Week 2 Term 1

Rule of the week:

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Value of the Week

| Integrity |
| Excellence |

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

**Welcome Back to School**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children, their families and members of staff.

Welcome back to all our children and parents - I hope you all enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer break. We are looking forward to another wonderful year at Kentlyn Public School. Our dedicated staff have spent lots of time during the holidays preparing for the 2016 school year.

Miss Ashleigh Swales and Mrs Lisa Cunningham have joined our teaching team this year. Miss Swales will be job sharing with Miss Chisholm on 2CS as well as teaching our Release from Face to Face Program throughout the week. Mrs Cunningham has been a long term casual at our school who knows all our students well.

**Kindergarten Students**

Our Kindergarten students have started big school this week and I am extremely impressed with how well they have settled into our school routine.

I think the little packages that the parents took home today, also reassured them that it is going to be a great day 😊.
You are always welcome at Kentlyn Public School

Children love to see their parents and carers at their school, whether helping out in the classroom, canteen or being involved in other ways. Research shows that students perform better at school when their parents or carers take an active interest in their school work. Your contribution to the school is needed and valued.

Ways you might get involved:
- help in the classroom
- listen to children read
- help children on computers
- help with school excursions
- help in our school canteen
- help with fundraising events

As a parent helper, you will also be asked to complete a “Working with Children” check that will be valid for the whole year. This is a DoE requirement. Please see Mrs Thompson in the office for an application form.

Please also remember that the class teacher is always responsible for discipline in the classroom. If you are visiting or assisting in a small group or in an individual situation and a student is behaving inappropriately it is best to advise the class teacher.

The Monday morning assemblies will resume this year. Students assemble under the COLA when school starts and parents are invited to stay and hear announcements and news for the week ahead.

The dismissal assemblies will also continue every afternoon as per last year.

Classes for 2016 -

KG - Mrs Grover
1/2R - Miss Hackett
2CS - Miss Chisholm and Miss Swales
3A - Miss Heriot
4H - Miss Hagedoorn
5/6S - Mr Saunders

Ms Swales - - Release from Face to Face (RFF teacher) - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Mrs Muller - Library teacher and Release from Face to Face - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Mrs Cunningham - Learning and Support Teacher - Tuesday - Thursday Term 1

We are currently in the very safe position of having 148 students enrolled at our school. At 159 students we get to go to 7 classes which will be a fantastic bonus for our school.

School Leaders 2016

Captains:
Sam Abdulwahab
Matthew Ross

School Leaders:
Shannon Dobinson
Marcus Zapirain
Thomas Ferro
Adam Redzic

I would like to congratulate all school leaders for a great start to the year with their responsibilities as well as being excellent role models for everyone to follow 😊😊😊
House Captains
Congratulations also to the following students who are House Captains and Vice Captains for 2016. They did an exceptional job at the swimming carnival yesterday.

Campbell -
Captain: Ronin Gardiner
Vice Captain: Tyler Christie

Macarthur -
Captain: Jacob Jackson
Vice Captain: Jordyn Ingersole

SRC Representatives for Semester 1 (Terms 1 & 2)
Congratulations to the following students who were selected as their class SRC Representatives this week. Mr Saunders will be the Teacher in Charge of our Leaders in 2016.

KG students will be nominated in Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4)
1/2R - Callum Sullivan and Sienna-Rose Chant
2CS - Joseph Borg and Ciara Cunningham
3A - Lachlan Cosgrove and Isaac Jackson
4H - Ben Ross and Jack Griffiths
5/6S - Chantel Spence and Rhys Brooks

Forensic Science Incursion
Monday 15 February

We are very lucky to receive this opportunity, thanks to the "Ingersole family". This incursion should normally cost around $10.00 per child to attend, however, all our students 3-6 will be able to attend free of charge.

Students will discover:

- The true role of Forensic Science in solving crime;
- The importance of observation and deductive reasoning in interpreting evidence;
- How to use a digital microscope and the micro-world;
- Where fingerprints come from and how to tell them apart;
- The uses of UV Light in searching for clues;
- What DNA is and its importance to Forensics;
- How to make simple copies of impressions;
- How simple experiments form the base of more complex ones.

Students will be able to examine and interpret evidence found at a crime scene, learning its place and value in an investigation. They will use their findings to build a case and reconstruct the events of the crime. They will be able to:

- Take their own fingerprints;
- Explore with a Digital Microscope;
- Make Impression recordings;
- Build a DNA Model;
- Hunt for hidden UV clues;
- Dress up in Crime Scene Gear;
- Take photos, decipher codes, and much more!
Swimming Carnival
On Tuesday the 2nd February, Kentlyn Public School went to Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre to have our 2016 swimming carnival. The weather was great and the day started with a record breaking swim in the senior individual medley. With the echoes of Macarthur’s cheering reverberating around the centre, swimmers dived into the pool in attempts to win a place in the Swimming team to go to the Zone carnival on the 8 March. A great day was had by all.

Ribbons will be handed out at the first K-6 assembly on the 12 February. A big thank you to the parents that helped out with time keeping.
School Banking 2016
School banking will be every Friday. A note went home to all students earlier this week on how you can register your child. A very big thank you to Mrs Cosgrove who will be the co-ordinator once again this year.

Thank you! Thank you to the “Griffiths Family” who have sourced a complete Soccer Kit and have donated this to our great school. I know that this will be put to great use at lunch times.

Thank you also to Tammy O’Brien and Shane Dalgleish for clearing and mulching the bark from all around our school.

Notes to parents
Thank you to all the students who have returned their permission notes to school. It is imperative that all notes are returned by Friday 12 February. This is especially the case for the note allowing your child to play on Kentlyn Oval during lunch, recess and special school events.

No Hat – Play in the Shade
A kind reminder to everyone that we are following and monitoring, more than ever our, “No Hat – Play in the Shade” policy. Please ensure that your child has their school hat with them every day.

School Uniform
I would like to request your support in ensuring that your children wear full school uniform each day. School hats and black shoes [black runners, lace up, buckle or boots are all acceptable] are important parts of our uniform. It has been my experience that compliance with school uniform is important in building school spirit, and it also has a very positive effect on school culture and behaviour.

Parent/Teacher Information Evening
Our Parent/Teacher Information Evening will be on Tuesday 9 February 2016. Notes were handed out last week. This note can be found on our website for further information.

The idea of the Parent/Teacher Information Evening is to give parents the opportunity to meet as a group with each of the class teachers. Teachers will discuss such things as class rules, behaviour management, teacher expectations, various curriculum issues, homework, parent assistance in the classroom and other topics which may be raised. It is a good chance for parents to ask any questions or express any concerns they may have. All parents are encouraged to attend.

General information for new parents and friendly reminders

Absences
All absences must be explained in writing. Please send a written explanation with the specific day/s your child was absent to your child’s teacher as soon as possible after the absence. You can also use our Skoolbag App to submit your child’s absence. By law, an absentee note is required within 7 days of your child’s sickness. Students are expected to attend every day unless sick etc.

Appointments
If children are to be collected during school time they must be signed out at the office prior to collecting them from class. They must also be signed back in if they are returned during the day.

Students arriving to school late
There are times when your child might arrive at school late. Please remember that it is a legal requirement that YOU SIGN your child in before they are allowed to go to their classrooms.

Picking up your child at the end of a school day
For the safety of all students, as per last year, we do require all parents to pick up their children at home time from under the COLA, after our dismissal assembly. If at any time you are running a little bit late, please ensure that you ring the office and we can supervise your child until you get to the school. All students who have not been picked up will be asked by a staff member to wait up at the office so that we can contact the parent/carer.

You would have also noticed that in the afternoons, whenever possible, Mrs Grover or myself supervise the ‘Old Kent Road’ gate. This is not always possible due to the complexities that can arise at the end of each school day.
Emergency Action Plans
If your child has a medical condition requiring urgent emergency action, please notify the school as soon as possible. It is extremely important that we maintain up to date records and are informed of any changes. If your child has a medical action plan from 2015 please see your child’s teacher or Mrs Thompson to ensure any updates are made.

Medication
If your child needs to take medication, it is essential that you discuss this with the class teacher. A form is available for parents to complete if medication is to be taken during the day. Under no circumstances are children to keep medication in their school bag. If your child self-medicates for asthma, please discuss this with your child’s teacher. Puffers may be kept in bags, if this is discussed with the class teacher.
If you have provided a Ventolin puffer or Epi-pen for your child’s medical action plan, please call in to check that it has not expired.

Contact Details
Please ensure the school has current information regarding address, phone contact numbers, medical conditions, custody advices, etc at all times. It is particularly important that emergency contact numbers are current. If unsure please contact the office to check admission details.

Fruit Breaks
Fruit breaks will continue this year at approximately 10am every day when the students have a few minutes to eat a small portion of fruit to keep them going until lunch time. We are also encouraging the use of a water bottle filled with chilled water not only to sip on at this time, but to keep on their desks throughout the day if the students become thirsty.

Assemblies
Our K-6 assemblies will be conducted each fortnight, (in most cases), commencing Friday 12 February with Student Leaders running the first assembly for the year. Each class will be rostered to conduct the assembly and at some stage in the year, present an item. I look forward to seeing many parents at our first assembly😊.

School Newsletter
The school newsletter is an important source of information between the school and home. Our school newsletter is published every fortnight; that is weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 and is usually distributed on a Wednesday.

The newsletter will be posted on our Skoolbag App for everyone.
If you require a hard copy please ring the office and we will ensure that your child receives a copy to bring home.

If you require extra copies of notes sent home you can also find them on our website, under ‘School Notes’ and then ‘whole school notes’.

Early Arrivals at School
It is recommended that children arrive at school from 8.40am onwards. There is no rostered teacher supervision before this time. Any children who arrive at school before 8.40am must remain sitting under the COLA until. Although the behaviour of our students is very good in general, it is more likely for children to misbehave or do the wrong thing if they are at school in the morning too early. Our school has Before and After School Care, which is held in our school hall.
The operating times are from 7:00am to 8.40am and from 3:10 – 6:00pm.
Enquiries and bookings can be made through the coordinator, Mrs Marian Price. She can be contacted on 0468921240.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club will begin once again next week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Tammy O’Brien for starting this up again this year and volunteering their mornings 😊.

Important Term 1 Dates for your Diary:
Wednesday 4 February - Kindergarten students start
Tuesday 9 February - Parent Information Evening (banking lady will be here as well)
Friday 12 February - K-6 Assembly 1:00pm
Monday 15 February - Forensic Science - Problem Solving
Friday 26 February - K-6 Assembly 1:00pm
Tuesday 1 March - Premier’s Reading Challenge Registrations open
Friday 4 March - Clean up Our School Day
Tuesday 8 March - Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday 11 March - GALA Day tbc
Monday 14 March - Responsible Pet Incursion K-2
Tuesday 15 March - Regional Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 16 March - High School Enrolment Forms returned
Friday 18 March - K-6 Assembly 1:00pm
Monday 21 March - Harmony Day
Thursday 24 March - Easter Hat Parade tbc
Friday 25 March - Monday 29 March - Easter Long Weekend
Friday 1 April - GALA Day tbc
Friday 8 April - ANZAC Service 10:00am in the school hall
K-6 Assembly - Leaders 1:00pm tbc
Last Day of Term 1.

Students With Allergies:
We have several students that have allergies and in particular severe allergies to NUTS. Please do not send your child to school with any nuts, Peanut Butter or Nutella sandwiches.

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.

Allergies
Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response. All DEC schools are required to follow the Anaphylaxis Procedures for Schools in order to meet the health care needs of students diagnosed ‘at risk’ of anaphylaxis. These procedures have recently been updated.

Under these procedures ALL parents have a responsibility to:

- promptly notify the principal if they are aware that their child has been diagnosed as being at risk of a severe allergic reaction.
- promptly notify the principal if the health needs of their child change.
- promptly notify the principal if their child has a severe allergic reaction outside of school hours, at home or at another location.
- inform the principal of any other known learning and support needs, including health care needs, disability or learning or behaviour difficulties which may impact on the management of anaphylaxis.
- provide an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis completed and signed by the doctor. A new plan is completed by the doctor each time an adrenaline auto injector is prescribed. It is important that parents provide the school with a copy of the updated plan, or a photocopy of that plan.
- reinforce relevant aspects of the individual health care plan with their child, where practical, for example if their child comes into contact with an allergen at school they must immediately inform a teacher and, if age appropriate, remind the child of the importance of taking their adrenaline auto injector to school with them.
- provide the equipment and consumables for carrying out health care support as specified in the student’s individual health care plan, including where relevant, the appropriate adrenaline auto injector.
- replace the adrenaline auto injector in a timely manner before it expires or after it has been used.
- provide written requests for the school to administer prescribed medications where necessary. For example some children are prescribed antihistamine or have other health conditions that require administration of prescribed medications.
- talk to their child about the most likely times and places they may be exposed to the allergen and how to avoid it.
- reinforce risk minimisation strategies agreed upon for the school environment with their child, as appropriate.
**DRIVER SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL.**
Each year in NSW children are injured and sometimes killed around schools. You can help to make our school a safer place by obeying the road rules and being patient and understanding at the peak traffic times of 8:30am and 3:30pm.

**Obeying Parking Signs and Road Rules**
*Disabled Parking.*
Unless the vehicle you are driving displays a current Disabled Person’s Parking Authority and is carrying a disabled person you must not park in these areas.

**No Parking**
This sign means: that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must not stand your car, except when you stop to pick up or set down goods or passengers. At no stage are you allowed to leave your car.

**No Standing**
This sign means: in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stand your vehicle except to stop to pick up or set down passenger.

**No Stopping**
This sign means: in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stand your vehicle at any point on the road, kerb unless there is a medical emergency.

**Bus Zones**
This sign means: that in the direction of the arrow you are not allowed to stand your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

**School Zones**
The signs school zone and 40k School Zone mean the speed limit is 40km/h. This special speed limit applies on school days and during times shown on signs.

**Did you know?**
- More children around schools are killed and injured at the start of school (8:30 to 9:15am) rather than at the end of the day due to parents rushing to get to work and there being more freely flowing traffic.
- Parking a little way from the school and walking to collect your child would make a big difference to the safety of all children.
- The fines for speeding 20km/h above the school zone limit around the school area can result in a penalty up to $750.

With these points in mind and the safety of our children being paramount, we are asking you to be observant with the following:
- Obey the road rules
- Park and walk
- Be patient at peak times

*The smiles you give come back to you!*
Androula Kavallaris
Principal

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**Principal’s Awards**

**Value of the Week Awards**

**Integrity**

**K-2**
Ella-Grace Bertie 1/2R

**3-6**
Adam Redzic 5/6S

**Congratulations!**

**Kik messenger**
Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as ‘‘the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers’’, but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week. Find out what it is: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7wOF/5353/Kik+messenger](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7wOF/5353/Kik+messenger)
Why cyber safety experts are concerned:

Teach your kids to be waterproof
As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.
Find out more:

School Canteen
School Canteen will be open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday starting from today. If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days, to help in the school canteen, please see Tammy O’Brien.

P&C Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 16 February 2016 - 6:00pm in the staffroom.