Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kindergarten Orientation
Kindergarten Orientation for our incoming 2016 children will be held on Thursday 5 November 2015 at 9:30am. While the children participate in a variety of class activities, a parent education session will occur in 1R room.

KidsMatter has also produced a "Starting School" set of resources as part of their contribution to Children’s Week. This is an excellent resource and you can access the “Starting School” resources at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/startingschool

Morning Supervision at School
Please remember that morning duty at our school begins at 8:40am. Please make sure you do not drop your child at school before that time unless they are going to Marian’s OOSH. Some students are dropped off as early as 8:10am on some days. If you need to go to work early, please register with Marian’s OOSH so that your child can access this service when you need them to. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Medallion Awards for Presentation Day
All students who are eligible to receive medallion awards need to present their certificates to Mrs Grover by Friday 20 November 2015.

Thank you to Mrs Jen Smith and Tammy O’Brien for organising and running our breakfast club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This is working really well for our school and we totally appreciate this. Last term’s mufti day to help raise money for our "Breakfast Club" raised $200.00. Well done Kentlyn Public School.

School Disco - Reminder
On Friday 30 October is our P&C School Disco. Times are as follows:
K-2 4:30 – 6:00pm
3-6 6:30 – 8:00pm

Please remember that all students need to be signed in and signed out at the end of the evening.

Cost: $5.00 (this includes a packet of chips, a drink and a glow bracelet.)

Heartbeat: Keeping Pace
On Monday 26 October 2015
Dominic Howarth, Joshua Wadick from 2-3H, Haylea Arnold, Lachlan King and Zach Speechley from 4-5S, were very lucky to be given the opportunity to participate in Western Sydney University’s Heartbeat: Keeping Pace Program. A program designed to engage Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Students in Health and Medicine.
The children sat attentively through the opening address and the Welcome to Country given by Wandi Wandian, Yuin Elder, Uncle Ivan Wellington before moving onto five different workshops.

The activities throughout the day taught the students about how the heart pumps blood around the body, what makes a healthy heart and how the heart is affected by exercise. They looked at Dental Hygiene, the human skeleton, their own level of fitness and explored healthy food choices.

“I really liked learning about our teeth and the different ways to brush them,” Haylee explained when we arrived back at school. Dominic, Lachlan and Zach enjoyed the information that they learnt about their hearts, both through watching the video and having the opportunity to have hands on learning experiences with Stethoscopes and the Pulse Monitor.

When asked about their highlights of the day Lachlan said he liked it “when they could check how their hearts were going”.

I also learnt (alongside the children) that strawberries and pineapples come from the same fruit family and roses and apples also from related families. It was a fun and interesting day and the children enjoyed it and were very well behaved. I was very proud to be there with them.

Mrs Marsh

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.

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.

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)

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)

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.

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.
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

**Important Term 4 Dates for your Diary:**

**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** - 1R’s Assembly and Item 1:00pm in the hall

**Thursday 19 November** - Kindergarten Orientation
- Maths 9:30 – 10:30am

**Friday 20 November** - KG/1R Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park

**Thursday 26 November** - Kindergarten Orientation
- Art and Craft 9:30 – 11:10am

And
- Tiger Tag Gala Day

**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

**Wednesday 2 December** - Campbelltown Performing Arts – Grease Performance K-6 excursion. TBC

**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 - 11:10am then parents are invited to stay for a picnic lunch until 12:00

**Tuesday 15 December** - Year 6 Farewell

**Wednesday 16 December** - Movie Day and Last school day for 2015

**Thursday 17 December and Friday 18 December** - Pupil Free Days - Teacher Professional Development

**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**

**Bella Woolley 6A**  
**William Hutchinson 2/3H**  
**Thomas Ferro 4/5S**  
**Olivia Martin 2/3H**  
**Claire Seeney 2/3H**

**Value of the Week Awards**

**Respect**

K-2  
Mia Tennyson KG  
3-6  
Sasha Vongvixay 2/3H

**Care**

K-2  
Calais Christie 2/3H  
3-6  
Joshua Wadick 2/3H

**Congratulations**

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**Community Announcements:**

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

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Campbelltown Performing Arts High School

Year 7, 2017 Auditions

“Strength Through Unity”

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School is a specialist performing arts high school with an international and national reputation for expertise in C21st learning. CPAHS is a mentor school for the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership initiative on student engagement, has recently been selected as a Microsoft Global Showcase School (one of six Australian schools and 150 worldwide), and received the 2014 Campbelltown Director Public Schools NSW School Award for excellence in education.

CPAHS has also received awards at regional, state, national and international levels for excellence in a range of areas including 21st century learning and use of technology, performing arts, school leadership, Aboriginal education, professional learning and quality teaching.

Audition applications are now open for students seeking enrolment into Year 7 in 2017. Limited places are available in drama, dance, music – vocal and instrumental, and circus arts. Our performing arts students are supported by exemplary specialist teachers and have access to state-of-the-art facilities. They are consistently selected to perform at a regional and state level.
and, overall, enjoy over 50 performance opportunities each year.

Auditions for Year 7, 2017 will be held on 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th March 2016 in the areas of dance, drama, music (vocal and instrumental) and circus arts. Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au or by contacting the school office.

Parents and prospective students are also welcome to attend an information evening on the 10th February 2016. This evening will provide an opportunity to meet key personnel, develop an understanding of the school’s programs and subjects, tour the school’s state-of-the-art facilities, and gain information about the enrolment and audition process.

Audition applications close 26th February 2016.

For more information please contact our Performing Arts faculty on 02 4625 1403.