Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be another fantastic and rewarding year at Kentlyn Public School.

Staff Changes in 2016

Miss Ashleigh Swales and Mrs Lisa Cunningham will be joining our team of staff 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.

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 146 students enrolled in our school. At 159 students we get to go to 7 classes which will be a fantastic bonus for our school.

We utilise a number of balancing criteria to ensure the classes formed are in the best interests of ALL students. Please know all staff took special care to place each child in a well-balanced class in order to foster successful learning. We form classes carefully to ensure an even spread of girls and boys with a range of learning abilities and social attributes and we take into account the social and emotional needs of all our children. It is our responsibility as teachers to ensure that we cater for your child’s individual needs and that we are differentiating the curriculum to cater for those needs.

Your children may not be in the same class as their best buddies this year, but you can use this as an opportunity to talk with your children about the wonderful opportunity to develop new friendships as well as building on existing relationships. Emphasise the positives, rather than focusing on the anxieties that may be associated with change. I’m confident all of our children will have a terrific year of learning and working together with our fantastic, dedicated teachers.
**Kindergarten Students**

All our kindergarten students are due to start ‘big school’ on **Wednesday 3 February 2016 before 9:10am**. All these students will participate in the 2016 Best Start Assessments from **Thursday 29 January until Tuesday 2 February 2016**.

**Money Payments for 2016**

All money envelopes are to be handed to the office in a **sealed and clearly labelled envelope with your child’s name, amount, class and what the money is for**.

**Family Contribution School Fees 2016**

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.

**Notes to parents**

This week you will be receiving a ‘bundle’ of notes with regard to various administrative procedures for your child. Most of these notes will not require any money, simply your written permission for your child to participate etc.

Please ensure that you have completed each ‘bundle’ for each of your children and it is returned to your child’s teacher by **Friday 5 February 2016**. This is especially the case with using the oval as we cannot allow students to play on it at lunchtimes until all permission notes have been returned.

**P&C Annual General Meeting**

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 6:00pm in the staffroom.

**School Uniforms:**

You will be able to purchase school uniforms from our school hall every morning from 8:45am and afternoon from 3:10 – 3:30, for the first two weeks of school.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

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Regards,

Androula Kavallaris
Principal

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Always Our Best