Dear Parents/Carers,

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

**Staff Changes in 2014**

Mr Jason Woelfle will be joining our great school this year. Mr Woelfle comes highly recommended from John Warby Public School. He will be teaching 2/3W and I know that you will all make him feel welcome.

**Classes for 2014**

We have begun 2014 with six classes. They are as follows:

KG – Mrs Grover  
K/1R – Miss Hackett  
1/2H – Miss Helliwell  
2/3W – Mr Woelfle  
4/5S – Mr Saunders  
5/6C – Miss Chisholm

Ms Kavallaris – (Principal) - Release from Face to Face (RFF teacher) – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Mrs Neal - (Assistant Principal) - Learning and Support Teacher and Literacy and Numeracy Project co-ordinator

Mrs Muller – Library teacher – Tuesdays Learning and Support Teacher: Wednesdays and half a day Thursdays.

Miss Hagedoorn – ESL – one day a week (Term 1)

**We will need to maintain the magic number of 130 students until mid February to stay in these classes.** We are currently in the very safe position of having 137 students enrolled in 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 28 kindergarten students are due to start ‘big school’ on Tuesday 4 February 2014. All these students will participate in the 2014 Best Start Assessments from Wednesday 29 January until Monday 3 February 2014. All students will remain with Mrs Grover until Friday 7 February. The K/1R class will be formed on Monday 10 February.

Money Payments for 2014

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.

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.

This year I am also including a ‘Bicycle Code of Conduct’. Please make sure that if you wish your child to ride a bicycle to school, you read through the Code of Conduct with them. This ensures your child understands the road rules and all aspects of the expectations with the privilege of riding to and from school. This note must be returned to Ms Kavallaris before they commence riding.

It would be greatly appreciated if all notes are returned to your child’s teacher by Friday 7 February 2014.

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

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 February 2014 at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 5 March 2014 at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

Regards,

Androula Kavallaris
Principal