Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week we had last week! We had swimming school; a great and productive P&C meeting discussing our plans for the future; a very successful book fair, where we raised over $1200 which allowed us to purchase over $300 worth of new books for our library; then we had our fantastic Book Parade. It was so nice to see so many parents at our great school supporting the event and staying for the picnic lunch. The community spirit was absolutely fabulous and to see the students go to the effort they did with their costumes, made me very happy and proud. A very big thank you to Mrs Muller and Mrs Grover for organising this great event.

****All notes sent home and newsletters are available on our website http://www.kentlyn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ ****
For more great photos please visit our website 😊

Sydney South West Primary Athletics.

Congratulations to the following students who represented us at
the Regional Carnival. I understand it was a tough day of competition with 9 zones (approximately 130 schools) sending their best and fastest. They all did well in their heats and represented our school proudly. Well done😊

- Sam Abdulwahab - 100m dash
- Rhiannon Cooke-Jones - high jump
- Maamora Tema S - shot put
- Charlie Dadd - long jump
- Noah Dadd - discuss

Our very own “Flying Fish”, Rhiannon Cooke-Jones came third in the Junior Girls High Jump. Her jump has qualified her for the State Carnival at Homebush early next term. Well done😊 We wish her all the very best😊.

Important Term 3 and Term 4 Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17 September - Stewart House Bags due in.
Friday 19 September - P&C Mufti day - gold coin donation

Term 4

Tuesday 7 October - all students return back to school
Wednesday 8 October - P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the staffroom
Thursday 9 October - KG and K/1R’s excursion to Belgeny Farm
Friday 10 October - K-6 Assembly - leaders to run
Monday 13 October - NRMA Road Safety Day
Friday 17 October - Youth Choir Visit
Friday 24 October - KG’s Item and K-6 Assembly
Friday 31 October - World Teacher’s Day
Monday 3 November - Heartbeat program for grades 3 & 4.
Thursday 6 November - Year 5 Nominations for School Leaders and Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 - 11:10
Friday 7 November - K-6 Assembly - leaders to run and P&C Meeting in the library

Wednesday 12 November - High school transition day for 4/5S and 5/6C
Thursday 13 November - Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 -10:30 - Literacy Session

Thursday 20 November - Kindergarten Orientation - Numeracy Session
Friday 21 November - K-6 Assembly - Leaders to run
Wednesday 26 November - School Leaders’ speeches and voting
Thursday 27 November - Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 - 10:30 then a BBQ in the hall.
Tuesday 2 December - Principal’s morning tea
Wednesday 3 December - P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the staffroom
Thursday 4 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.

Safety Town - Road Safety Program.
Safety Town is a three part educational road safety resource for Years 5 and 6 students in New South Wales.
Safety Town offers activities, discussion starters and links to explore road safety at home. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). The activities are a collection of videos, photos and interactive educational experiences that provide a stimulus for road safety conversations at home and to encourage further conversation when travelling together. To benefit fully from the Safety Town experience it is important that families navigate through Safety Town together.


Debating Team
On Tuesday 9 September, Kentlyn’s debating team travelled to Picton Public School for the final tie-breaker in the debate series. The topic was “All subjects other than art should be taught on computers.” With this difficult topic, the students
debated well, presenting both great arguments and rebuttals. Unfortunately for us, the adjudicator ruled that the opposition had the stronger case. Well done to all the debaters who participated in both in-school competition and represented the school in the zone competition.

A very big thank you to Mr Saunders for supervising and coaching the students with various strategies and skills for great debating and of course all the students, Erin Dobinson, Matthew Cooper, Anthony Robinson and Damien Ross, for representing us and doing such a fantastic job.

School Chaplaincy Program
I am considering applying for “School Chaplaincy Funding” for our school. Successful schools will be able to receive up to $20,000 per annum or 10 hours a week for the year. The Chaplain role in our school will be to provide pastoral care and support for members of school communities as requested by the school/principal. It is my understanding that they can run programs to develop self-esteem, peer support and build personal resilience. These programs are very similar to the ones that Mrs Neal has been working on with some students, as well as the basic concept behind our interest groups at lunch time. Parents can opt in or out of their children participating in any of the programs. I must emphasise that the chaplain’s role, as it has been explained to me, is not to convert students to a particular religion, but one of support. The school basically decides on their job description and what will be required of them. They will be answering to myself as the principal of the school and following a national code of conduct.

If we are successful in receiving this grant, the vacancy will go to advertisement and a panel will be formed to ensure that we employ someone who will work well with our school community.

I am very much interested to know your view on our school applying for the “School Chaplaincy Program”. You can email me directly on androula.kavallaris@det.nsw.edu.au

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.

Get Active Macarthur
On Thursday 11 September Sam Nowak and Mrs Killeen attended the “Get Active Macarthur” day at Minto Sports Centre.

Get Active Macarthur is an event aimed at increasing disability awareness and inclusiveness. They offer a range of different sports and recreational activities inside the Sports Centre and on the grass grounds surrounding it.

Sam had a fantastic day. He especially enjoyed the lazer tag, tennis and handball.

A very big thank you to Mrs Killeen for attending the event 😊
Evacuation and Lockdown Drills

Our school will be practicing our WHS (Work Health and Safety) drills throughout Term 4. 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.

Planning for 2015

The staff and I have started to plan for 2015.

Our anticipated numbers for 2014 at the moment are 147 students. We would love to get to the magical number of 159 students, but as you are all aware we are under very strict guidelines in terms of out of area enrolments. If we were to reach 159 students, this would give us another class.

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)
On Monday the 7th of September 1/2H and the Year 1 students from K/1 went on an excursion to the Trainworks Train Museum at Thirlmere. This excursion helped to support our Transport unit in HSIE.

The excursion began with an exciting bus trip to Thirlmere with our bus driver sharing many humorous ‘Dad’ jokes with us.

Once off the bus we were greeted by the lovely staff at Trainworks and our tour guide Ann took us through the ages of train transport. We went inside a prison train that was designed with cells for carrying prisoners. We also viewed a dining carriage set out for royal passengers.

Ann gave the students a tour booklet in which they had to locate items they came across during the tour. This was a great way to maintain the student’s interest. We viewed an olden day mail train in which we saw mail being sorted and we exited this carriage by a spiral slippery slide (teachers took the stairs).

We learnt about the different types of jobs people use to do when working on the trains. Many students thought the fireman had the best job. We also saw a carriage designed for carrying sheep, one for horses and a carriage set up as a hospital for sick people.

We toured the oldest train in history and learnt about the roundhouse (not just a karate move). We saw a very trendy 1970’s caravan train and even spotted Thomas parked up ready for the Trainworks Thomas the Tank engine day (Oct 11 & 12th).
We ended our busy tour with a hologram show in the theatre room. Students learnt about how trains played a big part in helping to build the Harbour Bridge. We then went outside for a picnic lunch enjoying the beautiful weather with a bit of free play on the spider web playground.

It was such a wonderful day with many students overheard saying that it was the best excursion ever. A very big thank you to all the teachers and parent helpers who made it such a great day out.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy

Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy is a local business that currently offers their services to many schools in the Campbelltown region. They have on offer the opportunity for school based therapy in both an individual and small group setting.

The advantages of school based therapy are:

- Parents/carers don't have to try and schedule after school appointments or take their child from the school during school time.
- The therapist is able to liaise with the teaching staff and provide feedback immediately about strategies that could be incorporated into the classroom therapy.

Families are always kept up to date with the child’s progress through a communication book where the therapist writes notes about the task that had been completed and what could be followed up at home. Staff are also happy to receive phone calls to discuss therapy.

Payment of sessions are usually made directly through the Macarthur Paediatric Occupational Therapy bank account or cheque. Some children may be seen under funded programs. Please see Mrs Neal for further details.

Miss Helliwell

I want to also remind you that we have an Official Kentlyn Public School Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/#!/kentlynps
Please head over to Facebook and like our page so that you are able to review updates and happenings within our wonderful school community.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year - up to a quarter of the country’s food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use reusable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

**Mobile Maths Games**

Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr. 2 to Yr. 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: [http://bit.ly/oSREYV](http://bit.ly/oSREYV)

**Aboriginal Education Consultative Group**

Being a proud Wiradjuri woman is an important part of my identity, my culture and my history.

During Term 4, it is my goal to establish a Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (Junior AECG) here at Kentalyn Public School. This will be an opportunity for our Aboriginal students to meet on a weekly basis to brainstorm and discuss ways in which we can promote Aboriginal culture across our community, and also establish a strong and positive friendship within the group itself.

Another initiative, I would like to embark upon is to personalise the Acknowledgement to Country. Please see the note coming home shortly with more information about this. If you are interested in coming along to our ‘Sharing Circle’ sessions, or have any ideas or suggestions for our mob here at Kentalyn, I would love to hear from you.

To the Kentlyn Spelling Bee finalists who went off on Monday 15 September to represent our school at the Regional Spelling Bee at Thomas Acres Public School. We are extremely proud of your efforts and achievements.

On Monday 15 September I competed in the Senior Regional Spelling Bee against 44 other students at Thomas Acres Public School. Firstly, before the competition started, we had a demonstration round to show us the procedure of the competition. After that it was the ‘real deal’ and competitors dropped quickly through the rounds. Overall there were some fantastic spellers in the competition. After the Spelling Bee finished, we were handed awards for participating and we also had some yummy snacks.

I had a great day at the Spelling Bee and I am glad that I had the opportunity to represent Kentalyn Public School.

Anthony Robinson

Yours in Education

Tanya Neal
NEWS: We held another great meeting on Wednesday 3 September with eight participants. Many thanks to those who could make it and for a delicious supper.

Topics included -

- A successful Father’s Day Stall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- Canteen News - Trialling new food. The kids love the “nibbles” of cheese/cabanosi/pineapple combinations. Thanks Tammy.
- That canteen also has small pots of frozen custard and yoghurt with fresh fruit, plus mini muffins in assorted flavours.
- Material has arrived to make curtains and tablecloths in the hall.
- Presentation Day Fair - sounds exciting and generating lots of interest.
- We hope to obtain an EFTPOS machine to assist with uniform purchases.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Week 10 - Friday 19 September - Last day of Term 3
- Canteen is open for normal business PLUS +++ It’s a RED day!!!
- It’s also a ‘MUFTI DAY” Theme - Favourite Sport Hero or Team
- Gold coin donation - don’t forget to wear fun but suitable clothes
- NO SINGLET MORES OR THONGS PLEASE

Have a great holiday, be happy and be safe. Come back to school well.

- If you can help out on the “Working Bee” day with your time, some poo, seedlings, garden ornaments bright ideas...... Thursday 25 September

See u@School
Warm regards
Judith Seeney
KPS, P&C