Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a very special welcome to our new families and students.

I would like to say that it is absolutely wonderful to be back at our great school after being on long service leave for 3 months. In fact, I liked the way one of my kindergarten students summarised my leave early Tuesday morning, "Ms K I've missed you. You have been on a very, very long weekend". 😊😊😊😊.

I would like to thank ALL my great staff at Kentlyn Public School for all their hard work and dedication throughout this whole year, but especially throughout Term 2. I am lucky to be part of this great team.

A very big thank you also to Mrs Neal and Mr Saunders for relieving as Principal and Assistant Principal in my absence. It was an extremely busy term and I would like to take this time to acknowledge and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you also to Mrs Janene Cook who relieved as Principal in the last 2 weeks of Term 2. Mrs Cook was not only helping and assisting Kentlyn PS but she was also continuing to assist her substantive school, Rosemeadow Public School, at the same time. Thank you for your help and support. It was greatly appreciated. 😊😊😊

Some wonderful programs coming up for our students this term include the following:

* 2/3W’s and Year 4’s excursion to the Science Centre
* Athletics Carnival field and track events
* Education Week
* Debating
* Premier’s Spelling Bee competition
* Snake Tails Visit
* Peer Support
* Swimming Scheme
* GALA Days (TBC)
* More great items at our K-6 Assemblies
* School Photos
* Stage 3 fundraising events
* Zone Athletics track and field events
* Heartbeat Program – senior students, at UWS at Campbelltown

Speaking of great things that are happening in our school, don’t our gardens look absolutely fantastic? Our fantastic P&C have been very

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busy organising garden beds with new seedlings planted as well as revamping a new BBQ area for all our fundraisers. Thank you to all the parents who attended several working bees as well as staff members who assisted on the day. Mr Bird in particular was one of the many pivotal organisers in all these new works, which has beautified our school even more 😊

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra
Early on Wednesday, 25 June 2014, Stage 3 students came to school bright and bubbly ready for their two night camp. After a long drive, we arrived at the War Memorial in Canberra. It was great to see the students deepen their knowledge of Australia’s military service and the conditions of the different wars. Next stop was the National Electoral Education Office where we learnt about the history of voting and democracy, we also got to run an election.

After another bus trip, we arrived at Berridale and our accommodation. Once dinner was finished, everyone got their snow clothes ready for the next day.

Thursday was cold! Luckily we had our snow gear to keep everyone warm. It took about an hour to drive all the way to Thredbo and, after some lunch and ‘how to dress at the snow’ instructions, everyone headed up the chair lift! The snow was knee deep when we got off which made it difficult and funny to walk in. The wind was nowhere to be seen and everyone had a blast throwing snow, making snow angels and creating snowmen.

Friday seemed to arrive quickly, but that may have been because of the early start needed to get back to Canberra. We started at Telstra Tower, but we could not see more than 2 metres because we were in the clouds. Next was Parliament House where we met a member of the House of Representatives and a member of the Senate. After a tour of the building, we had a go at passing a law which was great fun. Our final destination in Canberra was Questicon, seven galleries of science fun! The most popular attraction was the 3 metre drop.

On the way home was a quick stop at McDonalds for some dinner and we were only 5 minutes late back to school. A big thank you to all the people that helped fundraise and to the P and C for their help to get the cost down. Thanks to Mrs Price, Miss Chisholm and Mr Saunders for the time they put into organising the camp. It was a great time and everyone represented Kentlyn proudly.

Mr Saunders and Miss Chisholm
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)
Stage 3 students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. This rebate will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Debating – Buxton Public School
The debating team consisting of Erin Dobinson, Matthew Cooper, Anthony Robinson and Damien Ross travelled to Buxton Public School to compete in the last round of our group debates. The topic was that “All contact sport should be banned in Australia”. We had some great arguments and excellent rebuttals which resulted in our third win. Congratulations to all the debaters on a great season. Thank you also to Mr Saunders for organising and working with these students to get them to this level. 😊😊

Kentlyn Public School – Library Bags
Due to a very big and generous donation from Mrs Ankers our school has some great new library bags, 1000 of them to be exact 😊. Every child will receive free of charge one of these lovely bags when they next borrow with Mrs Muller. These bags will also be available from the Uniform shop if you wish to purchase more.

P&C Looking to Enhance our Current School Uniform
Our great P&C are at the moment looking at different contractors to enhance and build on our current school uniform. We will NOT be changing any aspect of our uniform, simply looking at other options of purchasing more items so that when you come to purchase your child’s school uniform you will have more choices available. These options will be available for viewing at our next P&C meeting which will be on Friday 8 August at 1:00pm in the library.

Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival will once again be held over two days, Thursday 31 July, Field Events, and Friday 1 August, Track Events. A note was sent home last week asking for parent volunteers to help assist the teachers on the day. If you are available to help on the day, please see Mr Saunders. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Basic events information can also be found on the last 2 pages of this newsletter.

HEALTHY HINTS – Encourage Fair Play
Sport and games are a great way for children to learn about teamwork, rules, winning, losing as well as providing invaluable physical activity. Parents can encourage fair play by:
- emphasising effort and having fun, not just winning.
- Cheering and acknowledging good play by both teams.
- Talking about the game not the result.
For more information about encouraging fair play go to the NSW Sport and Recreation website www.dsr.nsw.gov.au or phone 131 302.

Photographing and taking video of our students.
Most of you would be aware that it is DEC and a school requirement that we get parental permission for students to be photographed, videotaped and be put on our website. (These notes are available on our website.)

We have a number of students who cannot be photographed or be videotaped at any time. Some are for legal reasons. With all school events I ask that you please only photograph/video your child, to the best of your ability.

I understand that this is very hard to monitor however, with your support I know that we can maintain these students’ privacy.

Swimming School
Our school will once again be participating in the School Swimming and Safety Program for 2014. There will be a total of 29 students attending. Confirmation letters will be sent home this week. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to drive the students to the pool and back. This is a big commitment and one that we totally appreciate and are grateful for. However, it is imperative that all parent volunteers have a Working with Children Check number. If you do not it is very easy to obtain and Mrs Thompson will be more than happy to assist you in organising this.

Due to these parents volunteering their time, the total cost to these students attending is only $26.00 for the 10 days, which covers pool entry, compared to the cost of attending by bus.

A big thank you also in advance to Miss Helliwell who will be accompanying and supervising the students for the 10 days.

Presentation Day
As mentioned in my very first newsletter at the beginning of this year, we will be trialling having our Presentation Day Assembly during school hours.
Please save this day and time in your diaries.

DATE: FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2014
TIME: 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Important Term 3 Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 23 July - 2/3W and Year 4’s excursion to the Science Centre
Friday 25 July -2/3W’s K-6 Assembly
Monday 28 July - Friday 1 August - Education Week
Monday 28 - Constable Louise Michell - Safe is Happy program and Peer Support
Tuesday 29 - ICAS English Test & Teacher Professional Learning - Supporting Students with autism
Wednesday 30 - Kentlyn’s Open Day and Parent Forums
Thursday 31 - Athletics Carnival - Field Events
Friday 1 August - Athletics Carnival - Track Events
Wednesday 6 August - Wet Weather alternate day for School Athletics Carnival
Friday 8 August - GALA Day TBC and P&C meeting in the library at 1:00pm
Tuesday 12 August - ICAS Maths Test & Commonwealth Bank Smart Lessons 1-6
Friday 15 August - 1/2H’s K-6 Assembly (TBC)
Monday 18 August - Premier Spelling Bee School Final - time to be confirmed
Thursday 21 August - Snake Tails visit
Monday 25 August - Friday 5 September - Swimming School begins
Wednesday 27 August - Campbelltown Zone Athletics
Thursday 28 August - Campbelltown Zone Athletics
Friday 29 August - K/1R’s K-6 Assembly (TBC)
Thursday 4 September - Book Fair and Book Parade
Wednesday 10 September - Sydney South West Primary Athletics and P&C Meeting 5:30pm in the staffroom.
Thursday 11 September - PHOTO DAY
Friday 12 September - KG’s K-6 Assembly (TBC)
Monday 15 September - Premiers Reading Challenge ends this week
Friday 19 September - Last school day for Term 3
Premier’s Spelling Bee
The Premiers Spelling Bee Competition is open to all children in Years 3-6 at Kentlyn Public School. Children who wish to enter will be required to download and learn either the Junior (Yr3&4) or Senior (Yr5&6) official Spelling Bee List of words from the official website at: 

Username: teacher
Password: decade

Please note: Junior words begin at Level 1 and go to Level 5, Senior words begin at Level 2 and go to Level 7

This year the lists feature a new category entitled Places, which adds a geographical element to the word lists. Please note when being tested on these words students will not have to state whether a letter is capitalised or not. Please feel free to provide feedback on whether your students enjoy this new category of words.

Class competitions will be held during class time and the top 3 from each grade will go on to compete at our K-6 Assembly, date to be confirmed soon. The winner and runner up from Junior and Senior division will then go on to compete against other schools in our local community (date and venue TBA).

For more information please go to the official website of the Premiers Spelling Bee Competition 2014. If you have any questions please see Mrs Neal before or after school.

K-6 2/3W’S Assembly
This Friday there is an assemblycommencing at 1:00pm. 2/3W will be running and performing something they have choreographed especially to share with you. We would love to see you there 😊

Student Medical Forms - New DEC requirements
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

If you have a child with a medical condition and you have NOT completed the new forms sent out in Term 1 please contact Mrs Thompson in the office to receive the forms.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call Mrs Thompson on 4628-2455.

Kindergarten 2015
We have commenced taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2015. It is important that parents intending to enrol their child in 2015 complete the necessary paperwork so 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 2009 and 31st July 2010 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.

FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR 2014
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.
Live Life Well
Quick and easy breakfast ideas:
Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example

Why is breakfast important?
- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

Breakfast provides brain food
Eating breakfast each morning improves children's learning, concentration, behaviour, overall nutrient intake, and establishes healthy eating patterns for life. Some quick breakfast options include:

- wholegrain cereals and reduced-fat milk
- baked beans on wholegrain toast and a glass of reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie and toast
- toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- egg on toast with a glass of reduced-fat milk
- wholemeal or wholegrain toast or fresh bread, with margarine spread plus a topping, such as tomato, reduced-fat cheese or baked beans
- reduced-fat yoghurt, fruit and raisin bread
- fruit salad and yoghurt.

Serve breakfast with a glass of water or milk to get children hydrated.

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.

We Strongly Believe…..by 1/2H
Our class, 1/2H, strongly believe that everybody should brush their teeth. Firstly, everybody should brush their teeth because teeth need to be cleaned. Teeth that are not clean can get cavities.

Secondly, everybody should brush their teeth because without brushing, teeth get sick and fall out. Having no teeth makes it hard to chew foods and talk clearly.

Thirdly, everybody should brush their teeth because without toothpaste and clean teeth your breath can smell. Nobody wants to sit with someone who has smelly breath.

This is why we believe that everybody should brush their teeth.

The smiles you give come back to you!
Androula Kavallaris
Principal
See separate P&C note.

**Principal’s Awards**
- Damien Ross 5/6C
- Jack Griffiths 1/2H
- Charley Wright K/1R
- Laura Zapirain 1/2H
- Anna Jezierski 2/3W
- Jamie Vossen 5/6C

**Value of the Week**

**Participation**
- **K-2**
  - Ben Ross 1/2H
- **3-6**
  - Amabelle Woolley 4/5S

**Respect**
- **K-2**
  - Ava Clarke K/1R
- **3-6**
  - Yogui Mahendren 4/5S

**Integrity (Term 3)**
- **K-2**
  - Anna Jezierski 2/3W
- **3-6**
  - Rhiannon Cooke-Jones 4/5S

**Congratulations!**
Woodbine Neighbourhood Centre (WNC) has introduced a new playgroup for children aged 0-5 years on the spectrum and their siblings. The playgroup will commence on Wednesday 23rd July 2014, 10am – 12noon. The group is for parents and carers who have a child on the spectrum either diagnosed or pending diagnoses. When: every Wednesday during school terms. Time: 10am – 12noon. WNC also runs an ASD Social and Networking Group (ASANG) which is offered on the third Monday of each month during, 10.30am – 12.30pm. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: WNC is also taking expression of interest for an ASD Yoga class for children aged 7 years and up. For further details please contact Selena Dewar on Phone: 4625 1254 Fax: 46 28 7642 Email: coordinator@woodbinenc.org.au Web: woodbinenc.org.au

Campbelltown Caspers will be holding a Try Baseball Day / Registration Day on Sunday July 27th from 10am to 2pm at Mary Brookes Reserve, Kellerman Drive St Helens Park. Come down, enjoy a free sausage sizzle and sign up for the new season. All of the committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Alternatively, If you’re interested in playing and can’t make it on Sunday, feel free to email Ian at ian@caspersbaseballclub.com or you can ring/text him on 0410 150 614

Macarthur Children’s Developmental Clinic are offering free screening services for children whose parents or teachers think they may have some difficulties with their speech, language or literacy skills but are not 100% sure. For further information please contact them at 02 4648 0837 or admin@macarthurcdc.com.au

Reward for Stolen Motorbikes – 4 motorbikes stolen from Condamine Street Campbelltown on Friday 18th July. 
1 x 2014 Model Kawasaki KXL140 VIN No: JKBLXPB18EDA14941
1 x 2005 Model Kawasaki KXL125
1 x 2014 Model Kawasaki KXL110 VIN No: JKALSXC13EDA91481
1 x 2013 Model Yamaha TTR 50 with Training Wheels VIN No: LBPCAO1W7DO40404
Any Information leading to the return will be rewarded. Please call Chris 0412 655 578
The Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Week 3 of this term.
Thursday 31 July - Field Events and
Friday 1 August - Track Events
All events are conducted in line with NSW PSSA stipulations.

Track Events

- All students K-6 receive the opportunity to participate in a sprint race.
- Students from K-2 run in a sprint race at the competitive carnival and then participate in Infants Tabloid Sports.
- Year 2 students who turn 8 this year (born 2006) may participate in either the competitive carnival or can remain with their class for the tabloid sports.
- In the 100m only, students from 3 - 6 are placed into a group based on the age that they are turning this year:

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- For all other track events students are grouped into three groups:
  - **Juniors** – 8 years, 9 years and 10 years
  - **11 years**
  - **Seniors** – 12 years and 13 years

Scheduled Events – (not necessarily in this order)

- **K-2** 70m sprints (boys and girls)
- **8 – 13yrs** 100m sprint (boys and girls)
- **Junior** 200m and 800m (boys and girls)
- **11yrs** 200m and 800m (boys and girls)
- **Seniors** 200m and 800m (boys and girls)

- Events where there is only one heat also act as a final. Where there is more than one heat for an event, the overall top six qualifying times from all heats qualify for the final (please note that although highly unlikely, a student could finish 1st or 2nd in their heat but not qualify for the final).
- All events will be timed and adjudicated on by a place judge.
- **The final decision on places will be determined by the place judge.**

Track Events Zone Qualification

- The 1st and 2nd placed students in any track final automatically qualify to represent Kentlyn at the Zone Athletics Carnival. There are no set qualifying times.
- Please note due to our small size, many events have only one heat. In this instance the heat also acts as the final.

Field Events

Field events are grouped into three age groups:
- **Juniors** (8, 9, 10 years)
- **11 years**
o Seniors (12, 13 years)

Events contested are:
  o Discus
  o Shot Put
  o High Jump
  o Long jump

**Field Event Zone Qualification**
To qualify for the Zone Field Events Carnival, students must be placed 1st or 2nd in their event and equal or pass the qualifying distance. Please note that a student may win or place second in a field event but not qualify for the Zone Carnival.

**Kind Reminders for Parents**

- Please only photograph/video your child/ren, (to the best of your ability), as there are students in the school that cannot be photographed/videotaped at any time by anyone. It is imperative that we respect this and follow the parent’s wishes of these students at all times during any school events.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Respect officials’ decision and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for parent volunteers and teachers.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.