initiative and can communicate efficiently
- participates and is a good role model of appropriate attitude and appearance.

High school transition day
Last Thursday 6C had the pleasure of visiting Leumeah High School to partake in some classes and exciting opportunities that await them next year. Students were able to meet future teachers, coordinators and older high school students who imparted some words of advice. They discovered the finer details of art, explored the production of a film in an English lesson and combined electronic components in a technology lesson. By far the scariest and most confronting (and exciting!) part of the day was science, where students had the opportunity to dissect a sheep’s heart! The students came away from the day having learnt a great deal!

Miss Chisholm and 6C
**Important Term 4 Dates for your Diary:**

**Thursday 31 October** - Stage 3 Mini-Fete

**Friday 1 November** - KG's Assembly 1:00pm in the hall

**Thursday 7 November** - Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 - 11:10

**Friday 8 November** - GALA Day

**Thursday 14 November** - Kindergarten Orientation - Literacy 9:30 - 10:30

**Friday 15 November** - K-6 Assembly - School Leaders

**Monday 18 November and Tuesday 19 November** - Life Education Van

**Thursday 21 November** - Kindergarten Orientation - Numeracy 9:30 - 10:30

**Wednesday 27 November** - School Leaders speeches and voting 12:30 - 1:30

**Thursday 28 November** - Kindergarten Orientation - final session, 9:30 - 11:10

**Friday 29 November** - K-6 Assembly - School Leaders run

**Thursday 5 December** - Principal’s Morning Tea and P&C Disco 5:00 - 7:30pm

**Tuesday 10 December** - Presentation Evening – 5:30 - 7:00pm

**Thursday 12 December** - Movie and Picnic Day

**Friday 13 December** - Talent Quest

**Tuesday 17 December** - Year 6 Farewell

**Wednesday 18 December** - Last day of school

**Thursday 19 December** - Pupil Free Day

**Friday 20 December** - Pupil Free Day
Planning for 2014
The staff and I have started to plan for 2014. Our anticipated numbers for 2014 at the moment are 125 students. We would love to get to the magical number of 130 students, but as you are all aware we are under very strict guidelines in terms of out of area enrolments. In order to ensure that I am on track with our proposed enrolments I am asking parents who are going on an extended holiday in January and parents who are not returning to Kentlyn Public School to complete the notifications below and return to me as soon as possible please.

NOTIFICATION OF EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION
This is to inform you that my child/children:
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
will not return to school in Term 1 2013 until __________(date) due to an extended holiday.
Signed: _______________ Date: ________
(Parent/Guardian)

Annual School Report Surveys
It is that time of the year again when we start preparing for our Annual School Report.
Attached to this newsletter are two parent surveys. We would greatly appreciate your opinion and value any comments you wish to make.
Please return the surveys by Friday 15 November to Mrs Thompson in the office.

Canteen News:
More volunteers are needed if we are to maintain the current 3 days per week. If you could spare a few hours on either Wednesday, Thursday or Friday please see Catherine Cooke.

P&C Meetings:
P&C Fundraising meeting - 12:30pm in the hall today, Wednesday 30 October 2013.

Next P&C Meeting:
Friday 8 November at 12:30 in the hall.
Principal’s Awards
Jo Corbet 4/5S
Tarra Straney 4/5S
Zac Maxwell 3/4N
Jordyn Taylor-Ingersole 2/3D

Value of the Week Awards
Respect
K-2
Sasha Vongvixay 1M 3-6
Chantelle Borg 4/5S
Care and Compassion
K-2
Georgia Ankers 1M 3-6
Alicia Singleton 6C

Congratulations!
Please respond to each statement below by ticking the box that you feel best relates to the statement.  
Please tick one box only.  Surveys are due in on Friday 15 November 2013.

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Thank you for participating in our survey. Your personal opinion of our school is important to us.
Parent/Caregiver Comprehension Survey

This survey is designed to investigate how you view the teaching and learning of comprehension at our school. The survey is anonymous. For each statement please indicate with a tick (✓) the answer which comes closest to expressing your opinion.

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- The school has kept me well informed about the teaching of comprehension
- I am provided with useful reports about my child’s progress in comprehension
- I am satisfied with the frequency of reporting in comprehension
- Comprehension is an important subject for my child
- My child has developed new skills in comprehension during the year
- I understand how comprehension is taught at school
- I am confident to assist my child with comprehension at home
- The school has plenty of resources to teach comprehension
- My child is given extra support in comprehension when required

Please make any further comments about the teaching and learning of comprehension at this school below. Thank you for your assistance.

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Surveys are due in by Friday 15 November 2013.