Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Leaders 2016
Congratulations to the following students who are our school leaders for 2016. Please note that they are not in any particular order and School Captains will be announced on our December 2015.

Shannon Dobinson
Marcus Zapirain
Adam Redzic
Matthew Ross
Sam Abdulwahab
Thomas Ferro

McDonald’s Fundraiser
A very big thank you to Mrs Corbet and Mrs Gerrard P&C for organising the McDonalds Fundraiser last night. It was a great success and a great way for the community to get together and socialise.

OZ Tag State Team
Congratulations to Zachary Maxwell for making it in the Under 12 Oz Tag State team. We are very proud of you 😊😊

School Disco
Our disco was on last Friday and I would like to congratulate all the students for their excellent behaviour and of course our great P&C for organising such a great evening.

A very big ‘thank you’ to our DJs who are just starting out their business and are available for bookings.
AK DJ Services,– Austin and Katelyn – akdjservices@gmail.com

Transition to Kindergarten
Literacy
It has been an absolute pleasure to have our new 2016 kindergarten students visit our school for their transition sessions. We currently have 20 students enrolled in Kindergarten for 2016. A very big thank you to Mrs Grover for helping organise this day as well as all the staff for their flexibility and co-operation with various interruptions to their normal programs.
Our second transition to Kindergarten will be held on Thursday 12 November 2015 at 9:30am. While the children participate in a variety of class activities in the current kindergarten room, a parent education session on “Literacy” will be held in our ‘conference room’. (Wooden classroom near the COLA)

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

**Administration - End of Financial Year**

The school’s end of financial year is on Friday 27 November. Please ensure if you are intending on paying any school contributions or excursion fees for 2015 that they are paid before this date. The school office will be unable to receipt any money on Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December while the end of financial year rollover is underway.

**Library**

A library stocktake will be taking place this year as it does every year. The stocktake will begin on Monday 30 November 2015. To enable the stocktake to be accurate, all library books now need to be returned. Please check shelves and cupboards at home and return any books with a Kentlyn Public School barcode label on them. Your co-operation in getting books back is greatly appreciated.

**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.

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**Important Changes to the School Student Transport System 2016**

In 2016 the School Student Transport system will change for those students who are eligible for free travel between home and school.

**Automatic Renewal**

Most parent/carers and students won’t need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass and will automatically receive a School Opal Card in 2016.

However, parents, guardians and students **will need to apply if the student:**

- Is just starting school and has not had a pass before
- Is in a transition year (i.e. Year 2 to 3 or 6 to 7)
- Is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school
- Or, if the student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address)

While School Opal cards will be automatically sent to schools for existing pass holders for distribution for travel in term one, **all new applications** received for travel from the start of 2016 **will be sent directly to the student’s nominated address.**

**Online application form**

Schools will no longer need to keep the School Student Transport application form as parents, guardians and students can go online from 2 November 2015 to complete their application form, print it out and return it to the school.

Schools will only need to endorse a single application form for each student’s eligible address and post it to Locked Bag 5085, Parramatta 2124. For any lost, stolen or damaged passes, as parents, guardians and students simply need to visit www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500 to order a new School Opal Card.

The new online application portal will automatically assess eligibility based on distance rules. The eligibility rules for subsidised school travel remain the same for travel inside and outside the Opal network. Students may need to live a minimum distance away from their school.

- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance
Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking distance or further.

Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking distance or further.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Passes and Schemes on 029891 8900 or 1800 227 774.

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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 145 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 Kentley 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.

Important Term 4 Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 12 November - Kindergarten Orientation
- Literacy Session 9:30 - 10:30
Friday 13 November - 1R’s Assembly and Item 1:00pm in the hall
Wednesday 18 November - Leumeah High School Transition - session 3
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.
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

Rhiannon Cooke-Jones 6A
Jawad Hijazi 1R

Value of the Week Awards

Fairness
K-2
Sienna Olsen KG
3-6
Rhiannon Cooke-Jones 6A

Co-Operation
K-2
Abby-Leigh Willemsen 1R
3-6
Ben Ross 2/3H

Congratulations

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