

# Bush Telegraph

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## Principal's Report

A big welcome back to school to parents, students and friends to our 2009 school year. Particularly may I welcome our new families to the school and assure them of a very busy but exciting time for their children at Kendall Public. Numbers are down for the beginning of the year with 214 students in 9 classes. This is down from 224 beginning students in 2008. Despite this all students are very settled and have made a great start to the year. Allocation of classes are:

KM - Miss Millard

1D - Ms Debenham

1/2B - Miss Brooks

2R - Mrs Royal

3SK - Mr Skerritt

4B - Mrs Beach

5E - Mrs Eggert

5/6SH - Mr Sheridan

5/6SE - Mrs Semchyshyn

Library/ STL - Mrs Gill

Reading recovery/ STL - Mrs Jackson

Assisting teachers and students are:

Administration - Mrs Weatherall and

Cindy Taylor

Teachers Aides - Mrs McElevy and Mrs Stevens

General Assistant - Mr Smith

You will have noticed that Mrs Eggert will be working at Kendall in a full time capacity this year. It is with great pleasure to be working with such a dedicated professional once again.

All parents are very welcome in our school and I encourage you to talk with teachers or myself if you have any concerns about your child's progress or education in general.

### Kindergarten 2009

Yesterday we welcomed 19 new kindy kids to our school. Following the fantastic orientation program in Term 4 last year our 19 newest students were very confident with routines and are ready and keen for all the new learning that school provides. Thank you to the mums who provided morning tea for parents of Kindergarten 2009. I trust some of the apprehension of

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#### Coming events

9/2 Gymnastics begins 3.15pm  
12.2 AFL begins 3.15pm  
13.2 Swimming Carnival

parents was eased a little. To watch the growth and learning ability of kindergarten children is one of the most rewarding things about being a teacher.

Thank you too, to our Year 5 buddies for their care, guidance and encouragement to all of our kindergarten students.

### Swimming Carnival

Next Friday 13th February, Years 2-6 will be participating in our annual swimming carnival at the Kendall pool. Attached to the newsletter is the swimming carnival permission note. The carnival is being organised by Mr Sheridan. What I would like to stress to parents is that this day is considered a normal school day and ALL students are expected to attend. Swimming is an important part of our PE syllabus and events are organised for all competencies, so the day is seen as fun as well as the competitive nature of races.

### Classroom requisites

To work effectively in the classroom students need to have the correct writing equipment. Below are the requisites that teachers have indicated are most important to complete work to appropriate standards.

K-2 classes

Box of tissues, glue stick, 2HB lead pencils and paint shirt.

3-6 classes

Lead pencils (HB preferable), rubber, ruler, coloured pencils, sharpener, glue stick, scissors, box of tissues, pens (blue and red) and 1 display folder.

K-3 need library bags in order to borrow.

### School uniform

We are experiencing supply problems with some items of the uniform (No size 8, 10 or 12 polo shirts and no size 57cm hats). Orders placed last year are still to arrive! We apologise for that inconvenience and we will send a note home when the items arrive. On a positive note it was encouraging to see so many hats on the first day of school and students will be constantly reminded that without a hat they will have to play in the shade. Teachers on duty are aware of the shortage of certain size hats. I ask for assistance in ensuring children come to school with their hat. One item of the uniform that I believe can be improved is footwear. Our school uniform policy stipulates that black shoes should be worn for both girls and boys. Over the past couple of years there has been a growing number of white cross trainers with coloured laces appearing. Cross trainers can be obtained in black and are available from any number of commercial outlets. When it next becomes apparent that your child needs new shoes (and doesn't happen too often) please consider purchasing black shoes to be in line with proper school uniform. I am sure it will smarten up school uniform considerably.

### Active After School Program

Again in 2009 we are able to offer Active After School Programs. This term gymnastics will operate every Monday afternoon from 3.15pm until 4.15pm and AFL will be conducted on 2 Thursday afternoons from 3.15pm until 4.15pm.

Both of these programs are free, conducted at school and children are provided with a fruit snack prior to the activity. These programs were extremely popular last year and no doubt places will be keenly sought in 2009.

Could you please indicate if you would like your child to participate in one of these activities. Gymnastics will commence on Monday 9th February and AFL on Thursday 12th February. Both activities will be conducted over 7 consecutive weeks. Students must be collected from school by parent or nominated person by 4.15pm. There will be a limit of 25 students for each activity and will be based on a first in policy. Please make sure the permission note is handed into the office ASAP.

### School Band

With a new year comes the opportunity for students to join our school band. Students in Years 4,5 and 6 are invited to learn an instrument and participate with the school band under the directorship and tutelage of Mr Ian Pole. Last year was our beginning year and the band progressed to amazing levels.

If any child in Years 4-6 who would like to learn to play an instrument there is a commitment to practise at home as well as a very modest charge of \$3 per week. Hire of instruments or outright purchase of a selected instrument can be arranged with Mr Pole.

Mr Pole will commence band on Friday 20th February. If your child is interested in becoming a band member please return the attached slip to indicate your intentions.

Students in Year 3 can begin band but it will be restricted to percussion instruments.

### School Fees

School fees can now be paid through our Administrative staff. Fees this year are set at \$35 for the first child and \$30 for the second child. A cap of \$65 is in place for more than two children ie a family of 4 or 3 children will still pay \$65.

I would encourage all families to contribute to these fees as money from the department does not always cover the extras which all children enjoy. The money we receive from fees is generally spent on expendables for art, music and dance.

Fees can be paid at the office.

### Cameras/Ipods

Please be advised that teachers or school administration can not be responsible for cameras , ipods and other similar expensive equipment if brought to school. These pieces of personal equipment should be kept at home. I am presently formulating a policy for the use of mobile phones and this will be presented to staff and P&C prior to general distribution in the near future.

*Dennis Burton*

### Principal

### Canteen Roster

See attached to newsletter

## Library News

All classes will be able to start borrowing next week. A few things to remember:

- Books may be kept for a maximum of 2 weeks and must be returned within that time. If children haven't finished reading their book within that time they should bring it to school and have it renewed.
- All children in Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 must have a library bag to be able to borrow. A plastic shopping bag or pillowslip will do just as well as a library bag. Please put your child's name on their bag.
- When children have borrowed 10 times they will receive a special bookmark that can be included with their other awards.
- Children may return and borrow library books during lunchtime when the library is open.

Library days for 2009 are:

Monday - 5/6SH and 5/6SE

Tuesday - 5E

Wednesday - 4B and 3SK

Thursday - 2R and 1/2B

Friday - 1D and KM

Happy reading.

*Mrs Gill*

## 2-Way FM

We again have the opportunity of hosting our own radio show on 2-Way FM. Students in Year 5 and 6 are able to go on air and present quizzes, news stories, general interest stories, music and so on to our audience.

Our dates are:

18/2      1/4      6/5      17/6

5/8      30/9      11/11      9/12

These are all Wednesday evenings. We meet at the Wauchope based station at 5.45pm and leave by 8.05pm. The students are on the air for 2 hours. For any extra information please contact me at school. Thankyou.

*Mr Sheridan*

## Swimming Carnival

Kendall Public School annual swimming carnival will be held on Friday the 13th of February. As in past years the students will walk down to the pool in house groups, pay their \$2 or give in their ticket and then move to their house shelter. We will leave the school grounds by 9.15am and return by 2.45pm. Please encourage your child (ren) to participate in as many events as possible. House points will be awarded for each participant in each event.

Please feel free to join us on the day as it is a fun day with a great atmosphere of support for the swimmers.

Please remember to provide your child with sunscreen, hat, sun protective clothing and adequate food and drink for the day. The canteen will be open.

If you are able to assist in the running of the carnival please complete the return slip below. Thankyou.

## Sport Day Roster

Attached is the sports day roster, sport will start next week on Tuesdays.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**  
**Term 1 2009**

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	4 <sup>th</sup> February Eric Hiltunen	6 <sup>th</sup> February Liz Skerrit
9 <sup>th</sup> February Maggie Haswell	11 <sup>th</sup> February Mark Haswell	13 <sup>th</sup> February Kerrie Gray
16 <sup>th</sup> February Anne Bird	18 <sup>th</sup> February Heidi Atkins	20 <sup>th</sup> February Sharon Wilkinson
23 <sup>rd</sup> February Katie Daly	25 <sup>th</sup> February Fiona Paterson	27 <sup>th</sup> February Vanessa Rousell
2 <sup>nd</sup> March Aviva Wallis	4 <sup>th</sup> March Kylie Crossfield	6 <sup>th</sup> March <del>Sue Macindoe</del> <i>Julie Laurie</i>
9 <sup>th</sup> March Katherine Asquith	11 <sup>th</sup> March Jenny Gylar	13 <sup>th</sup> March Jenny Norris
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23 <sup>rd</sup> March Sonya Hawes	25 <sup>th</sup> March Sharon Green	27 <sup>th</sup> March Sue Gow
30 <sup>th</sup> March Liz Skerrit	1 <sup>st</sup> April Katie Daly	3 <sup>rd</sup> April Sharon Wilkinson
6 <sup>th</sup> April Aviva Wallis	8 <sup>th</sup> April Kylie Crossfield	GOOD FRIDAY

If you are unable to make your rostered day and can arrange your own replacement that would be appreciated. If not please call Eric on 6559 5465.



**Swimming Carnival Permission slip ( only Years 2-6 )**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
in class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the carnival at Kendall pool on Friday 13th February.  
They will be walking to and from the pool under supervision.

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### Band Member Interest

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_ is interested in joining the band this year. I understand that band will commence on Friday 20th February. I understand that my child needs to purchase an instrument and attend tuition.

Signed by parent \_\_\_\_\_

### Swimming Carnival Helper note

I \_\_\_\_\_ would be thrilled to help at the swimming carnival held at Kendall pool on Friday 13th February.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### Term 1 Sport Roster

Please cut out and attach to your fridge or notice board. Please note tennis and swimming incur a fee or use of a pool ticket.

Week	Mr Skerritt	Mr Sheridan	Mrs Sem	Mrs Eggert	Mrs Beach
	Cricket	Tennis \$2	Games	Swimming \$2.50/ricket	Garden
2	3SK	56SH	56SE	5E	4B
3	4B	3SK	56SH	56SE	5E
4	5E	4B	3SK	56SH	56SE
5	56SE	5E	4B	3SK	56SH
6	56SH	56SE	5E	4B	3SK
7	3SK	56SH	56SE	5E	4B
8	4B	3SK	56SH	56SE	5E
9	5E	4B	3SK	56SH	56SE
10	56SE	5E	4B	3SK	56SH