Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A very big THANK YOU to Mr Nilo Barona for painting our school canteen in the last week of the holidays and volunteering to paint our hall's ceiling, once he returns back from his holidays 😊. If any community member would like any painting done you can contact Mr Nilo Barona for a quote on 0419-465522.

Photographing and taking video of our students.

Most of you would be aware that it is DoE and a school requirement that we get parental permission for students to be photographed, videotaped and be put on our website or any other social media. (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 and some for their own safety. I am asking the community once again to be respectful of these rules and that with ALL school events 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 and vigilance I know that we can once again maintain our students' privacy.

Student Leaders 2016

With the end of the year approaching, the senior students have been discussing leadership, what it means to them, what they see as the qualities leaders should have and what qualities need to be displayed by our own student leaders. The following is the list of what we believe are the qualities we as a school want in our leaders.

A good student leader:
- is responsible, reliable, and respectful
- is helpful, caring, encouraging and a good listener
- is organised and on time
- is fair, honest, humble and uses manners
- is adaptable, shows initiative and can communicate effectively
- participates and is a good role model of appropriate attitude and appearance.

This year's selection will be a tough one and all the teachers look forward to the Year 5 students following the current Year 6 student's great examples of leadership.

Mr Saunders and Miss Heriot

Congratulations to Rhiannon Cooke-Jones for making it ONCE AGAIN into the Sydney South West Water Polo Team and later on this year will be competing at the State Carnival.

Congratulations from all of us. 😊😊😊
Selective High Schools application

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2017 - Online applications open

Applications close by 16 November 2015 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 13 October to 16 November 2015. Application information is available on the Department’s internet at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms will be available in our school.

Paper applications must be submitted to Ms Kavallaris by Friday 6 November 2015.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2017 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 10 March 2016.

Presentation Day

Please save this day and time in your diaries.

DATE: FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2015
TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00PM (this includes our picnic lunch)

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 who 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.

Noosa Spring Dance Festival

On the weekend that began the September School holidays, I was fortunate to attend the Noosa Dance Spring Festival with Breanna’s Academy of Dance (BAD) and my two daughters. Also included in the Troupes representing “BAD” in the competition were a few very talented dancers from Kentlyn Public School - Ella-Grace (KG) - who performed in the 6 and under age group and Sadie, Charlie and Vanessa (6H), who all performed in the 12 and under age group. Charlie also performed in the 10 and under and Vanessa and Sadie in the 14 and under.

The girls danced across a number of different genres and were a joy to watch. I was very proud of their performances which all received places ranging from Highly Commended through to 1st Place. Not only was the girls’ dancing a delight to watch, but I was proud to be associated with all four girls who displayed the very best behaviour over the weekend.

Congratulations girls and I hope you all enjoyed the experience.

Mrs Marsh.
Planning for 2016
The staff and I have started to plan for 2016.

Our anticipated numbers for 2016 at the moment are 151 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.

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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 2016 until ___________ (date) due to an extended holiday.

Signed: __________________ Date: ________
(Parent/Guardian)

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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)

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Kindergarten 2016

We are starting to finalise our numbers for our Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. It is important that parents intending to enrol their child in 2016 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 2010 and 31st July 2011 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.

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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.

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‘Travis Tuesday’
Students and staff remembered Travis Reardon by having a mufti ‘Red and Green’ day; Go the Rabbitohs. We raised a total of $200.00 which will be donated to the Starlight Foundation.
Principal Awards

Term 3
Sophie Moore 6A
Zachary Maxwell 6A
Joshua Egan-Hancock 1/2C
Reki Roberts 1/2C
Zahra Saffar KG
Tasma-Lea King 6A
Lexie Saunders 2/3H
Hannah Yates 2/3H
Sadie Wyer Manock 6A
Sadie Wyer Manock 6A
Jamie Vossen 6A
Rory Griffiths 6A
Shelby Yates 1/2C
Chantel Spence 4/5S
Zoe Cooper 6A
Tyler Christie 4/5S

Value Certificates

Term 3

Week 1 - Respect
K-2
Ashleigh Bowling 1/2C
3-6
Student in 6A

Week 2 - Integrity
K-2
Shelby Yates 1/2C
3-6
Jack Griffiths 2/3H

Week 3 - Care
K-2
Jack Smith 1R
3-6
Bryce Pearson 2/3H

Week 4 - Co-Operation
K-2
Ava Clarke 1/2C
3-6
Sophie Moore 6A

Week 5 - Fairness
K-2
Zak Halabi KG
3-6
Thomas Ferro 4/5S

Week 6 - Respect
K-2
Gabriel Hijazi KG
3-6
Libby Davies 2/3H

Week 7 - Responsibility
K-2
Sienna-Rose Chant KG
3-6
Chantelle Borg 6A

Week 8 - Excellence
K-2
Brad Smith 1R
3-6
Matthew Ross 4/5S

Week 9 - Democracy
K-2
Joseph Borg
3-6
Angus Michie 4/5s

Week 10 - Integrity
K-2
Jacob Harding
3-6
A student in 6A

CONGRATULATIONS
Important Term 4 Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 15 October - Aboriginal COS Project at Ruse Public School
Friday 16 October - K-6 Assembly - Leaders run
Monday 19 October - Year 5 Leadership Speeches 9:30am in the hall.
Monday 26 October - Stage 2 Aboriginal Student, Heartbeat excursion
Friday 30 October - P&C School Disco
And 1/2C's Assembly and Item. 1:00pm in the hall
Monday 2 November - 4/5S and 6A transition to high school day at Leumeah High School
Thursday 5 November - Kindergarten Orientation 9:30 – 11:10
Tuesday 10 November - P&C McDonald's Fundraiser 6:00 – 8:00pm
Thursday 12 November - Kindergarten Orientation - Literacy Session 9:30 - 10:30
Friday 13 November - IR’s Assembly and Item 1:00pm in the hall
Thursday 19 November - Kindergarten Orientation - Maths 9:30 - 10:30am
Thursday 26 November - Kindergarten Orientation - Art and Craft 9:30 - 11:10am
Friday 27 November - KG’s Assembly and Item 1:00pm in the hall
Tuesday 1 December - Principal’s Morning Tea - 10:30am in the hall
Thursday 3 December - Leumeah High School Open Day
And 2/3H’s and 1/2C’s excursion to Science Centre in Wollongong
Friday 11 December - Presentation Awards Day 10:00 – 11:00am then parents are invited to stay for a picnic lunch until 12:00
Monday 14 December - Movie Day TBC
Tuesday 15 December - Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 16 December - Last school day for 2015

‘Our Health Our Way’ leads the way to good health for Aboriginal young people

This week, NSW Kids and Families launched the ‘Our Health Our Way’ resources for Aboriginal young people. The resources explain how easy it is to access appropriate healthcare for Aboriginal young people aged 12 to 24.

Young people aged 12 to 24 years can have significant health needs which affect their health now and in the future.

“Talking to a doctor about personal issues can be embarrassing for young people. Subjects such as sex, drugs and pregnancy can be difficult to talk about but are very important to a young person’s health,” said Ms Christine Corby, a Member of the NSW Kids and Families Board and Chairperson of the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW.

NSW Kids and Families commissioned 33 Creative and Aboriginal media, events and communications company to produce a series of videos for Aboriginal young people. The seven ‘Our Health Our Way’ videos feature Aboriginal young people talking about their health, where to go and what’s important to know about healthcare.

In the process of developing the videos, 33 Creative and NSW Kids and Families consulted with Aboriginal young people in metropolitan and rural/regional areas of NSW to identify the key concerns Aboriginal young people have about their health and healthcare.

“The consultations revealed young people often put off going to a doctor. At NSW Kids and Families we hope these resources will encourage young people to have regular check ups and to stay connected to health services,” said Ms Corby.

The videos address issues that are important for young people – their healthcare, their rights in healthcare, confidentiality, getting a Medicare card, finding bulk billing providers and pregnancy. They also highlight the important role played by Aboriginal Medical Services.

The videos are available on the NSW Kids and Families website and on DVD. Additional supporting resources have also been produced, including posters, brochures and lesson plans for use in schools.

To download the online version of the videos and other resources, visit www.kidsfamilies.health.nsw.gov.au (under publications ‘multimedia’). To order a hard copy of the videos and resources, please contact Youth Health and Wellbeing Team, NSW Kids and Families E: hulya.bicici@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

NSW Kids and Families is the NSW Health agency that provides statewide leadership and guidance to improve the health and wellbeing of children, young
people and families in NSW. Aboriginal young people have been identified as a key priority group in Healthy, Safe and Well: A Strategic Health Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2014–24. NSW Kids and Families works in partnership with health agencies, including Aboriginal Medical Services, to implement this Plan.

Media inquiries: NSW Kids and Families

Spokesperson:
Ms Christine Corby, Board Member on NSW Kids and Families Board and Chairperson of the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW and CEO of Walgett Aboriginal Medical Services

ANAPHYLAXIS
As we have students enrolled at our great school who have been diagnosed as being at risk of having an ANAPHYLACTIC reaction to certain foods we seek your assistance and ask that you do not send the following things to school with your children:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Nutella sandwiches
- Bars or biscuits that contain nuts

Thank you for your support.

Our canteen is allergy friendly and we wish our school to be as ‘allergy friendly’ as possible. Thank you in advance.

The smiles you give come back to you!
Androula Kavallaris
Principal

Principal’s Awards
Term 4
Calais Christie 2/3H
Marcus Zapirain 4/5S
Sam Abdulwahab 4/5S

Value of the Week Awards
Integrity
K-2
Preston Gallant 1/2C
3-6
Adam Redzic 4/5S

Excellence
K-2
Gemma Wadick 1/2C
3-6
Bella Woolley 6A

Congratulations

Community Announcement:
Students in 4/5S are asking for donations of plastic milk bottles for one of their projects. Please ensure that they are rinsed before bringing them to school. They can be delivered to 4/5S classroom. Thank you in advance 😊

Lauren, Chanelle and Jayden S