Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This Friday our K-6 assembly will be very exciting as all the following items will be covered:

- 4/5S will present their item and run the assembly.
- Our School Cross Country ribbons will be handed out.
- The Zone Cross Country ribbons will be handed out.
- The Shield for winning the "Small Schools Cross Country" Award will also be displayed.
- And of course all the usual positive and great things will happen like, merit certificates, value certificates, sports awards, writing awards etc.

Assembly starts at 1:00pm in our school hall and all parents are welcome 😊

Constable Michelle answered a plethora of student questions and concerns, providing all of us with sensible and sound advice. We are very grateful for the Constable’s time and expertise. We are also grateful for the work the Police do on a daily basis to keep our precious community safe.

As I had mentioned in our last newsletter, most students are becoming safe, responsible learners and are following all aspects of our school rules, however, as a school, we still need to work together to make this ALL students.

Unsafe behaviour of any sort is not acceptable in our school community and we work hard to prevent it from happening. When it does occur each situation is different, and a variety of strategies may be needed to resolve an incident. You can be assured that Mrs Neal and I look at each situation individually and work with our discipline policy and DEC Guidelines to ensure that the incident is dealt with fairly and equitably. With serious investigations, you as parents are always contacted and I would like to thank you for supporting the procedures that our school has in place.

Constable Louise Michell was a special guest at our school on Monday. She spoke to our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students about anti-bullying and cyber bullying. Constable Michell reinforced many concepts that have been taught at Kentlyn Public School for many years, but she has also reinforced the concept that:

**IT IS NEVER ACCEPTABLE TO MAKE SOMEONE FEEL BAD SO THAT YOU CAN FEEL BETTER!**

Power Of One - Anti-Bullying Show - Monday 17 June 2013

This is a show which was highly recommended to me by other colleagues and to ensure that we got in, I booked it last year. I once again implore that all
parents ensure that their child attends this school performance. To ensure that took place, as a school we are subsidising the performance and students are only paying $4.00 which is half the cost. More information can be obtained from the note sent out to parents and the note is available on our school website.

With regard to bullying, some suggestions you can do to help and support us if you think that your child is being bullied or bullying is being suspected is as follows:

1. Listen. Don't jump to conclusions.
2. Most cases of bullying can be sorted out quickly if they are reported straight away. Some can be as simple as your child implementing strategies taught this year like walking away, making a joke of the situation and explaining that they don't like or are uncomfortable with that situation and to emphasise to the other student to not do it again. If it does happen again, to report it to the teacher on duty straight away.
3. Support your child emotionally and let them know it is okay to tell you what is going on.
4. Let them know you will support them even if they have done something wrong.
5. Report it to the school.
6. Stay cool and calm and aim to reach a solution the school can implement.
7. Make an appointment with your child's teacher or executive. It takes time for the school to investigate.
8. Listen carefully to the steps that are to be followed by both you and the school.
9. Arrange follow-up meetings.
10. Help your child to stand tall and practise strategies taught such as saying,
    - "No, I don't like it when you ....."  "Please don't say that again".
    - "I know that it's not true, I love reading books and talking about computer games." See you later.

- Walking away from the situation or making a joke to lighten the moment.
- NO GO TELL


School Swimming and Water Safety Program
Bradbury Pool - Monday 12 August until Friday 23 August

Our School will once again this year be participating in the School Swimming and Safety Program for 2013. We have availability for 35 students this year. Due to the limited number of spots available, the placements will be saved according to first in first served preference. Mrs Neal will be accompanying the students to the pool for the 10 consecutive days that the swimming program will take place. All students from grades 2-6 are invited to attend.

All notes with your child's expression of interest and transport arrangements will need to be returned to Mrs Thompson in the office by Friday 14 June 2013. No money will be required at this stage.

Like last year, we would like to secure in advance 9-10 parent volunteers who will commit to transporting the students to and from the pool every day for the 10 consecutive days. At least one parent volunteer will need to be a back-up just in case of emergency for any particular day. This way the only cost that the child has to pay is the pool entry for a total of 10 days. The pool entry is $23.00.

However, if we cannot secure enough parent volunteers to transport all the students we will need to book a bus to pick up and drop the students back at school, at a total cost of $88.00 per student. (This includes the pool entry cost)

We need to work together as much as possible to ensure that our students get to be part of this fantastic swimming program with minimal costs.
The following sport report was prepared by Mr Saunders. Thank you in advance for all that you do 😊

Zone Rugby Union.

On Wednesday 29th May I was lucky enough to manage the Campbelltown PSSA Rugby Union team at Campbelltown Showground. This team included Nathanael Robinson from 6C. The boys played some good football, winning every game in their pool and not having a try scored against them. In the grand finals the Campbelltown team played against Bankstown. The boys managed to score a try in the second half to tie the game. Both teams were awarded as winners on the day.

Zone Cross Country.

On Thursday 30th May, the Kentlyn Cross Country team went to Thomas Acre Reserve to compete in the Zone Cross Country Carnival. It was a beautiful day for a run, and the 8/9 year old boys lead the way of Kentlyn. They all managed to finish in the top 20. The day continued to be good to Kentlyn, and at the end of the day we were awarded the Small Schools trophy for earning the most points across the day.

Other medals that were won on the day was a first place in the senior girls to Ashley Redzic and a third place to Samuel Maxwell in the boys under 10’s. With these two students will be Zac Maxwell, Thomas Ferro and Leah Senkowski to represent both Kentlyn and Campbelltown Zone at the Regional Cross Country Day next week.

GALA Day.

On Friday 31st May, Kentlyn sent their PSSA teams out to do battle with other schools in the area. The Netballs had some fun out at Camden, With the juniors winning some of their games and the Seniors winning all of theirs. In the AFL, both the Juniors and Seniors had a clean sweep of all their games.

The soccer team had a bye first up, had a few close opportunities, but could not quite get a win in both the juniors and seniors. Special mention to Kyle for a wonderful save in the last game. All teams played well and represented our school proudly.

Touch Football

On Monday 3rd June the Campbelltown PSSA Touch Football Team competed in the Zone Competition at Kayess Park, Minto. Joel Martin and Sam Maxwell from 4/5S were a part of the 14 man team that took to the field. After a strong start, Campbelltown won the first and came close in the second. The third game saw all the boys dig deep, but they could not get the win. The final game of the day was a playoff with Liverpool who had finished in the same position on the ladder in the other pool. Campbelltown finished strong and finished on a win. Well done to Joel and Sam for representing Kentlyn and Campbelltown so well.

To Leah Senkowski who will be representing our great school at the South West Sydney Netball Team at Broken Hill from the 22 July - 26 July. Our great P&C will be proudly supplying Leah with her Kentlyn tracksuit and supporting her in any way that they can. Of course, we are all very proud of Leah and wish her all the very best 😊😊😊
Also to Tasma-Lea for representing our great school at the Australian Youth Choir. She performed on the 25 May at UTS Kuringai in front of 700 people...and she wasn’t the least bit nervous. ☺

**Important Term 2 Dates for your Diary:**

**Wednesday 5 June** - ICAS Science test

**Friday 7 June** - 4/5S assembly and school cross country ribbons to be handed out, zone ribbons to be handed out and of course the shield to be displayed for winning the "Small Schools" Cross Country Award. Assembly start at 1:00pm in our school hall.

**Wednesday 12 June** - P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the staffroom.

**Thursday 13 June** - Regional Cross Country and AFL Paul Kelly Cup - Regional Final.

**Thursday 13 June** - Kyle Brooks will be attending the Ambassador Leadership Conference.

**Friday 14 June** - 3/4N assembly at 1:00 in the school hall

**Friday 17 June** - The Power of One - Anti-bullying show

**Tuesday 18 June** - ICAS Spelling Test

**Wednesday 19 June** - ICAS Writing Test

**Thursday 20 June** - KG and 1M Excursion to the Zoo.

**Friday 21 June** - GALA Day

**Thursday 27 June** - Principal’s Morning Tea 10:30am in the school hall

**Thursday 27 June** - Reports go home

**Friday 28 June** - Last school day for Term 2

**Term 3**

**Monday 15 July** - Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 16 July** - students return

**Helping your child with handwriting**

Children who are unable to form their letters properly, have difficulty keeping their letters on a line, do not understand the relative size of letters, crowd letters or space them so poorly that it is hard to see where one word ends and another begins, will produce written work that is often difficult or impossible to read, even if they have spelt the words correctly.

Here are some suggestions for parents to assist at home with handwriting:

- Look at how your child sits when s/he writes. S/he should sit comfortably at a table with elbows resting on the surface.
- With arms folded and resting on the desk, a right-handed child should have the paper resting under the right arm, and a left-handed child should have the paper resting under the left arm.
- When writing back and head should lean slightly to the left for a right-handed child and vice versa for a left handed child.
- The pencil should be held with the thumb and index finger and resting on the middle finger.

(From P&C Journal [The Journal of the federation of Parents and Citizens’ Association of NSW], P9, Term 2, 2009)

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To Mrs King for taking Tasma-Lea and Lily Williams to the University of Western Sydney for our “Heartbeat: Keeping Pace” program. The girls had a wonderful day, got a bag of goodies and also learnt heaps. They got the chance to listen to use a stethoscope, learn how to brush their teeth properly and meet Jana Pittman. Jana Pittman is an Australian athlete, who specialises in the 400 metres run and 400 metre hurdles events. She is a two-time world champion in the 400 m hurdles, from 2003 and 2007.
**Something to Ponder**

Research is increasingly indicates that children need opportunities to fail and experience difficulty in order to succeed and be happy. In fact, what the research tells us is that we learn most from the difficulties and failures we experience. Acknowledging that there will be challenges and obstacles in life and using these as learning experiences is exceedingly valuable.

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**Kindergarten 2014**

We have commenced taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2014. It is important that parents intending to enrol their child in 2014 complete the necessary paperwork so that all appropriate communication regarding support or transition programs can occur prior to enrolment. Early notification of enrolments also assists the school in planning staffing and resource needs. Parents who wish to make enquiries regarding enrolment should contact the school office on 46282455.

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Children born between 1st August 2008 and 31st July 2009 are eligible to enrol. Please bring with you - child's birth certificate for proof of age, passports and visas for families born overseas and proof of residence (current council rate notice or lease agreement and 2 (two) utility bills e.g. gas or electricity account, plus mobile or landline telephone account). You will also need to bring your child's up to date immunisation certificate.

**Making music together** Music education produces many benefits, including strengthening children's abilities in reading, maths, and verbal intelligence. New research suggests it may also teach something less tangible, but arguably just as important - the ability to empathise.

Find out more: http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy

**Helping your child with homework** Video:

Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework

**Understanding poetry** Analysing a poem helps children to appreciate its meaning and the skills of the poet. There are often two levels of meaning to think about: one that is literal, and one that is more abstract. Find out more: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/ap/resource/factsheet/4125.pdf

**Too sick to go to school?**

Sometimes it’s hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Mondayitis. This chart will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.


**Speech problems**

All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children's language development. If you’re worried about your child’s speech development - or their teacher has concerns - the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally.
ENDS Sunday 9 June 2013
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school - and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. We only have few days left to collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it’s complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school. At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students—including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

A big thank you in advance to Mrs Grover and Mrs Thompson for organising this fundraising event.

The smiles you give come back to you!
Androula Kavallaris
Principal

Canteen Helpers: If you can help on any Wednesday or Friday throughout this term please contact Catherine Cooke as soon as possible.

Principal’s Awards
Jessica Davis 6C
Sophie Moore 3/4N
Amabelle Woolley 3/4N

Value of the Week Awards
Respect
K-2
Peter Diakov KG
3-6
Amy Arthur 4/5S

Responsibility
K-2
Ainsley Padey 1M
3-6
Shannon Dobinson 2/3D

Congratulations!