Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mrs Thompson’s Special Assembly - Thursday 10 March 2016

Mrs Thompson will be retiring on Friday 11 March 2016. Kentlyn Public School will be holding a very special K-6 Assembly to Thank Mrs Thompson for her fabulous contribution to our great school.

The K-6 assembly will be held on Thursday 10 March at 2:20pm. All community members are invited to attend.

Mrs Carol Meek has joined our Kentlyn Public School team as our Relieving School Administrative Manager. Mrs Meek is our permanent School Administrative Officer. Mrs Meek was the successful applicant from a merit selection process that took place two weeks ago.

I know that we will all make Mrs Meek feel welcome and assist her along the way until she gets to know our great community members. Mrs Price will be our Relieving School Administrative Officer until further notice.

On Tuesday 22 March 2016 we will be holding a parent forum to present to you our updated School Plan for 2016. The teachers will also be there to talk about what some of these activities, mentioned in our school plan, look like in their classroom. You will also get an opportunity to look at our draft ‘School Report’ and all the great things we have achieved as a whole school community.

This forum will be held from 3:20pm until approximately 4:00pm. It would be fantastic to see you there to be part of this reporting process.

Year 5 & 6 - Canberra and Snowy Mountains 2016 - Expression of Interest

A note has been sent home with Stage 3 students in regards to our three day overnight camp to Canberra and Snowy Mountains.

The excursion will be held from Tuesday 28 June - Thursday 30 June (Term 2, Week 10). The proposed cost of the excursion is $385.00 if 23 - 25 students attend, however, with the very generous help of our P&C and several fundraising events we are hoping for this amount to decrease to approximately $300. The final price of the excursion will be finalised once we know our total number of students attending.

Before we can officially commit to the camp the school needs to gauge the level of interest from families. If you would like your child to attend the excursion please ensure that you return the Expression of Interest slip and $25.00 deposit by Monday 14 March 2016.
**Chicken Pox**

We have been informed of several cases of chicken pox within our school. An information note went home yesterday with a fact sheet for your information. This was also posted on our Skoolbag App.

**Clean up our School Day**

Kentlyn Public School will be participating in ‘Clean up Australia Day’ on Friday 4 March 2016. All students will be helping clean up our school grounds and maybe if time allows do some weeding for approximately 20 minutes. They will help with the collection of papers and general rubbish. Teachers will be vigilant to ensure that all students are safe at all times and only picking up papers, wrappers, popper boxes etc. Any other items that are not deemed safe will be collected by the classroom teacher.

We ask that you send your child to school with a pair of gloves (gardening or plastic) and a plastic bag. Together we can keep Australia beautiful.

These items can be brought in earlier and kept somewhere safe in the classrooms.

**Crazy Hair Mufti Day / World’s Greatest Shave - Wednesday 9 March 2016**

Wednesday 9 March is Kentlyn Public School’s Crazy Hair Day. Students are invited to wear mufti, bring a gold coin donation and there will be hair spraying for a dollar on the day. In the lead up to Wednesday, students can buy tickets to go into a draw to colour a teacher’s hair (50 cents), shave a student’s head (one dollar) or give Mr Saunders a crazy haircut which he will wear with pride until the end of lunch. There will also be a cake stall running on the day.

Online donations can be made by going to the website for the World’s Greatest Shave and searching for Kentlyn Public School Shavers and Fundraisers or for Steven Saunders. All money raised will count towards Mr Saunders hair being very short.

The SRC is asking for donations of temporary colour hair spray and any cakes, biscuits and slices on the day for the cake stall. All families that donate will be given 4 tickets to put in any of the raffles running on the day.

**School Gates Getting Locked**

Our school gates will be locked after 9:15am to ensure our student’s safety. Gates will be re-opened at 2:45pm every afternoon. If you need to access the office at any time please enter the school grounds from the gate that is closest to the office. On the odd occasion when your child is running late, please make sure that you accompany your child to the office, using the gate closest to the office. You will need to sign your child in and receive a late slip for your child’s classroom teacher.

**Photographing and taking video of our students.**

Most of you would be aware that it is DoE and a school requirement that we get parental permission for students to be photographed, videotaped and be put on our website. (These notes are available on our website)

We have a number of students who cannot be photographed or be videotaped at any time. Some are for legal reasons. With all school events I ask that you please only photograph/video your child, to the best of your ability.

I understand that this is very hard to monitor however, with your support I know that we can maintain these students’ privacy.

**Teacher Appointments**

We ask that you make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you need to speak to them so that teachers can provide parents with their full attention when discussing problems or issues. It can be counterproductive to attempt to resolve issues as children move off to class of a morning or at bell times. The school has an executive member of staff, Mrs Grover, who is happy to assist but we also ask that you afford your child’s teacher the courtesy of discussing your concerns with them in the first instance.

**Parent and Teacher Interviews**

Notes have been sent home today for parent and teacher interviews. If your child has misplaced his/her note you can access the note on our website in the whole school notes section.
Interview dates for some teachers begin from Tuesday 29 March until 1 April 2016.

Please note that if the time and date the teacher has allocated does not cater for your needs you can ring and speak to your child’s teacher and organise a time and date that is mutually convenient.

We are looking forward to seeing all our parents attend and see/hear for themselves the great work that their child/ren are doing.

2016 Zone AFL Team
Congratulations to Marcus Zapirain for being selected in the 2016 Zone AFL Team.

2016 Campbelltown Zone Soccer Team
Congratulations also to Adam Redzic for being selected for the 2016 Campbelltown Zone Boys Soccer team.

We know that you will make us proud because you both always give everything your best 😊

A very big Thank You to Mrs Brooks, Mrs Gerrard, Rhys Brooks, Charlee Brooks, Tyler Christie, Jayden Gerrard and Adam Redzic for spending last Friday, in the heat, doing a letter box drop of our school postcard as well as the article in the Macarthur Advertiser, asking for donations for our COLA.

FAMILY CONTRIBUTION FEE FOR 2016 – SUPPORTING US TO MAINTAIN OUR 21st CENTURY VISION

Thank you to all the families who have sent in their 2016 contributions.

The Family Contribution Fee, although voluntary, will make a difference to our school finances. In 2015 this financial support assisted us greatly with our goal of purchasing an XO laptop for every child. This year’s contribution will go towards the maintenance of the XO’s as well as purchasing new furniture for the library.

The total cost of the Family Contribution Fee in 2016 is $45.00. However, if you do wish to contribute more towards this very worthwhile cause, you are more than welcome 😊.

Money or cheques can be enclosed in an envelope with your child’s class, total amount enclosed and clearly stated that it is for “Family Contribution Fee”. Students can hand the envelope in to the office. As always, a receipt will be provided to you via your child once the money has been receipted.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Premiers Reading Challenge – Registrations open on Tuesday 1 March 2016.

About the Challenge….
It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge.

All Student Reading Records are submitted online. Students can enter their books as they read them. An electronic Student Reading Record is completed by either entering the PRC ID number of each book or clicking on titles from a drop-down PRC list.

The Challenge will end early August 2016

To login into the PRC website…..
2. Enter your child’s username. This is the same username that they use at school to access the portal.
3. Enter your child’s password. This is the same password that they use at school to access the portal.
4. Click on the student reading records tab.
5. Move the cursor to the titles box. If you start typing the title of the book read, a drop down list of possible titles will appear. Select the appropriate title. The details will fill automatically.
6. If your child does not know their username and password, please contact your child's class teacher.

In 2016 we are aiming for 100% participation in the Premiers Reading Challenge 😊 😊

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.
Important Term 1 Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 1 March - Premier's Reading Challenge Registrations open
Friday 4 March - Clean up Our School Day
Tuesday 8 March - Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday 10 March - Mrs Thompson's Farewell Assembly
Friday 11 March - GALA Day
And Mrs Thompson’s last day 😊
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
And Harmony Day
Thursday 24 March - Easter Hat Parade
Friday 25 March - Monday 29 March - Easter Long Weekend
Tuesday 29 March - Parent Teacher Interview Week
Friday 1 April - GALA Day
Friday 8 April - ANZAC Service 10:00am in the school hall and K-6 Assembly - Leaders 1:00pm tbc

Last Day of Term 1.

Principal’s Award

Value of the Week Awards

Care
K-2
Zahra Saffar 1/2R
3-6
Sam Abdulwahhab 5/6S

Fairness
K-2
Cruz Kandakji KG
3-6
Maddison Sciberras

Congratulations!

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.

The smiles you give come back to you!
Androula Kavallaris
Principal
SCHOOL CANTEEN - CANTEEN MANAGER REQUIRED FROM TERM 2 ONWARDS

Tammy O’Brien has been successfully managing our school canteen on a volunteer basis for the last few years.

This role involves coordinating the volunteers, ordering stock as well as the day to day running of the canteen.

Tammy will unfortunately not be able to continue with this role after the end of Term 1.

Our P&C are seeking any member of our school community who currently volunteers in our canteen or would like to come and volunteer their services to take on this role.

I am more than happy to answer any questions in regards to this matter.

Our canteen provides a fantastic service for all our community, however, if we are unable to find a manager to volunteer their time, there is strong possibility that our canteen will close.

We are very appreciative of all the hard work that Tammy has invested in our canteen and on behalf of the whole school community, we would like to say a very Big Thank You.

Thanks for your support.
Judith Seeney
Kentlyn Public School P&C President