



Kentlyn Public School

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Tuesday 1 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be another fantastic and rewarding year at Kentlyn Public School. Covid guidelines for 2022 are still requiring for us as a school to follow most of the procedures that we had in place last year. Attached is also a Covid-19 guideline update.

Classes and staffing for 2022

KE Ms Coral Edwards
1/2A Mr Andrew Elvis
2/3M Mrs Erin Monk
4/5D Mrs Melissa Davenport
5/6B Mr Scott Borst

Mrs Sarah Harris – Deputy Principal//Instructional Leader

Ms Carol Ward – R/Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs Khan-Marie Crump - Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher – Tuesday- Thursday

School Learning Support Officers – Mrs Lisa Mammoliti, Mrs Denise Killeen, Miss Indiana Crowe, Miss Sarah White and Miss Nathalia Tamarua.

School Administrative Officer – Mrs Michelle White

School Administrative Manager – Mrs Karen Macey

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 Monday 7 February 2022. All Kindergarten students will participate in the 2022 Best Start Assessments from Tuesday 1 February until Friday 4 February 2022. **Both Ms Edwards and Mrs Harris will be administering the Best Start testing in the KE classroom.**

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 4 February 2022. (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.

Digital Device Policy – Kentlyn Public School Procedures

Our Department of Education has updated the "Digital Device Policy" and procedures to correlate with the 2018 Parent and Community Charter.

Please ensure that you have read and discussed this policy with your child and return the acceptance of conditions slip back to the office by Friday 4 February 2022.

Canteen Update:

Volunteers Needed!



We are in desperate need for parent volunteers for our canteen to open up in 2022. Our canteen days are 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. Training will be provided and you will always be rostered on with another member of our community so that there is always two of you on duty.

We need the Kentlyn Community Spirit to come through for us once again, and I know that we can do it 😊

Money Payments for 2022

We can accept the following payment methods:

- Parent Online Payment - POP through the school website
- Cash

If you are paying by cash 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.**

Family Contribution School Fees 2022

The total cost of the Family Contribution Fee in 2022 is \$45.00. The money raised this year will be used to purchase Robotic equipment for our students to use in the classroom. Our goal is to raise \$3,000.

The only way that we can achieve this goal is by families contributing their family fee as well as any other general donations that each family may wish to make.

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

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Principal



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Classroom Requirements for 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Classroom requirements for 2022 are as follows:

All Classes K-6

For the Classroom (to be shared)

- 1 x Baby wipes
- 2 x Boxes of tissues
- 1 x Paper towel
- 1 x Liquid Soap
- 4 x Glue Sticks
- 4 x whiteboard markers

For Individual Students (all clearly labelled with their name)

- Set of earphones / headphones
- Homework book (4-6 A4 exercise book / K-1 scrapbook)
- Plastic A4 document wallet
- Library Bag

4-6 Classes

Pencil case containing the following (to be replenished by parents as required through the year): -

- 2 x HB lead pencils
- 2 x blue, red and black biros (once issued with a pen licence)
- 2 x highlighters (different colours)
- Coloured pencils or roll up crayons
- Coloured textas
- Eraser
- Sharpener (with catcher)

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you,

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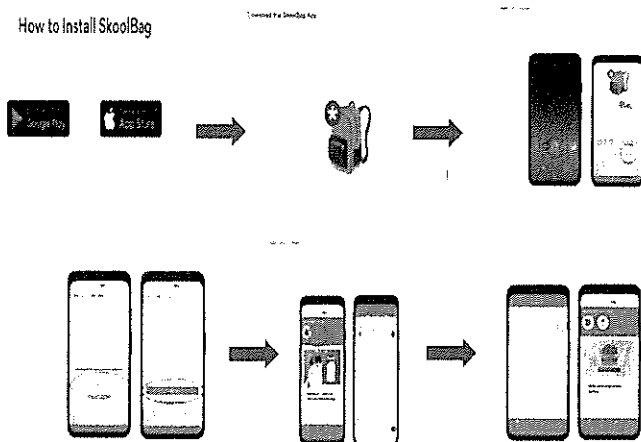
Dear Parents / Carers,

SKOOLBAG APP- updated download instructions for 2022

We are very excited to announce that our school will continue to use the Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our community. We want to ensure that our community is well informed; Skoolbag and See Saw will be the two apps that we will be communicating with our community in 2021.

The Skoolbag app team have made several upgrades to their original app. **If you are not receiving any of our uploads then we are recommending that you delete the old app and re-install the new app for effective use in 2022.**

Instructions on uploading the 2022updated version of the Skoolbag app. This app is free.
<https://www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>



Download Skoolbag

Search Skoolbag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the free app

Create an account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds

Add your school

Type Kentlyn Public School and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.

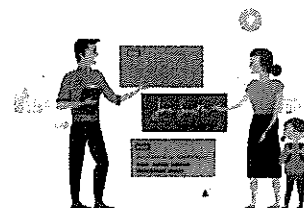
Allow notifications

Ensure you allow Skoolbag to send you push notifications when prompted.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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Sun Protection Policy – Kentlyn Public School 2022

Attached is our Sun Protection Policy. We are a Sun Smart School and we have upgraded our playground this year to have more shaded areas for students to be playing in.

We are encouraging students to use available shade when outside or to ensure that they are always wearing their broad-brimmed hats when actively participating in sporting activities. All classrooms have sun screen that is available for both staff, students and visitors to use. It is our current practice and policy that students that do not have a SunSmart Hat play under cover; **“No hat, play under cover”**.

Baseball caps are available to sell as part of our uniform for students to wear during lunch, recess, sporting events etc. **Please note that we strongly recommend that students wear the broad-brimmed hats that are available as per the attached Sun Smart Policy, however, we do understand that some students might prefer the cap.**

We are asking that if you wish to purchase the baseball cap for your child and choose for them to be wearing it at school, that you have discussions with your child about the importance of wearing sun screen at all times and ensuring that they apply sun screen on a regular basis, which is available in their classroom. **Sun Smart behaviour is covered as part of our curriculum, however, discussions at home will further support the message of being safe in the sun.**

The baseball style caps are now sold at the office and they are \$15.00.

All staff and students are encouraged to apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outdoors and to re-apply every two hours when outdoors for extended periods of time.

Regards

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Principal

Primary School Sun Protection Policy

To join the SunSmart Program choose to:

- Use the Cancer Council NSW Sun Protection Policy shown below.

OR

- Update your schools Sun Protection Policy to include the 10 recommendations.

Using Cancer Council NSW's Sun Protection Policy? Complete this form:

School name: KENTLYN PUBLIC SCHOOL Date: 13/3/2020

Rationale

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Skin cancer, including melanoma and non-melanoma, is the most common cancer in Australia.

Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in childhood is a major risk factor for the development of skin cancer later in life. By implementing a best-practice Sun Protection Policy, schools can help protect staff and children from UV radiation and teach children good sun protection habits from an early age to reduce their risk.

Sun protection times are a forecast for the time of day UV levels will reach 3 or above. At these levels, sun protection is recommended for all skin types and the policy areas should be implemented. In NSW, UV levels are high enough (UV 3 or above) to damage unprotected skin most months of the year. UV levels are particularly high during the summer months, and highest in the middle of the day. UV levels and daily sun protection times can be accessed via the SunSmart App or Cancer Council Australia's home page to determine sun protection requirements.

Recommendations

1. Scheduling outdoor activities

- UV levels and daily sun protection times are used to plan daily activities and ensure a correct understanding of local sun protection requirements.
- When children are on excursions all sun protection practices are planned, organised, understood and available.

2. Shade

- The school community is committed to providing shade in areas where students congregate, during recess and lunch, and when teaching outdoors and playing sport.
- Students are encouraged to use available shade when outside.
- Shade assessments are conducted to monitor existing shade structures and determine future shade needs.
- The availability of shade is considered for all outdoor activities and excursions.

Shade options can include a combination of portable, natural and built shade. Cancer Council has information online to help the school advocate for more shade and assist in planning.

3. Hats

- All students are required to wear SunSmart hats* that protect their face, neck and ears when outside for play, sport and teaching.
- Children without a SunSmart hat play in the shade "No hat, play in the shade", or are provided with a spare SunSmart hat.

* SunSmart hats include:

- Broad-brimmed hats with a brim size of at least 6cm (adults 7.5cm).
- Bucket hats with a deep crown and brim size of at least 5cm (adults 6cm).
- Legionnaire style hats.

Baseball caps or visors do not provide enough sun protection and are therefore not recommended.

4. Clothing

- SunSmart clothing* is part of the school and sports uniforms.
- Students are encouraged to wear rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

SunSmart clothing includes wearing:

- Loose fitting shirts and dresses with sleeves and collars or covered neckline.
- Longer style skirts, shorts and trousers.

Midriff, crop or singlet tops do not provide enough sun protection and therefore are not recommended.

5. Sunscreen

- All staff and students are encouraged to apply SPF 30+ (or higher) broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.
- All staff and students are encouraged to apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going outdoors, and to reapply every 2 hours when outdoors for extended periods.
- Where possible, sunscreen is available for staff and students.

Cancer Council recommends usage tests before applying a new sunscreen. All sunscreen is stored in a cool, dry place and the expiry dates monitored.

6. Role modelling of staff

Staff act as role models and demonstrate SunSmart behaviours when outside, including:

- Wearing a SunSmart hat, protective clothing, and wearing sunglasses (optional).
- Applying SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.
- Promoting the use of shade.
- Discussing sun protection with children and demonstrating a positive and proactive approach to the management of sun protection in the service.

Sun safety is everyone's responsibility. By being role models ourselves and leading the way with our own sun safety, we can inspire our students to be SunSmart when they step outside.

7. Curriculum

- Staff include sun safety principles across Key Learning Areas in all year levels.
- Students are provided with opportunities to take leadership roles in managing sun protection e.g. accessing daily UV levels and sun protection times, hat reminders and management of sunscreen.
- Students understand why sun safety is important and learn how to take effective sun protection actions.

8. Informing the school community

- All parents/families are informed of the sun protection policy and procedures including appropriate hat, clothing and sunscreen requirements on enrolling their child.
- Sun protection information, policy updates and resources are communicated regularly through a range of channels e.g. annual reports, newsletters, notice boards, online, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies and student orientation.
- Families and visitors are encouraged to role model positive SunSmart behaviours when attending the school.

Further information is available from Cancer Council NSW's website www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

9. Sunglasses (optional)

- Staff and students are encouraged to wear close-fitting wrap-around sunglasses that cover as much of the eye area as possible and comply with Australian Standard AS1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4).

10. Review

- The school community regularly monitor and review how effectively they implement their sun protection policy.

Sun protection policies must be updated and submitted to Cancer Council NSW every three years to maintain current SunSmart status.

