

Kendall Public School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 4 — 21st February 2020



Principal's Message

The beginning of the school year is always a busy time as teachers and students settle in to new classes and many important events are planned. As we come to the end of Week 4, class routines are now established and the organisation of many major events either completed or well-underway. These include 3-6 and K-2 swimming carnivals, Parliament induction and first session, Stage 3 Bonding Day, 2WAYFM, 3-6 Sport, Stage 3 Camp, disco, assemblies and sporting gala days. It is important to note that many of these activities are optional and only available for students through the commitment of our teachers who devote significant time and effort to plan these additional opportunities for our students.

In addition to our teachers, I would also like to acknowledge our Administration and Support Staff who play such a vital role in supporting teachers, students and parents. The administrative workload is particularly heavy at the start of a school year and we are fortunate to have an efficient and friendly office team to support our school community. The assistance provided in the classroom and playground by our Learning Support Officers is so valuable in supporting students with their learning and social interactions.

Thanks to all staff members for making Kendall a great school every day!

Parliament

Following their induction last Friday, our 2020 Parliamentarians are quickly moving into their roles, leading their first Parliament session today. I know many students already have some exciting ideas for motions during the year and look forward hearing the debates to come.

Staffing/Classes

We have now submitted enrolment numbers to the Department and expect to hold our nine classes. The current classing structure will therefore continue without any changes.

Attendance

Strong attendance is critical to student success at school, both academically and socially. This year the Department has revised their expectations for attendance rates with students now expected to maintain a minimum of 90% attendance throughout the year. The Home School Liaison Officer will be visiting fortnightly to check attendance and follow up any concerns. A priority will be investigating ongoing poor attendance, regular partial absences and any unexplained/unjustified absences. It is a legal requirement that absences are explained within 7 days. The most efficient way for parents to do this is by responding to our SMS messages. Parents may also call our Admin office or write a note to explain student absences. Eliminating unnecessary absences will support your child to maximise their learning potential and develop positive social interactions with their peers.

Medical Records

Student medical information is currently being updated. This includes students with known medical conditions including asthma, allergies, diabetes and epilepsy, which require health care plans signed by your doctor. Current medical advice on the best response and treatment will enable us to fully support your child's health care needs. If your child has a health condition, please ensure you provide us with any updated plans or information.

Kindergarten Visitors

Lovely to see these Kindergarten children pop into my office and share their reading skills this week. They were so proud of themselves and it's only their second week at school! Well done Kindergarten.

Best Wishes,

Leonie Cosgrove



School & Community News

CALENDAR DATES		
Week	Date	Event
5	Wednesday 26th February	2 WAY FM
	Thursday 27th February	Stage 3 bonding day Playgroup
	Friday 28th February	Infants swimming carnival Kendall pool 3-6 sport
6	Tuesday 3rd March	Yr 5 & 6 information evening at Camden Haven High
	Thursday 5th March	Library Van
	Friday 6th March	3-6 sport

Save the Date

24th March - School Photos

9th April - Grandparents Day, Easter Hat Parade, Book Fair, ANZAC Service.

CAMDEN HAVEN
HIGH SCHOOL

Years 5 & 6 Information Evening
Tuesday 3rd March 2020
5:00 - 6:30pm

Respect • Responsibility • Do your best

Families and students of Years 5 & 6 are invited to an information evening to find out more about our school.

The evening will include:

- An introduction of our Principal, Deputy and Year Advisor
- Tour of the school
- Information about extra-curricular activities and enrichment
- Presentations from Science, Technology, STEM, and Food Technology faculties
- Library, Robotics and Wellbeing presentations

Light refreshments provided

Camden Haven High School
1 Valley View Road, Laurieton NSW 2443
Ph: (02) 6556 8100



SCHOOL CHAPLAIN PART TIME POSITION Kendall Public School

Generate Services invites applications for the position of School Chaplain at [Kendall Public School](#) on the NSW mid-north coast. This is a part-time position. School chaplains work in partnership with schools, local support services and Generate to provide pastoral care in NSW public school communities.

The successful candidate will work closely with school staff, agencies and the wider school community to achieve positive outcomes for Kendall students and their families. Generate employees must adhere to the Generate *Statement of Belief* and *Code of Conduct*. A valid Working With Children Check is required.

Application information can be found at mychaplain.org.au or by calling Tom Magill on 0405-846-620.

**2020 SEASON IS HERE
SIGN UP TODAY!**



**FOOTBALL
MID NORTH COAST**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Active Kids Voucher
Play Football Help
FMNC Club Registration Details
FMNC Club Contacts

www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2020-registrations

Parliament Induction

Congratulations to our 2020 Parliamentarians who had their official induction ceremony last Friday. Students received their badges, portfolio, recited the Oath and signed their official documents in front of their parents, peers and teachers. We are looking forward to a productive year ahead from these excellent student leaders.

Nicholas—Sir Prime Minister

Hayley—Madam Prime Minister

Logan—Minister for Library

Hunter—Minister for Environment

Deegan—Minister for Sport

Taylor—Minister for Health & Safety

Madeline—Minister for Education

Ruby—Minister for Communication & Welfare



Success in the Pool

Interview by Ruby S - Minister for Communication with Max B on his recent swimming achievements.

Hi Max, I hear you have had a lot of success with your swimming this year, can you tell us a bit about your swimming achievements so far?

I swam at the school carnival where I qualified to swim at the district swimming carnival in Port Macquarie as a para athlete, I came first so then I was able to swim at the LNC carnival in Kempsey last week and I came first there too.

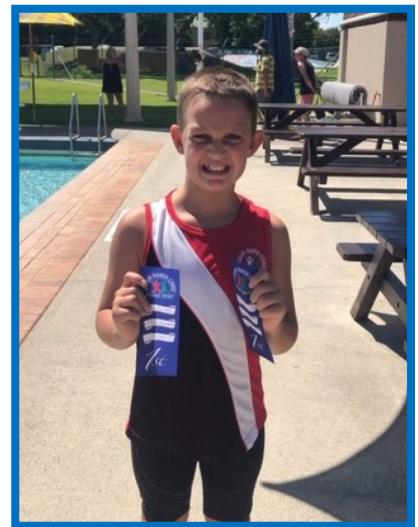
What awards have you received so far this year?

I got a trophy at the Port carnival and I have about 6 ribbons so far .

What are your favourite strokes and how long have you been swimming?

Back stroke is my favourite stroke and I have been swimming since I was a baby.

Congratulations Max and best of luck with your swimming from all of us at Kendall P.S.



We would also like to say a huge congratulations to Tyler S for his achievements with swimming as a para athlete at the Kendall, Port Macquarie and Kempsey pools recently.



Communication at Kendall Public School



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our school is an exciting and very busy place to be. There is always so much happening both inside and outside of the classroom. With this in mind, we aim to keep you as informed and up to date as we can through various means which are outlined below.

Newsletter:

Our newsletter is produced every second Friday (school weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10). The newsletter with news and information is sent home via the Skoolbag app, personal emails, paper copies and also placed onto our school website.

Skoolbag App: <https://skoolbag.com.au/>

The KPS Skoolbag app for your Smartphone can be downloaded for free via your Apple or Android smartphone. We send out key reminders, announcements, newsletters and updated calendar, via this app.

School Website: <https://kendall-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

On our website you can access the school newsletter, school news, calendar, photo galleries and general information. Online payments may also be made via the “make a payment tab” on our website.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KendallPublicSchool>

Our school Facebook page is used to celebrate student achievement and showcase many of the exciting things taking place at KPS. We also use our page to post announcements or reminders. Please “Like” this page to keep up to date with your school.

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

If you need to contact the school with a non-urgent matter you are welcome to send an email.

P&C:

Our P&C hold meetings twice each term. All school and community members are welcome to attend. This is a great way to keep informed and have input into your school. The P&C also have a Facebook page and email address. These are very useful for keeping up to date with your P & C:

<http://www.facebook.com/kendallpublicschoolp&cnews>

kendallpandc@gmail.com

If at any time you require clarification or further information, please don't hesitate to contact the school office on 65590040 between 8:30am – 3:00pm.



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
our part

We work
in partnership
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student
learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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Respectful.
Communication.

School Community Charter

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WHERE:

Kendall Public School

WHEN:

Term 1 -Thursday

27th February

12th, & 26th March

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.

TIME: 9am—10:30am

COST: Free

GET IN TOUCH:

Kendall P.S Ph: 6559 0040

Or Email:

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

