

The Fantastic Return of the Fete!

After two years of cancelled fetes, anticipation for the return of the fete was high. We were blessed with beautiful weather once again at our annual (ish) Kenthurst Preschool Fete and the community was out in full force to support our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you to all of our financial sponsors, the companies who donated prizes and products, and especially to all of our wonderful families who coordinated stalls, volunteered on the day, and brought their families along to enjoy the day. We hope you all enjoyed the day and the spirit of community and cooperation that was evident throughout the day. On behalf of the preschool we'd like to thank Candice Rapp for taking on the huge role of fete coordinator. I'm sure you'll agree she did a wonderful job!

For a more detailed wrap up—including the announcement of our profit—go to the parent's group section at the end of this newsletter!



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Diary Dates

Drumming Show

Tuesday 23 August & Friday 26 August

Father's Day Breakfast 8:15am—9:30am

Tuesday 30 August
Friday 2 September

Jersey Day

Friday 2 September

Orange Blossom Festival (10:30 meet)

Sunday 11 September

Bushdance 2pm

Tuesday 20 September
Friday 23 September

Last Day Term 3

Friday 23 September

First Day Term 4

Monday 10 October

Rotary Park Playground Opening

Sunday 16 October (noon)

SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas Concert

Saturday 10 December
9:30am Kenthurst Public School Hall

General Matters



National Child Protection Week is being held between 4—10 September 2022.

National Child Protection Week aims to engage, educate, and empower Australians to understand the complexity of child abuse and neglect, and work together to prevent it. The campaign does this through the sharing of events and resources to encourage communities to engage in conversations around children's safety and wellbeing.

During the week the teachers will be reading to the children some storybooks from the "SAFE" series. The Office of the Children's Guardian has developed the SAFE series – four children's books containing personal safety messages for children under six. The books support children's rights and promote the concept of kids having a voice. They help children identify the parts of their body that are private, help them understand their feelings and encourage them to think about five people they trust to help them if they feel scared, sad or upset.



Orange Blossom Festival

The annual Orange Blossom Festival is coming up on Sunday 11 September.

Kenthurst is the only part of the Hills Shire Council that still holds a street parade and it's a wonderful time for the community to come together.

Each year we invite preschool children and families to march with us from Kenthurst Primary School down to the Rotary Park.

The children love to be part of the parade and wave to the onlookers. Please put it in your calendar and get ready to come in your preschool T-shirts on that Sunday morning. Parents we will have some adult size T shirts for you to put on over the top of your clothes too!

We will meet at 10:30am outside Kenthurst Public School ready for the march at 11am.



Jersey Day

On Friday 2 September the staff will be wearing a jersey for Jersey Day. If your child attends on Friday they are welcome to come dressed in a sporting jersey too. This is the same day as the Father's Day Breakfast so Dads are welcome to wear their jerseys too! The aim of Jersey Day is to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation. <http://jerseyday.com.au/>



Visits to the Bush



Our visits to the bush have started up again. There are so many benefits to bush play including increased confidence, motivation and concentration, increased social, physical and language skills, deeper conceptual understandings and respect for the natural environment! And what a wonderful opportunity we have when we have some bush right next door!



Visit To Kenthurst Public School

On Friday 12th and Tuesday 15th August our children were lucky enough to have an "excursion" up to Kenthurst Public School to visit the kindergarten classrooms. Thank you to the parent volunteers who came along to help on each of the days.

This visit is an important part of our School Readiness Program and provides the perfect opportunity for the children to experience what school is like and to begin feeling comfortable in this new environment.

We walked together to and from the school and the children practised their road safety skills by holding the donut rope, staying together and stop, look and listen as we crossed the road. There was a group photograph with the kindergarten children in the hall and then small groups were formed for a tour of the school by the year 6 students. The children visited the playground, the office, the Principal's office, the canteen and library. In the hall they had some dancing and some games and activities reinforcing concepts of colour, spatial awareness and coordination.

The visit concluded with sharing morning tea with the kindergarten children and a quick play on the equipment.

Much fun was had by all!



Getting to know the staff

Getting to know..... Mrs Fiona Pola

Position: Diploma trained teacher

Work Days: I'm part of the marvellous M/T/W Melaleucas

How did you find Kenthurst Preschool? Well in terms of the job, that was through seek.com. But to find the physical location I used Google Maps ☺

How long have you worked here? Since the start of the year

Favourite Colour: When my children were young, I quickly learnt to say "Purple" in answer to this question as the answer, "Well I like every colour except maybe pink", usually resulted in, "But what's your *faaavourite!*". Honestly, I don't have a favourite.

Favourite Food: Ah well no favourites there either – too many amazing flavours! I love Yemeni, Egyptian, Lebanese, Italian, Thai, Danish... couldn't pick a favourite. But if you asked me what my favourite drink is then I would have a definite answer – coffee!

Children: Hannah (16), Miriam (14) and Zaki (12)

Hobbies: Drinking coffee... can that be a hobby?

Pets: In our family we have a cat, rabbit and two rats. I'm not a huge fan of the rats.

Nickname: Fee

First Job: Swimming teacher at Sun Valley, West Pennant Hills, which sadly no longer exists

If I wasn't a preschool educator I would like to be: a political activist... or maybe coffee taster

Pet Hate: Neo-liberalism.

Greatest Fear: I'm not great with heights... and I think having a spider drop down in front of me whilst driving would be pretty freaky

Dream Holiday Destination: We never did get to do our planned trip in mid-2020 (thanks Covid!) to Switzerland and Italy to visit the area that my husband's family originally came from. It would be lovely to have the opportunity to do that trip one day.

Getting to know..... Mrs Beckii Barnes

Position: Educator/ Special needs Educator

Work Days: Monday & Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

How did you find Kenthurst Preschool? An ad on Seek

How long have you worked here? Started this year

Favourite Colour: Pink

Favourite Food: Mario's Ricotta pastizzi (Maltese pastries)

Children: 3 boys—Matthew (7), William (5) & Joshua (1)

Hobbies: going to the beach, fishing & being on the boat

Pets: Dog Bella & a cat Lily

Nickname: Beckii

First Job: McDonalds when I was 15

If I wasn't a preschool educator I would like to be: a primary school teacher

Pet Hate: complaining (like most parents!)

Greatest Fear: Spiders

Dream Holiday Destination: Cape York or WA. I have been to over 20 different countries in my time so I would LOVE to travel Australia.

Get to know each other!



Parents' Group News

YET ANOTHER FANTASTIC FETE DAY!!

Once again the weather gods were kind to us and we had beautiful weather on Sunday 7 August for yet another spectacular fete day. It was a relatively stress free morning at setup as the hire equipment provider had set up most stalls on the Saturday instead of Sunday morning. We also had a great number of volunteers including many student volunteers from Castle Hill High School coming along to help with setup so all stalls were set up and ready to go in time for the official start at 10am. All of our favourite stalls returned for another year and all had very successful days.

We're very pleased to announce that this year's fete had
a fabulous PROFIT of **\$ 23 578.26!!!!**



Raffle Prize Winners

All Lucky Prize Winners have now been contacted with the good news of their win! Congratulations to the following people;

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| 1st—Tapp Family | 10th—Glen Braithwaite |
| 2nd—Sam Poursamad | 11th—Kim Gosper |
| 3rd—Rebecca Foulstone | 12th—Eliza Calabria |
| 4th— William Kyle | 13th— Emily Jameson |
| 5th—Michelle Cuthertson | 14th—Francis Dennis |
| 6th—Lou Beaini | 15th— Andrew Hemming |
| 7th—Luke Gratland | 16th— Amelia |
| 8th—Laura Glibo | 17th— Tapp Family |
| 9th—Suzanne Solvyns | 18th— Georgia Brennan |



So many people work incredibly hard behind the scenes and on the day to ensure that each year the Kenthurst Preschool Fete is a huge success and a fabulous day for the children. A special thank you to all the people below who took responsibility for a part of our wonderful day.

Fete Coordinator	Candice Rapp
Advertising / Promotion	Nikki Hokin
Amusement Rides	Ronnie Passier & Natasha Murray
Cakes	Melissa Wood
Carnival Games	Lucy Vukovic
Coffee & Tea / Café	Mabel & Peter Rowswell
Crazy Hair	Tammy Skulander & Alyssa Akiki
Cupcake Decorating	Samantha Cox & Ashleigh Burrows
Drinks / Slushies	Lyle & Cherie Reuben
Entertainment	Kathryn Carlino & Lawrence Barrett
Face Painting	Jess Thomson, Fiona Benson, Nikki Bayly-Pike & Angela Simpson
Fairy Floss / Popcorn	Nadine Solvyns & Dylan van Dyke
Food - BBQ	Belinda and Paul Zimmermann
Food - Eat Grk	Marlane & Kyri Philippou
Gift Baskets	Belinda Dale
Kid's Craft	Linda Jones
MC	Christine O'Brien
Money Counting	Kristen Coote, Kerry Johnson & Karen Danks
Pony Rides	Gail Gratland
White Elephant	Carmel McConkey, Amy Murphy & Andrew Power





***A massive thanks to our
ongoing platinum
partner, Rance Property at Kenthurst***

Thank you to our financial sponsors who helped to create a fantastic profit!
Please support their businesses in turn.



Also thanks to other businesses who supported us through the donation of products and services which were used as raffle prizes or products which were used on our food & drinks stalls.

