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Presenting Rooms 12 & 13



From the Principal's Desk

As Term 3 draws to an end I take this opportunity to update you on some important changes and celebrations:

The retirement of Jenny Grant

Many of you will know that Deputy Principal Jenny has been on leave since the end of the 2017 school year. Earlier this term Jenny advised me that she would retire. Although news was not unexpected, it still had a profound impact on our school community. I know many of you were fortunate enough to get to know Jenny over the years both as a teacher between 1994 and 2007; and then latterly in her role as Deputy Principal from 2010. Jenny's passion and unwavering commitment to our students and her support of their families was, and remains, unparalleled. These coupled with her exemplary teaching skills, knowledge of disabilities and their impact on learning; as well as her leadership, were pivotal in shaping Kenwick School into the outstanding place of learning it is today. We wish Jenny all the very best in the next, exciting phase of her life. I am certain that you will all join me in acknowledging and thanking Jenny Grant for being a true Kenwick School legend.



Appointment of Jodie Hills as Deputy Principal

I am very pleased to report that Jodie Hills, who has been acting in the role of Deputy this year, has been appointed as our substantial (permanent) Deputy Principal. Jodie was the successful applicant in the recently concluded Merit Selection process. Jodie has worked as a teacher at Kenwick School in two stints; from 2005-2010, and then from 2014 to 2017. She broadened her experience by working at Gwynne Park ESC during that intervening period. Jodie has done a wonderful job since coming on board as a Deputy this year and her success in the process is well-deserved. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating and welcoming Jodie who will undoubtedly continue to make an invaluable contribution to Kenwick School.



School Ball

It was truly an honour and privilege to attend the School Ball recently. As the photographs in this publication attests, it was a glittering and fitting celebration of the coming-of-age of not only our students, but those from fellow metropolitan Education Support Schools. The event, held in the Hyatt's, Golden Ballroom was a wonderful fun filled and heart-warming occasion. To see our students, glammed-up in beautiful dresses, dapper suits and their finery was really something. They not only looked grown up, but also rose to the occasion and acted so appropriately; bringing smiles to the faces of all concerned. It must also be said, that these smiles were, more than occasionally, accompanied by tears of joy. I would like to thank:

- * Our students for being such magnificent ambassadors of our school
- * All parents and caregivers involved, for taking the chance in allowing our students to participate; and
- * Nick Vandeness and his team from Castlereagh School for putting together such an amazing, apt and inclusive event.

From a personal perspective, witnessing the pride almost bursting through the chests of our students, their dates, family-members and friends alike, was the undoubted highlight of my school year. I am sure it will be night that everyone there will never forget. In closing I would like to wish one and all a safe, recuperative and happy holiday.

Kind regards
Mark Watson

Bike Rescue will be coming to Kenwick school in Term Four.



Ten high school students will have the opportunity to engage in the bike rescue program which is a ten session engagement program run by Dismantle every Thursday for three hours. The students will be mentored and guided by mechanic mentors as well as Teacher, Lachie Frewer and some of our wonderful EAs every Thursday at Kenwick School. They will learn from these mentors how to fully strip and rebuild recycled bicycles which will then be used throughout the school. This program will continue to be developed in 2019 with the vision that students will keep maintaining the school bikes but also bikes in the wider community.

BiG Plan Review Meetings in Term 4.

Big Plan review meetings for Year 10,11, 12 and 13 students will be held in week five next term on Tuesday 6 Wednesday 7 and the Thursday 8 of November. The meetings will be held off site at Communicare and light refreshments will be provided. Your student's teacher will be in contact early in Term four regarding the date and time of your meeting. Please let anybody involved in your child's Big Plan know that this date will be coming up.

Room 2

Another busy term almost done and dusted. The students continue to work hard and enjoy their free time. It is great to see Caleb and Nawid handing over a break card to ask for their quiet time or time on the sensory swing. Tyson is also learning to use his "Touch chat app" to say he has "finished" and "I want to go" when he has finished eating. Last week it was the Years 5 and 6 extended day camp and it was wonderful see the all the socialisation, engagement and big smiles. The students had fun doing yoga, making pasta and playing musical games. This was followed by kite making, kite flying and sensory activities. Tyson especially loved the pasta making while Zubair and Xavier loved the action songs and games with Col and of course everyone loved the extra time on the playground and yummy food. There were some very tired but happy students at the end of the day. Finally, thank you to all the parents for their ongoing support and to Deb, Manny and Jess as always, for their commitment to the students. A safe and happy holiday to all.

Marie McLachlan & Staff

Room 3

Room 3 has had a very productive term. The students have continued to create 'Safari Style' art work to decorate our classroom. Laurence, Jayden and Patrick enjoyed making some hand print trees. Rayan and Kingston made some fantastic tribal weaves to go with our animal collages and masks. The class has also been working extremely hard with their individual programs as well as working as a team in our games and sport session.

Antonietta James & Staff

Room 4

It has been an exciting and busy term for all students in Room 4. We have been focusing on physical fitness and utilising the energy of the class to learn new skills. The students have responded very well to our new weekly yoga program and enjoy following stories through yoga poses. We have also been partaking in weekly bike riding lessons. The class were very happy to try out the new 'balance bikes' and have a go riding bikes without training wheels. This term we have also begun practising for our upcoming sports carnival. Each week we have been meeting up with our friends in Room 3 to practice different relay sports. All students are very excited for the sports carnival being held next term!

Talya Everett & Staff

Room 6

The Room 6 students have benefited from the new sensory boards that have been created by staff. They enjoy exploring the different textures with their hands and listening to the varied sounds when they squeeze, touch or tap on the item. We also have new horizontal sensory stations that the children use to reach out with their hands to grasp and release objects. In the area of communication, students are picking up pictures and handing them to staff to initiate communication and tapping on key symbols on communication boards to indicate their wants and needs. Well done to the students in Room 6!

Deb Cork & Staff

Room 7

Term 3 has zoomed by for everyone in Room 7. We have enjoyed finishing our letter focus this term. We had lots of fun doing different activities for each letter from A to Z. Communication using PODD has been a huge focus in our room each day. We enjoy using PODD when playing with bubbles, playdough and the colourful shapes on the light box. Everyone loves music time in Room 7. We all enjoy action songs and taking turns to choose the next song during circle.

Alison Hunt, Naomi Braine & Staff

Important dates for Terms 3 & 4

21 September	Last day of Term 3
8 October	Students start Term 4
19 October	School Faction Carnival
24,25,26 October	Secondary Camp
6,7,8 November	Big Plan reviews
29 November	Graduation
11 December	End of Year Concert
13 December	Last day Term 4

Kenwick School Bank Details

Payments for school contributions, uniforms, outings etc can be made directly to the school via direct deposit.

If you decide to take advantage of this payment system could you please **add your child's name and reason for the deposit** to help with account management.

BSB: 016 358

ACC: 340844189



Room 8

Room 8 has been working on understanding our emotions and feelings this term. We are focusing on learning what we do and how we look when we feel upset, angry or disappointed. It has been great working together as a group to see our similarities and our differences when we experience different emotions. By recognising how each member of the class is feeling, we have been able to develop strategies to calm ourselves.

Lachlan Frewer & Staff

Room 9

We are amazed at how fast the term has slipped by. The students have had a stunning term working well in all areas. We have been very busy with our literacy program, maths and ASDAN. Students have engaged in Healthy Foods, Personal Hygiene and Protective Behaviours. Some of the students have been to Foodbank and out on community access to reinforce skills taught in class and to implement some new skills. Both Emma and Nikita attended the school ball and looked stunning in their ball gowns. We are very proud of them.

Annette Kay, Poonam Parwani & Staff

**Room 10**

Room 10 has had a fantastic Term 3. Recently the students participated in the Inter-School Soccer Carnival and we are all extremely proud of their efforts. The students battled it out across four tough games in cold and windy conditions and it was great to see everyone involved. Room 10 students have been out in the Community a lot this Term. It's been a pleasure taking them out and seeing them thrive in various social settings. We hope everyone enjoys the final two weeks of Term and we look forward to seeing everyone happy and refreshed after the holidays.

Simon Connell & Staff

Room 11

A highlight for Senior High School students has been the opportunity to attend the Spring Spectacular Ball. Lisa Harris and Benjamin Brewer were two Room 11 students who enjoyed the anticipation and preparation of 'glamouring' up for the Thursday night event at the Hyatt. Communicare invited our students over for a hair and make up session. Lisa firstly had a trial run followed by being able to choose her final look on the afternoon of the event. Lisa and Benjamin both arrived at the Hyatt with their partners and what followed was a spectacular night indeed of food, lights, and dancing. Lisa continually chose for 'more dancing' whilst Benjamin particularly responded to the colours and lights. The ball was a fantastic opportunity for our teenage students to dress up, stay up late and dance the night away!

Marianne Van Dam, Margaret Bartlett & Staff

Room 12

This term we have been focusing on giving the students a choice on activities and songs that they like. Our weekly cooking sessions have been centred on different bread related recipes such as making different sandwiches and toast. During these sessions we have been asking the students if they like or dislike the food that they have made. We have also had an enjoyable time practicing our assembly item which has been based on making lunch. Next term the students in Room 12 will be learning to cook different foods in the microwave as well as continuing their journeys into the wider community during community access.

Anthony Raschilla & Staff

Room 13

It has been an eventful and busy term for Room 13 students. At the beginning of the term the students and staff held a Fun Friday day and raised money for the High School overnight camp. It was fantastic to see smiles on the students' faces and them being creative on the dance floor during our disco in the undercover area. Recently Rooms 12 and 13 students have been busy practising our joint assembly. For the assembly we decided to present a range of foods from different cultures and countries we have cooked this term. The students in both classes were introduced to a variety of tastes and flavours. They continued to develop their skills at using knives, graters, wooden spoons and other kitchen utensils. While practising our assembly item the students had a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate such skills as turn taking, sharing, waiting and interacting with each other and staff. They worked hard on their communication using both simple and more advanced speech devices to help give them a voice. A big thank you to our staff for their fantastic efforts to make all these events a great success! Term 3 is drawing to a close and we wish everyone safe and happy school holidays.

Natalia Lacey & Staff