Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Can you believe we are almost at the end of Semester One? So much has happened this term, with endless opportunities for students to be involved in diverse learning experiences. Some of these opportunities included: debating, gymnastics, dance, NAPLAN, Gala Days, cross country and fun run events, interest groups, Heartbeat and Beanie Making, leadership conference, excursions and special projects with Ruse Public School, and our senior students completed their peer support training. No wonder we have all been so busy!

The primary years are pivotal and it is important to provide the right foundations for future learning. We realise each child is unique. We endeavour to provide a range of programs as you can see above, where children have opportunities to engage in areas of interest, or in programs that have been adapted to meet particular needs of groups of students. From Kindergarten all children will have different strengths and interests and we continue to strive to provide opportunities for students to participate in a broad, innovative and well-balanced curriculum.

Student Reports

Student reports are a document for parents to have that reiterates the information that reflects your child’s learning progress. Semester One written reports will be sent home today with all students. Please read through the reports carefully and celebrate your child’s achievements. If you have any questions or would like a more detailed conversation regarding your child’s learning, please contact your child’s teacher.

Pupil Free Day

Monday 13th July teachers will be working with Leumeah High School, Ruse Public School and Leumeah Public School on further developing our Community of Schools Network as well as building capacity in Inquiry Based Learning. Students start school on Tuesday 14th July. We hope you are able to enjoy some days away from work with your children over the break and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Kindergarten 2016

We have commenced taking 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.

Kind Reminder:

P&C Meeting – Tonight at 6:30pm in the staffroom
Peer Support
On Thursday 18 June Stage 3 students had a great, fun filled day training for our Peer Support Program. Students learnt all about communication, team work and leadership. All students are very excited about being part of the Peer Support Leadership team. Peer Support will begin next term. Thank you to Mr Saunders and Miss Heriot for organising a great training day for the students.

Premier’s Debating Update
On Monday 22 June, Kentlyn Debaters travelled to St Andrews Public School for the third round of the Debating Competition. The topic was "All parents should pay children pocket-money." After a rousing argument where everyone tried hard, unfortunately we lost. Our next debate will be in Week 2 of Term 3.

Fun Run Fundraiser
Congratulations to everyone for helping to raise a total of $1281.00 from our “Fun run” fundraiser earlier this term. This is an excellent achievement for our great school. Thank you also to Miss Hagedoorn and Miss Hackett for organising this for our school. All students should have received their prizes last week.

Woolworths Earn Money for your School Promotion
Once again this year our school will be participating in the ‘Woolworths Earn Money for your School’ Promotion.

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply bring the Sticker Sheet to the office. We can redeem our Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for our great school.

Live Life Well
Quick and easy breakfast ideas:
Make sure your child starts every school day with a nutritious breakfast that includes foods from at least two of the five food groups. For example

Why is breakfast important?
- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

Breakfast provides brain food
Eating breakfast each morning improves children's learning, concentration, behaviour, overall nutrient intake, and establishes healthy eating patterns for life. Some quick breakfast options include:
- wholegrain cereals and reduced-fat milk
- baked beans on wholegrain toast and a glass of reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie and toast
- toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- egg on toast with a glass of reduced-fat milk
- wholemeal or wholegrain toast or fresh bread, with margarine spread plus a topping, such as tomato, reduced-fat cheese or baked beans
- reduced-fat yoghurt, fruit and raisin bread
- fruit salad and yoghurt.

Serve breakfast with a glass of water or milk to get children hydrated.

Evacuation and Lockdown Drills
Our school will be practicing our WHS (Work Health and Safety) drills throughout the school terms. 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 that 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.

Important Term 3 Dates for your Diary:

Monday 13 July - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 14 July - Students back at school
Friday 17 July - K-6 Assembly - Leaders to run
Semester 2 SRC students will receive their badges.
Wednesday 22 July - Year 5 OC test
Monday 27 July - Friday 31 July - Education Week
Tuesday 28 July - ICAS English Test
Wednesday 29 July - Open Day
Thursday 30 July - Athletics Carnival - Field events
Friday 31 July - Athletics Carnival - Track Events
Friday 7 August - GALA Day
Tuesday 11 August - ICAS Maths Test
Wednesday 12 August - Friday 14 August - Stage 3 Camp to Kincumber
Friday 14 August - 2/3H's Assembly Item TBC
Friday 21 August - Premier’s Reading Challenge last week to log in your books before it closes
Monday 24 August - Friday 4 September - Swimming School
Friday 4 September - GALA Day
Tuesday 8 September - Start Smart Lessons
Wednesday 16 September & Thursday 17 September - Wedderburn Stage 2 Camp

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.

At Kentlyn Public School, we value the many positive relationships and partnerships that we share as an educational community. Our school embeds a culture where students feel a strong sense of self-worth and belonging; and are resilient, respectful and responsible citizens of the school and broader community.

I take this opportunity to thank our school administration and teaching staff for their continued professional dedication supporting all our students in their achievements this semester. I also extend our thanks to our P&C members, canteen, sporting and working bee helpers and the many parents involvement in assisting with Student Programs within our school.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to our students for their application and personal achievements this semester.

On behalf of all our staff at Kentlyn Public School we wish our school community a safe and relaxing winter holiday break.

The smiles you give come back to you!

Androula Kavallaris
Principal
Principal’s Awards
Kieran Cosgrove 1R
Beth Martin 1R
Jacob Howe 4/5S
Chanelle Woolley 4/5S
Khy Shelton 6A
Lauren Dobinson 4/5S
Bronwyn Zapirain 2/3H
Laura Zapirain 2/3H
Jayden Gerrard 4/5S
Chantel Spence 4/5S
Holly Cheney 1/2C
Sophie Moore 6A
Zac Maxwell 6A

Value of the Week Awards
Responsibility
K-2
Reki Roberts 1/2C
3-6
Jacob Howe 4/5S
Excellence
K-2
Bianca Robinson 1/2C
3-6
Zoe Cooper 6A
Democracy
K-2
Riley Ingersole 2/3H
3-6
Kaylee Love 2/3H
Integrity
Antoni Gligorov KG
3-6
Lexie Saunders 2/3H

Congratulations

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Safety In And Around Our School

The safety of our students at Kentlyn Public School is paramount. It is for this reason that no student is permitted at any time to walk through the staff car park.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child/ren, please ensure you adhere to this rule and walk your children through one of the entry/exit gates.

Please be aware that the staff car park is not at any time to be used by members of the community. The only exception to this rule is if you require the use of the disabled car space.

It has also come to my attention that there are a number of parents/ carers parking illegally or making illegal u turns in and around the bus zone, no standing and stopping zones around our school. This practice is not only illegal but it is potentially extremely dangerous and is putting our students’ safety in jeopardy. There have been several incidents reported where a child or another car has almost been hit. The local Police have been informed and have advised that they will be completing regular checks on the area.

I am sure you will agree that the safety and wellbeing of students at Kentlyn Public School is the responsibility of all members of the Kentlyn community.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Community of Schools Student Aboriginal Representative Group

On Thursday 11 June, students from Kentlyn were fortunate enough to be invited to attend a community of schools event with Leumeah High
School, Ruse Public School and Leumeah Public School to work together with their Aboriginal Leadership Team.

The students had the opportunity to work on a variety of activities including a bush tucker garden and a mosaic tile wall mural. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to liaise and learn from each other and form some wonderful and supportive relationships.

Below are some recounts from the students in attendance.

On the 11th June we went to Leumeah High School. We went into groups. In my group it was me, Tasma, Olivia and Chelsea. My group chipped some tiles off the mosaic. We had recess and ate chocolate cake and much, much more. We shipped off the mosaic because there were two different beds on it. We only chipped off the light red.

In groups some people had to clean the school, another group had to go to the garden to fix it. Then we had lunch and I made two new best friends names Olivia and Chelsea. Then we had a BBQ. We were waiting for Mrs Neal then we went back to school.

Haylea

On the 11th June the Aboriginal Committee went to Leumeah High School. We had a meeting about what they were doing at the high school. Dominic my group and I were pulling weeds.

Zach

On the 11th June we went to Leumeah High School. Lachlan and my group cleaned Leumeah High School, it was not fun. We left Leumeah High School at 1.00 p.m. We made 18 new friends. I now know 3 people, Olivia, Chelsea and Kaley.

Josh

At Leumeah High School we had an aboriginal meeting with their Aboriginal representative council on the 11th June. Josh and my group cleaned Leumeah high School. It was super boring, but eating was fun because we had a barbecue.

Haylea and her group did tiling.

Zach and his group did gardening.

Lachlan

On the 11th June, six Aboriginal students from Kentlyn Public School went to Leumeah High to meet the Aboriginal Representative Council. We had a meeting about stuff that is happening in their school. Then we got split up in groups. In our group we learnt things about each other. Then we went and did tiling on the mosaic to replace the colours, then we had a BBQ.

Tasma-Lea

We went to Leumeah High School. We had an Aboriginal Representative Council Meeting. After that we did gardening, then we had a BBQ.

Dominic

2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge

Again this year, Kentlyn have been participating in Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

For further information regarding the challenge please view https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

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1,800,000 words

282,000 words

8,000 words

90th percentile 50th percentile 10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Neally & Herman, 1967)

Yours in Education

Tanya Neal
Woodbine Community Centre
School Holiday Activities, Thursday 9th July
Woodbine Playgroup, FREE open day 22nd July, will include jumping castle, face painting, fruit plater and all arts and crafts
Children's Yoga Classes, Mondays commencing 20th July, time 4.30, 45min class
ASD Social & Networking Group

For more information please ring Selena
On 4625-1254

Macarthur Children Development Clinic
Are offering free screening services for pre-school and school aged children. For more information please call 4648-0837

P&C News
A working bee has been organised for our great school for Thursday 9 July 2015. If you are able to assist in any way, for a few hours it would be greatly appreciated. For more details please see Judith Seeney, our P&C President.