Week 8 Term 3  Always Our Best

Rule of the week:

Week 9  Safe: Be in the right place at the right time  Doing the right thing

Week 10  Learner: Follow Teacher's Directions

Value of the Week:

Democracy

Participation

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

http://www.kentlyn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/*****

Dear Parents/Carers,

SASS Recognition Week

This week is SASS Recognition Week. SASS is 'School Administrative & Support Staff.' Every day of the school year SASS staff face new challenges in the running of our public schools and the provision of the quality education which our children will need for life during this century. They are constantly adapting to change and keeping up with all the restructures and requirements. SASS staff are a dedicated group of professional workers who are often overlooked in the school setting.

Recognition Week gives the whole school the opportunity to demonstrate to SASS staff that they are valued members of the school community.

I am lucky enough to have SASS staff who go above and beyond their duties every single day to ensure that all students are catered for whether it be a bandaid, an ice-pack, a call to parents, transporting students to swimming school, volunteering their time outside their working hours and even getting birds out of the classrooms ☺.

Our dedicated SASS staff are:

Mrs June Thompson - School Administration Manager
Mrs Irene Monkhouse - School Administration Officer
Mr John Bird- General Assistant
School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) - Mrs Killeen, Mrs Price and Mrs Ross

Thank you for the contribution you make to our great school ☺ ☺ ☺

National Child Protection Week - 7 - 13 September

Protecting children is everyone's business. Play your part by reporting the abuse, neglect or exploitation of a child to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Find out more:  http://napcan.org.au/

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended the Zone Track Events on Thursday 28 August 2014.

Congratulations to Sam Abdulwahab who will be representing our school at Regional level on Wednesday 10 September 2014.
Debating
On Monday 24 August Kentlyn’s debating team battled it out for a spot in our final play-off against Picton White. The topic was, “Boys and girls should go to separate schools". Firstly we faced the tough challenge by writing three speeches in an hour! After that we went to the library trembling with fear as we entered the library dramatically. It was a tough debate facing the determined Picton Black. The crowd fell into a deep silence as the adjudicator announced her verdict. “Today the debate came down to who rebutted the best”, Kate explained, "And that team today was...Kentlyn Public School". The crowd roared with excitement as they congratulated the champions who consisted of Erin Dobinson, Matthew Cooper, Anthony Robinson and Damien Ross.
Written by Erin, Matthew, Anthony and Damien

The next debate is on Tuesday 9 September at Picton Public School. The debate will be due to start at 11:00am.

Regional Premier’s Spelling Bee Final – Thomas Acres Public School
Wishing Sam Abdulwahab, Jordyn Taylor-Ingersole and Anthony Robinson all the very best ☺ We are very proud of you and we know that you will be proudly representing our school and doing your very best ☺.

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.

Example lists can be accessed on line

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 and C meeting scheduled for tonight at 5:30pm.

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.

Book Fair
All children had the chance to preview the selection every day this week during lunch time. Your child might have brought home a wish list for parents to check. If you are happy with one or more of the items on the list, you can send the list and money back in an envelope and we will fill the order. Otherwise you are very welcome to come to the library before or after school from Tuesday – Thursday. We normally receive a commission from all book sales which we use to purchase more books for our library. The children love the chance of being able to shop for themselves. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Muller
Book 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 and is also available on our website. 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 😊

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.

Important Term 3 Dates for your Diary:
Monday 25 August – Friday 5 September - Swimming School
Monday 1 September – Thursday 4 September - Book Fair
Wednesday 3 September - Indigenous Literacy Day- the great book swap
Wednesday 3 September - P&C Meeting 5:30pm
Thursday 4 September - Book Parade and Father’s Day Stall
Friday 5 September - Father’s Day Stall (leftovers)
Monday 8 September - Zone Athletics Carnival - Field Events and excursion to Train Works (1/2H and 1R)
Tuesday 9 September - Debating Squad and Mr Saunders at Picton Public School - 11:00am debate will begin.
Wednesday 10 September - Sydney South West Primary Athletics
Thursday 11 September - PHOTO DAY and Get Active Macarthur
Friday 12 September - K-6 Assembly - Leaders will run
Monday 15 September - Premiers Reading Challenge ends this week and
Regional Spelling Bee Final - Thomas Acres Public School
Tuesday 16 September - Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 17 September - Stewart House Bags due in.
Friday 19 September - Last school day for Term 3

Please Note: KG’s K-6 Assembly and Item will be on Friday 24 October 2014.

Kindergarten 2015
We are pleased to announce that we now have 16 kindergarten student enrolments. We are only able to accept students within area and it is my understanding that there are still current students who have brothers or sisters who have not as yet enrolled. If you know of any family who lives locally and has a child ready to start kindergarten please ask them to give us a call or come in for more information.

Our Kindergarten transition sessions will take place over 4 consecutive weeks. Please save the following dates in your diary for future reference. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Thursday 6 November 9:30am – 11:10am (Orientation)
Thursday 13 November 9:30 – 10:30am (Literacy Session)
Thursday 20 November 9:30 – 10:30 am (Numeracy Session)
Thursday 27 November 9:30 – 11:10am (Craft activity and concluding with a sausage sizzle)
Stewart House Bags
As we do every year, all families received a Stewart House Bag last week. They are to be returned 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

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK
21st-Century Learning

Learners of the 21st Century creates many new roles for our students, our teachers and also you our parents and carers.

When you reflect on your own personal time at school, do you, as I do, picture a teacher writing on a chalkboard while kids sat in neat rows? Not only is that chalkboard a relic from yesteryear, but so are many of the old-school approaches to teaching and learning. Things have changed dramatically for all involved in learning; students, teachers and parents alike.

For good reasons, schools across the country are making the shift to 21st-century learning. You may already be aware or have heard this phrase. Today’s students need to master a new set of skills that will prepare them for the challenges and changes ahead. Being ready for High School, TAFE, University and careers means not only learning important academic content, but also knowing how to collaborate, think critically and creatively, and use technology tools to communicate. Here at Kentlyn Public School, we have already been adapting our teaching and learning styles and methods to ensure we are best preparing our students to be active and productive learners and members of an ever changing society.

Rote learning and memorisation does not help students become nimble, creative thinkers who can work well with others. Instead, schools like ours, that embrace 21st-century learning are creating opportunities for students to practice these critical skills through technology-rich experiences. Project-based learning gives students a chance to solve real-world problems while learning what it takes for teamwork to work well.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters and parent workshops that the students and staff are currently focusing on Reciprocal Reading. During Reciprocal Reading sessions, all students take an active part in the lesson. They are provided with opportunities to discuss, problem solve and develop skills and strategies to ensure they are responsible and critical thinkers and learners. If you would like to come in and take part in one of these lessons in your child’s classroom, please come and see me to organise a time. We would love you to come and join us!

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

https://www.facebook.com/#!/kentlynps

Please check the site regularly for updates.

To help parents get a better picture of what effective 21st-century learning looks like, Edutopia has just published a free guide. A Parent’s Guide to 21st-Century Learning is available to download at no cost.

Parent Teacher Interviews
As you are aware by now notes have gone home regarding parent / teacher interviews for each student. As the leader of the Learning and Support Team, I am in every classroom each week and work with many of your children. If you feel that you have a particular concern regarding your child’s learning I offer the opportunity to meet with you to
address any particular concerns you may have in relation to your child or children. If this is the case, please either see me directly or leave a message with Mrs Thompson in the office and I will contact you to arrange a time.

**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.

Yours in Education

Tanya Neal

**Community Announcements**

**Getting Ready for School Group**

An eight week Occupational Therapy group therapy program for children going to kindergarten in 2015 with concerns about:

* Fine motor coordination
* Drawing skills
* Cutting skills
* Self care skills
* Pencil grasp and control

**Principal’s Awards**

Lachlan Cosgrove 1/2H
Amabelle Woolley 4/5S

**Value of the Week Awards**

Respect
K-2
Jawad Hijazi KG

3-6
Zoe Cooper 5/6C

Responsibility
K-2
Baden Harmond 2/3W

3-6
Sophie Moore 4/5S

Congratulations!
This week’s P&C update is also on our website under “Notes to Parents” – “P&C” section.

Thinking about organizing a catch up with your friends??
Why not host a Lily Anne Designs Jewellery Bar during the September school holidays!

The kids can play while you and your friends share a cuppa and get started on your Christmas shopping! (And you get FREE jewellery!)

Or organise an evening get together for some “well deserved child-free time”

If either of these options interest you, please call or catch Marian at school to set a date!
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