



**THE BULLETIN**  
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Term 2 Week 2

Always Our Best - Together We can

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#### UPCOMING DATES

**Wednesday 5 May** - P&C Mother's Day Stall  
**Thursday 6 May** - Gymnastics Program K-6  
**Friday 7 May** - OC online applications close  
**Monday 10 May - Friday 14 May** - NAPLAN testing week  
**Monday 10 May** - Links to Learning 6R  
**Thursday 13 May** - K-6 Assembly 2:10 - 2:50

**Thursday 13 May** - COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION AT Ruse Public School. We would love to see you there 😊  
**Friday 14 May** - GALA DAY  
**Monday 17 May - Wed 19 May** - Dental visit  
**Wednesday 19 May** - P&C Meeting 6:30pm - staffroom  
**Friday 21 May** - Zone Cross Country  
**Tuesday 25 May** - Mind Matters - Live Stream theatre show

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had an enjoyable, restful and safe holiday. We are all looking forward to an exciting and productive term ahead.

One of our many accomplishments this year was completing our 2021-2024 School Plan or as it is now known, Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). This is a working document that details the steps our school will take to improve learning outcomes, and the achievement and growth of all students. To ensure continuous improvement, the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) reflects where our school is at and how it will further improve learning, teaching and leading. This is published on our website for our whole community to view at your leisure. (About our school - School Planning and Reporting)

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Our three strategic directions are,

- 1. Student growth and attainment** - improving student growth in reading and numeracy.
- 2. Evaluative Educators** - focusing on collaboration and assessment.
- 3. Connectedness and Inclusivity** - (Wellbeing and Engagement) - creating a school culture that fosters a sense of belonging for all students, staff and community.

#### Extra-curricular activities introduced this year

This year we have introduced the following extra curricular activities which a selection of students from various grades are actively participating in.

- Maths Olympiad
- Empower Hour- Student Leaders



- Interest Groups
- Sista Speak
- Elite Dance Group
- Debating
- Matavai Cultural Arts School for our Pasific Island students

I am very proud of our collective work to provide a high-quality education for all our students at Kentlyn Public School. As a staff we are committed to ensuring every student is known, valued and cared for in our great school by placing students at the centre of all our decision making.



I would like to officially thank Mrs Andrijana Gligorov for the fantastic door designs that she has created for all our classrooms. She has donated her time and resources to create and make these displays that will last us a very long time.



Welcome to our new staff member:

Mrs Sevinch Oguz is our new staff member who will be our interventionist support teacher. Mrs Oguz is an experienced teacher who will be working with 3/4D until the end of the year.

We also welcome back Mrs Sue Hajro who will be working in our school on Tuesdays and Thursdays in various roles.



Congratulations to Travis Campbell who will be proudly representing our region as well as

our school at HOCKEY STATE LEVEL. He will be competing on 24, 25 and 26 May. We will definitely be sending positive thoughts his way. We are very proud of you 😊.



Congratulations also to Bridget Saunders who has been at the NSW PSSA Tennis Championships all this week and will also be representing our region

and our school at League on Monday 3 May. We will also be sending you positive thoughts. We are very proud of you 😊.



Lst term the RPS/KPS Elite Dance group auditioned for the Dance Festival. And we just found out

they were successful!

Our Elite dance group is made up of 10 students (7 from Ruse and 3 from Kentlyn) with an additional 2 Kentlyn girls as understudies.

The dance piece titled Mirror was choreographed by Miss Kate Maslowski (dance teacher at Ruse PS). The girls only had a short time frame to learn and practise their piece. So a huge congratulations to all involved for being successful!

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They will attend the Festival and perform on the 8th June, the night before Stage 3 Camp. We wish them all the best!

### Cross-Country and K-2 Fun Run

We had a fantastic 3-6 Cross Country and K-2 Fun run last week. All photos of these two events are now posted on our school website and our Facebook page.

Noah Sargon - Giving it his best all the way until the end... and for our kindergarten students.... it was a loong way 😊



Callum Sullivan giving Fatimah Akil those words of encouragement to finish the race as she is so close to the end 😊



Final step and "Yes" I did it 😊 moment for Antoine Bellerose



Antoine Bellerose and Harrison Fahey were side by side all the way through the race and it was nice to see them finish and congratulate each other for their efforts 😊



Another perfect photo demonstrating our "Together We Can" mantra. Jessika Poole, Year 6 student, assisting our Year 1 student, Aliyah Cull, complete the final leg of her race 😊

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*It's not OK to stay away!*

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The thought of an argument with children to get them to school is too great to bear for some parents. Too many students miss school through parent-condoned absences. Every day a student is away they are missing out on various learning experiences.

If a child misses school for around 1 day a week, by the end of the year they will have missed almost

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**1 whole term of school.** Over the primary school years they would miss almost **3 years of school.**

### **What is a Justified Absence from school?**

1. For an unavoidable medical or dental appointment. (best made for after school or in the holidays).
2. To attend a recognised religious holiday.
3. To attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. a funeral).
4. While sick or with an infectious disease.

If you require support to get your child to attend school or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**We can all work together to make a difference to your child's future!**

### **K-6 Assemblies**

Our K-6 Assemblies this term will be held every second Thursday from 2:10 - 2:50pm in our school hall. All parents are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Check-in assessment for Years 4 and 6**

This week students from Years 4 and 6 participated in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment.

The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning following the period of learning from home.

The check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

### **Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement - 2022**

The application process for Year 5 opportunity class placement for entry in 2022 is about to begin, with online applications opening tomorrow. We would like to remind you that all Intention to Apply forms must be returned to the class teacher tomorrow, as they are an indication to the school that you intend to register your child for the test.

Parents and carers must apply online between **Tuesday 20 April and Friday 7 May 2021** at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

### **NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5**

In May 2021 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

**In 2021, your child will sit the NAPLAN tests.** As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

This year students in Years 3 & 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN test starting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Survey - Before and after school care- DoE survey for all parents in NSW to assess the need for more centres.**

**Does your child need before and after school care?** We want to hear from you - please complete a short survey to help us understand your family's needs for care out of school hours. Your responses will shape what we do to expand and deliver Before and After School Care services in your community and across NSW.

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Please complete the survey via the following website link:  
<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentsSurvey>. The survey will be open until 24 May 2021.

The survey has been designed to be easy to use and should take no more than two minutes to complete, with a few extra minutes for those who would like to supply additional information.

If you need a paper or over-the-phone version of the survey, or require a survey translation, please contact the Department of Education Before and After School Care Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au).

### K-6 Gymnastics Program

We were once again successful in receiving a Sport in Schools grant to be able to offer our students a comprehensive K-6 gymnastics program with appropriately trained coaches.

Our gymnastics lessons will begin next week. Please ensure that you have signed and returned your child's note otherwise they will not be able to participate in the program.

### Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition – Grades 3 - 6

We would like all students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 to prepare a speech to present in front of their class. Class winners will then go on to stage finals and then on to the Zone final. Class speeches will be presented in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 2, with stage finals to follow if applicable.

The topics for the 2021 competition are:

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)	Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
Stronger together	Stronger together
We are one and free	Racism – it's everyone's business
Racism – No way!	January 26
The Olympics – bringing people together	Colour matters
Australia on TV	Sport – making a difference
Language matters	Media matters
Sharing	Australia – where to next?
Kids lead the way!	It's complicated
Reconciliation	A safe place to call home
Where do I belong?	Healing
	Global voices

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### Work and Health Safety Drills

As part of our Work and Health Safety programs we will be holding a number of drills this term, to ensure that we all know the procedures to follow if there is ever a need to implement these in case of an emergency.

The drills that we will be practising with our students in the coming weeks are:

- Evacuation
- Lockdown - within the classroom
- Lockdown - if out in the playground during play time
- Lock out



### Photographing and taking video of our students.

Most of you would be aware that it is DoE and a school requirement that we get parental permission for students to be photographed, videotaped and be put on our website. (These notes are available on our website.)

We have a number of students who cannot be photographed or be videotaped at any time. Some are for legal reasons. With all school events I ask that you please only photograph/video your child, to the best of your ability.

I understand that this is very hard to monitor however, with your support I know that we can maintain these students' privacy.



### Breakfast Club

At Kentlyn Public School, we value the importance of a healthy and nutritious

breakfast. Research indicates that children who have eaten breakfast can concentrate better and have a longer attention span, helping them to learn and study better. They can also perform better physically after eating breakfast as there is more energy available to their muscles. Breakfast can improve behaviour and mood, as children have better concentration and aren't tired or hungry.

Our School Leaders and Stage 3 helpers will once again be running this program for this year. This is a fantastic initiative that will support all our students,



Monday - Friday. This year we have purchased 2 cereal dispensers to assist with the service of cereal. I would like to officially acknowledge and congratulate our School Leaders on their enthusiasm and dedication to this initiative.

Our School Leaders will be setting it up under the COLA every morning from 8:30am - 8:55m.

### **Nurturing the artist in your child**

Your child may not go on to become a famous musician, actor, dancer, filmmaker or artist.

But by nurturing the artist in your child you can help them grow up able to think for themselves, problem solve and work out different ways to do things.

They'll also be better able to see different points of view, communicate and express their feelings in different ways.

Here are some top tips:

**Stimulate your child's senses** - Provide opportunities for your child to experience different sights, smells, sensations and sounds. These sensory activities are food for the brain.

**Don't overschedule your child** - Resist the temptation to overcrowd your child with organised activities in an attempt to nurture their creativity. Allow them time to be alone, to daydream and to think.

**Encourage experimentation and exploration** - A cardboard box has limitless potential. Provide materials and objects that encourage your child to explore ideas, experiment, imagine, play and perform.

**Encourage difference** - Artists and performers respond to the world in many different ways. Move outside your own comfort zone and introduce your child to different kinds and styles of art, music, drama and dance.

**Encourage hard work and perseverance** - Show appreciation for your child's efforts and suppress the impulse to complete tasks for your child.

**Learn from mistakes and learn to take risks** - Whether things go well or not, try asking your child these questions: "What worked?", "What didn't work?", "What did you do well or what are you pleased with?", "What would you like to work on?" and "How can I help?"

### **No Hat - Play Under Cover**

A kind reminder to everyone that we are following and monitoring, more than ever. Our "No Hat - Play

Under Cover". Please ensure that your child has their school hat with them every day.

### **Empower Hour**

During Terms 2 & 3, our Year 6 students will be involved in "Empower Hour" on Friday afternoons. This is a student voice initiative where students will have their say on a project that matters to them. Year 6 student leaders from Kentlyn and Ruse Public Schools will work together during Empower Hour to compete in the "Game Changer Challenge". Kentlyn Public School will host these weekly sessions in the school library. This is a design thinking challenge, where students will work collaboratively in small groups to explore solutions for a real-world problem. We will have an Empower Hour Showcase at the end of Term 3, to share students' projects with parents and carers.

### **Maths Olympiad**

This year we have entered a group of students from Years 4-6 in the Maths Olympiad Competition. This competition consists of a series of 5 separate contests spread across the year. Students participated in the first competition last term and we have another coming up later this week. It is a difficult competition and students are congratulated for the persistence they demonstrated when attempting to solve these problems.

In addition to the competition, students will continue to participate in a number of combined training sessions with the Ruse Public School Maths Olympiad team. These training sessions took place at Ruse Public School last term and this term Kentlyn will host them in our library. These training sessions will provide students with an opportunity to learn how to apply their mathematical skills in unique and creative ways.

### **InitialLit**

This year we have purchased the InitialLit program. This evidence-based whole-class literacy program has been implemented in our K-2 classrooms from Term 1. It is designed to provide our students with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers. The key components of this program is a shift to decodable texts (books with words that can be sounded out) in the early stages of reading. It focuses on phonics, oral language skills, vocabulary and comprehension. If you're a parent or carer of a child in K-2 and would like more information about this program, please join

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us at our Community Information Session in Week 4, Thursday 13th of May (see below for further information regarding this information session).

### Community Information Session

All parents and carers are invited to attend our first Community Information Session for 2021, to be held on **Thursday 13th May in the Ruse Public School Library**. We will run this session twice at the following times:

- Afternoon Session: 3:30pm to 5:00pm
- Evening Session: 5:45pm to 7:15pm

A complimentary sausage sizzle will be held in the middle of these two sessions (5:00pm-5:45pm) for all parents and carers attending either session. A creche will also be provided for parents who need to bring their children.

This community information session will provide information about InitialLit, how we're implementing the High Potential and Gifted Education Policy and clarification around student attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Canteen Volunteers

We are always looking for parent helpers to volunteer for a few hours on either Wednesday, Thursday or Fridays, to help out in our school canteen. If you think you may be able to spare some time, please contact our lovely ladies in the office.

### Next P&C Meeting:

Wednesday 6:30pm in our staffroom. All parents are welcome 😊

### Purchasing School Uniforms

Remember that if you need to purchase any aspect of our school uniform please come and see the lovely ladies in the office and they will assist you with your request.

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## AWARD WINNERS

### Principal Awards

#### Term 1

Jashan Singh  
Callum Sullivan  
Ethan Sullivan  
Olivia Cush  
Dylan Jacobs  
Orlando Sassine  
McKenzie Cush  
Caide Cunningham  
Mohamad Hajeid  
Adam Hajeid

#### Term 2

Keira Sharp  
Noah Sharp  
Bridget Saunders  
Shaira Bellerose  
Harrison Fahey  
Damian Hile  
Cameron Woolley  
Nevaeh Sassine  
Julian Borg

### PBL Awards

#### Term 1

Noah Murphy  
Estee Wright  
Noah Sargon  
Ella-Grace Bertie  
Jashan Singh  
Noah McInerney  
Olivia Cush  
Shaira Bellerose  
Mustafa Babakir  
Bridget Saunders  
Fatimah Akil  
Abbas Abdalama  
Logan Cole  
Keira Sharp  
Oliver Pearson  
Ethan Sullivan

#### Term 2

Hanin Saffar  
Ava Aarts  
Estee Wright  
Scarlett Hannah



## Learner Qualities Awards

### Term 1

Skylah Holm  
Dexter Wilson  
Ethan Sullivan  
Cruz Kandakji  
Cruz Sassine  
Evie Gligorov  
McKenzie Cush  
Savannah Hocking  
Patolo Matalasi  
Cullum Sullivan

### Term 2

Logan Cole  
Mason Pestano-Abbey  
Chris Bowling  
Zahraa Hijazi  
Amine Soubra



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- 2 Create an account**  
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**  
Search for your school and add your subscription groups



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Androula Kavallaris  
Principal

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