

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break with your family. It was wonderful to see all our students return, along with a couple of new faces joining us—one in the junior room and another in the senior room.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Today, we held our annual ANZAC Day ceremony in our memorial gardens. I'd like to commend our students for their respectful behaviour, and extend a special thank you to those who shared such thoughtful and moving readings.

Opening Ceremony

Following our ANZAC Day ceremony, I read a speech on behalf of The Hon Jason Clare MP to acknowledge the opening of our new junior classrooms last year.

A revised commemorative plaque has been provided to our school, recognising the federal government's support of this project through the *Schools Upgrade Fund*.

Bunny Making for 2026

According to Cindy, our P&C President, 1378 bunny trays were sold for this year's bunny making fundraiser.

That's another incredible effort, considering the small team of volunteers available i.e. Lauren, Deb, Amelia, Reg, Jayla and some lovely, support workers. Thank you for their amazing help.

A huge thanks to the following supporters: Beemart Betros, Big Orange, Café Sorella, Middle Ridge Handimart, Chocolate Cottage and the community.

Quote of the Week

Every new school term is a fresh chapter—full of opportunities for our children to learn, grow, and shine.

Regards,
Denny Taylor - Principal

Kentville Kids...



Specialists

Guidance Officer

Ellen Taverne is our new acting guidance officer through to the end of the year. She'll be visiting our school on a fortnightly basis i.e. Wednesdays of odd weeks (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9), for half a day.

If you'd like to see her, please arrange this through the office. A new consent form will be required for each student who sees her.

Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)

Layne Best will continue in her role as our SLP, supporting students who've been identified to have SLP difficulties. She also provides professional development to staff in how to support students. She is available on Fridays of weeks 2, 3, 6 and 8.

A consent form is required for each student who sees her.

Head of Special Education Services (HOSES)

Candice Cumerford is our current HOSES. She provides support on an as-needs basis, for students with disabilities and complex needs. She also provides support for staff and parents.

Community Noticeboard

P&C Meeting

TBA

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you for your very generous donations. Our students had plenty of fun finding several Easter eggs.

Mother's Day Raffle: tickets will soon be on sale via the Qkr! App. Raffle booklets will be sent out next week.

Birthday Celebrations

Annabelle: April 26th

Term 2 Diary Dates

Term 2: Monday, 20 April to Friday, 26 June.

Playgroup: Friday mornings in the library.

Tuckshop: Fridays. Please order via Qkr! by Wednesday evening. Please order one week at a time to save any confusion or disappointment.

ANZAC Day ceremony: Friday, 24th April. W1.

Labour Day: Monday, 4th May. W3. Public Holiday.

Life Education lessons: Tuesday, 5 May. W3.

Mother's Day stall and raffle: Friday, 8th May. W3.

Excursion to Amaroo Environmental Education Centre, Highfields, Toowoomba.

Parent Tips

Supporting Reading at Home

- **Read every day** – even 10–15 minutes makes a big difference. Consistency matters more than length.
- **Let your child choose** – when children pick their own books, they're more motivated and engaged.
- **Take turns reading** – you read a page, then your child reads one. This builds confidence and fluency.
- **Talk about the story** – ask simple questions like "What happened?" or "What do you think will happen next?"
- **Make it part of your routine** – bedtime reading is a calm, special way to end the day.
- **Model reading** – let your child see you reading books, magazines, or even recipes.
- **Praise effort**, not just accuracy – encourage them for trying tricky words and sticking with it.
- **Re-read favourites** – repetition helps build confidence and understanding.
- **Keep it positive** – the goal is to build a love of reading, not make it feel like a chore.

A simple reminder for families:

"Reading together today builds the skills for tomorrow."