Thursday 18th December, 2014

Thursday 18th December  Carols Evening – 7pm (more information below)

**CAROLS EVENING at 7.00pm TONIGHT – weather permitting**

Each class will perform a Christmas song. Please remember to bring folding chairs and ground blankets.

Children are encouraged to dress up in Christmas attire and colours. The children will need to arrive at school at 6.45pm, where they will meet and stay with their teachers and classmates for the evening.

Friday 19th December  LAST DAY of 2014 School Year

Whole school assembly at 1.15pm – special farewell to Year 6 Graduates

Dismissal from classrooms at 1.30pm

Please note – the Dobson St and Greenaway Drive crossings will be supervised by teaching staff between 1.30pm and 1.45pm.

The pedestrian lights on Ferntree Gully Road/Scoresby Road will not be supervised by a Knox Council person due to the early dismissal at 1.30pm.

Friday 30th January  School resumes at 9am. Please note - 2015 PREPS start at 9.15am.

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**Excursion/Incursion Notices Sent Home – Please read carefully and ensure deadline dates are met**

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The leadership team, teachers, administrative and support staff would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank members of the school community for their support, participation and commitment throughout 2014.

Thank you to the parents/carers/grandparents and friends of the school, who have contributed to the ongoing success of our school throughout 2014, to include reading, excursion and classroom helpers, School Councillors, Canteen Managers and helpers, Uniform Shop, Book Club and School Banking facilitators.

Community raised funds of $18,000 have assisted with the funding of classroom equipment, the purchase of new sports singlets and a garden shed, the ongoing upkeep of the community vegetable gardens and chicken coop, the replacement of the retaining wall on the Prep side (to be completed in early 2015) and ongoing plumbing and electrical work. Thank you for all the hard work in raising these much needed and appreciated funds, and for your yearly PCR contributions – it really makes a difference!

To your children, we thank them for always striving to be the best they can be, for continuing to take responsibility for their own learning and for tackling new challenges with confidence and respect for others.

To our dedicated and highly professional teaching, office and support staff, your commitment in nurturing, supporting and developing the students throughout the year is greatly appreciated. Thank you for providing a safe and supportive learning environment where diversity is valued, children are encouraged to have a voice and make sensible choices, and where everyone is treated with respect, fairness and dignity.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday!

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**2014 FAREWELLS and BEST WISHES**

Best wishes and farewell to Lynne Charnock who has provided excellent support to a large number of students and teachers over a 14 year period at Kent Park. Lynne has enthusiastically attended a range of camps, extra curricula activities and excursions, always willing to provide additional support and assistance. Thank you Lynne.

Thank you to Carol Gilmore for her extensive work in classrooms, on excursions and camps, and more recently as our diligent First Aid Officer. Carol has provided the students with special care and attention on a daily basis. As Carol relocates to the Mornington Peninsula we wish her every happiness and best wishes for the future.

Thank you to Tania Nicholas and Stasi Moutzouris who are transferring to Oaklands Primary in 2015, and Mariel Sibio who has a new position closer to her home at Plenty Parklands PS. We shall miss these talented teachers and sincerely thank them for their outstanding contribution to student learning and development at our school.

We wish Helena and Andrew Khosh best wishes for the pending birth of their first child in February. Helena has been an inspirational teacher, always providing an engaging and exemplary program for her students.

Congratulations to Nina Pratley who has acquired a fulltime teaching position at Ruskin Park P.S. next year. Nina has also been an outstanding teacher, supporting different year levels over a number of years, most recently in Year 2. Thank you Nina.

Farewell and best wishes to Shelley Darmody (Office) who has taken up a new office position at Nth Carlton P.S. for 2015.

Good bye and good luck to the following P to 5 students who are leaving the school - Kayla, Cody and Tahlia Marks, Samuel Davis, Isaac Bradford, Jamie and Jenni Walker, Toby and Tahlia Sayers, Leo Wang, Ruby and Crystal Whelan

Best wishes to the 2014 Year 6 Graduates and the following families as they end a long association with the school - Andersen, Barnes, Bartels, Box, Bradford, Brasher, Clancy, Colcott, Cole, Davis, Dickson, Fraser, Gerakis, Gleeson, Horvat, Knox, Marget, Meier, Morrison, Morton, Payne, Pierides, Poon, Puey, Rickard, Sayers, Scott, Smith, Stephan, Varney, Waenga, Walker, Wang, Ward and Whelan.

**2014 GRADUATION DINNER & CEREMONY**

On Monday 15th December, the 2014 Graduates enjoyed a wonderful evening together with their special guests, teachers and support staff. A group of volunteers organised and served a delicious meal before the ceremonial presentation of badges and certificates. The 70 graduates are to be congratulated for the outstanding contribution they have made to Kent Park Primary. We are extremely proud of their achievements and shall miss them all.

The following students were the worthy recipients of these special awards:

**Outstanding Student Award 2014**

Chloe Martin and Jay Wagner

Chloe and Jay have consistently achieved fantastic results in all areas during their time at Kent Park Primary School. Chloe is an enthusiastic and self-motivated student who uses her initiative to advance her learning. She sets herself high standards and willingly assists around the school, including restoring and organising the library.

Jay is a cheerful and hardworking student who is self-motivated to produce work of a very high standard. He has an enjoyable and mature sense of humour. Jay has represented the school in a number of sporting events, where he has displayed excellent team spirit and sportsmanship.

As School Captain this year, Chloe and Jay have demonstrated excellent leadership qualities. They have both spoken confidently every week at assembly and are extremely reliable and responsible.

In the classroom, they both produce work of a high standard and strive to improve their understanding. Chloe and Jay are role models for other Kent Park students. We would like to recognise them both for their hard work, commitment to learning and personal qualities with a cheque for $200.
Aston Shield Citizenship Award 2014  
Heetal Varsani

Heetal displays all the qualities of a great citizen. She is an extremely responsible and reliable student. She is friendly, considerate and well mannered at all times. Heetal displays initiative, listens attentively and shows great interest in all learning experiences. She always works co-operatively with her peers. Heetal is our Sports Captain and within this role she has organised the house points, assisted with setting up a variety of school events and spoken with confidence to the whole school community. Heetal is a confident and enthusiastic student who enjoys all aspects of school life.

Ferntree Gully Endeavour Award 2014  
Brooke Delaney

Brooke is a passionate learner who strives to gain a better understanding of all areas of the curriculum, often in her own time. She is responsive to feedback to improve the overall quality of her work. In her role as Eureka House Captain, Brooke has spoken confidently at assemblies and is always willing to offer assistance within her role and around the school. Brooke gives everything a go, is an organised learner and is self-motivated to develop her learning.

Knox Shield Sports Award 2014  
Shayla Brown

Shayla has enthusiastically represented Kent Park Primary School in a number of sporting events, including swimming, athletics, gymnastics, dance, cricket, basketball and netball. She has performed at a very high level both as an individual and as a team member. Shayla always strives to achieve her personal best, keenly participating in all sporting opportunities and encouraging others. During Physical Education sessions, she listens attentively, follows instructions and works hard to improve her skills.

Literacy Award 2014  
Jackson McAlloon

Jackson is a hard working student who takes pride in producing work of excellent quality. When writing, he uses the English language in a way that is well beyond his years. He is an extremely accurate worker who demonstrates excellent editing abilities. Jackson offers assistance to his peers and enjoys a lively discussion. He reads advanced texts with confidence and understanding. He displays an extensive vocabulary, credited to his love of reading and writing.

Numeracy Award 2014  
Jun Lee and Luke Varney

Luke and Jun excel in all areas of Mathematics and have both achieved excellent results throughout the year. They have natural Mathematical ability and enjoy working with numbers. Their workings are accurate and they are both committed and passionate about furthering their knowledge and understanding of Mathematical concepts. Luke and Jun enjoy being presented with Mathematical challenges and furthering their understanding of more advanced concepts.

Visual Arts Award 2014  
Ethan Quirk and Max Brasher

Max and Ethan exhibit a love of art and have produced quality pieces of work. They are both diligent students who always apply themselves in Art sessions. They are always proud of their efforts and their work is appreciated by themselves and others. Art is about the enjoyment of the subject and it is not always the finished product that is important. Ethan always tries his hardest and displays great effort and determination. He perseveres with a range of materials to successfully complete all art tasks. Max’s work has always stood out as being very individual and containing intricate detail. He has a love of drawing and art has become part of his leisure activities at home. I am sure Ethan and Max’s love of art will continue throughout their lives as both a means of enjoyment and relaxation.

L.O.T.E. Award 2014  
Lauren Ward

Lauren is an enthusiastic and capable Japanese language student. She works extremely well in class and her tasks are always of an outstanding quality. Her speaking, listening, reading and writing skills are equally well-developed. The neatness and accuracy of her Japanese writing are exemplary and she has achieved full marks in all of the quizzes and assessment items throughout the year. Lauren is a great support to her classmates and regularly offers assistance. A great example of Lauren’s wonderful use of learning time was when she completed a task early and created a game for others to join in on as they finished.

Performing Arts Award 2014  
Charlotte Morrison

Charlotte has been an outstanding student throughout her time at Kent Park and was chosen as the Performing Arts Captain for our school this year. She has performed her duties willingly and with maturity. She has hosted whole school events, including the Hat Parade/Special Persons Day, Talent Expo and Multicultural Night. Charlotte is an excellent role model for other students, demonstrating great leadership skills. Her talents are endless, she is a hard working dancer who has the ability to dance with great energy. She is a very devoted drama student who has the ability to emotionally move her audience as she can develop believable characters. Charlotte has been a true inspiration to others.
**2015 SCHOOL LEADERS**

Congratulations to the following 2015 Captains who were announced at assembly today.

School Captains - **VITHARA GUNAWARDENA**  
**JAYDEN GAGIC**

Sport Captains - **ZALI WAGNER**  
**JYE CARTER**

Arts Captains - **KHEALEE KIDMAN**  
**KEANOOR BABAEI SOMAGHI**

Extra Curricula Captains – **GABBY PETERSEN**  
**JOSH HARDMAN**

Environmental Captains – **ALLY KENDT**  
**MAX RANLDES**

Library Captains - **MADISON CHURCH**  
**JOHN FOSTER**

Uluru House Captains - **ALANNAH GRIMSHAW**  
**JAY KERAI**

Daintree House Captains - **ASHLYNN O’HALLORAN**  
**ROKEY WRIGHT**

Franklin House Captains – **AMIEL OHI**  
**BRODIE WISE**

Eureka Captains – **ABBYY SAMMUT**  
**THOMAS BRADY**

**2015 JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCILLORS**

**Year 6**


**Year 5**

Mylee James, Troy Partridge, Leah Kynoch, Lily Wise and Tarrin Baker

**2014 LOST PROPERTY**

There are a number of items in Lost Property. Lost property items will be placed behind the bicycle rack tomorrow morning until 1.40pm. Items not collected after 1.40pm will be disposed of or sent to the Uniform Shop.

**CLASSES 2015 AND ROOM NUMBERS**

The organisation of classes each year is a complex and carefully considered process by teachers and the leadership team. Social, academic and gender balance is critical to the composition of each grade.

As we are all aware Flexible Work Options are to be considered in Workplace Plans. The Department of Education supports staffing flexibility in schools, where the combined skills and experience of teachers is a feasible and workable option.

**Classes for 2015 have been finalised and the children met with their teachers today.**

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BOOK COLLECTION REMINDER DATES

On presentation of the Receipt (pink slip), individually packaged school books may be collected at school from the OFFICE.

The books may also be collected on **Wednesday 28th January, 2015** and **Thursday 29th January, 2015** from **8.45 am - 10.00 am.**

**Lucky Draw – Bonus Chance** – All families who have paid the **full amount for the Parent Contribution Requirement** for **2015** for each child by **Friday, 30th January, 2015** will go into the draw for the refund of one child’s Parent Contribution Requirement. **Please note - For your convenience and budgeting purposes regular instalments may also be paid during 2015 using family BPay payments, after the initial payment has been made.**

2015 UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Thursday 29th January, 2015** from **8.45 am - 10.00 am.**

TERM DATES for 2015

**TERM ONE** - 30th JANUARY to 27th MARCH - Year 1 to 6 students resume at 9am.

Please note - 2015 Preps start at 9.15am

**TERM TWO** - 13th APRIL to 26th JUNE

**TERM THREE** - 13th JULY to 18th SEPTEMBER

**TERM FOUR** - 5th OCTOBER to 18th DECEMBER
$922.00 raised through School Banking!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised $933.00 for our school through School Banking throughout the year. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you’re saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit each Wednesday.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program.

Christmas and End of term!

Last week, our OSHC talent show was truly amazing. Well done to our fabulous hosts, performers and the audience! We are now celebrating Christmas at OSHC!! We will be doing a range of Christmas themed activities throughout the last two weeks of school which includes making gifts such as photo frames, hand made cards, Christmas angels, Christmas themed finger puppets, Christmas wreaths and hand made and decorated trees. These activities will be spread across the BSC and ASC sessions throughout the final two weeks of OSHC.

Please note that bookings will automatically roll over into 2015 for any families with permanent bookings. If you are leaving the school or have a child in grade 6, you need to change or cancel any bookings as necessary either on the parent console or by contacting customer service on 1300 105 343.

In 2015, our regular assistant Brittany Milner will be taking over as the program coordinator and we will be welcoming the return of assistant Emma Quinn. Please don’t hesitate to call or text us on 0452 247 867 with any queries for the end of the year or next year, or alternatively pop in and pay us a visit. We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and can’t wait to see you in 2015!
January 2015

School Holiday Program – Stepping Back into School for Children aged 7 – 9 years

Focus on friendships, managing emotions, and social problem solving

** BAYSWATER SITE **

*** Book early to avoid disappointment ***

Cost: $450

To assist therapy staff with planning, registrations MUST be in by the 17th December

Questions? Please call Lydelle – 9720 1118

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