Week 6 Term 4

Always Our Best

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Responsibility

*****All notes sent home and newsletters are available on our website


Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 6. We are just half way for this term and there are so many things that are happening. Most classes, by now, have begun assessment in line with reporting requirements.

Reports will be sent out Tuesday 9 December 2014.

What a delight it was to welcome our 2015 Kindergarten students and families to K目前已n Public School last week! The first Orientation Session was held last Thursday and it was wonderful to see so many students participating in the morning’s activities. We currently have 15 students enrolled in Kindergarten for 2015. A very big thank you to Mrs Grover for helping organise this day as well as all the staff for their flexibility and co-operation with various interruptions to their normal programs.

Thank you also to all the current kindergarten parents who provided a very scrumptious morning tea.

Preparing pre-school students for their transition into school is critical to optimise learning and emotional well-being. The orientation program has been developed to ensure a smooth transition.

Parents have many opportunities for active involvement in the school. On behalf of K目前已n Public School I welcome our new students and parents and am confident that they will enjoy what we have to offer.

KidsMatter has also produced a "Starting School" set of resources as part of their contribution to Children’s Week. This is an excellent resource and you can access the "Starting School" resources at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/startingschool

FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR 2014 – HELPING US TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL FOR A LAPTOP FOR EACH CHILD

I would like to take this time to thank all the parents who attended our parent forum last week. We had a total of 48 parents attend which was absolutely fantastic. We appreciated all your responses to our survey as well as the suggestions some of you made for our 2015-2017 school plan.

It was great to read the many positive comments as well as the constructive suggestions for our great school.

As mentioned in the meeting, it is our intention to purchase a laptop for every child in our school and your family contribution fee will assist us greatly in achieving this goal.

The total cost of the Family Contribution Fee this year is $25.00 per family; however, in 2015 it will be $70.00 per family. If you do wish to contribute
more towards this very worthwhile cause, you are more than welcome @

Money or cheques can be enclosed in an envelope with your child’s class; total amount and clearly stated that it is for “Family Contribution Fee”. Students can hand that envelope in to the office.

Thank you to some parents who have already donated/paid their fees for this year and we are looking forward to more donations coming in next week.

Speaking of very generous donations,.....
we would also like to say a very big thank you to Mr Terry and Mrs Wendy Dickey, Brad and Jack’s grandparents, for their very generous donation towards our ‘laptop for every student’. Their company, Autoliner Australia has very kindly donated $1,000 to our great school which will make a significant difference in achieving this goal.

Autoliner Australia is based in Minto, New South Wales, Australia.

The company has almost 40 years experience supplying the Collision Repair Industry. Terry Dickey started in 1972 selling equipment with Dickey and Shearing. Autoliner Australia is one of the leading Collision Repair Suppliers in Australia, providing equipment from Australia and around the world. Their aim is to provide three things to the industry, Price, Quality and Service. You can contact them on 02 9603 8100 or sales@autoliner.com.au

21st Century Learning and Kentlyn Public School
Two weeks ago I attended the Australian Primary Principals Conference along with another 2000 principals discussing the many changes in Australian education. During the three day conference we heard from notable keynote speakers such as Geoffrey Robertson QC (International Human Rights Lawyer) John Maclean OAM, Frank Crawford (educational consultant), Sue Langley (educational consultant), The Hon Anna Bligh (Former Premier of Queensland) and participated in a terrific Q&A session led by Emma Alberici (Journalist and TV personality) which included noted educational experts and Aboriginal and Muslim community educators.

These presenters spoke about the importance of 21st Century Learning, transformational leadership, the importance of the 4Cs - creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication, school change and the challenge of thinking to shape our future schooling. They discussed how current schooling practices are more suited to educate students for more traditional jobs in agriculture and manufacturing, but discussed how these jobs are quickly disappearing. Many of these jobs are now outsourced to 3rd world economies with cheaper wages. The presenters all shared the theme and discussed how our educational approach must change to allow students to succeed in the future. Research shows that our students won’t have 4-7 but 10-17 careers by the time they are 38. Those who will succeed in the future will be people who can adapt swiftly and be lifelong learners-constantly updating their skills.

Short life skills such as memorisation are seen as no longer important (we have google). Long life skills such as creativity, interpersonal skills, critical thinking and problem-solving will be the key to success now and in the future. They also discussed how the new illiterate are those who are technologically illiterate. This they say will be classed as a disability (like those who cannot read) in the future.

Kentlyn Public School is striving to keep up with these changes. As you know our school is currently undergoing a revolution in technology. We are showcasing our school and communicating though our website, flyers which will be distributed shortly, Facebook and very soon Skoolbag, (an online school app that provides instant communication to parents). Every student will have their own laptop (XO), to help us better teach creativity, team-work, problem-solving and critical thinking. We have also introduced Wi-Fi to our school. Many teachers are undergoing innovative professional learning in the use of technology across the school and all teachers will be involved in the XO training. Our teachers will be collaborating with teachers from other schools in the region. We will also be purchasing interactive boards for the library and re-organising our computer lab. We are thinking more about our classrooms and how they can be arranged to support this new pedagogy as well as introducing (SOLE –
Self Organized Learning Environments) and Project Based Learning and how learning can be more student directed.

Of course we are still teaching our basic skills of literacy and numeracy as students will always need to be literate and numerate but we are also thinking more outside the square in how we can teach content of Science and Human Society In the Environment and other subjects through collaboration, problem solving, creativity and critical thinking.

Administration - End of Financial Year
The school's end of financial year is on Friday, 28 November. Please ensure if you are intending on paying any school contributions or excursion fees for 2014 that they are paid before this date. The school office will be unable to receipt any money on Friday, 29 November or on Monday, 1 December while the end of financial year rollover is underway.

Presentation Awards Ceremony -
Our Presentation Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday 12 December from 10:30am - 12:00pm

At this formal assembly we also present students with their medallions for achieving various 'Principal Awards' over the years. If your child has collected the correct number of Principal Certificates please send them in so that we can start planning and ordering the medallions. Mrs Neal will be collecting and collating these names. .

Principal’s Awards
Students are responsible for the maintenance and storage of their Principal’s Awards. When 3 are collected, the student delivers the awards to the Office where a record of receipt will be kept. The student will receive a Silver Medallion at the Presentation Day/Evening in Term 4. When a student has collected 5 Principal’s Awards, a Gold Medallion will be presented at the Presentation Day/Evening in Term 4. When a student has collected 7 Principal’s Awards, a Platinum Award will be presented at the Presentation Day/Evening in Term 4.

5 Mini Awards = 1 Merit Award
10 Merit Awards = 1 Principal's Award
3 Principal's Awards = 1 Silver Medallion
5 Principal's Awards = 1 Gold Medallion
7 Principal's Awards = 1 Platinum Award
9 Principal's Awards = 1 Diamond Award

The certificates need to be in by Friday 21 November 2014

Student Leaders 2015
The following students have been nominated or have nominated themselves as future Student Leaders. Some students nominated are not on this list as we are respecting their privacy for their names not to be published.

Chantelle Borg
Rhiannon Cooke-Jones
Zoe Cooper
Joel Coskerie
Charlie Dadd
Rory Griffiths
Tasma-Lea King
Freedom Matalasi
Zachary Maxwell
Sophie Moore
Vanessa Redzic
Khy Shelton
Angelina Swift
Jamie Vossen
Hannah Walker
Elizabeth Webster
Lily Williams
Amabelle Wooley
Sadie Wyer-Manock

Speeches will be held on Wednesday 26 November from 12:30 - 1:30pm in our school hall. We wish them all the best and as long as everyone gives their best effort, they should be proud of themselves.

Chess Tournament - photos of this great day can be viewed on our website (scroll across in our gallery section)

On Monday 3 November Kentlyn sent a Chess team of Anthony Robinson, Matthew Cooper and Jamie Vossen to compete in the Junior Primary Schools One Day Competition at Campbelltown Catholic Club.
Despite our shocking loss in the first round we persisted in the following rounds using new strategies and knowledge, which enabled us to finish with an impressive score of 12 points. This placed us in the top 20% of 72 teams. We had an enjoyable experience chatting to friends from other schools and thinking creatively about moves for each game. Chess was a great game to get our minds working and we enjoyed the competition. Thank you to Mrs Muller for supervising us on this day as well as organising this great event.

The Chess Team

Heartbeat Program- photos of this great day can be viewed on our website (scroll across in our gallery section)

On Monday 3rd November, we attended the Heartbeat program at University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown campus. We met Uncle Ivan Wellington who did the Welcome to Country. We took part in five fun workshops to learn about health and health care. We found out about exploring healthy food choices and we completed physical fitness tests. It was fun when final year medical students, who are nearly doctors, let us have a go with their stethoscopes.

While visiting the nursing laboratory, we checked our temperature, oxygen levels, pulse and learnt about the importance of washing our hands.

We could pretend we had broken bones as we were able to have a plaster cast put on our arms. That was the best part of the day, along with meeting lots of new friends.

Thank you Mrs. Lynch for supervising us on the day.

Haylea and Zach

Allergies Reminder
We have some students in our school who are allergic to some foods e.g. peanuts, milk products, eggs, animal fur, grass etc.

We are kindly requesting that sandwiches with peanut butter, Nutella or other peanut products NOT be brought to school to ensure that the safety of these students is maintained.

Our canteen is "Nut Free" and we wish our school to be as "Nut Free" as possible. Thank you in advance.

Important Term 4 Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12 November - High school transition day for 4/5S and 5/6C
Thursday 13 November - Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 -10:30 - Literacy Session
Wednesday 19 November - LaST High School Transition 1:15 - 2:55pm
Thursday 20 November - Kindergarten Orientation - Numeracy Session
Friday 21 November - K-6 Assembly - Leaders to run and Medallion Awards - final date to bring in your Principal Awards to receive a medallion at our Presentation Day Assembly.

Wednesday 26 November - School Leaders’ speeches and voting 12:30 - 1:30pm in the hall and LaST High School Transition 1:15 - 2:55pm
Thursday 27 November - Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 - 10:30 then a sausage sizzle BBQ in the hall.
Tuesday 2 December - Principal’s morning tea 10:30am in the hall
Wednesday 3 December - P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the staffroom

Wednesday 3 December - Leumeah High School Open Day
Friday 5 December - K-6 Assembly School Leaders to run and P&C School disco
Thursday 11 December - Movie Day
Friday 12 December - Formal Presentation Assembly 10:30 - 12:00 and P&C Fair 12:30 - 3:00
Tuesday 16 December - Year 6 farewell
Wednesday 17 December - Last school day for the students
Thursday 18 December and Friday 19 December - Staff Development Days.

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.
Planning for 2015
The staff and I have started to plan for 2015. Our anticipated numbers for 2015 at the moment are 138 students. 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.

NOTIFICATION OF EXTENDED SUMMER VACATION
This is to inform you that my child/children:
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
will not return to school in Term 1 2015 until __________ (date) due to an extended holiday.
Signed: ________________ Date: ________
(Parent/Guardian)

NOTIFICATION OF CHILDREN LEAVING THE SCHOOL
This is to inform you that my child/children:
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
Name: ___________________ Class: ________
will be leaving Kentlyn Public School on ______________ and will enrol at ______________ Public School.
The last day of attendance will be: __________.
Signed: ________________ Date: ________
(Parent/Guardian)

Principal’s Awards
Matthew Ross 4/5S
Ben Ross 1/2H
Bryce Pearson 1/2H
Alejandro Nilo Barona 2/3W
Koan McElroy 2/3W
Lily Williams 4/5S

Value of the Week Awards
Fairness
K-2
Charley Wright K/1R
3-6
Sadie Wyer-Manock 5/6C

Co-Operation
K-2
Nooralzahra Alalwan 2/3W
3-6
Anthony Robinson 5/6C

Congratulations!

The smiles you give come back to you!
Androula Kavallaris
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK

DRIVER SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL
Each year in NSW children are injured and sometimes killed around schools. You can help to make our school a safer place by obeying the road rules and being patient and understanding at the peak traffic times of 8:30am and 3:30pm.

Obeying Parking Signs and Road Rules

Disabled Parking.
Unless the vehicle you are driving displays a current Disabled Person's Parking Authority and is carrying a disabled person you must not park in these areas.

No Parking
This sign means that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stand your car, except when you stop to pick up or set down goods or passengers. At no stage are you allowed to leave your car.

No Standing
This sign means in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stand your vehicle except to stop to pick up or set down passengers.

No Stopping
This sign means in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stand your vehicle at any point on the road, kerb unless there is a medical emergency.

Bus Zones
This sign means that in the direction of the arrow you are not allowed to stand your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

School Zones
The signs school zone and 40k School Zone mean the speed limit is 40km/h. This special speed limit applies on school days and during times shown on signs.

Did you know?
- More children around schools are injured at the start of school (8:30 to 9:15am) rather than at the end of the day due to parents rushing to get to work and there being more freely flowing traffic.
- Parking a little way from the school and walking to collect your child would make a big difference to the safety of all children.
- The fines for speeding 20km/h above the school zone limit around the school area can result in a penalty up to $750.

INTERNET TIPS FOR PARENTS
In this age of technology into which our children have been born they are often more knowledgeable and skilful in using computers than we parents are.

There are many things parents can do to help and guide their children in safely using the Internet even though they may be less knowledgeable about how to actually access and use the Internet themselves.

Parents need to talk to their children about a number of things:

1. **The house rules** - establishing rules about the amount of time they are permitted to spend online and when they can do it e.g. after homework, when chores are done, after some outside activity etc.
2. **Stranger Alert** - your children already know about not talking to strangers. You need to remind them that people on the Internet that they don't know are strangers and they must not give out any personal information. Ensure their Email address doesn’t give their name- have them use a “pen” name or their pet’s name etc. instead.
3. **Place the computer in a central place** where there is plenty of family activity and
you can monitor your child's work. A computer in a child's bedroom is out of sight.
4. **Surf the net together** so you can explore and assess the sites visited together.
5. **Teach your children** what to do if someone says something inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable on line. Encourage your children to tell you about anything inappropriate they come across.
6. **Blocking and filtering software** is readily available to help prevent undesirable material entering your home via the Internet.
7. **Do not let your child give out his email address** without your permission. Much unsolicited material can come into your home as junk mail. Often this junk mail is very inappropriate. Complain to your Internet Service Provider if you continue to receive inappropriate junk mail.
8. **Never let your child use a credit card** online without your direct supervision and you are confident that it is a safe site.

Enjoy together the enrichment that the Internet can bring to your children's learning in a safe, positive, educational and fun way.

**MATHS AND FITNESS**

Give your child a chance to combine maths practice and exercise with daily “mathbreaks.” Give directions that include a math problem and a fitness activity.
For example, say, “Do 2 + 2 jumping jacks” or “Do 11 – 2 cartwheels.”

**TRAVIS TUESDAY**

Yesterday we held a very fitting service to honour our friend and fellow student Travis Reardon. Many of our students spoke about the fond memories they hold of Travis and released red and green balloons in his memory. His memorial garden will be a place where we as a community will be able to remember and reflect the good times we spent with Travis.

Students wore red and green mufti to represent Travis’ precious Rabbittos and raised an astounding amount of $400 to be donated to The Starlight Foundation. Donations of $275 were also given on the day. Total sent to Starlight Foundation $675. An excellent effort by all. Thank you.

**Yours in Education**

Tanya Neal

**Voluntary School Contributions for 2014**

As a community we are always very generous and industrious in fundraising, but your voluntary school contribution will assist the school in providing resources beyond what government funding allows.

If you feel you would like to pay more, it would be very much appreciated if you would contribute to the 'A Laptop for Every Child Program'. This will help us to keep our technology as current as possible for student learning.