Kendall Public School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8 - 11th September 2020



Principal's Message

I would like to again thank everyone for their support with the ongoing restrictions associated with COVID-19. We really appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure our school is a safe environment for all. We remain hopeful that Term 4 will see an easing of restrictions but at this stage we have no confirmation to share with you.

Heading into the final two weeks of Term 3, it is great that we are able to enjoy some of our traditional events.

* **Mini-Fair:** Year 6 are eagerly organising their activities for Thursday 17th September. This is always a fun day for all students and a great fundraising activity for Year 6.

* Athletics: Years 3-6: Friday 18th September

K-2: Friday 25th September.

Students are able to wear their House colours on these days. Sun safe clothing (no singlet tops) and appropriate footwear are required. Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle. Both events will operate differently to past years as we comply with the health regulations, including the grouping of students and hygiene measures. Unfortunately, this also means that parents will not be permitted to attend either event. Whilst it is not quite the same, we are planning to share the experience with photos and videos of the children on our Facebook page.

What are our children viewing?

This is a question we commonly ask at school as we deal with increasing numbers of students playing aggressive games, using offensive language and generally showing a lack of respect for others.

What we have learned is that many of our students, even those in the K-2 grades, are accessing media and online content which is not appropriate for their age. Whilst most teenagers and adults are able to distinguish between reality and the fictitious world of television, movies and online forums, young children do not have that capacity.

We are all familiar with movie ratings, but online and video games also come with ratings which give a clear indication on what age group it is intended for.

Two games which are not suitable for primary school students, yet many of our students are accessing are:

*Grand Theft Auto (GTA) - officially rated R18+ due to its themes, language, sex, violence and nudity.

*Fortnite - 'M' rated which means it's recommended for players ages 15 and up.

These types of games promote violence, abusive language, destructive behaviour and disrespect for others. Surely these are not the behaviours and values we want to instil in our children?

Wendy Hudson (Police Liaison Officer) was very clear in her message to "get off" these games when speaking with students during her visit last week. She also repeated her regular reminder that social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok and YouTube specify that users must be at least 13 years old. Media reports of distressing videos circulating on social media this week are very alarming and remind us of the need for adults to be vigilant in monitoring the online activities of children.

With the school holidays approaching and the likelihood that children will spend more time online, I urge all parents to be aware of the amount of screen time and content that children experience. More time spent outdoors or playing cards/board games where they interact with friends and family, will be far more positive and beneficial for their health and wellbeing. I recommend the following website for parents to learn more about how to help children deal with online safety issues: https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues

School Photos—Tuesday

Yearly photos become treasured memories of your child's school years. Please ensure students arrive at school on time and are looking their best dressed in full school uniform, including black shoes, on Tuesday. Late arrival may result in a student missing their class photo opportunity.

Parliament Reports

We are unable to hold our regular Parliament session due to the current health restrictions. However, our Parliamentarians have prepared their reports and we have included them in this newsletter for parents and students to read. Please take a few minutes with your child to read their reports on school activities.

Best wishes, *Leoníe Cosgrove*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Week	Date	Event
9	Tuesday 15th September	School Photos
	Thursday 17th September	Mini Fair (students only)
	Friday 18th September	Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival (students only)
10	Friday 25th September	K-2 Athletics Carnival (students only) Last day of Term 3
1	Monday 12th October	First day of Term 4 for staff and students

Save the date: Friday 23rd October BOOK WEEK PARADE

Details to come. Start thinking of costume ideas.

Spring has Sprung

Thank you to our school GA Mr Mick McManus for

keeping our grounds looking spectacular.

It's exciting to see the native rock lily flowering these were a kind donation to our school from Lloyd and Mandy





<u>Mini fair</u>

When: Thursday 17th of September Where: Top playground 11:15 - 2:45 (attending in stage groups) How: Students bring lots of coins to spend at all the great stalls and activities we have organised. They range from 50c to \$1. Horror House Hairspray Dice Roll Lucky Dips Water Balloons Cookie Stall Nerf Guns Face Painting Splat Dat Face Footy Pass Lolly Land & Shop Ninja Warrior

Mrs Iveli's Literacy Group

Mrs Iveli's Stage 1 literacy group have been working on projects about bees. They have been very motivated with their research, writing and creatively putting it all together.



Mrs Iveli's literacy group working hard on their projects.



Website: http://www.kendall-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Cricket Success

Report by Skyla:

Last year Daiya and I went to Kempsey for a cricket trial. I was successful and went to the next level in Coffs Harbour but did not make it past that to State level.

This year in Term 2 I received an email asking if I wanted to join the Girls Cricket Academy. I was delighted to join and be part of the academy. The first week I went to Macksville and did some training, then next it was at Wauchope. The third week at Taree was postponed. Last Sunday I went to Grafton. I am very grateful to my nan and pop who took me there in their caravan.

Our day involved lessons and warm ups in the morning, with a match in the afternoon. My team won the match and I had a great day. Our next two sessions are at South West Rocks and Kempsey.



Parliament Reports

Sir Prime Minister's Report - Nicholas

Good morning. As we wrap up the term we will be having our school photos taken, mini fair will happen and the athletics carnival will take place.

Police Officer Constable Wendy Hudson visited our school recently. She talked to Stage 3 about cyber bullying and online safety. We thank Wendy for coming to our school.

In 2 weeks time school holidays will begin. We will be back to school for Term 4 on 12th October. A reminder to Year 6 to make Term 4 the best ever.

For Year 6 the uniform shop at Camden Haven High School will be open for the next 2 weeks with a 20% off sale.

Finally I will give you another reminder to sign out of your computer instead of shutting it down. This makes it easier for the next class. Thank you .

Sport Minister speech—Deegan

During this term, Friday afternoons have been spent practising for the upcoming Athletics Carnival. The carnival will be held next Friday, the 18th of September and will be run according to Covid 19 regulations.

Today we were active. We participated in the 800m race.

Congratulations to all who tried their best. Well done.

Minister for Health & Safety—Taylor H

Hello everyone as you can see the parliamentarian have their speeches in the newsletter because of Covid 19. We aren't allowed to have parliament because of the restrictions and there would be too many students in one space.

Also choir, stage 3 camp, dance and more events have been cancelled for now. I'm hoping that we get them back soon.

Wendy came to talk to Stage 3 about Cyber safety and online social media to make sure we are using it safely.

Parliament reports—continued

<u> Minister of Library—Logan</u>

Hello everyone, library books are coming back and being returned nice and quickly. Well done. New shelving will be going into the library soon. In term 4 we will be having a Book Parade and Book Fair. This week's library award goes to 3/4M for putting your books back on the shelf. Well done. Thank you.

Education Minister—Madeline

In week 9 the mini fair will be held near the Stage 3 rooms. The date for it is the 17th of September. There will be lots of fun stalls like, horror house, hair spray, water balloons, lolly land lolly hunt, sponge throw, footy pass and lots lots more. The money raised is going to the year 6 farewell and gift to the school. Don't forget your money. It will be run in accordance with Covid regulations.

Prime Minister—Hayley

The computers have been running very smoothly. Remember next time you use your computer, log off properly please.

If your classroom has laptops please remember to plug them in after you've finished to make it easier for the next person to use them and remember to log out properly too.

Tip: when you log in put @detnsw after your name.

Minister of Environment—Hunter

The 21st October marks clean-up school day. We will be going around the school picking up all of the rubbish so we have a neat school to kick of 2021.

Did you know that whenever you leave any plastic behind, the wind current takes it toward the nearest water course and takes it to the ocean, where marine life mistake it for food? We all know what happens next! So put in in the bin and if the bin is full, find the next one.

Remember we are very close the Camden Haven River.

Let's keep our environment healthy!

Minister for Communications & Wellbeing—Ruby

There was a motion about getting more bike racks. Mr Sheridan then had a great idea to put the bikes in forwards and backwards. I have recently been making a poster to tell you how to put the bikes in the right way. Now there will be no excuse if your bike is not in the bike rack.

Online Safety

This is an extract from https://www.esafety.gov.au/ It is a great website for information relating to all kinds of cyber/online safety .

Is your child spending too much time gaming?

There is no magic number of hours, but your child may be spending too much time playing games if their gaming starts to have negative impacts on them or your family.

Look out for signs such as:

- less interest in social activities like meeting friends or playing sport
- not doing so well at school
- tiredness, sleep disturbance, headaches or eye strain
- changes in eating patterns
- reduced personal hygiene
- obsession with particular websites or games
- anger when being asked to take a break from online activity, or appearing anxious or irritable when away from the computer
- becoming withdrawn from friends and family

In some cases, setting firm limits as a family may be enough to help address too much gaming. But there may also be underlying problems like depression and anxiety that are linked to problematic internet use.

Refer to the esafety website to access the guide to managing <u>time online</u> for parents and carers it can help you get things under control.



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