

Kendall Public School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 — 8th January 2019



Principal's Message

Our first full week back and what an exciting week it has been! I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Kim Barry who has been out and about with her camera and captured many of the special moments to share with you. Kim continually goes above and beyond in her role, providing an important link between school and our community. We hope you enjoy the photos on our Facebook page and within this newsletter.

It is evident when visiting classrooms this week that children have adjusted to class routines quickly and are responding well to the high expectations set by teachers. Our new Kindergarten children have also settled in beautifully. It has been a long wait since their transition began last year and as always there was a mixture of excitement, nervousness, smiles and tears - from parents and children! The Year 5 buddies are already doing a great job supporting our youngest students in adjusting to the routines of school.

Swimming Carnival

What an outstanding day! Seeing so many children competing, challenging themselves, encouraging their friends and cheering for their team made us all very proud. Once again, Mrs Smith's organisation and the efforts of staff ensured the carnival ran smoothly and was a fun day for our students. Thank you to all parents who donated morning tea goods or assisted in any way at the carnival. Your support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations and good luck to our swimmers who have qualified for the Hastings Camden Haven Swimming Carnival next Wednesday.

Parliament Induction

It was a proud moment for our new Parliamentarians and their families when they were inducted this week. After receiving their badges, they took their oath, committing to maintain the high standards expected of our student leaders. I look forward to seeing them develop their leadership skills and confidence throughout the year.

Playground Opening

A highlight of the week has been the long-awaited opening of our new playground equipment. This has been a major fundraising goal for our P&C in recent years and I would like to again thank everyone within our school and broader community who has contributed to the successful completion of this project. The children are certainly enjoying this addition to our playground.

Literacy & Numeracy Groups

Literacy and Numeracy groups will commence next week, operating until 12.15pm from Monday to Thursday. These groups will allow teachers to provide focused teaching and learning targeted to the specific learning needs of all students. As a result, some students may find that they have a different teacher for these sessions. Teachers have been reviewing students' literacy and numeracy skills this week as they finalise the groups in each Stage. It is important to note that the structure of these groups is flexible and student placement may be adjusted throughout the year as learning needs change. This will only be done following consultation with parents.

Anti-bullying Policy

This was a focus of the Term 1 School Development Day with staff reviewing and updating the current policy. A priority in all classes this term will be the reinforcing of school rules and behaviour expectations, both in the classroom and the playground. In particular, we will be looking at the issue of bullying. Class discussions will focus on:

- ◆ What is bullying? What is not bullying?
- ◆ What are the types of bullying?
- ◆ Upstander behaviour
- ◆ Cybersafety
- ◆ Strategies to deal with bullying

Whilst we believe that bullying is not a major concern in our school, it is important that we continually support students to develop positive relationships with others, be resilient and behave in a safe, responsible and respectful manner. We find that this is most successful when there is a consistent approach between school and home expectations. To assist parents in understanding the messages delivered to students around these issues, we will be sharing information via notes and newsletters throughout this term. I will also be presenting the updated Anti-bullying 2019 Plan at the P&C meeting next Tuesday.

Principal's Message (continued)

Sports Leaders

Congratulations to the students who were elected as Sports Leaders. They have already demonstrated their enthusiasm at the swimming carnival and we are confident they will fulfil their responsibilities diligently throughout the year .

Support our P&C

I encourage all parents, especially those new to our school, to attend the first P&C meeting for 2019. We have a wonderful group of parents who are continually looking for ways to support our students and staff. New members are always welcome and it is a great opportunity to learn more about our school community. Please join us in the library on Tuesday 12th February at 5.00pm.

New School Sign

Our new digital sign, replacing the older one which was removed late last year, is being installed next week. As well as being clearer and displaying increased information, the digital format will enable us to update messages more regularly.

Parent Volunteers

The assistance of parents in various capacities is welcomed in our school. Your support at sporting events, in classrooms, in the canteen and with transport is very much appreciated and ensures that we are able to continue offering these opportunities for students. However, we remind all parents who volunteer at school of the following requirements:

- ◆ you must complete the Working with Children (WWC) Declaration and provide 100 points of identification or hold a verified WWC number. This is a child protection requirement in all schools. Further details and the appropriate forms are available from our Admin office.
- ◆ sign the visitors/volunteers register in the Admin Office when you arrive and again when leaving.

Your support in following these child protection and work health and safety procedures will assist us in protecting all students from possible harm.

Medical Records

We are currently updating medical records for all students. Those families who have indicated that their child has a medical condition, such as asthma or anaphylaxis, have been contacted and requested to have the required paperwork completed by their doctor. I urge all parents to do this as soon as possible so that we can fully support your child's health care needs. If your child has a health condition and you have not received this information, please contact our Administration Office.

Best Wishes,

Leonie Cosgrove

CALENDAR DATES

| Week | Date | Event |
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| 3 | Monday 11th February | Scripture starts |
| | Tuesday 12th February 5pm | School Banking resumes P&C meeting in school library |
| | Wednesday 13th February | District swimming carnival (Port Macquarie) |
| | Thursday 14th February | Rugby League clinic—Years 3-6 |
| | Friday 15th February | Stage 3 Bonding Day |
| 4 | Thursday 21st February | Playgroup 9am - 10:30am |
| | Friday 22nd February | Year 3 - 6 summer sport starts Parliament |

District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to those students who qualified for the District Swimming Carnival.
This will be held on **Wednesday 13th February** at the Port Macquarie Olympic Pool
Please return your permission note ASAP.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on **Tuesday 12th February 5pm** in our school library
Please join us.

Parliament Induction

Congratulations to our 2019 Student Parliament. On Thursday our student leaders held their formal induction ceremony. They received their badges, recited the Parliament Oath and signed their official paperwork.

2019 Student Parliament

Pat Bell -
Sir Prime Minister

Sophie Stewart -
Madam Prime Minister

Ty Vassallo -
Minister for Sport

Ashton Deutscher -
Leader of the Opposition

Charlie Nosworthy -
Minister for Environment

Halle Middlemiss -
Minister for Welfare and
Community Services

Ebeny Seale -
Minister for Communication

Katherine Hanlon -
Minister for Education





House Captains

Congratulations to our 2019 house captains and what a great job you all did at our annual swimming carnival, leading your teams in war cries and cheering your fellow teammates on.



Camden

Cpt—William & Tenille

Vice Cpt—Ashton & Holly

Haven

Cpt—Jessica & Gus

Vice Cpt—Josh



Taylor

Cpt—Tom & Tayah

Vice Cpt—Ashton & Hannah



Watson

Cpt—Lauren & Matthew

Vice Cpt—Baz & Tyler

Welcome to Big School

We are so proud of our new Kindergarten students. They have jumped right into school life doing great work in their classrooms and navigating their way around the playground. I am sure they are all very tired after their first full week and are looking forward to the weekend!



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done Kendall kids on a great swimming carnival.

Records were broken and personal bests were achieved. Most of all, however, you should be proud of the way you supported each and every swimmer. Your team spirit is inspiring!





Camden Haven Netball Club 2019 Registrations

Date: Saturday 9th February 2019

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Laurieton United Services Club (LUSC)

Uniforms will be available to try on, purchase and swap on the day.

All registrations need to be completed online through our website at

<http://camdenhavenncc.nsw.netball.com.au> and clicking on the registration drop down box to fill in your details.

All BRAND NEW registration to the club will receive a complimentary pair of club socks (new registrations only). Please come down to the rego day to pick these up.

If you have any difficulties with the website registration, come down to the rego day and we will have people there to help you process it.

Don't forget to go to the Service NSW website and apply/download your Active Kids Vouchers before you complete registration.

PLAYGROUP



WHERE:

Kendall Public School

WHEN:

Term 1 -Thursday

7th, 21st, February

7th, 21st March

4th April

TIME: 9am—10:30am

COST: Free

GET IN TOUCH:

Kendall P.S Ph: 6559 0040

Or Email:

kendall-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Come along & have fun with your child.

- Meet other local families
- Enjoy a range of activities
- Play & socialise with others
- Enjoy morning tea together

Kendall Public School is providing a space and opportunity for families with young children to meet on a regular basis.

By coming to the school regularly your babies/toddlers and pre-schoolers will become familiar with, and build a sense of belonging to our school. This will support them in making a successful transition to “big school” when that time arrives.

As parents, getting to know other families in the community is always rewarding.

Please sign in as a visitor at the school office when you arrive (this is a WHS requirement). You will then find us in the auditorium under the school library.

Please remember children are the responsibility of parents at all times whilst on the school grounds.

We hope you can make it for a fun morning. Please feel free to bring, or inform, any friends from the area with young children.