



# Kentlyn Public School

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**Dear Parents/Carers,**

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

## **Staff Changes in 2018**

We welcome Mrs Selena McPhee who was the successful applicant for our Deputy Principal and Instructional Leader position for our great school. Mrs McPhee comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience and our school is very lucky to have her working with us for all of 2018. Mrs McPhee of course already knows our school well as she had been working with our Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers in 2017 on curriculum development and improving teacher practice. I know that you will join with me to make Mrs McPhee feel welcome at our great school.

We also welcome Mrs Kerri-Anne Hamilton. Kerri-Anne has previously taught at our school as a casual teacher a few years ago and knows our setting well. We welcome Kerri-Anne and once again I know that you will join with me to make her feel welcome. Collectively, we have two decades of experience that will be joining our great school sharing their expertise with our whole school community.

*A big welcome to all our new staff.*

## **Classes for 2018**

KD Mrs Davenport  
1A Mrs Clark  
2/3K Mrs Hamilton  
3/4C Mr Connor  
4/5H Miss Hagedoorn  
5/6S Mrs Sullivan

Mr Elvis – Relief from Face to Face Teacher – Monday – Friday

At Kentlyn Public 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, where possible, 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 Friday **2 February 2018 before 9:10am**. All these students will participate in the 2018 Best Start Assessments from Tuesday **30 January until Thursday 1 February 2018**.

## **BELL TIME CHANGES**

### **Effective from Monday 12 February 2018**

For many months we have noticed as a staff that many students are arriving earlier and earlier at school. In keeping in line with schools in our surrounding area and to assist parents that need to start work early, we will be trialling changing our bell times **as of Monday 12 February 2018 from 8:30 – 3:00pm**. This is a minor change of ten minutes, however, we do feel that this will benefit many of our parents in the community.

**As of Monday 12 February 2018 our bell times will be from 8:30 – 3:00pm.**

Students can be dropped off at school at 8:30am. Parents will be able to pick up the students at 3:00pm. This will not affect any other element of our school routine. Lunch and recess bells will remain the same.

Children that are catching the bus will still be supervised as normal until the bus arrives.

## **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 9 February 2018. (Please do not separate the notes from the bundle)**

This is especially the case with using the oval as we cannot allow students to play on it until all permission notes have been returned.

**Canteen Update: Will be open from Wednesday 7 February 2018. (Week 2)**

Our lovely P&C are looking for parent volunteers for 2018 to help with our canteen. The proposed dates at this stage that our school canteen will be open will be Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. **If you are able to assist on any of these days or any other day of the week please let myself or the ladies in the office know as soon as possible.**

It is our intention to start running our school canteen for 2018 in Week 2 on Wednesday 7 February 2018.

Thank you to Mrs Kerrie Holloway and the canteen committee for our new 2018 menu. (Attached).

The updated menu offers great food choices and adheres to the DoE's healthy canteen guidelines.

## **Money Payments for 2018**

Since our transition to the "Learning Management and Business Reform" (LMBR) payments have been made a great deal easier at our school. We can accept the following payment methods:

- Eftpos
- Parent Online Payment - POP through the school website
- Cash and Cheque payments

If you are paying by cash or cheque please ensure that they are handed in a **sealed and clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, amount, class and what the money is for.**

**Please Note:**

From the beginning of this year, parents will be invoiced for various programs that are taking place in the school such as excursions, swimming carnival, family contribution fees etc. This is a systematic approach of ensuring that all students are registered for these events and are recorded accordingly. This is a system that has been working successfully in many schools across our network.

**See-Saw App**

The impact and positive feedback we have received from our whole school community in regards to the See-Saw App has been fantastic, hence the reason we have decided to renew our licence for another year. The total cost of this app is nearly \$1,400. We will renew this app using school funds as we can see the positive impact it is having in informing our whole school community of all the great programs and learning activities that are taking place every day in our classrooms.

**Family Contribution School Fees 2018**

**The Family Contribution Fee, although voluntary, will make a difference to our school finances.** In 2017 your contribution assisted us with some of the money that we spend in purchasing new books and furniture for the library and re-vamping our classrooms.

In 2018, your much needed contribution will assist further with all classrooms to purchase new furniture for all students to benefit. Students and teachers will be researching the type of classroom they would like to be working in and later on in the semester, make that a reality. Your \$45 family contribution fees will go towards reaching that reality.

*Our goal is to raise \$6,000 to allow \$1,000 per class*

**The total cost of the Family Contribution Fee in 2018 is \$45.00. However, if you do wish to contribute more towards this very worthwhile cause, you are more than welcome.**

**P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting 2018**

Our first P&C meeting for 2018 will be held on Monday 5 February 2018 at 5:00pm in the staffroom.

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 19 February 2018 at 6:00pm in the staffroom.

**School Uniforms:**

Please come to the school office to order and pay for your child's school uniform.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Regards,

Androula Kavallaris  
Principal