Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Cross Country
Congratulations to all students who participated in the School Cross Country and assisted with raising precious funds to assist our school. It was an amazing day and it was fabulous to hear so much encouragement being shared and to see the effort students put in.

Zone Cross Country
On Tuesday 27 May, Miss Chisholm, Mrs Price and Miss Maghiaru will be attending the Zone Cross Country with 49 of our students representing Kentlyn Public School. We wish them all the very best and know they will represent our school with honour and pride.

ICAS Tests
This year Miss Chisholm is administering the ICAS tests across the school.
20 May – ICAS Computer Skills Test
4 June – ICAS Science Test
16 June – ICAS Writing Test

Grip Leadership Conference
As part of Kentlyn Public School’s developing leadership program, student leaders have been invited to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference for primary students in Sydney on the 22nd of May 2014. Students will be attending the conference at the ‘Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre’ with Miss Chisholm and Mrs Price.

Share the Skills
This week teachers from Kentlyn have been attending a variety of workshops across schools in our region. In week 6, teachers will be sharing the skills they have gained amongst the staff during our professional learning sessions to ensure we are kept up to date with current and best practice.

Whole School Assembly
5/6C will be hosting our next whole school assembly to be held on Friday 30 May. Parents, carers, friends and family are welcome to come along and support 5/6C.

A huge congratulation to those students who were successful in their age races and obtained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbon at last whole school assembly.
WHS - Teacher Car Park
It saddens me, that I am still constantly having to remind both parents and students that the staff car park is not to be used by parents to drop off or pick up children (with the exception of the use of the allocated disabled parking space). This has become an extreme safety concern as of late! It has also been made very clear that AT NO TIME are children permitted to walk through the car park with or without an adult. This is to ensure their safety.

If you are dropping children off or picking children up from Before and After School Care, children must be walked up the side of the car park with an adult and never permitted to walk through unattended.

At Kentlyn Public School, the welfare and safety of our students is paramount and I thank you in advance for your support regarding this matter.

Signing Children in and out of School
It is essential for learning that all students arrive at school on time.

Arriving at school and class on time:
- ensures that students don’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when students are most alert
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class and therefore,
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as partial absence and must be explained by parents or carers in the same way as other forms of absence.

If your child is late arriving to school or is required to leave early, they MUST BE SIGNED IN OR OUT OF THE SCHOOL BY THEIR PARENT OR CARER. This is a legal requirement and must be recorded at the front office.

At no time are students permitted to leave the school premises with anyone but their parent or carer unless prior arrangements have been arranged and documentation been supplied to the school.

Local Police Monitoring Kentlyn
The local police have advised me that they will be closely monitoring our school between school drop off and pick up times. This is largely due to the amount of community members breaking NSW road rules. In particular, U-Turns being made across the double lines in front of our school and near the pedestrian crossing. This practice is not only illegal but is also putting our students’ safety in jeopardy as there have been several incidents reported where a child or another car has almost been hit. Once again, for the well-being and safety of all our students and community members, we ask that we all adhere to the road rules to ensure the safety of our Kentlyn Community.

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 happening within our school.

Buddy Teaching
Last week during NAPLAN, I had the opportunity to work with both year 6 and 1/2H. We used this opening for year 6 students to individually teach to a year 1 or 2 student, a lesson on persuasive texts. It was fabulous to see the amount of knowledge the year 6 students were able to share with their buddy and the level of engagement given from all students.
Year 6 also took the opportunity to listen to their buddy read a text based at their level as well as read a quality literacy text to their buddy. It was a wonderful experience to be a part of and all students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. The amount of enthusiasm displayed by the year 6 students was extremely commendable and inspirational for our younger students.

As this was such a successful experience for all involved, this is something we will be looking at building upon throughout the year.

Prac Students
You may have noticed several new faces around the playground and within classrooms at Kentlyn Public School lately. We are lucky enough to be hosting several Prac Students from a variety of Universities throughout the term. These students are at our school to learn from our wonderful teachers and students as well as offer their own skills and insights in to class and activities. They are eager to help and have a chat, so next time you see them, say hi!

Book Club
Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in Book Club. The school receives reward points of 1 point for every dollar spent and these points are used to purchase books for the school library. Each class also receives bonus points to purchase class readers.

Would you please check the following details before sending in the order:

1. Your child’s name is on the order form. It is difficult to match books to students when we don’t have a name.
2. That the books ordered tally with the amount enclosed. Sometimes students add extra books after the total has been done and we’re not sure which books are to be included. Also, the books that are offered on a continuing basis must have the authority form on the right hand side of the page filled in and signed by a parent.
3. Cheques are to be made payable to Scholastic Book Club NOT the school.
4. Please remember to enclose Credit Card slip if paying by card.

Please note: Book Club is collated on the morning of the due date therefore orders sent to school after this time cannot be included. This is due to the deadline set by Scholastic.

Amazing Experiences When Reading
Can you help us be in the running for $1000 worth of free books for our school?

Indij Readers Ltd is running a promotional experience for children, teachers, principals, parents, grandparents, carers and anyone who has had an “Amazing Experience When Reading”.

We are seeking the amazing experiences people have when they read with those that inspire them. Inspiration can come from parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers, school principals, community leaders and more.

“Amazing Experiences When Reading” is seeking submissions from individuals, class and or groups who are getting down and reading with others.

Indij Readers Ltd is of course very interested in hearing of “Amazing Experiences When Reading” our titles but the real emphasis of this promotional experience is to foster a genuine love of reading, engagement in story and the experiences that reading brings. “Amazing Experiences When Reading” could be in the classroom, the library, playground, backyard, by the pool, at your favourite picnic spot, on the school bus, on a plane or anywhere at all!
How to Get Involved
Simply send us a short narrative, poem, cartoon, hand drawn image or any other means of communicating "Amazing Experiences When Reading". Please send all "Amazing Experiences When Reading" in digital format.
All submissions must be sent to media@indijreaders.com.au and cannot be more than 10MB in size.
Promotion closes 5pm 30 June 2014.
During the campaign selected submissions may be used on our website or Facebook page to further promote "Amazing Experiences When Reading", if you do not wish your submission to be used in this way please advise us in writing with your email.

What you can receive
Indij Readers Ltd will select the three most interesting and engaging submissions received. The three selected submissions will be posted on our website and Facebook sites a week after the promotion closing date (30 June 2014). The three selected submissions will each receive $1000 worth of books from our catalogue. Titles, quantities and delivery will be negotiated with the recipients via email.
If you require further details about this promotion please contact us by phone on (02) 4362 3934 or visit our website www.indijreaders.com.au

Mental Maths Strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does Speaking Another Language at Home Confuse Children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

Too Sick for School?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Reviewed Discipline Policy
Please view the attached reviewed Kentlyn Public School Discipline Policy 2014.

As we value the input of the whole Kentlyn Public School Community, your suggestions regarding the policy have been reviewed and as a result there have been some slight amendments made to the document.

This revised document was presented and passed at our recent P&C meeting.

Please see the final copy attached.
Being Winter Wise
Winter is a time when we see an increase in absenteeism due to illnesses such as cold and flu. To prepare for the cold and flu season I have gathered some resources for you to access to be winter wise.

Important Term 2 Dates for your Diary:
22 May  
Grip Leadership Conference  
23 May  
Senior school debate against Buxton PS  
26 May  
Gymnastics  
27 May  
Zone Cross Country  
30 May  
K-6 Assembly 1:00pm to be run by 5/6C  
4 June  
ICAS Science  
6 June  
P&C Meeting 1:00pm in Library  
School Disco - K-2 4:00 - 5:30pm  
3-6 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
9 June  
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday  
13 June  
NAIDOC celebrations  
16 June  
ICAS Writing test  
Gymnastics  
17 June  
Principals Morning Tea  
ICAS Spelling Test  
25 - 27 June  
Stage 3 camp  

Yours in Education  
Ms Tanya Neal  
Rel Principal
Debating
Kentlyn Public School has entered a cross school debating competition. Over the next 8 weeks students will be participating in 4 debates against Picton Public School, Buxton Public School and Douglas Park Public School. Good luck to all our debaters.

Stewart House
This week students have been sent home with Stewart House bags for any unwanted clothing. If you have any clothing you would like to donate, please return the bag to school by Thursday 22 May. All clothing is appreciated.

Movie / PJ Day
What a great day! Students eagerly participated in the pj dress code and movie with lots of money being raised. A grand total of $328 was raised through the sale of popcorn and drinks plus the gold coin donation. Thank you to all students who participated and made it a great day.

Fundraising /Fun Run
Final reminder all money and sponsorship forms to be returned to school by Monday 26 May so that prizes can be ordered and distributed to the students as soon as possible.

Principal Awards
Shannon Dobinson 4/5S
Sophie Moore 4/5S

Value of the Week
Cooperation
K-2
Jacob Harding KG
3-6
Chanelle Woolley 2/3W

Fairness
K-2
Bailee Cooper 2/3W
3-6
Damien Ross 5/6C

Congratulations!

Mr Steven Saunders
Assistant Principal ©
Canteen News for the night of the disco

The canteen will be open for the disco. No hot food will be available but we will have plenty of yummy snacks, drinks and ice creams for you to purchase, please see our new canteen menu for prices.

A variety of chocolates and lollies will also be available at prices ranging from $0.50c - $2.00.

Soft drink cans - $2.00 each

If your children are attending the disco, please return this slip and $5.00 entry fee (which includes drink, chips and 2 glow bracelets) to the canteen by the 30th of May.

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