Week 8 Term 4

Always Our Best

Rule of the week:

Week 8 Safe: Work Safely, Play Safely

Value of the Week

Week 9 Learner: Learn as much as you can

Democracy

Participation

*****All notes sent home and newsletters are available on our website

http://www.kentlyn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/*****

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Oz Tag Zone competition last week. Mr Saunders came back speaking very highly of your efforts on the day as well as your exemplary behaviour. Well done😊.

While I’m on the topic I would also like to congratulate 2/3D students for their excellent behaviour last Friday when they attended the Campbelltown Bike Track. A very big thank you also to the parents who helped with transporting students. Without this support the excursion would have cost a great deal more than the $7.00 paid. All students received their bike licence, learnt about appropriate road rules and safety while riding their bike and had lots of fun riding around the track. Thank you also to Miss Hackett and Mrs Davenport for organising the excursion and Miss Helliwell for attending with the students on the day 😊.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have our new 2014 kindergarten students visit our school for their transition sessions. Our last transition is tomorrow Thursday 28 November commencing at 9:30 - 10:30. This will involve all the 2014 kindergarten parents staying with their child in the kindergarten classroom and completing a visual arts and craft activity. At approximately 10:30am parents and 2014 kindergarten students will be treated to a scrumptious BBQ.

We currently have 27 students enrolled in Kindergarten for 2013. A very big thank you to Mrs Grover for helping organise this day as well as all the staff for their flexibility and co-operation with various interruptions to their normal programs.

A very big thank you to all Stage 3 students for their wonderful gift to the school. Throughout the year Stage 3 students held a number of fundraising events to collect money for their Year 6 farewell as well as to purchase a gift for the school. That gift is proudly hanging under our dismissal assembly COLA. The two huge noticeboards will come in very handy when displaying important information to the students and our school community. Thank you 😊😊😊

Principal's Morning Tea

Our Principal's Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 5 December at 10:30am in our school hall. Invites have been sent out and we are looking forward to seeing you there.
**McDonalds Fund raiser**

A very big thank you to Mrs Corbet and P&C for organising the McDonalds Fundraiser last night. I heard that it was a great success and a great way for the community to get together and socialise.

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**Parent Helper Morning Tea:** All parents who have helped our great school this year are invited to a morning tea at 11.00am on Wednesday 4 December in the school hall. As a staff, we'd like to say thank you to everyone for the support you've shown over the last twelve months, in so many different ways. So if you can make it, please come along. We’d love to see you there. For catering purposes, please ring the school to RSVP by Monday 2nd December. You are not expected to bring anything but yourself on the day.

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**League Tag.**

On Wednesday the 20th of November two teams from Kentlyn Public school went to Kayess Field at Minto to play the top ranked teams in games of League Tag. Juniors started slow with a loss in the first game, but strengthened from there, winning the next two. Their last game was a tough one, and they ended up losing in a great competition. Seniors started with a win and continued strong till the afternoon. A strong second half saw the game finish in a draw. The seniors had a nervous wait to see if they had made the finals, and after 45 minutes of waiting, were told that they would be playing Warragamba Public School in the grand final. They hit the lead early in the first half and looked set to win, but a surge of points in the second half, the scoreboard had them down with only moments to go. A combination of fancy footwork and flashy ball skills saw Kentlyn slide in for a try to take the game, which was followed by the finishing siren soon after. Congratulations to both teams for representing the school well and showing that we are good both on and off the field.

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**Library**

A library stocktake will be taking place this year as it does every year. The stocktake will begin on Tuesday 3 December 2013. To enable the stocktake to be accurate, all library books now need to be returned. Please check shelves and cupboards at home and return any books with a Kentlyn Public School barcode label on them. Your co-operation in getting books back is greatly appreciated.

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**Your Child’s behaviour - KidsMatter**

KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in primary schools and early childhood education and care services. It’s unique because it brings together all the most important people in a child’s life - especially families!
Research clearly shows that children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges. They are also better learners and have stronger relationships.

Good mental health in childhood lays the foundations for the future, and it is never too early for families to start supporting the mental health of children.

One of many information sheets provided on the website is all about “behaviour”. The way your child behaves can tell you so much about how they are feeling. Behaviour is how children try to cope with difficult situations, and is often a good indicator of their mental health. Children change over time as they grow, and many behaviours are very typical at certain ages. It’s an adult’s job to work out what’s going on. It can help to think of difficult behaviour as the tip of an iceberg - there’s usually an emotional cause hidden underneath.

For more information about this topic please visit http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/resources/about-behaviour

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**Important Term 4 Dates for your Diary:**

**Wednesday 27 November** - School Leaders speeches and voting 12:30 - 1:30 in our school hall.

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

**Friday 29 November** - K-6 Assembly - School Leaders run. At this assembly we will also be thanking Ms Catherine Cooke for being our P&C President for many years 😊

**Wednesday 4 December** - Combined Scripture Service and Parent Helper’s Morning Tea

**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

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**Friday 13 December** - Talent Quest and Reports go home

**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

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**Planning for 2014**

The staff and I have started working on classes for 2014. It is vital that you notify the office if you are not returning next year or going on an extended holiday and returning to school after the allocated day. Please complete the forms at the end of the newsletter and return them to Mrs Thompson as soon as possible. Student numbers affect our teacher allocation and therefore our ability to plan effectively. We need to sustain 130 students until mid February for us to maintain 6 classes for the whole year. This will be the most ideal situation for our great school for next year, and we are now very hopeful that we can do this. However, if we do have 5 classes, please be assured that as usual your child will be catered for and a great deal of time and effort will go into organising the classes to maximise all students learning outcomes.

**P&C Disco - Thursday 5 December from 5:00 - 7:30pm**

Our great P&C have organised a school disco on Thursday 5 December 2013 from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. The cost for the Disco is $6.00 per student which includes a Hot Dog and a Drink. If you require an extra Hot Dog this will cost $2.00.

**Administration - End of Financial Year**

The school’s end of financial year is on Friday, 29 November. Please ensure if you are intending paying any school contributions or excursion fees for 2013 that they are paid before this date.

The school office will be unable to receipt any money on Friday, 29 November or on Monday, 2 December while the end of financial year rollover is underway.
NOTIFICATION OF EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION

This is to inform you that my child/children:

Name: ___________________ Class: ________
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Name: ___________________ Class: ________

will not return to school in Term 1 2013 until __________(date) due to an extended holiday.

Signed: __________________ Date: __________
(Parent/Guardian)

NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN LEAVING THE SCHOOL

This is to inform you that my child/children:

Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________

will be leaving Kentlyn Public School on __________ and will enrol at __________________ Public School.

The last day of attendance will be: __________.

Signed: __________________ Date: __________
(Parent/Guardian)

What do Parents Think?

Children with social and emotional problems are often the topic of parents' conversations, as well as the media. Help us document how today's parents think about children with these problems, their families, and their treatments. We are looking for parents of 4-10 year old children across Australia to complete an anonymous online survey (15 - 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 40 $100 gift certificates to Coles/Myer or Woolworths. To participate go to:
http://tinyurl.com/parentsattitudes

Or for more information please contact Dr Jeneva Ohan at 08 6488 6928

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children's ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten - Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 - 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsvq
Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652

The smiles you give come back to you!

Androula Kavallaris
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

T IS FOR TESTING

We all know that assessment results are important. They are important because they help us to measure the impact of our instruction. To encourage our kids to do their best on an assessment, we can:

- Encourage a positive attitude: It may be tough but you can do it.
- Be sure they eat a good breakfast. Children think better on a full stomach.
- Tell them not to worry if a question seems tricky: Reread it. Answer it the best you can.
- Remind them to go back to make sure they didn't make careless errors.

DEVELOPING TEAM WORK STRATEGIES

All Year 3 and Year 4 students have been working collaboratively to develop team building and leadership skills and strategies.
Last week, teams of students worked together using just spaghetti and marshmallows. Their mission was to build the highest tower possible, using only the resources given.

‘Building the marshmallow tower was fun. All of us did great. We showed great sportsmanship and great team work. My team were working really well and we won the competition. Our tower was 49 cm tall! It was really fun...and we got to eat the marshmallows at the end’. Matthew Ross

‘Building the marshmallow tower was fun. My team ended up losing sadly because it collapsed at the last minute. We would have come third. It was all teamwork. It was really fun. It would be great fun if we could do it again’. Khy Shelton

‘Building the marshmallow tower was fun. We all worked well as a team and played nicely. At the start we were losing, but we had fun. It was a little messy but we cleaned it up. It was really cool to work with each other. I know I had fun’. Zac Maxwell

This week, teams enjoyed working together to develop strategies to keep their balloon off the ground. To add to the excitement, it was an extremely windy day, making the task even more difficult and requiring greater communication and team building.

‘On Monday we competed in a challenge where we all worked in groups. We had to keep the balloon from touching the floor. There were 8 groups of 4. If the balloon touched the ground, your team was out and if it popped you got a new balloon the next round. There were three rounds in the whole game. I had a great time’. Sam Abdulwahab

‘On Monday we were working on team building. We played the balloon challenge. Mrs Neal pumped up the balloons. The rules were it could not touch the ground. We had three games and three winners. There were 8 teams of 4. It was fun’. Marcus Zapirain.

‘On Monday, we were broken into groups and given a balloon. We had to throw the balloon to each other without dropping it. If we did we were out. We had to work together as a team. It was a lot of fun’. Angelina Swift

It has been an extremely pleasing process to watch students work together collaboratively and develop leadership skills this term.

Yours in Education
Tanya Neal
Assistant Principal

Homework and study
Have your say and tell us what you need to effectively help your child with homework and study.
Complete the School A to Z survey:

School holiday camp competition
School holiday camp is great. Free school holiday camp is even better! Enter the competition to win a Kids’ Holiday Camp for your child and a friend. The prize is valid for summer and Easter holiday camps. Enter the competition:

Dinovember
Cute alert! Look at the lengths these parents go to every November to convince their kids their plastic dinosaurs come to life at night and frolic through the house.
See the dinosaurs: http://bit.ly/1e70E5b

The world’s oldest living creature
Care to guess what is …... oops …... WAS … the world’s oldest living creature? Here’s a quick fact to get you guessing first, then impress your kids.
Principal’s Awards
Amabelle Woolley 3/4N
Laura Zapirain 1M
Lauren Dobinson 2/3D
Tamara Woolley 4/5S
Lachlan King 2/3D
David Dimitry 3/4N

Value of the Week Awards
Responsibility
K-2
Georgia Ankers KG
3-6
Khy Shelton 3/4N
Democracy
K-2
Laura Zapirain 1M
3-6
Kaylee Bell 6C

Congratulations!