Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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. There will be a total of 31 students attending. Confirmation letters will be sent home this week. Thank you to all the parents and Mrs Thompson from the office, who have volunteered their time for 10 consecutive days to drive the students to the pool and back. This is a big commitment and one that we totally appreciate and are grateful for. Due to these parents volunteering their time, the total cost to these students attending is only $23.00 for the 10 days, which covers pool entry.

A big thank you also in advance to Mrs Neal who will be accompanying and supervising the students for the 10 days.

Principal's Morning Tea
All invitations have been sent out for this semester’s Principal’s morning tea. It will begin at 10:30am in the school hall.

A very big thank you in advance also to Mr and Mrs Zapirain who will be organising and preparing the morning tea.

Important Term 2 and Term 3 Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 20 June - KG and 1M Excursion to the Zoo.
Friday 21 June - GALA Day
Wednesday 26 June - P&C Meeting 6:30pm Staffroom
Thursday 27 June - Principal’s Morning Tea 10:30am in the school hall
Thursday 27 June - Reports go home
Thursday 27 June - Mufti Day - to support Leah Senkowski
Friday 28 June - Last school day for Term 2 and Red Canteen Day.

Term 3

Monday 15 July - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 16 July - students return
Thursday 18 July - Oztag GALA Day - Minto

Monday 29 July - Friday 2 August - Education Week
Monday - Gymnastics program will begin K-6
Wednesday - Kentlyn’s Open Day
Thursday - Athletics Carnival - Field Events
Friday - Athletics Carnival - Track Events (more information to follow early next term)
Ambassador Day – by Kyle Brooks
On Thursday 13 June 2013 I began my day at 8:00am at Campbelltown Performing Arts bus stop. I got on the bus and then it stopped at Narellan High School to pick up some more students. Then we all went to Belgenny farm for my Ambassador Leadership Day.

We were all in the hall and we all had a chance to have a snack before the formal day began. We firstly started with some team building activities such as “undo the knot” and “lie, truth, truth”. We also needed to learn everyone’s name. That activity was fun and I remembered at least 9 names 😊.

After that we had some people talk to us about the responsibilities of an ambassador. I learnt how important it is to tell everybody all the great things that we do at Kentlyn Public School and what a great school it is. I am proud of attending Kentlyn Public School.

After that we had pizza for lunch. It was scrumptious.

After lunch we learned about different cultures and a special guest from Leumeah High School spoke about how she was selected to be a Regional Ambassador. This gives you an opportunity to go to different schools and see different plays.

After that we were all split up and we did some problem solving and orienteering activities where we needed to work as a team and solve different small problems to overcome a big problem.

I had a great day and I am very proud to be our school ambassador 😊.

Travis Reardon's Very Special day
The Starlight Children's Foundation granted Travis his wish and sent him to Melbourne to meet Paul Worsteling and to film an episode of his favourite show, “I Fish”. Travis had an awesome day, filmed his own “Tackerat Section” of the show and went fishing and caught some Australian Salmon. On the way back he also saw some dolphins and followed them to watch them play. For anyone that wants to watch the show it will air on One HD on Sunday 30 June, 2013 at 5:30pm.

Stewart House - Bouncy Balls
This was a fundraising event that we had earlier in the term. We still have approximately 40 bouncy balls left. If your child wishes to purchase another bouncy ball, it can be purchased from the office at a cost of $3.00 each. All money goes to Stewart House.

Regional AFL
On Thursday 13th June, 13 ‘raring to go’ Kentlyn Public School primary girls headed to Blacktown International Sports Centre to compete in the AFL Regional Paul Kelly Cup.

The girls were playing on the ‘Giants’ home ground and after a quick warm-up were straight into their matches. They represented Kentlyn proudly. After a gallant effort (and a few jittery nerves) they narrowly lost their first game but came back strong winning the next two. Unfortunately they missed out on the finals by the skin of their teeth and ended the day 3rd overall in a ranking of all the other regions beat teams!
A big thank you to all the girls for their effort and an especially massive thank you to all the parents who supported them and helped with transportation!

Miss Chelsea Chisholm.

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.

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.

FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR 2013

Family Contribution Fees help enhance the learning programs for all students at our school.

The Family Contribution Fees, although entirely voluntary, will make a difference to our school finances. Payment may be made in cash or by cheque. Money collected will be used to purchase resources that all students will use this year and in some cases, for years to come. Some of the areas that this money will contribute towards will be as follows:

Hands on literacy games
Hands on numeracy games
The Skwirk website licence
Reading books

The total cost of the Family Contribution Fee is $25.00 per family.

Money or cheques can be enclosed in an envelope with your child’s class, total amount enclosed and clearly stated that it is for “Family Contribution Fee”. Students can hand that envelope in to the office. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.
Staff Car Park – Kind Reminder
A kind reminder that parents and visitors to the school are not allowed driving into the car park. The only exception is of course parents requiring to use the disable parking area and any P&C members who need to use the area to unload and load things for the canteen.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2013
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Good News about our Canteen
If we can get a few more parent volunteers our school canteen can be operating 3 days a week, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please remember that your commitment does not have to be on a weekly basis, it could be when you know that you do have the time to spare, as long as you let Catherine Cooke know in advance.

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

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK

ABCs of Student Success

H is for Homework
Homework provides practice, and it enables parents to know when a child is having difficulty with schoolwork. Parents can support our school’s homework policy by:
- Providing a ‘homework area’ that is well lit and free of distractions
- Setting a scheduled daily homework time
- Offering a snack or play break before homework; or using it as a homework completion incentive.

What is Comprehension?
Comprehension involves responding to, interpreting, analysing and evaluating texts. Throughout NSW, we are encouraged to explicitly teach the ‘Super-Six’ metacognitive strategies for comprehension. This has already been identified as a focus area for students and staff at Kentslyn PS in 2013.

The super six comprehension strategies are
- Predicting
- Making Connections
- Visualising
- Questioning
- Summarising
- Monitoring

This term we have been working on the strategies:

Predicting
Learners use information from texts, visuals and prior experiences to anticipate what will be read, viewed or heard and to actively adjust comprehension while reading, viewing or listening.
Hello Everybody

Canteen has been very successful this term thanks to our lovely volunteers and everybody who is making use of the service. Even Mr Bird has ordered his lunch with us, that’s because he’s planted plenty of salad vegetables in the school gardens and we are getting to use some of them in the canteen. There’s nothing nicer than garden fresh salad veggies straight to your plate.

An updated price list is attached to this bulletin and you will see we have removed most of the lollies from the menu, there are still some sweet options available such as jelly cups for 20cents and fruit is always available, we are always looking for new and healthy options.

Once a term we will be selling the lollies (classed as red in the healthy canteens program) and this term it will be next Friday 28th June.

Please Note: We are requesting that students not order slushies, hot chocolates or ice creams with their lunch as we cannot put these in the class baskets and some of the smaller children are not coming to collect them later. Also when ordering the meal deals could you please include your fruit, drink and sauce choices on the bag otherwise ......you might miss out on what you really want.

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Principal’s Awards
Tamara Woolley 4/5S
Bailee Cooper 1M
Bodhi Yates 6C

Value of the Week Awards
Excellence
K-2
Riley Ingersole KG
3-6
Matthew Cooper 4/5S

Democracy
K-2
Baden Harmond 1M
3-6
Angelina Swift 3/4N

Congratulations!
We are looking to open 3 days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next term so if we get a couple more volunteers we can hopefully do this. If you can give us just one or two mornings a term please let us know so we can add you to the roster.

P&C will be having a meeting next Wednesday 26th June 6:30pm in the Staff Room, please feel free to come along. Everyone is welcome (just wear something warm as it does get chilly).

Regards
Catherine Cooke
P&C President