**Always Our Best**

**Rule of the week:**

**Value of the Week**

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

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**Dear Parents and Caregivers,**

At our P&C AGM on Wednesday 5 March, the 2014 Executive was elected and I would like to congratulate Mrs Judith Seeney who was elected as our new P&C President.

Congratulations also to the rest of the executive committee who are as follows:

President - Judith Seeney  
Vice President - Tammy O'Brien  
Treasurer - Naomi Roberts  
Secretary - Rachel Lowe

On behalf of the community and staff I would like to thank our outgoing Committee as well as our President, Ms Catherine Cooke. Catherine started out as a kindergarten parent who attended the first P&C meeting and ended up being President for the last 5 years. 😊 Thank you all for your support and great fundraising throughout 2013.

**Harmony Day**

This Friday 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day at Kentlyn Public School.

Children are invited to wear orange mufti clothing which should include sensible footwear, as we will be participating in sporting activities. Singlets, thongs or sandals must not be worn. Mufti hats can also be worn on the day.

A gold coin donation will be required if your child/ren choose to participate in the mufti day. All children who donate a gold coin will receive a Harmony Day wristband.

Stage 3 will also be having a cake stall. Prices will range from 50c-$2. They will be on sale during lunchtime.

The canteen will have a selection of orange foods available to purchase during lunchtime.

Mrs Grover

**Teacher Appointments**

We ask that you make an appointment with your child's teacher if you need to speak to them so that teachers can provide parents with their full attention when discussing problems or issues. It can be counterproductive to attempt to resolve issues as children move off to class of a morning or at bell times. The school has an executive member of staff, Mrs Neal, who is happy to assist but we also ask that you afford your child's teacher the courtesy of discussing your concerns with them in the first instance.

If you have a pressing concern or important feedback, I am also available to discuss your needs with you.

**Working With Children Check—Volunteer Requirements**

Due to new regulations, all volunteers within our school are required to complete a Working With Children Check on-line by the 1 April 2014.

We ask that anyone who spends time assisting with our students go to the website, Working with Children Checks—


and click on ‘Start Here’ on the left hand side, and complete the application for volunteers.
You will be issued with a reference number which we require at school. This will last 5 years. Please take some time to complete this check as soon as possible so we can continue the excellent community involvement with our students. Or please come and see Mrs Thompson in the office and she will give you the appropriate form to fill out. With this form you will need to provide a "Proof of Identity 100 Point Check".

Thank you in advance

**Campbelltown Zone Swimming Carnival 2014**

This year we had 7 students representing Kentlyn Public School at the Campbelltown Zone Swimming carnival held at The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre on Wednesday the 12th of March. Marian Price and Miss Helliwell had a wonderful day supervising and cheering on all the students from Kentlyn. Not only were we both impressed with everyone’s performance in the pool but also the behaviour of all children attending was outstanding. A very big thank you to all the parents who came down to cheer and help out. It was greatly appreciated and helped make it an enjoyable day for all.

All students performed extremely well in their respective races. A special mention goes out to Rhiannon Cooke-Jones who performed so well on the day that she was awarded overall Zone Junior Girls Champion.

Going on to represent Kentlyn at Regionals are: Rhiannon Cooke-Jones, Holly Nguyen, Sam Maxwell, Thomas Ferro and our Small Schools Relay team. All of Kentlyn wishes them the very best for Regionals. Please see last page for overall placement results.

**Miss Helliwell**

**Regional Swimming Carnival**

On Tuesday the 18 March five students from Kentlyn joined the Zone Swimming team at The Regional Swimming Carnival. Thomas Ferro competed in the 50 metre Backstroke and came 3rd in his heat and 20th overall. Samuel Maxwell competed in 50 metre Freestyle, coming 5th in his heat and 17th overall, and 50 metre Backstroke, coming first in his heat and 15th overall. Holly Nguyen competed in the 50 metre Butterfly, coming second in her heat. Rhiannon ‘The Fish’ Cooke-Jones competed in 50 metre Freestyle coming 2nd overall and sending her to the State Swimming Carnival, 8th in the Individual Medley, 6th in her Breaststroke heat, 1st in her heat for Backstroke and 15th overall, and finally 2nd in her heat for 50 metre Butterfly.

To top off a great day of swimming, Rhiannon, Samuel, Thomas and Zachary competed in the Small Schools Relay and won by a huge 12 seconds with a finishing time of 2 minutes 53 seconds.

Well done to our Kentlyn swimmers and good luck to Rhiannon at the State Swimming Carnival.

Mr Saunders

Rhiannon Cooke Jones – Zone Age Champion 10 Years Girls and proudly representing our school at State Level in a few weeks.

Rhiannon, Samuel, Thomas and Zachary - they won by a huge 12 seconds with a finishing time of 2 minutes 53 seconds in the Small Schools Relay.
Tree Audit
In line with new DEC procedures, an arborist will be employed sometime next term to carry out a comprehensive tree audit and compile a report to ensure safety and appropriate action to minimise risk in our school setting.

"The scope of the tree safety inspection is limited to those trees in and around buildings and in areas where students and staff congregate, before and after school, that pose an immediate, unacceptable risk to human safety."

Important Term 1 Dates
for your Diary:
Friday 21 March - Year 6 high school forms are due in.
K-6 Assembly 1:00pm - Leaders to run National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Harmony Day
Friday 28 March - ICAS test notes due in
Friday 4 April - K-6 Assembly 1:00pm - Leaders to run
P&C Meeting - 2:00pm in the library
Monday 7 April - 11 April - Parent Teacher Interviews week.
Thursday 10 April - ANZAC Day Assembly - 10:15 - 10:45am in the hall
Friday 11 April - Easter Hat Parade and last day of school term.

Term 2 Dates:
Monday 28 April - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 29 April - All students K-6 back at school
Monday 5 May - Gymnastics program begins

UNSW ICAS TESTS
Last week students in Years 3-6 took home information regarding participation in the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools tests. If you would like your child to participate in these tests, please read the information and return the permission slip with correct money in a sealed envelope with your child’s name, class and what test they will be participating in. All money needs to be taken to Mrs Thompson in the office before Friday 28 March 2014.

Parent and Teacher Interviews
Notes have been sent home for parent and teacher interviews. If your child has misplaced his/her note you can access the note on our website in your child’s class section.

Please note that if the time and date the teacher has allocated does not cater for your needs you can ring and speak to your child’s teacher and organise a time and date that is mutually convenient.

Parent/Teacher Interview Possible Checklist
Parents can prepare questions and/or comments about some of the following areas:-

Child’s progress, strengths and weaknesses
• academically, socially, personally

Child’s attitude
• neatness in work
• punctuality

Child’s behaviour
• in class
• in the playground

Child’s relationship with peers
• friendships
• working in a team

How to help at home
• home reading and homework
• Child’s response to rules and discipline

Examples of questions you might want to ask:
• Is there anything about my child’s needs that I should know?
• Does my child ask questions, participate in class discussions/class room activities?
• Is my child’s reading progress satisfactory?
• What activities does my child seem to enjoy the most at school?
• Is my child’s numeracy progress satisfactory?
• Does my child join in with other children in the playground?
• Does my child easily follow directions?
• What can I do as a parent to help my child? progress in school this year?
• Does my child easily cooperate and follow the rules and routines during class time?

Remember the interview is only 15 minutes long, however, you can always request another time to meet your child’s teacher later on.
**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’s 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 imperative to remember that if we did have to go to lockdown or evacuate our school our first two priories 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.

**Annual School Report**

The school’s Annual School Report for 2013 will be available to view on our website beginning next term. If you would prefer a printed copy, please request one at the school office. Many thanks to the committee, including parent representatives who assisted with compiling last year’s report.

**The smiles you give come back to you!**

Androula Kavallaris

Principal

**Premiers Reading Challenge**

We have again this year entered the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

We all know that children’s reading skills are important to their success in school and work. What we sometimes forget is that reading is also a fun and imaginative activity for children; an activity which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds and enables them to explore the unknown.

CS Lewis said - Through literature ‘I become a thousand people and yet remain myself’. Through reading books we can learn about different things and we can meet interesting people. Turn the pages of a book and you can listen to the voice of someone who lives or even someone who lived in another time and another place.

There are booklists available for each of the Challenges, catering for students in Years K-2, Years 3-4 and Years 5-6. Students can read books at or above their Challenge level. The booklists represent a range of books including fiction, non-fiction, picture books, poetry and drama and include a wide variety of Australian authors.

To view the book lists, you will need to access the PRC website https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Happy reading!

**Write 4 Fun Writing Competition**

It is wonderful to read each fortnights entries in our school based competition and we have some fantastic budding authors here at Kentlyn. To further encourage this, we have decided to submit interested students entries into the ‘Write 4 Fun’ competition.

This is a nationwide competition where students from all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories OR poems.

There is no theme! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be submitted to Mrs Neal by Friday 21st March.
Rules
1. The judges’ decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
2. All entrants must be currently enrolled and attending as students at the school under which they enter or be Home School Primary or High students.
3. Entries must not exceed 16 lines in length or 64 characters in width for poems and must not exceed 500 words for short stories.
4. Entries must be typed or neatly hand written.
5. Typed entries are to be presented on one side of a single A4 sheet of paper.
6. One entry per student only.
7. Co-written entries will be disqualified.
8. Entries are to be postmarked no later than March 21, 2014.
9. Copying an existing poem/story is called plagiarising and it is against the law. If plagiarism occurs, the entrant will be disqualified and their parents and teachers notified. Write4fun will not be held responsible for any plagiarised work entered into the competition.
10. The author’s name, age, address, grade level and school must appear on the page with each entry.
11. Write4fun reserves the right to disqualify unsuitable entries.
12. All care will be taken but no responsibility will be accepted for any misplaced work.
13. No updated, revised versions of entries will be considered after initial entry.
14. All prize winners will be notified by mail and a winners list will be available to view on our website.
15. Entries will not be returned.
16. If insufficient entries have been received in the opinion of the organisers, Write4fun reserves the right to cancel the competition.
17. There will be separate judging and prizes for poems and short stories.

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence & Harmony Day
On Friday 21 March, Kentlyn Public School will be celebrating both The National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence and Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

This year Kentlyn has decided to ‘take a stand together’ and participate in The National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence.

To celebrate this day, students are able to dress in the colour orange.

Kentlyn Public School’s Facebook Page
Don’t forget to head on over to Kentlyn Public School’s Official Facebook page to view all the wonderful things that are happening within our school
https://www.facebook.com/kentlynps/info#!/kentlynps

Yours in Education
Tanya Neal
Assistant Principal

Hi Everyone,
After a fantastic turn out at the AGM on the 5th of March the new P&C committee was elected and consists of: President – Judith Seeney, Vice President – Tammy O’Brien, Treasurer – Naomi Roberts and Secretary – Rachel Lowe

This year we aim to provide you with a friendly platform to voice your opinions. We have also placed a suggestion box in the school office if anyone has any ideas for the betterment of our school.

We are planning and looking forward to celebrating Easter and an end of term disco.
We also look forward to supporting teachers in their endeavours to improve our school.
Our healthy canteen has continued to operate effectively and efficiently this year. We will be attending the Healthy Kids Association Food Exhibition and Training day so we can continue to improve ourselves and our canteen. This Friday we will be supporting Anti-Bullying and Harmony Day by providing a selection of healthy orange foods. We are always in need of volunteers so if you can give a few hours of your morning even one day a week that would be greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting will be held after assembly on Friday the 4th of April at 2:00pm. We look forward to introducing ourselves and hope to see many new faces.

Have a great week,

Judith, Tammy, Naomi and Rachel

Canteen News:
Friday 21 March, to celebrate Harmony Day the canteen will be selling various orange food for all students K-6.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.
Find out more:

School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.
Find out more:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.
Find out more:

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**Principal’s Awards**

**Ella Hardy 4/5S**

**Value of the Week Awards**

**Co-operation**

**K-2**

Reki Roberts K/1R

**3-6**

Penny Auger 5/6C

**Responsibility**

**K-2**

Brad Smith KG

**3-6**

Lily Williams 4/5S

**Congratulations!**

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**Go4Fun**

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

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

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

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks over the school term for children and their parents. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes plus much more!

South Western Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge.
To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/populationhealth/Go4Fun.html where you can also register.
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC
@ CENTRE COURT TENNIS

Jared Zeeman & Ian Brabazon
Tennis Australia Qualified Coaches

www.centrecourttennis.com.au

WHEN – APRIL 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 2014 “FUN 4 DAY CLINIC”

WHERE – Wests Tennis Club -16 Old Leumeah Rd Leumeah COST – OPTION 1
$120.00 for 4 days (9am till 3.00pm)
OPTION 2 $35.00 per day (9.00am till 3.00pm)
OPTION 3 $20.00 per day (9.00am till 12.00 noon)
WHO CAN COME? – Any children from the age of 5 up to 17 beginners welcome TO REGISTER OR ENQUIRIES

CALL – Jared 0404-457-088 or Ian 0411-330-107