Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week was the official week in all Public Schools to recognise all the people who work in our schools behind the scenes. We are extremely fortunate at Kentlyn Public School to have a very capable and dedicated group of School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) members who contribute in a very positive manner to the ongoing development of our school.

The responsibilities of the SASS staff are many and varied: they include fulfilling all the DEC expectations in regards to the management of the school office administration, providing in class support for students with special needs, maintaining our school buildings and extensive school grounds, providing logistical support for class teachers, assisting with playground supervision and being the initial point of contact for parents, carers and visitors.

I would like to thank our School Administration Manager and Officer, Mrs June Thompson and Mrs Irene Monkhouse. Thank you also to our School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Lynch, Mrs Price, Mrs Killeen and of course Mr John Bird our GA 😊. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our school cleaner, Jo Edwards, Penny and Lafi. All of these staff, like all Kentlyn staff, have a really caring and passionate attitude with our students. Thank you for all that you do 😊😊😊😊😊

Important Term 3 and Term 4 Dates for your Diary:

**Thursday 19 September** - NAIDOC Celebrations at Leumeah PS

**Friday 20 September** - Last Day of Term 3

**Tuesday 8 October** - Students return to school - Term 4

**Friday 11 October** - K-6 Assembly - School Leaders running it.

**Wednesday 16 October** - P&C Meeting - 6:30pm Staffroom

**Friday 18 October** - GALA Day

**Thursday 24 October** - Year 5 Nominations for School Leaders

**Thursday 31 October** - Year 6 Mini-Fete

**Friday 1 November** - KG’s Assembly Item

**Friday 8 November** - GALA Day

**Friday 15 November** - K-6 Assembly - School Leaders running it.

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

**Wednesday 27 November** - School Leaders Speeches and voting

*****All notes sent home and newsletters are available on our website http://www.kentlyn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ ****
Kindergarten 2014
We are pleased to announce that we now have 15 kindergarten student enrolments. We are only able to accept students within area and it is my understanding that there are still current siblings who have brothers or sisters who have not as yet enrolled. If you know of any family who lives locally and has a child ready to start kindergarten please ask them to give us a call or come in for more information.

Our Kindergarten transition sessions will take place over 4 consecutive weeks. Please save the following dates in your diary for future reference. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Thursday 7 November  9:30am - 11:10am
(Orientation)

Thursday 14 November  9:30 - 10:30am
(Literacy Session)

Thursday 21 November  9:30 - 10:30am
(Numeracy Session)

Thursday 28 November  9:30 - 11:10am
(Craft activity and concluding with a sausage sizzle)

Presentation Awards Ceremony
This year we will be trialling having our Presentation Awards Ceremony during the day, rather than the evening as per the previous years.

The Presentation Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 10 December from 9:30 - 11:10am

It is our intention that the program, to the best of our abilities, will remain the same it is only the time that will change.

Please ensure that you save the day in your diaries.

PJ and Pikelet Day - Year 6 Fundraiser
On Tuesday 17th September, something was very different at Kentlyn Public school...everyone was in their pyjamas! As part of a Stage 3 fundraiser, students were invited to come to school dressed in their very comfortable pyjamas and at lunchtime had the opportunity to buy from a selection of pikelets made by Stage 3 students and their teachers. The day was a great success as it raised a total of $323.70 and it was a lot of fun! A big thank you is extended to all for your continued support and assistance in all of Stage 3’s fundraising endeavours!
Miss Chisholm & Mr Saunders

Major fundraising initiative on behalf of Stage 3!
We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser as a major fundraiser for next term so we are asking for your support in advance.

Early next term students will receive a Billy’s Gourmet Cookie Dough order form. An individual prize program will be included for every student/family who sells one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 55 prizes to choose from such as Barbie, Nerf, Hot Wheels, Razor and much, much, more.

Funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell at the end of the year as well as the school gift from the graduating class. More information will be given early next term, thanks for your support!

Miss Chisholm & Mr Saunders.

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.

Are your details up to date?
Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.
Peter from KG designed and made his own toy racing car as part of our unit Toyworld. Great work Peter 😊

Get Active Macarthur

On Thursday 12 September Sam Nowak and Mrs Killeen attended the "Get Active Macarthur" day at Minto Sports Centre.

Get Active Macarthur is an event aimed at increasing disability awareness and inclusiveness. They offer a range of different sports and recreational activities inside the Sports Centre and on the grass grounds surrounding it.

Sam had a fantastic day. He especially enjoyed the Table Cricket and Ten Pin Bbowling.

A very big thank you to Mrs Killeen for attending the event and Mrs McIntosh for organising the day 😊
Evacuation and Lockdown Drills

Our school will be practicing our WHS (Work Health and Safety) drills throughout the school terms. These drills are compulsory for all schools and it will be to the benefit of all students and staff.

It is imperative that if you are visiting our school as a parent helper, volunteer, tradesman etc you sign on in the front office and receive your visitor’s badge. It is also important to read over our evacuation and lockdown procedures and if further information is required you can take an evacuation and lockdown drills pamphlet with you. All are available near our ‘visitor sign on book’.

It is also imperative to remember that if we did have to go to lockdown or evacuate our school our first two priorities are

- securing everyone that is on school premises, students, staff and visitors, by ringing the appropriate bell and
- contacting 000.

Once the police/fire brigade etc arrives at the school they take control of the site and remain in control until the ‘threat’ is over and responsibility is handed back to the principal. Police and/or fire brigade then work with the principal to continue to manage the incident.

Please note, in the event that we do have to go to lockdown or evacuation, it is highly recommended that you listen to the media reports for updates on the school rather than driving to the school.

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.

Merit Certificates and Principal Awards

A kind reminder to all parents that when handing in merit certificates for the "Principal’s Award" it is imperative that you check the back of them to ensure that they have not been used previously. All merit certificates already sighted by Mrs Neal or myself are signed on the back and cannot be used again.

Students who represent our school at Regional and State Level

It has come to my attention that I did not follow up with a promise that I made at the beginning of the year of rewarding all students who get to Regional...
Level with a 'merit certificate'. This was agreed to in Term 1 at a P&C meeting and I apologise for forgetting to follow it up. All students who have represented our school at Regional Level will be receiving their merit awards at our first K-6 Assembly in Term 4, Friday 11 October 2013. Mr Saunders and Miss Chisholm will be handing those awards out at our sport section of the assembly.

We are also introducing a new award as of 2013 that all students who have represented our school at a state or national level will receive a very special award at our Presentation Awards Ceremony, Tuesday 10 December 2013.

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.

Camp giveaway
As part of Sport and Recreation's outdoor education week you have the chance to win an adventure-packed family weekend away at a camp. Click on the link, watch the video and answer two easy questions to enter the competition. Good luck.

Creative thinking
Eleven-year-olds of the world rejoice. It seems MINECRAFT has “the potential to teach kids creative thinking, geometry, and even a little geology”. Read the review to help you make an informed choice.
Find out more: http://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/minecraft

Water safety tips
Beaches, lakes, rivers, creeks and pools are popular spots in summer for people young and old to cool off and have fun. Here are some easy steps you can take to make sure your child stays safe.

The smiles you give come back to you!
Androula Kavallaris
Principal
Stage 2 Camp

On Thursday we were ready to go. We packed our bags in the bus and got on. We drove for thirty minutes to get to Wedderburn and we drove through a lot of bush. When we arrived we unpacked our stuff from the bus and a man called Andrew took us to the hall. He explained a lot to us and he told us to get our things and put them in our cabins. I was in a cabin with Khy, Zac, Thomas, Angus. Once we packed things into our cabins, we explored a bit and had some fun games. There was a swing there and I and Jamie were seeing who could go the highest. I've never been on a swing before he won but then they rung a bell and we had to go to the hall and we ate some food. After we ate food it was turning night so we brang our torches and went on a night walk. Then it was time for dinner we ate nachos for dinner so I was full. Then it was time for bed. The next morning we ate breakfast and then the girls went on the flying fox we did archery. I got 7 on archery and came third. After archery we went on the flying fox. I was scared of the flying fox but after my first go I had 2 more. After that we did laser tag and Khy was sniper first and in round 2 I was sniper and I had 19 lives left. And the last activity of the day rock-climbing and I got to the top and Khy Zac Thomas and others went on the hard but after that we had to pack our things and go home and when we got to school we said hello and all went home.

By Brandon Harris

Super Six – Visualising

Over the last couple of weeks, both students and teachers alike have been focusing on the Super Six comprehension strategy of Visualising.
It is extremely pleasing to see the teachers hard work in professional learning, preparing lessons and teaching activities paying off when I have been in classrooms to hear the students using the metalanguage of comprehension. At the dinner table tonight you could ask your child about the strategy of visualising and how it helps them become a better reader.

Students participating in visualising activities

Yours in Education
Tanya Neal
Assistant Principal