Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Photos Reminder
School Photos will be taken tomorrow - Thursday 5 September 2013.

Pre-Paid envelopes have already been sent home. Every child needs an individual envelope. You may pay for other family members in one envelope (please mark clearly on all other envelopes which envelope contains payment), however, each member of your family will still need an individual envelope. Family photo envelopes are available at the office.

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE CORRECT MONEY as no change will be given. The school does not handle the money for this event. Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to "msp photography".

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM.
Children may wear a school jumper to school, but will be encouraged to take it off during the school photo session only, and then place it back on again after the photo.

National Child Protection Week 1-7 September
Protecting children is everyone’s business. Play your part by reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.
Find out more: http://napcan.org.au/

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**Important Term 3 Dates for your Diary:**

**Wednesday 4 September** - P&C Meeting 6:30 in the staffroom

**Thursday 5 September** - Photo Day – please ensure all students are in full school uniform

**Friday 6 September** - GALA Day

**Wednesday 10 September** - Regional Spelling Bee

**Wednesday 11 September** - Regional Athletics

**Thursday 12 September** - Friday 13 September - Stage 2 Camp.

**Tuesday 17 September** - Stage 3 Fundraiser PJ and Pikelet Day

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

**Friday 20 September** - Last Day of term

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

**Tuesday 8 October** - Students return back to school
Zone Athletics Carnival
On Wednesday 28th August, Kentlyn sent 35 athletes to the Campbelltown Zone Athletics Track carnival to compete in the 100, 200, 800m sprints and the four by 100m relays. Hopes were high as we took to the track and the results were good. Everyone gave their best and some even made it to the finals. Special mention to the Junior Girls Relay team that got 5th overall, Ashley for winning the 800m and to Leah, Aaron, Rhiannon, and Sam for making the finals.

On Thursday 29th August, Kentlyn sent 25 athletes to the Campbelltown Zone Athletics Field carnival to compete in high jump, shot put, long jump and discus. Results include Ashley coming first in senior high jump and Vanessa coming second in long jump.

A special thank you to Mr Saunders and Mrs Price for supervising the students on the day. As always our students were polite, respectful and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship.

Congratulations
Nathanael Robinson needs to be congratulated for being selected out of 27 boys to attend the Cricket Regional Trials. He is one of 8 boys that had made it into the team. Well done Nathanael.

Mind Marathon
On Monday 26 August, Miss Chisholm and 6 girls from Year 6 went to East Hills Boys High School to compete in the Mind Marathon. We had to do 6 tests which had a time limit. They gave us lunch and recess and we had a trivia contest. We came 4th overall and had lots of fun!

Mind Marathon - team

Family Contribution Fee 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.

Preparing for Year 7
The transition from primary school to high school maths can be difficult for both you and your child.

However, by working in partnership with your child and using some careful forward planning, the transition can be smooth and successful.

Find out more: http://educationequals.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-learning-maths-in-high-school/

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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

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.

Stage 3 Camp
A very big thank you to Miss Chisholm, Mrs Price and Mr Saunders for attending our Stage 3 Camp and for their exceptional organisation skills in putting it all together. As you might be aware all students in Stage 3 have been fundraising throughout the year to ensure that the camp price was affordable for all. Congratulations also to all students that attended as all reports came back
commenting that you were all exceptionally well behaved and well mannered 😊😊😊.

Between the days of the 21 and the 23 August, Years 5 and 6 went on a camp to a campsite called 'The Great Aussie Bush Camp' in Kincumber. It was a brilliant camp and I really enjoyed it. My favourite activities were commando night and rock climbing. One of the best parts was pretending I was Gollum and scaring Mrs Price at Commando.

Nathanael 6C

Last Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 went on a 2 hour bus trip to the 'Great Aussie Bush Camp' for 3 days. We met our 2 instructors. Their names were Emma and Mel. Year 6 was in a group with Mel. Our group name was 'Sandwiches'. Year 5 had Emma and their group name was 'Rainbow Unicorns'. One activity we did was called 'The Lost Island' which involved a lot of freezing mud and yourself! Another activity was the 'Games Night' which was really fun. It was a boy verses girl competition. It was a really fun night but the girls beat the boys by 2 points. It was a really fun camp and we want to go again next year.

Sarah and Jade 6C

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S DESK

L IS FOR LISTENING
It is said we have two ears and one mouth for a reason: we should spend twice as much time listening as talking.

As parents we can spend quality time in our children’s world by...
• Listening - focusing on what the child is saying and on his or her body language.
• Maintaining eye contact with the child.
• Smiling and nodding, which will encourage the child to continue.
• Paraphrasing what a child has said and asking questions to be sure we understand.

Book Week Parade
Last Friday was a delightful day filled with students, teachers and parents alike demonstrating their love of reading and books by coming to school dressed as their favourite book character. This year's Book Week theme was 'Reading across the Universe'. We definitely had a range of book characters showing up here at Kentlyn from 'across the universe'.

It was a fun filled day right from the start with our whole school assembly being run by our magnificent school leaders and an encore performance of 1M's recreation of the book 'There Was an Old Lady Whole Swallowed a Fly'.

The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed showing off their favourite characters in their class parades. A very big thank you to parents and caregivers for assisting their children to dress up to take part of our Book Week celebrations. I know how time consuming and how much effort actually goes into preparing costumes, (I even bumped into a few parents myself, out frantically looking for last minute costume ideas and shopping) but I am sure you will agree, the smiles on the students faces was well worth the effort. It is days like this that children remember so fondly in years to come, of their wonderful schooling years.

It was also so very nice to see little brothers and sisters and even some mums join in on the celebrations by dressing up as their favourite book characters. It is these little things that help cement the Kentlyn community together.
Book Fair
Thank you to Mrs Muller for organising this year’s Book Fair to coincide with our Book Week celebrations. Many students and families took up the opportunity to browse and purchase the books for sale.

Stage 2 Camp
Stage 2 camp is fast approaching and the excitement levels of stage 2 students (as well as Mrs Neal and Mr Saunders) are rapidly increasing. All students should have returned their permission slips, completed medical forms and made payment in full by this stage. Students should have also received a ‘what to bring list’. If for some reason, you have not returned all of these notes or been unable to pay the remaining balance, please see Mrs Neal urgently.

Regional Spelling Bee
On Tuesday 10 September our four Spelling Bee finalists will be going off to represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee Final to be held at Thomas Acres Public School.

Matthew Ross and Rory Griffiths - Juniors 9.30 – 11:30
Nathanael Robinson and Jessica Davis - Seniors 12.30 – 2.30

We wish them all the very best and we know that they will ‘do Kentlyn proud’.

NAIDOC Celebrations
On Thursday 19 September, all students who identify as of Aboriginal or Torres Straight Island decent will be invited to represent Kentlyn Public School at the NAIDOC celebrations as part of a local Community of Schools project. This should be an exciting day filled with many cultural activities for the students. More information to follow shortly.

Bus Passes
Just a reminder for some students that if you travel to or from school via bus, you are required to present your bus pass or you will be charged $1.10 each way.
Parent Volunteers and Visitors
Research has shown that parents who take an active role in their child’s school life increase their child’s ability to learn. The school welcomes all parents. Parents can help in a variety of ways. Lots of parents hear children read but also support in class in a variety of ways.

Just a few points to remember:

As a parent visitor in the classroom you will see the various strengths and areas of need of all the students in the class. It is important that you respect each child’s ability and if you have any concerns talk to the class teacher about them.

The class teacher is always responsible for discipline in the classroom. If you are visiting or assisting in a small group or in an individual situation and a student is behaving inappropriately it is best to advise the class teacher.

Thank you again to our wonderful parent visitors and volunteers for giving up your time to help in our classrooms. We really do appreciate any time you contribute to our school. Parent visitors and volunteers are SO appreciated by both the teacher and the students. Thank you!

Practicum Students
You may have noticed two visitors with Miss Chisholm and 6C recently. We are Miss Charters and Mrs Rey and we are here from the University of Western Sydney for professional experience.

We would like to thank the staff for their warm welcome, especially to Miss Chisholm for her guidance and encouragement.

The staff have been so friendly and helpful whilst the students have shown beautiful manners and respect along with outstanding academic abilities.

We look forward to returning next term to complete our experience.
Miss Charters and Mrs Rey

Student Safety
It has come to my attention that some parents and caregivers have been illegally parking at both the front and back gate and making illegal U turns in front of our school during these times.

In the safety and well-being of all students here at Kentlyn, we are asking all parents and caregivers to adhere to all signage and road rules when either dropping off or picking up children.

Yours in Education
Tanya Neal
Assistant Principal

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
Our sausage sizzle fundraiser was extremely successful. We raised a profit of approximately $204.00.
A big thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day and Mr Bird for saving the day 😊😊

Father’s Day Stall
We had some wonderful gifts for children to buy their fathers, pops and caregivers this year.

Next P&C Meeting
Wednesday 4 September 2013 at 6:30pm in the staff room.
Principal's Awards
Jayden Gerrard 2/3D
Joel Coskerie 3/4N
Elizabeth Webster 3/4N
Lachlan Stanley 2/3D
Value of the Week Awards
Responsibility
K-2
Anna Jezierski 1M
3-6
Bella Woolley 3/4N
Excellence
K-2
Breanna Borg 1M
3-6
Sarah Abdulwahab 6C

Congratulations!

Trivia Night
Keep the date free.

- 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

Halloween Theme for the night. (Optional dress up)

Go4Fun
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7-13 years old?
Are you worried about their weight?

The Go4Fun Program is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

What happens in the Go4Fun Program?

The program runs over one school term. There are 20 sessions (2 sessions/week, 2hrs/session). Sessions include: games, activities and swimming for kids; easy, effective ways to improve your child’s self-esteem and confidence; demonstrations, games and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes; and a fun supermarket tour!

Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be 7-13 years old and above their ideal weight to attend. A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/Go4Fun