Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are approaching the end of Term 1 and what a great way to end the term with Harmony Day, Voting Day BBQ and of course our Hat Parade on this Thursday.

Harmony day was a great success with everyone joining in the fun and enjoying all the activities. Thank you to Mrs Grover and Ms Hagedoorn for organising such a great day as well as our great P&C with organising all the orange food on the day!
Stage 3 - Cake Stall Fundraiser
As part of our Harmony Day Celebrations Stage 3 students did some baking and brought in some delicious cakes for our students to buy. This not only added to the day but also helped to raise $219.00 which will go towards the Stage 3 Camp later on this year.

Easter Hat Parade
On Thursday 2 April we will be having Easter Fun Activities at Kentlyn Public School. Parents are invited to join us from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. The Easter Hat Parade will commence at 12:00pm sharp on the netball courts.

The P&C will be cooking a sausage sizzle. The canteen will not be open for lunch orders, however, will be open for over the counter items e.g. Drinks, ice blocks and snack food.

Parents are welcome to stay, have a picnic lunch and join in the fun of the Easter activities after lunch.

Miss Hagedoorn will again be running the Kentlyn Easter Colouring in competition, which is open to all students. There will be two categories infants and primary. Judging will be based on the merit of the individual and there will be one winner and one runner up per grade. Competition entries are to be given to Miss Hagedoorn no later than Monday 30 April.

12:00pm - Easter Hat Parade.
12:50pm - Picnic Lunch with your child/ren.
1:50pm - Rotation activities begin (children will participate in two Easter activities)
3:00pm - Dismissal Assembly

The Easter hats are to be made and decorated at home. Children are encouraged to make their own hats and bring them to school on the day. Full school uniform is to be worn on the day.

How to be a responsible student and fell great 😊

✔️ When you agree to do something, do it. If you let people down, they’ll stop believing you. When you follow through on your commitments, people take you seriously.
✔️ Answer for your own actions. Don’t make excuses or blame others for what you do. When you take responsibility for your actions you are saying “I am the one who’s in charge of my life.”
✔️ Take care of your own matters. Don’t rely on adults to remind you when you’re supposed to be somewhere or what you’re supposed to bring. You take the responsibility.
✔️ Be trustworthy. If somebody trusts you to borrow or take care of something, take care of it. If somebody tells you something in confidence, keep it to yourself. It’s important for people to know they can count on you.
✔️ Always use your head. Think things through and use good judgment. When you use your head you make better choices. That shows your parents they can trust you.
✔️ Don’t put things off. When you have a job to do, do it. If it is a note that needs to be signed, ask your parents, follow it up and return it back to school. The sooner you do it, the less things you have to be responsible for 😊

Some great websites that can assist you with helping your child at home:

201 Literacy and Maths tips to help your child at home helping your child with reading at home


Music Bus
The Music Bus is currently offering singing lessons but in order to start a class they do need a few students to be participating. If you would like to enrol your child in singing lessons please give them a call on 1300168742
State Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 25 March and Thursday 26 March our very own “flying fish”, Rhianon Cooke-Jones, competed at the State Swimming Carnival. She did marvellously well as she was only ‘half a second’ off from getting into the finals and ‘two seconds’ off getting into the Nationals. When you consider how many students were at this carnival Rhianon did extraordinarily well. She has also achieved another Personal Best at 0.32:56 for 50m freestyle. Congratulations Rhianon we are all VERY PROUD OF YOU 😊

Our 2015–2017 School Plan

Our 2015–2017 School Plan will be available on our school’s website by the end of the term.

McDonalds Fundraiser:

Thank you to everyone who attended our McDonalds Fundraiser. It was a great night where many of us got the opportunity to catch up with many members of our community and have a chat and a laugh. Thank you to Mrs Corbett and Mrs Gerrard for organising the event. We raised $271.00 for the school.

Important Term 1 Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 2 April – Easter Hat Parade
AND
Last school day in Term 1

Important Term 2 Dates for your Diary:

Monday 20 April – Staff Development Day (no students)
Tuesday 21 April – Students return for Term 2

Friday 24 April – ANZAC Day Assembly 10:30am in the hall
Monday 27 April – Gymnastics lessons begin K-6 in the hall
Thursday 30 April – Our Cross Country and School Run4Fun
Tuesday 12 May – Thursday 14 May – NAPLAN
Friday 15 May – NAPLAN catch up day
And
Grip Leaders Conference
Friday 29 May – School Disco
Wednesday 3 June – ICAS Science Test

Allergies Reminder

We have some students in our school who are allergic to some foods e.g. peanuts, milk products, eggs, animal fur, grass etc.

We are kindly requesting that sandwiches with peanut butter, Nutella or other peanut products NOT be brought to school to ensure that the safety of these students is maintained.

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

Thank you in advance.

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

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Stronger Smarter Leadership Program

I was recently privileged enough to be identified as a scholarship recipient from one of 20 identified Aboriginal Leaders from across NSW to participate in a leadership project. This project was a collaboration between the Stronger Smarter Institute and the NSW Deadly Leaders Alliance and supported by the More Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Teachers Initiative (MATSITI).
The Stronger Smarter Institute (SSI) has played a significant role in challenging low educational expectations for Indigenous students. Since 2006, SSI has worked with school and community leaders engaged in the SSI’s educational transformational leadership programs and Indigenous workforce development activities.

Last week, I travelled to Goonellabah to participate in the project. The alliance is a collaborative project that is aimed at strengthening the way in which Aboriginal leaders are supported and developed within the Education system. Dr. Chris Sarra was a prominent figure within the program and shared his leadership visions and experiences with participants.

It was an honour to be selected and invited along to participate in the week long program, where I had the opportunity to participate in workshops that aided the development of coaching and mentoring, promotions and feedback.

All participants at the conference were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and proudly represented public schools.

Deadly Beanie Project
On Tuesday, 7 Aboriginal students along with myself and Tammy O’Brien attended a workshop where we developed and designed our very own beanies to be displayed in the 2015 Alice Springs Beanie festive. This festival has been creating opportunities for Indigenous people for across our nation since 1997, to develop our talents and share our designs and stories.

This year the beanies we made were made from wool. Students used this wool to felt, mould and design their very own beanies. It was an extremely exhausting but rewarding task. The students put a huge amount of sweat and thought into their designs and can be extremely proud of their efforts.

Within Kentlyn Public School, we are committed to ensuring that the capacity of Aboriginal staff is developed. Developing the capacity of Aboriginal staff directly benefits students within schools, bridging the achievement gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students.

Yours in Education
Tanya Neal

Principal’s Awards
Mitchell Seaman 1/2C

Value of the Week Awards
Responsibility
K-2
William Hutchinson 2/3H
3-6
Hannah Yates 2/3H

Democracy
K-2
Rhyleigh Pearson KG
3-6
Zac Maxwell 6A

Congratulations!
We are conducting a School Run 4 Fun Program for the students as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The event will take place on Thursday 30 April 2015. All monies raised will provide additional resources such as the final payment for our xo laptops for the students.

Students have now received a poster size Sponsorship Form with a great selection of toy brands including Nike, Sony, Apple, Disney Frozen, GoPro, Razor, Nerf and more. This form will assist with collecting sponsorship donations on behalf of the school.

Inside the Sponsorship Form you will find helpful tips on how to raise more money for the school as well as other benefits such as the chance to win a Bali Family Holiday.

We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive a reward prize for their efforts. The more donations you receive the better prize(s) you can choose. You can even boost your prizes with the option to mix and match. More details are included in the attached Sponsorship Form.
A new way to help your child reach their fundraising goal is through online fundraising. Students who use online fundraising raise 5 times more! Simply go to www.australianfundraising.com.au/online, click onto the School Run 4 Fun image.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the Sponsorship Form and return along with your monies to the Kentlyn Public School on or before Tuesday 5 May 2015. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

We would also welcome parents and family members to attend the event day to help cheer on the students. Happy fundraising!

Thank you in advance of your participation.

Frances Hagedoorn
Teacher

Rebecca Hackett
Teacher

Androula Kavallaris
Principal