



# Kentlyn Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome Back - 2023

Welcome back to what promises to be another fantastic and rewarding year at Kentlyn Public School. I am pleased to say that we all had a great holiday, are recharged and ready to start our year with 117 students.

## Classes and staffing for 2023

KB Ms Coral Bartlett  
1/2A Mr Andrew Elvis  
2/3D Mrs Melissa Davenport  
4/5W Ms Carol Ward  
6M Mrs Erin Monk

Mrs Sarah Harris – Deputy Principal//Instructional Leader  
Mrs Kaytlyn Macaulay - Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms Carol Ward – R/Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction and class teacher  
Mrs Kateryna Moloney - Relief from Face-to-Face Teacher – Monday - Thursday  
Mrs Emily Kuoppala – Kindergarten support Thursdays and Fridays  
School Learning Support Officers – Mrs Lisa Mammoliti, Mrs Denise Killeen, Miss Indiana Crowe, Miss Sarah White, Nea Minter and Mrs Chloe Jung  
Mrs Ebony Griffin – School Chaplain and Pastoral Care Officer  
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 Friday 3 February 2023. All Kindergarten students will participate in the 2023 Best Start Assessments from Tuesday 31 January until Friday 2 February 2023. **Both Ms Bartlett and Mrs Harris will be administering the Best Start testing in the KB classroom. All 2023 Kindy parents would have received a reminder note with their allocated Best Start date. If you have not received yours, or not quite sure, please contact the school office for assistance on 02 46282455**

# 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 10 February 2023.** (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.

## After School Extra-Curricular Activities – Free for all our K-6 students

We are pleased to announce that the free after school extra-curricular activities will continue again throughout 2023. We are privileged to be part of a pilot program and hence the reason for the zero cost. The state government is collecting data on its effectiveness and possible implementation across NSW.

The extra-curricular activities are as follows, although there might be some minor changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Visual Arts and Craft** – this year the children's works will be fired and glazed for full effect. Limited numbers – first 30 to enrol will be accepted

**STEM** - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics activities; hands on and all involve a problem-solving approach to each task.

**Morning Fitness** – by a professional fitness trainer, Matt.

**Taekwondo** – Master Paul is back for our afternoon extra-curricular sessions. He is very much interested in starting the students to work towards mastery of the different coloured belts.

**Boxing and mixed games** - More focus on boxing strategies with a variety of mixed games

**Dance** - Dance like you have not experience before. It's fun and entertaining, the instructors are great. See video attached for a small snippet of what to expect

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1048012389208122>

**Soccer** - K-2 and 3-6 soccer coaching instructions.

**NRL & Cricket** - These activities will be held at Ruse Public School. We will transport the students there using our mini bus or private transport.

Registrations will open from 27 Jan to Feb 10, so **please check**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-hours-pilot> or your Seesaw or Skoolbag apps. Like in Term 4 last year, you will need to enrol your child via the website. We will not be able to enrol your child.

**NOTE:** Activities will commence on Monday 13 February 2023.

**Volunteers  
Needed!**



**Canteen Update:** We are in desperate need for parent volunteers for our canteen to open up in 2023. **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 😊**

**Remember that we now have the Spriggy Schools app for both school uniforms and canteen orders. If you are not able to access the Spriggy Schools app to purchase your child's uniform, please come to the school office to order and pay for your child's school uniform.**

**More information will be provided in the notes bundle that will be handed to each student on Tuesday 31 January 2023.**

## Money Payments for 2023

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 2023

The total cost of the Family Contribution Fee in 2023 is \$45.00. Remember that this is 'voluntary fees'. 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.

## K-6 Assemblies 2023

Our K-6 Assemblies will be held on Thursdays from 2:10pm – 2:50pm in our school hall.

**Our first K-6 assembly will be on Thursday 16 February 2023.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

Regards

Androula Kavallaris

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Principal