Dear Parents/Carers,

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

**Staff Changes in 2015**

Miss Alex Heriot and Miss Hagedoorn will be joining our team of staff this year. Miss Heriot is a permanent member of staff who is replacing Miss Helliwell and Miss Hagedoorn has been a long term casual at our school who knows all our students well. We also welcome Mrs Melissa Kelly who will be our temporary School Administrative Officer, replacing Mrs Monkhouse. Mrs Kelly will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Classes for 2015**

We have begun 2015 with six classes. They are as follows:

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

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

Mrs Neal – (Assistant Principal) - Learning and Support Teacher, job sharing with 1/2C when Miss Chisholm is implementing the Reading Recovery Program.

Mrs Muller – Library teacher – Tuesdays & alternate Wednesdays – Job sharing on 1R and 2/3H

Mrs Davenport – Learning and Support Teacher – Monday – Thursday Terms 1 and 2.

**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 143 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 Monday 2 February 2015. All these students will participate in the 2015 Best Start Assessments from Wednesday 28 January until Friday 30 January 2015.

**Money Payments for 2015**

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 2015**

As per our parent forum and surveys contacted in 2014, the majority of the parents agreed that our Family Contribution School Fees for 2015 only will be increased to $70.00 per family to help support the purchase of the XO laptops, which each child in the school will receive. Although this fee is totally voluntarily, you can be assured that your contribution of this money will assist the school greatly. The XO laptops will be distributed to all students later on in this term.

**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 6 February 2015. 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.

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

**P&C AGM Notice**

Our P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at 5:30pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Regards,

Androula Kavallaris
Principal

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