Week 8 Term 4

Always Our Best

Rule of the week:

Week 9 Learner - Learn as much as you can

Week 10 Responsible - Respect the rights and property of the school and others

Value of the week

Participation

Integrity

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week the Principal Classifications were released. Kentlyn Public School has moved up with this classification to be a PI school. It is my understanding that this means that as of 2016 I will no longer be a Teaching Principal. This will be in place for the following three years.

School Canteen News:

For the last three terms Mrs Smith and Ms O’Brien have been running our ‘Breakfast Club’, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Today was the last day for this. Thank you from our whole school community on this great service which has provided an opportunity for our students that might have missed breakfast to have some cereal and/or toast with milk. It is our intention to proceed with Breakfast Club, once again next year.

Presentation Day: Kind reminder that there will be no hot food sold on this day. Canteen will be open for cold refreshments, drinks and cakes.

Canteen will be closed in the last week of school, Monday 14 December – Wednesday 16 December.

Parent Helper Morning Tea:

All parents who have helped our great school this year are invited to a morning tea at 11.10am on Wednesday 9 December in the Conference Room, (wooden classroom). This morning tea is in your honour and our small way of saying thank you to everyone for the support you’ve shown over the last twelve months. So if you can make it, please come along. We’d love to see you there. For catering purposes, please ring the school to RSVP by Friday 4 December. You are not expected to bring anything but yourself on the day.

McDonalds Fundraiser

Our McDonalds Fundraiser that we had a few weeks back has raised $335.95 for our great school. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a great evening.

Principal’s Morning Tea

Our Principal’s Morning Tea will be held on Tuesday 1 December at 10:30am in our school hall. Invites have been sent out and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

Your Child’s behaviour - KidsMatter

KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in primary schools and early childhood education and care services. It’s unique because it brings together all the most important people in a child’s life - especially families!

Research clearly shows that children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges. They are also better learners and have stronger relationships.

Good mental health in childhood lays the foundations for the future, and it is never too early for families to start supporting the mental health of children.
One of many information sheets provided on the website is all about “behaviour”. The way your child behaves can tell you so much about how they are feeling. Behaviour is how children try to cope with difficult situations, and is often a good indicator of their mental health. Children change over time as they grow, and many behaviours are very typical at certain ages. It's an adult's job to work out what's going on. It can help to think of difficult behaviour as the tip of an iceberg - there's usually an emotional cause hidden underneath.

For more information about this topic please visit http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/resources/about-behaviour

School Excellence Framework

The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading.

The School Excellence Framework supports school communities as they provide high quality educational opportunities for all students. The framework, published by Public Schools NSW, identifies 14 key elements that guide the core business of excellent schools:

Learning
- Learning culture
- Wellbeing
- Curriculum and learning
- Assessment and reporting
- Student performance measures

Teaching
- Effective classroom practice
- Data skills and use
- Collaborative practice
- Learning and development
- Professional standards

Leading
- Leadership
- School planning, implementation and reporting
- School resources
- Management practices and processes

The School Excellence Framework sits very well with Kentlyn Public School’s vision of providing each student with the opportunities to acquire the skills and values to fulfill their potential and become successful participants in our changing world. The framework is about focusing on individual students’ capabilities and needs by engaging them in rich learning experiences. This in turn facilitates the consistent improvement of student outcomes and the narrowing of achievement gaps between students.

The framework guides quality learning and teaching in a number of ways. For example, it beckons schools to use assessment and data to show growth and improvement in teaching and learning. This includes using assessment and data to determine whole school, class and individual teaching directions, performance levels and effectiveness.

At Kentlyn Public School the framework means using the literacy and numeracy continuum to track student progress from K-6. It also means deeply analysing NAPLAN and report card data and making improvements to the current reading comprehension benchmark system.

The framework also guides quality leading. For example, it expects all staff to have purposeful leadership roles based on their expertise. It calls teachers to drive whole school improvement and excellence by sharing with the school community innovative teaching practices and understandings of highly effective pedagogy.

At Kentlyn Public School the framework means teachers developing personal knowledge and understanding in a particular area with the aim of leading learning and teaching across the school. During Terms 2 and 3 we worked closely with Ruse Public School in the areas of English and Maths. Teachers collaboratively worked together to share their expertise and develop Consistent Teacher Judgement in these areas.

All parents want the very best for their children. In education this means an outstanding school that shares the responsibility for the success of every student. For Kentlyn Public School, the School Excellence Framework provides clear descriptions against which this can be achieved.

The framework is about creating a whole school culture of quality teaching that fully develops the talents and capacities of all students. It is about an education delivered by teachers who are distinguished by outstanding teaching practices and pedagogy.

Creativity, ingenuity, and innovation are the keys to success in the evolving global economy. To
prepare young people for work and life in the 21st century, educators must cultivate students’ creativity

There was a time when creativity was not as valued in education as it is today, especially when teaching subjects like maths and grammar. There was instead a distinct emphasis on ensuring students thought in a particular, ordered way to obtain the correct and expected answer. Creativity was often treated as a secondary area of the curriculum and regulated to subjects like art.

To suggest that creativity would one day become embedded in all key learning areas taught at school might have once been considered radical. Now creativity is systematically taught and developed across the entire curriculum, from Kindergarten to Year 12.

The new NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum describes creativity as thinking broadly, adventurously and deeply. Creativity is about using reason, logic and resourcefulness. It is about looking for new ways of doing things. While the basics of grammar and arithmetic, for example, continue to be of the highest importance in education, the ability to think in ways that demonstrate new knowledge and understanding is also very valuable.

Positioning Kentlyn Public School as a school for 21st Century learning includes ensuring a robust educational environment that fosters creativity. This is about maintaining a whole school learning culture where teacher and student are focused on capturing new and innovative ideas and engaged in challenging and interesting learning situations.

At Kentlyn Public School creativity is important. Creativity improves the self-esteem, motivation and achievement of learners. It makes learning more interesting and calls students to discover things for themselves, to be more open to new ideas and challenges and be more able to solve problems. Creativity in education is about developing the capacity of people for work and life in the 21st Century.

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 ensure 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.

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 magic 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, lease agreement or utility bill e.g. gas or electricity or mobile / 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 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
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. Silent Art Auction will take place from 12:00 - 12:15 then classes will resume as normal.
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

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**Principal's Awards**

**Term 4**

*Chanelle Woolley 4/5S*
*Sienna Cambourne 1/2C*
*Alejandro Nilo Barona 4/5S*
*David Dimitry 6A*
*Lily Williams 6A*
*Liam Coskerie 2/3H*
*William Hutchinson 2/3H*
*Joel Coskerie 6A*
*Chantel Spence 4/5S*
*Rhys Brooks 4/5S*

**Value of the Week Awards**

**Responsibility**
*K-2*
*Jack Yates 1R*
*3-6*
*Laura Zapirain 2/3H*

**Democracy**
*K-2*
*Charley Collins KG*
*3-6*
*Charlie Dadd 6A*

**Congratulations**