Dear Parents/Carers,

Planning for 2015-2017
The current School Plan concludes at the end of this year and with this in mind all staff, students and our P&C will shortly commence a consultative process working towards the implementation of a new school plan covering the next three year period. An important aspect relating to the value and validity of this planning process will be ensuring that all stakeholders within our school community have the opportunity to contribute to the development of our key priorities and strategic directions for the next three years. I will provide some more background to the planning process as part of my report to the P&C meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3 September at 5:30pm.

To start this process, we will be sending out a survey in the next couple of weeks where all staff, students and parents will be given the opportunity to participate. This is to evaluate the progress we made in the last three years and identify focus areas for the future. This will ensure that all parents have the opportunity to have a say and make recommendations for the future.

Presentation Day
As mentioned in a few of the newsletters 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

Our great P&C will also be having a fair beginning at 12:30pm on this day to enhance and build on the community day. More details to follow next term.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Thursday 11 September 2014.

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.
**Swimming School**

30 students will be attending the swimming scheme at Gordon Fetterplace Pool from Monday 25 August until Friday 5 September. A very big thank you to Mrs Thompson for the big task of organising students to be transported by private transport and Miss Helliwell for supervising the students during these 10 days. A very big thank you also to all the parent helpers who have committed to transporting these students for the 10 days.

The students will be leaving school at approximately 12:30pm to be ready for a lesson to begin at 1:00pm and conclude at 1:45pm. All students will need to get changed out of their wet costumes and back into their school uniforms.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their swimming costume or has it with them to change into, underwear, a towel and goggles if they need them. If your child also needs a puffer please make sure that they have it with them at all times. There will not be any time for students to go to the canteen, so your child will not need any pocket money.

We are expecting that all students will be back by recess.

**Breakfast Basics**

Imagine you are a car. After a long night of sleeping, your fuel tank is empty. Breakfast is the fuel that gets you going so you can hit the road. You need to provide enough new energy for your body to get started and to keep you functioning until lunch.

A six-year study compared the mental and physical efficiency of a group of adults throughout the day, some of whom ate healthy nutritious breakfasts while others did not. When compared to those who ate breakfast, the people who did not became less efficient as the day went on. Their productivity improved after eating lunch, but by the end of the day their work completion was slower than those who had eaten breakfast.

For children, a good breakfast is even more important. Children who do not eat a good breakfast become tired in school and have shorter attention spans, especially late in the morning. In one study, test scores of children who did not eat breakfast were generally lower than those who had eaten a well-balanced morning meal. Another good reason to make sure that children have a balanced breakfast is that four out of five children do not get enough vitamins and minerals from lunch and dinner alone. By adding breakfast, children are more likely to get the vitamins and minerals they need. Also, children who don’t eat a good breakfast tend to eat more junk food during the day -- snacks that are high in fat and sugar and low in nutritional value.

(Excerpt from About Kids Health)

**Book Week Parade**

This year’s Book Week theme is ‘Connect to Reading’ and we will be celebrating it on Thursday 4 September 2014.

To celebrate reading and Literacy and Numeracy Week, we have organised a fun filled morning with rotation activities, a parade of all the wonderful costumes and a picnic lunch. The P & C will be offering a *pre-ordered* sausage sizzle. Normal canteen will also be operating for regular lunch orders for everyone.

*A pre-order sausage sizzle form was attached to the note.* For other lunch orders, please write on lunch bags as normal.

The day will be as follows:

- **Rotation Activities** - 9:30 – 10:20
- **Book Parade** - 10:30 – 11:00
- **Picnic lunch** 11:10 – 12:00

We invite you and your child to dress up as a favourite character from a beloved story/book!

Some examples you could dress up as are: Harry Potter, Peppa Pig, The Flash, Old Mother Hubbard, a Jedi, cat in the hat etc.

Looking forward to seeing you there 😊

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

- **Thursday 21 August** - Snake Tails visit
- **Monday 25 August** - Friday 5 September - Swimming School begins
- **Monday 25 August** - Debating - Against Picton Primary School - 12:00 in the library
- **Wednesday 27 August** - Campbelltown Zone Athletics
FROM THE
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL'S DESK

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge

Again this year, Kentlyn have been participating in Premier’s Reading Challenge. 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, read more and to read more widely.

Countdown to end of challenge

ONLY 3 READING DAYS TO GO!!!!

Challenge closes for students on 22 August

For further information regarding the challenge please view https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

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.

Stewart House Bags

As we do every year, all families will receive a Stewart House Bag to return back to school by 17 September 2014.

As always any donations will be greatly appreciated. All bags can be dropped off at the office.

The smiles you give come back to you!

Androula Kavallaris
Principal
SCHOOL SPELLING BEE FINAL

The school Spelling Bee final was held on Monday 18 August.

Congratulations to our stage finalists

**Junior Stage Finalists:**
- Lachlan King
- Rhys Brooks
- Tyler Christie
- Matthew Ross
- Sam Abdulwahab
- Jordyn Taylor-Ingersole

**Senior Stage Finalist**
- Khy Shelton
- Rory Griffiths
- Erin Dobinson
- Anthony Robinson
- Penny Auger

Congratulations to the following students for representing our school at the next level.

**Junior Finalists**
- Sam Abdulwahab & Jordyn Taylor-Ingersole

**Senior Finalists**
- Anthony Robinson

These finalists will be off to represent our school at the Regional Final to be held on Monday 15 September at Thomas Acres Public School. Invitations to those four families have already been handed out and RSVPs need to be returned to Mrs. Neal ASAP to confirm your attendance.


**School Bags**

Just a friendly reminder for your children to have a regular school bag clean out.
Indigenous Literacy Day - 3 September 2014

The 2014 Great Book Swap Challenge is an initiative of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

This initiative provides teachers and students with the opportunity to highlight the importance of books in their own community.

About the Great Book Swap...
WHAT IS IT?
The Great Book Swap challenge is a fundraising event where students make a gold coin donation and swap books with one another.

WHEN IS IT?
The Great Book Swap Indigenous Literacy Day, Wednesday 3 September 2014, during National Literacy & Numeracy Week during lunch time and recess time.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
1. Students, teachers, staff, parents are asked to bring a book from home that they have really enjoyed but can bear to part with. Ideally books should be not just an unwanted item but a book that they think someone else would enjoy as much as they did.
2. Books are to be given to Mrs Neal as from tomorrow. The donated books will be displayed in front of the school library on Wednesday 3 September 2014 on a ‘shop’ table. Students, teachers and the community will be asked to donate a gold coin in exchange for the right to choose a book.
3. All funds raised will go towards the purchasing of new books for our school library written by Indigenous authors.

Taking Responsibility For Your Own Actions
I have had to remind many students as of late, the importance of taking responsibility for their own actions. It is not always easy to accept or admit that you are wrong or have done the wrong thing but it is definitely an important and valuable quality in life to possess.

So my challenge to all Kentlyn students this week...

BE A RESPONSIBLE PERSON
(AND FEEL GREAT!)

Some tips to help you act responsibly...

✔️ When you agree to do something, do it. If you let people down, they’ll stop believing you. When you follow through on your commitments, people take you seriously.

✔️ Answer for your own actions. Don’t make excuses or blame others for what you do. When you take responsibility for your actions you are saying "I am the one who’s in charge of my life."

✔️ Take care of your own matters. Don’t rely on adults to remind you when you’re supposed to be somewhere or what you’re supposed to bring. You take the responsibility.

✔️ Be trustworthy. If somebody trusts you to borrow or take care of something, take care of it. If somebody tells you something in confidence, keep it to yourself. It’s important for people to know they can count on you.

✔️ Always use your head. Think things through and use good judgment. When you use your head you make better choices. That shows your parents they can trust you.

✔️ Don’t put things off. When you have a job to do, do it. Doing things on time helps you take control of your life and shows that you can manage your own affairs. Yours in Education

Tanya Burge Neal

Community Announcements
The GWS GIANTS would like to offer all staff, students and families up to FOUR FREE TICKETS to the GIANTS V Collingwood game on Saturday 23rd August at Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park. To take advantage of this offer go to www.gwsgiants.com.au/gogiants and follow the instructions.
The game commences at 4.40pm at Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park. In what will be a GIANT family fun day there will be plenty of activities for the whole family including jumping castle, AFL skills inflatables, face painting, roving performers, air brush tattoo artist, live bands and much more.

**September School Holiday Soccer Camp.**
Date: Monday 29th, 30th Sep & 1st of Oct
Time: 9am-1pm
Ages: 6-12 years
Venue: William Carey Christian School Oval
Players receive: Soccer ball + Uniform
Register online at [www.fastfootballacademy.com.au](http://www.fastfootballacademy.com.au)

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**Principal’s Awards**
Claire Seeney K/1R
Joel Coskerie 4/5S
Holly Nguyen 4/5S
Rayhana Saffar 4/5S
Matthew Cooper 5/6C
Bronwyn Zapirain 1/2H

**Value of the Week Awards**

**Fairness**

K-2
Riley Ingersole 1/2H

3-6
Joel Martin 5/6C

**Respect**

K-2
Jawad Hijazi KG

3-6
Zoe Cooper 5/6C

**Congratulations!**

Please see note attached to our newsletter.