Dear Parents and Caregivers,

That’s basically the best way to describe our Education Week at fabulous Kentlyn Public School. We started off with our Open Day which included the Premier Spelling Bee “Spell Off” to select our finalist for Stage 2 and Stage 3. These students will be representing our school at the next level.

Stage 2: Matthew Ross and Rory Griffith

Stage 3: Nathanael Robinson & Jessica Davis

Congratulations to Stage 3 students for raising over $360.00 on the cake stall as well. It was fantastic to see how many yummy cakes were there and the fact that 4/5S and 6C took that responsibility on and did such a fantastic job with it ☺️ Well done Stage 3 ☺️ ☺️

It was also so lovely to see some parents re-living their childhood days and playing tips with their children during our picnic lunch ☺️
After that we had our very informative and well presented ‘parent forums’. All parents that attended received a ‘goodies bag’ that contained many hands on and practical strategies, activities and games to assist their child/ren with English and Maths. A very big thank to Mrs Neal for not only delivering this session but also organising the ‘goodies bag’.

In the afternoon we had the lovely 6C and Miss Chisholm hold a Zumba Dance class. A big thank you to the parents that let their in-ambitions go and had fun in the class 😊
On Thursday we had our field events and on Friday we had our track events.
The relay was a great deal of fun and a picture paints a thousand words...so I won't say a thing!!!

To our fantastic P&C and all the special parent volunteers that ensured that there was enough food, drinks and ice-creams to get us through those 3 very busy days.

To all the parent helpers that helped on both the Thursday and the Friday. Without your help and support these days could not possibly succeed and run as smoothly as they did 😊

Finally a very big thank you to Mr Saunders, Mrs Neal, parent helpers and all the staff for once again another great carnival 😊😊😊
Important Term 3 Dates for your Diary:

Friday 9 August - GALA Day
Monday 12 August - Friday 23 August - Swimming School begins
Tuesday 13 August - ICAS Maths Test Interrelate Program at Leumeah Public School
Monday 19 August - Last week before Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes
Friday 16 August - 1M’s Assembly
Wednesday 21 August - 23 August - Stage 3 Camp
Monday 26 August - Mind Marathon
Wednesday 28 August - Campbelltown Zone Athletics - Track
Thursday 29 August - Campbelltown Zone Athletics - Field
Friday 30 August - Book Week Parade
Thursday 5 September - Photo Day
Friday 6 September - GALA Day

Wednesday 11 September - Regional Athletics
Thursday 12 September - Friday 13 September - Stage 2 Camp.

Leah’s Trip to Broken Hill -
Leah represented our school 2 weeks ago in the South West Sydney Netball Team. This is her recount of that week.

Broken Hill
My week at Broken Hill with the Sydney South West Netball was great fun. We flew to Adelaide and hired a mini-bus. It took us 6 hours to drive from Adelaide to Broken Hill. On the way there we saw lots animals like sheep, emus, horses, kangaroos and lots more. We stayed in little cabins with the team at Broken Hill Tourist Park. The netball complex only had 8 courts but we played 14 games and I mostly played Centre, WA and WD. While we were there, we did some touring and we saw lots of old buildings, restaurants and a chocolate factory. The whole team visited the chocolate factory. I bought lots of chocolates and did not share 😊😊😊 Ms Kavallaris was most upset that I had none left for her. Overall, we came 9th out of 14 regions. All games were really hard and competitive but I know that I did my very best. We had LOTS OF FUN. It was great.

By Leah Senkowski

Well done Leah from all of us here at Kentlyn Public School. We are very proud of you 😊😊😊😊
**Ambassador Day Program by Kyle Brooks**

On Thursday 1 August I went to the University of Western Sydney at the Campbelltown Campus.

Our day began by all the ambassadors gathering in the main auditorium and listening to last year’s Regional Ambassador on how to be a good ambassador for our school. Then from there we went to a different section of the university where we got to see many reptiles. We got to hold some pythons, bearded dragons and a blue tongue lizard. We learnt lots of information about the reptiles like where they live and when they are active.

After that we went to the “School of Law”. There we learnt about how law works and we even got a chance to see what a real court looked like. There was a demonstration and I got selected to be a helper. I was the ‘accused’. Soon after that we participated in an activity called, “Creative Thinking”. We had to answer some very hard questions. One of them was to name 3 things that I couldn’t live without!!!

Then we had lunch. After lunch we learnt about the 3 L’s. Listen, Link and Lead.

Some other activities that we participated in were the plastering, where we got to plaster each other’s arms and the Amazing Race. I was on the team that won the Amazing Race and we won some ‘favourites’ chocolates. We shared them with the other teams.

Once we have finished all our activities we got on a bus that took us to Revesby Workers Club for the formal presentations.

We had a yummy dinner and after that I got my badge and my certificate of achievement as a “School Public Education Ambassador” for Kentlyn Public School.

I had a great day 😊

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**Heartbeat Program**

On Wednesday 24 July, we went to the Heartbeat Program at UWS Campbelltown. We learnt about blood and the human body, chemistry, traditional Aboriginal games and Aboriginal science and native plants. Our guide’s name was Keffer. He was a first year student studying to be a primary teacher. We learnt how to make a lava lamp; we used oil, water, food colouring and a fizzy tablet.

We also learnt about blood and where it goes and if the tubes get blocked, you can have a heart attack. A lecturer taught us about native plants the Aboriginals used and she also showed us the fluffy seed head of the bulrush plant and the paperbark which was used as a baby’s nappy.

One of the lecturers said how very well-mannered we were and Mrs Lynch was very proud of us.

We loved the Heartbeat Program and can’t wait to go again.

By Kaylee, Jarrad, Kane and Chad.
Interrelate Program
Invitation to Parents to attend an Information Evening
On Tuesday 13 August at Leumeah Public School

We have been lucky enough to be invited to attend the Interrelate Program Sessions that will be held at Leumeah Public School on Tuesday 13 August 2013 at 6:00pm or 7:15pm. You have the opportunity to attend either both or one of the sessions. The family admission price is $25.00 for 1 session or $30.00 for two sessions.

The sessions will begin at 6:00pm at Leumeah Public School. Notes were sent home last week, however, if you are interested in attending and need more information you will be able to find the note on our website under "School Notes - Whole School Notes". Money and notes need to be returned by Thursday 8 August 2013. If you are paying by cheque please make cheques payable to Kentlyn Public School.

Student Medical Forms - New DEC requirements
If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call Mrs Thompson on 4628-2455.

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.

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 the envelope in to the office. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

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

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK

ABCs Of Student Success

J IS FOR JOBS

What if there was a way you could get some extra help around the house all while building your child’s self-esteem and sense of responsibility? There is -- simple household jobs. By assigning your children jobs like feeding pets and sweeping the floor, you are sending them an important message -- that they are a contributing member of the family.
Giving kids jobs at home teaches them responsibility and other valuable lessons. Some helpful pointers when assigning jobs:

- Don't expect a job to be done right unless you take the time to teach the child to do it right.
- Don't take away from a child's sense of accomplishment by redoing a job.

With practice and encouragement, jobs help develop responsibility and a strong work ethic as they set the stage for success in life.

SUPER SIX COMPREHENSION - QUESTIONING

Over the last couple of weeks, the staff and students of Kentlyn Public School have been learning about the comprehension strategy – Questioning.

You can also encourage and assist your children at home with the strategy of Questioning by asking these questions after reading, viewing, watching or listening to a text.

Riddle Me This
3 different types
It occurs in some countries
It does pirouettes
It steals your stuff
5 different levels
Go underground to keep safe
Comes from clouds
It creates me
It knocks buildings down
What am I?
By Teghan, Bronte and Paris 😊

Riddle Me This
I Have an Unknown Weight
You can harness my power
I Can Be Used For Nuclear Energy
The atmosphere protects you from me
I'm a giant ball 'o' Gas
My name is Sol
I Produce UV Rays
What Am I?
By Adam Spears & Nathaniel Dadd 😊

Questioning

Learners pose and answer questions that clarify meaning and promote deeper understanding of the text. Questions can be generated by the learner, a peer or the teacher.

Teachers have been busily planning engaging lessons and assessment tasks for students to participate in around the strategy of questioning, as well as being involved in team teaching these lessons.

Whilst team teaching in classes across the school, I had the privilege of seeing some amazing work around this strategy. 6C participated in a lesson called ‘Riddle Me This’. Test your knowledge around weather. Can you answer these weather riddles by the students of 6C?

Yours in Education
Tanya Neal
Assistant Principal
School Canteen News
Our school canteen will now be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Next P&C Meeting:
Wednesday 21 August 2013 at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

Principal’s Awards
Jacob Jackson 2/3D

Value of the Week Awards
Care
K-2
Bianca Christie KG

3-6

Chad Humphries 6C
Co-Operation
K-2
Sam Nowak 1M
3-6
Tamara Woolley 4/5S

Congratulations!

Trivia Night
Keep the date free.

Halloween Theme for the night.
(Optional dress up)

- Saturday October 26th 2013
- Ruse Community Hall
- $15 per head
- Invite your Family and friends to make up a table of up to 10
- Under 18’s not permitted
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