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## Kensington Catch Up

15 November 2017

### Principal's Report

#### Week Six

Welcome to Week Six at Kensington Public School. As the year draws to an end the children are busy in their classes finalising assessments for reports that are due out in Week Ten. I commend everyone on their hard work this year and I am sure you will find the reports useful and comprehensive. Please remember to contact your class teacher at any time during the year if you would like to meet regarding your child's academic achievements.

Thank you to everyone who supported our walkathon. We raised \$13,316 at time of print. We will consult with students and staff regarding the resources that are required. If you have any suggestions please feel free to send an email to the school.

#### Please save the date

#### Wednesday 13 December

This year our End of Year Celebrations / Picnic Day will be quite different. It is very important that it is in line with Department Policy about Sun Safety so we will not be spending the whole day at Centennial Park this year. Permission forms will be sent home once details are finalised.

#### Presentation Day

Parents are encouraged to join us at Randwick Racecourse for our Presentation Day Celebrations. An official invitation will be published when we have confirmation of the room allocation.

K-2 Students leave at 9.10am  
Celebration - 9.40-11am- K-2  
3 -6 Students leave at 11.45am  
Celebration- 12.30pm- 2.30pm

Please see attached permission attached for uniform requirements and further details.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Kindergarten Shows next week. I am sure you will enjoy this wonderful class production and I know the students have been hard at work with Ms Fredman. Please see more details below regarding arrival times etc.

#### P and C Meeting

We look forward to seeing many of you at the last P & C meeting of the year. It will be held on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm in the School Library.

Have a great week everyone.

**Ms Louise Stone**  
**Principal**

### NSW Department of Education Behaviour Code for Students

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

#### In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)

- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

**Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.**

## Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

### Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

### Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

### Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

## KPS Wellbeing Procedures

### After School Safety

No students are to remain at school after 3.00pm unless they are waiting to be picked up. Ball games are not permitted after school as this has resulted in numbers of children leaving late to walk home or catch buses. KPS OOSH has use of the

playground and all equipment from 3.00 and all other students and parents should vacate at this time, unless waiting for a specific purpose. An executive staff member will walk a circuit of the playground, encouraging students to leave the premises.

If waiting to be picked up, all students must wait inside the school fence near the Doncaster Ave gate (waiting gate). They must not play, but watch for parents' arrival so parents do not need to leave their car. All other students and families are asked to exit via the Todman Avenue and Bowral Street gates to ensure a clear thoroughfare for children entering cars.

Parents taking children across roads are asked to observe all safety rules and apply common sense. What you feel is safe when you are with your child (ren), may not be for an unaccompanied child who follows / copies you. Calling to children to cross roads from the opposite side is **NEVER** safe.

**Always use the crossings.**

At 3.20pm all children who are still waiting to be collected will be brought inside, where they can be supervised by the teacher on duty. After 3.30pm parents/guardians will be contacted and if unavailable, emergency contacts will be notified. Children who are not collected after a reasonable time will be handed over to the Police.

**Bettina Croft**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Guidelines for the Election of School Captains and Vice Captains

- Candidates can self-nominate using a supplied nomination form. The form will ask questions relating to how he/she has demonstrated leadership as well as the capacity to lead. Responses must be handwritten and not exceed two pages.
- At a staff meeting, all forms will be tabled and will be determined to have or have not met the specific criteria according to the Student Leadership Framework for Primary Schools and a rubric for each of the four aspects.
- Captains and Vice Captains will be elected by staff and students. Years Two-Five students, current year School Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains and House Vice Captains and teachers will vote.
- One vote per person. A preferential ballot will be used.
- Parents will be informed of these guidelines in Term 4 in the Newsletter.
- A student will be ineligible for nomination if he/she has had to submit two Behaviour Reflection Sheets this year.
- A student will be ineligible for nomination if he/she has been reported to the Principal for misbehaviour this year and has warranted a Principal's involvement in a parent interview.
- All eligible voters will be familiar with these guidelines.

- If at any stage during their time as Captain or Vice Captain, any elected student is in breach of these guidelines, they will be replaced by the student with the next highest number of votes, after two warnings.  
**Parents will be informed of all warnings.**

## 2018 Nomination and Elections

Forms will be distributed to Year Five students on Wednesday 8 November (Week 5).

The nomination form must be submitted to Mr O'Connor by 3pm on Friday 17 November (Week 6).

A staff meeting will take place on Monday 20 November to determine who is eligible for placement on the election ballot according to the criteria.

Confirmation of nomination will be take place on Tuesday 21 November (Week 7)

Candidates will provide an electronic copy of the speech to Mr O'Connor prior to Friday 24 November.

Speeches will take place on: Friday 24 November at a special Year Two-Six Assembly at 11:45am.

Voting will take place on Friday 24 November.

Candidates will have a maximum of two (2) minutes when speaking at the assembly.

## Public Speaking News

Throughout Week 3, students from Kindergarten to Year Four competed in the stage finals of the 2017 Kensington Public School Public Speaking Competition. Each class representative had been selected by their teacher after a series of prepared and impromptu speeches were held in their respective classes last term.

Each stage held a very competitive final and all participants deserve to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts and achievement.

The staff and students of KPS would like to congratulate the following students, who were awarded First Place and Highly Commended:

**ES1 Winner:** Emily N

**ES1 HC:** Dario L

**S1 Winner:** Edward C

**S1:** Fei Yang Z

**S2 Winner:** Evanthea K

**S2 HC:** Leo F

These students impressed the judges with their natural and engaging speaking styles and their ability to think on their feet. Well done all!

**Bettina Croft**  
**Assistant Principal**



## School Vision Statement

At Kensington Public School our core values are **Knowledge, Honour and Community**, which underpin our diverse programs. Students should be focussed on being **lifelong learners** in order to reach their potential by mastering and moving beyond the traditional basics by embracing the **'Super Skills' of critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication** to build for our community for today and tomorrow. **Outstanding individual achievement** is at the centre of what the school teaching and parent community desires for each and every one of its students. The school consistently achieves academic results which reflect **a partnership and involvement between the teachers, students and parents** towards academic success. In addition, focussing upon the broader values and attitudes of the **whole child** will support their successes.

The staff are currently reviewing the School Vision Statement. If you would like to see something inserted into the School Vision Statement, please email the school, where your contribution will be valued.

## Kindergarten Concert

### 'The Best Day of My Life-so far'

Don't forget, all costumes should be at school as they are being used for dress rehearsals.

In Week 7, on the day of your child's performance please make sure you drop them off at the Performing Arts room at 5pm. We will get them dressed in their costumes and they will be ready to perform at 5.30pm in the hall. We ask that all parents are seated in the hall by 5.30pm.

The show should run for 30-40 minutes.

**KA-** Tuesday 21 November, **KM-** Wednesday 22 November and **KP** - Thursday 23 November.

**Emma Fredman**  
**Performing Arts Teacher**

## Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following children who were nominated by their teachers and peers to receive the above award. These children consistently uphold the school values of Honour, Knowledge and Community.

### K-Two

**KA** Talia, **KM** Louisa, **KP** Xintong, **1C** Yunqing, **1E** Lulu, **1M** Elliot, **2/1B** Evangeline, **2A** Monique, **2C** Noa, **2P** Joshua





*K-Two Student of the Month*




Three- Six

**3P** Dylan, **3R** Arin, **4E** Gabriella, **4W** Grace, **5/4K** Venice, **6/5D** Nathan, **6/5O** Bronte, **6/5R** Ethan



*Three-Six Student of the Month*

## Focus of the Fortnight

KPS Focus of the Fortnight Term 4		
Week 5-6		Respect the privacy of others when using the toilets
Week 7-8		Only use corridors in learning times
Week 9-10		Behave in a safe sensible manner

## Value Keys

The following students have received their silver value key. They have worked hard for this achievement and could choose between honour, knowledge or community.

**Knowledge** **KP** Emily, **1E** Andrew, **2C** Flynn

**Honour** **KM** Nixon, **KP** Nicholas, **1C** Zahra, **2C** Noa, Ariel

**Community** **KM** Florence, Ruby, Hamish, Louisa, **KP** Vincent, **2C** Alec

## PSSA Sport

### Oztag

#### Friday 3rd November

Juniors won 7-0 against Double Bay B. Players of the Week: Oscar, Max and Harry.

Kensington Gold lost 3-4 against Double Bay A. Players of the Week: James K.

Kensington Green lost 0-7 against Rose Bay A. Players of the Week: Brad.

#### Friday 10th November

Juniors lost 2-5 against Coogee. Player of the Week: Liam.

Kensington Gold won 7-0 against Rose Bay B. Players of the Week: The Whole Team.

Kensington Green lost 2-3 against Bellevue Hill A. Player of the Week: Jai.

After 2 rain interrupted weeks it was great for the boys to get to play their first Oztag games since Term 1. The juniors had a great first game against Double Bay B, but unfortunately went down to a very good Coogee team the following week. Both senior teams showed improved performance last week. The Gold team bounced back from a narrow loss against Double Bay A to record a strong win against Rose Bay B. While the Green team may not have come away with the chocolates against Bellevue Hill A, they showed great grit and determination following the loss the week before to Rose Bay A.

Well done everyone!

**Ryan O'Connor**  
**Relieving Assistant Principal**

## LIBRARY NEWS

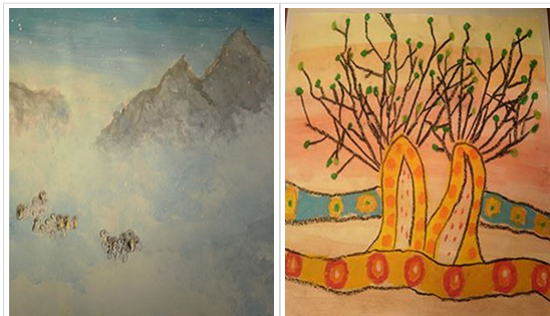
This week is the last week for borrowing for students in the library. Preparations are being made for a comprehensive stocktake of resources so students will only be able to borrow one book. Any students with overdue books will not be able to borrow.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**Grant Rimmer**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Ben Chifley Art Competition 2017

Two of our students have been awarded the second place prize for their stage. Congratulations to Jinny in Year 4 who won second place for Stage 2 and to Helen in Year 6 who won second place for Stage 3. Both students demonstrate a talent in drawing and painting.



*Drawings and Paintings by Helen and Jinny*

## Public Speaking

Congratulations to Evanthea and Leo for their success in the school's public speaking competition. Evanthea and Leo presented strong speeches to their classes and were selected to represent their class at the Stage 2 competition. Both Evanthea and Leo performed wonderfully at the stage speak-off. Evanthea was awarded the Stage 2 Champion and Leo received a Highly Commended award. Well done to all students who participated in the competition for their fantastic effort.

**Andrew Clifton**  
**Public Speaking Coordinator**



*Evanthea and Leo*

## Maths Olympiad



*Harrison, Maria, Lauren and Nathan whose Maths Olympiad results were in the top 10% throughout Australia.*

## White Ribbon Day

On Friday 24 November it is White Ribbon Day. This day was established to fight against domestic violence in Australia.

At Kensington Public School we will be supporting the day by wearing white socks and white ribbons.

This is to show that we say NO to domestic violence.

It is also a day where we talk about equality. This means everyone is to be treated equally.

Domestic violence means when you are fighting in your family and someone is getting hurt.

So let's make a difference next Friday. Let's say No to domestic violence and violence against women.

Let's make sure we speak out if we know someone is in danger.

Let's wear our white socks and white ribbons to show we care.

**Emma Fredman**

## 1C News

In 1C we have been learning about multiplication through repeated addition and arrays. We know that arrays are made up of columns and rows. We are learning to describe an array by saying how many groups there are or by writing a multiplication number sentence. We have used lots of different resources to help us learn about arrays including playdoh. We have also been practising skip counting by twos, fives and tens to help us find the total in each array. 1C are enjoying exploring numbers!

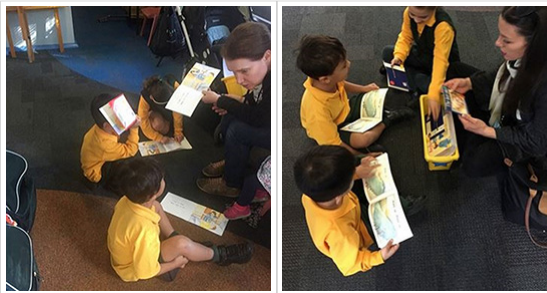




## KP Love Reading

In Kindergarten, students are learning to read simple texts. To support the development of this skill, the students in KP engage in guided reading sessions four times each week. During guided reading time, students work in a small group with their peers to read one familiar book and one new book. With the encouragement of Miss Pitt and our amazing parent volunteers, students are supported to develop the knowledge and skills required for reading. These skills include fluency, phrasing, decoding and comprehension.

The success of the KP guided reading program is in large part due to the contributions made by our incredible parent volunteers. We know that your time is valuable, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for volunteering your time so generously each week. You have really made a difference to the educational experience of our students this year.



## Violin Ensemble



## Year Two Band Demonstration

Our Year Two students were able to experience many different instruments when Directions in Music came to our school. Students in Year Two are able to join band next year and have all taken information home. If you are interested in the band for next year- please go to the Directions in Music website.



## Earn & Learn

Huge thanks to the many families who bought in stickers for the 2017 Earn & Learn collection. Our goal was 8000 stickers but due to everyone's fantastic contribution our final total was over 13,000! With our stickers we have ordered a range of literacy and math resources, as well as some games and sports equipment.

Thank you again to everyone who participated!

**Emma Bonouvrie**

## Mobile Muster

Members of the Year Six Leadership Group have been working hard to publicise a Mobile Muster that the school is participating in. Please open the attachments to see the attachments that these creative students have designed. If you have any old mobile phones and/or chargers, please bring them in to the dedicated box in the library.

**Grant Rimmer**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Suttons Subaru Rosebery

As a platinum sponsor of our school, Suttons Subaru Rosebery would like to offer parents a good deal when they want to purchase a car.

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## P&C News Week 6

Contact: Kensopando@gmail.com

### NEXT P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm in the Library. We hope to see you there.

### MUFTI DAY

The next mufti day will be Monday 4th December. No theme this time, but students must still wear their KPS hats.

### SUGGESTION BOX

Don't forget about the suggestion box in the school office for all your fundraising ideas.

## Request for Christmas Decorations

"My name is Clementine and I use to go to Kensington School and am very proud to have been a Kensington School girl.

Everybody knows that looking after our feelings is just as important as looking after our general health. Because with feelings you can't see them and you need to talk about them.

We all have different feelings every day they come and go, you can feel excited, silly, grumpy, angry, nervous, confused, lonely, happy or confident. These are some of the feelings we have every day.

What can we do when feelings are bothering us? We can talk to someone, write it down, read a book, sing in the shower, sit down and play our favourite game, draw, play sport, or we can count until we feel more relaxed.

Some people can have sad feelings and they don't go away. Sad feelings can stop us getting on with our lives. They can change how well we feel, how we behave, how we see the world and how we get on with other people.

I work in a place with grown-ups whose sad feelings have stayed around for too long and they have got too big for them to manage on their own. Mark is a 50 year old man who has sad feelings every day and he is not able to look after himself. He doesn't know when he should have a shower; wash his clothes or how to eat healthily. He needs carers to make him feel important and loved and to support him. Where I work some of the grown-ups will be staying in the place where I work over Christmas so that doctors and nurses can help them to start to feel stronger again. I want to make sure that these people are able to have a very special Christmas like you and I this year and that's why I have come here today, because I need your help.

I need Christmas decorations to be able to decorate the houses where these grown-ups are living.

Please could you all ask your Mums, Dads or Carers if they have any Christmas decorations which I could use to decorate these houses? There is a box for them to go in in the library. Even if you could find some tinsel or balls or other little decorations this would be very much appreciated."

**Many thanks,  
Clem**

## Update on the Mango Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who ordered and helped us sell juicy Kensington Pride mangoes over the last few weeks. We appreciate your generosity very much. Last year, we sold 207 trays of mangoes. This year, we sold a whopping 292 trays which translate to over \$1800 raised for KPS to spend on resources for our kids. Special mention goes to the following KPS students and their wonderful parents for their super selling efforts:

MANGO ORDERS	CLASS	No. BOXES SOLD
DEAN	6/50	44
KERRIE ROSS		34
BRANDON	6/50	25
CHLOE	2C	19
LAUREN	2/1B	12
JO	4E	11
AMALIA	3R	6
SOPHIE	3P	5
ROHAN	1E	4
LARA	6/50	4
ELLIS	5/4K	4
BRONTE	6/50	3
JESSE	KP	3
LEANN	6/50	3
ABIGAIL	3P	3

We have ordered the mangoes. We asked for delivery to be on Monday 11 December (AM) so mangoes collection can commence from 3pm that day. We will advise everyone of final pickup details (including any changes) closer to the delivery date.

Kind Regards,

**Binh Johnsun & Helen Mourkas  
Parent Volunteers (aka the 2017 Mango Ladies!)**

## Entertainment Book Sales

Thank you to the Donohoe Family, who adopted Kensington Public School to benefit from any sales they made from the Sydney Entertainment Book. This year they managed to sell 31 books, raising a total of \$432 for the school. This brings their total sales since they first adopted KPS in 2013 to \$2790.

## Online Uniform Shop Orders

The Kensington Public School Uniform Shop uses an online ordering system for uniform shop items. An online catalogue has been established with Flexischools.

There are no changes to the current uniform shop opening hours. You are still able to visit the volunteers in the uniform shop on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 9am.

Please see 'Frequently Asked Questions' at the link below for more information.

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

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