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Kensington Catch Up

1 November 2017

Principal's Report

Week Four

What a busy and fun-filled last two weeks it has been!

We had quite a number of parents in the audience for Mrs Carroll's farewell assembly so thank you for making that afternoon special for a highly respected teacher. Mrs Carroll has written some lovely words about her memories which you can read later in the Newsletter.

The school hosted the Spring Soiree where the audience listened to many wonderful performances from students across the school. These students have spent many hours rehearsing their work. Congratulations to all those budding musicians!

A wonderful evening was had by all last Wednesday at The Ritz Cinema. Congratulations again to everyone involved in the Film by the Sea Premiere. Please enjoy the photos below from the Red Carpet and look at the movies if you have not seen them before.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3r6DUJi6TU

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBITBDZG7BQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fmmhEyqFMPI>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dd639gwsBmc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjY84tT5Zno>

Recently we held our two **Kindergarten Orientation** sessions for kindergarten students starting in 2018. Thank you to our wonderful **Uniform Shop volunteers** –Rachael Dizon, Yoshie Kondo, Lara Fortmann, Jude Swain, Mandy Cheuk, Helen Zamagias, Jane Nguyen, Jasmin Backhouse, Rachel Charleston (new volunteer) and Emma Lim for their hard work and time to ensure that our new students have their uniforms for the start of school.

Congratulations to our wonderful P&C and parent community for organising another amazing Halloween Disco event. This evening required lots of organisation, setting up and packing up and the school community are really appreciative of the efforts of all involved. It was so very popular - there was lots of dancing, scary outfits and 9D cinema viewing.

Thank you to the parent community for another amazing year of fundraising. Through your hard work and generosity, the school has been able to purchase two 3D printers and filament, coding and robotic kits for K-Six, \$3000 worth of new Home Reading Books for K-Two and filmmaking equipment to further enhance our Digital Literacy programs K-Six. See photos below.



Robotics and 3D Printer

Please remember to return your termly invoice payments and signed permission forms as soon as possible. We hope that this system has streamlined the paperwork and account keeping for you.

As we start to make preparations for 2018 we ask that you please return the "Intentions for 2018" letter that was sent home last week as soon as possible.

Please find below another copy of the letter.

Remember if you are taking leave of more than ten school days during the school term the Department of Education requires all families to fill out appropriate paperwork. It is available from the school office or can be downloaded [here](#).

Class formation in 2018

Enrolments cannot be settled until the beginning of the school year and this affects the makeup of classes. Many parents make requests to place their child in their new class with a particular group of friends. We ask that all requests be placed in writing marked confidential to 'The Principal'. Please do not request a specific teacher. However, highlighting the preferred learning style of your child, from your perspective, does assist.

Our class placement policy is available below. However, whilst we try very hard to meet most requests, in what is a very complex process, not all requests can be fully met.

Thank you to those parents and members of the school community that completed the recent ***Tell Them From Me Survey***. In Professional Learning Meetings that will be conducted before the end of the year, teachers will be able use the information and feedback provided to plan for 2018 and beyond.

Thank you to those students and members of the school community who have contributed to our Christmas Decoration drive. You would have read in the last newsletter that a former student, Clem, would like any unwanted Christmas decorations so she can decorate houses for disadvantaged adults. You can still contribute by placing these decorations in the labelled box located in the library.

Please have a look at the new link below and the information provided by ***Schoolzine***. As part of their online newsletter they also have an App that will help us further enhance our school home communication. This term we will be sending out push notifications through Skoolbag and Schoolzine.

Just like Skoolbag, SZapp is a great way to keep up to date with all of our latest news and information. Using SZapp will give you easy access to information such as:

- Newsletters on the go
- Latest News & Reminders
- Calendar
- Forms and Documents
- Event Bookings
- Absentee and Contact Forms

<https://kensingtonps.schoolzineplus.com/szapp>

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction to certain foods such as nuts, shellfish or insect bites which can be life threatening. You must inform the school if your child has any known allergies. This is most important if an Epipen® has been prescribed, in which case a health plan needs to be drawn up in consultation with medical practitioners.

A number of children within the school are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction triggered by nuts. To ensure the safety of these students, we request that nuts or products containing nuts are not brought to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Grant Rimmer
Relieving 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.

Remembrance Day Service

Our Remembrance Day Service to commemorate and remember those who have died or suffered in all wars, will be held on Friday 10 November at 11.30am. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us for the service.



After the service, student leaders will lay wreaths at Kokoda Park, Kensington. If you would like to donate a wreath for the service, please bring the flowers to the library on the day of the service.

China Day Concert

On Tuesday 14 November, our school's annual China Day event will be held. As an important part of our Confucius Classroom program, all classes will be participating in interactive activities during China Day to learn about Chinese culture.



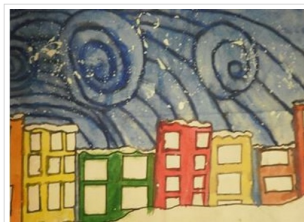
To open China Day, we would like to invite parents, caregivers, friends and community members to join us for a special concert from 9.10 am – 10.15 am under the COLA. Students will be performing traditional Chinese songs and dances along with guest musicians and performances.

Mrs Rana Straker
Relieving Assistant Principal

Ben Chifley Art Competition

Congratulations to Elise, Helen, Miguel, Keanu, (Year Six), Jinny, Zara S (Year Four) as well as Eden, Alice and Bodhi (Year 3) who will be entering the Ben Chifley Art Competition held at Chifley Public School. The aim of the competition is to recognise the artistic talents of student in the Botany area. Each of these students created original art works in class using various materials. The theme for the competition was, "Escape to Everywhere".

Cathy Espinosa
Visual Art coordinator



ICAS Mathematics Results

The mathematics competition results were received last week. Congratulations to students who received High Distinctions, Distinctions, Credits and Merits. Participation certificates were handed out in classrooms.

Year Six

Distinctions: Tengjun and Lauren
Credit: Angelina T
Merit: Elise

Year Five

High Distinction: Dean
Distinctions: Macauley, Manas, Kai, Helen, Zaydan, Leann
Credits: Danny, William, Lara, Alicia, Lachlan, Curtis, Chelsey, Charlie, Madeleine
Merits: Ebrel, David

Year Four

High Distinction: Alina, Linton
Distinctions: Zara A, Jolie, Joshua, Chloe
Credits: Ellie, James, Leo, Dishita, Frank, Kevin, Hugh, Anirudh, Ethan, Jayden
Merit: Andrea

Year Three

Distinctions: Siobhan, Audrey, Petris, Rita, Oliver, Hanson, Jessica
Credits: Jordan, Minh, Soham, Abigail, Alex, Elise, Rafael, Zara, Eva, Nicholas, Vika, Shafquat,
Merit: Elizabeth,

Year Two

High Distinctions: Edward, Ally
Distinctions: Alexander, Nandana, Maddie, Kay, Obren, Chloe
Credits: Hayley, Elliot, Linh, Connor, Isaac, Carina,

Tahlia, Lisa

Merits: Amelie, Joshua, Hana

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and caregivers for making sure that all students who participated in the UNSW ICAS tests were at school on time each morning.

Cathy Espinosa

ICAS Coordinator 2017

Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' Presentation Survey

To express an interest in a presentation by representatives from Randwick Boys' High School and Randwick Girls' High School regarding enrolment, please complete the survey below. The presentation will be held in Term One 2018

Kindergarten Concert

'The Best Day of My Life-so far'

This Term the Kindergarten children will be performing a special concert for their friends and parents. Each class will perform on their own in the hall.

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

The concert will commence at 5.30pm and all children will be required at school (Performing Arts Room) at 5pm.

The concert will be 30-40 minutes long.

All children will need to bring in a plain white t-shirt and a dressing gown (any colour). **Girls only need to also bring black leggings.**

Please bring in these items named and give to your class teacher. All other costumes will be provided.

Look forward to seeing you all for our very special concerts.

No tickets required. We will be asking for a can of food to donate to Oz Harvest on the nights.

Any enquires please see Ms Emma Fredman (Performing Arts Teacher)

Selective High School Placement in 2019

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2019 opened on **10 October 2017** and close on **13 November 2017** at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The Selective High School Placement Test is on **15 March 2018**.

Below is the 'Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2019'. Printed copies are being sent to primary schools and selective high schools in limited numbers.

Focus of the Fortnight

KPS Focus of the Fortnight

Term 4

Week 1/
2



Be at the right place at the right time

Week 3/
4



Follow teacher instructions

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 **KA** Ivy, Dario **KM** Harry, Isabella, Jacob, Avia, Ivy L., Grace **KP** Chelsea **1C** Aidan, Fatimah **2/1B** Amos, Inez, Ryan, Nandana **2A** Finn **2P** Navleen **3R** Eva **4E** Zara Z. **4W** Leanne **5/4K** Ryan, Tia **6/5O** Lara, Edeline

Honour **KA** Tahani, Darcey, Sonny, Talia **KM** Nicholas, Jazz, Gabriel **KP** Callum **1C** Everett, Eamon-Star **1E** Lulu **2/1B** Chloe T. **2A** Doreen **2P** Colbie **3R** Amalia **5/4K** Anirudh, Ellis

Community **KA** Anton, Maelle, Timothy, Matteo **KM** Ellie, Maisara, Leon, Florence **KP** Carlson, Sean **1C** Surin **1M** Luciana, Amelia **2/1B** Evangeline, Lara **2A** Mishaal **2C** Tahlia, Chloe W. **2P** Francesco **3P** Zara **4E** Lauren **6/5O** Edeline, Angelina, Lauren

Year One La Perouse Excursion

Year One students went on an excursion to Kamay Botany Bay National Park earlier this term. The students were welcomed to country by one of our guides, Tim Ella, before tasting some native fruit jams on delicious pancakes. Tim showed the children some traditional tools and weapons and described how they were used in the past. The students then set off into the bush, stopping to learn about some of the plants and animals that live in Sydney's coastal bushland.

The excursion ended with lunch on beautiful Congwong Beach.

The Year One teachers would like to thank the wonderful parent volunteers who accompanied the students on this excursion.

One parent volunteer even braved the waters of Botany Bay to rescue a Kensington Public School hat!



KPS Walkathon Prizes 2017

Please return your Walkathon money by Friday November 3 to be eligible to win one of these amazing prizes.

All money raised goes directly to supporting increased technology at Kensington Public School.

Year Six Vision Testing

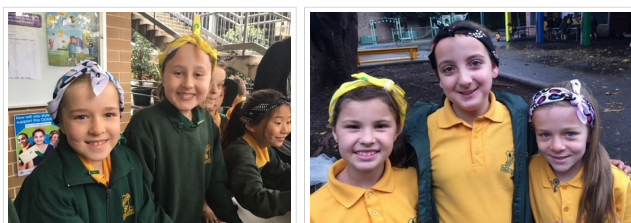
On Thursday 26 October Year Six students visited the Vision Education Centre at the University of New South Wales.

The Vision Education Centre has been running at the UNSW Optometry Clinic for over 25 years and was established to offer a science excursion and health service to Primary School children. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to receive a comprehensive vision screening with an evaluation of their clarity of vision, focusing, eye tracking, eye health and colour vision.

It is important to have children's eyes examined regularly from an early age. Healthy eyes and vision are a critical part of their development as many vision problems and eye diseases can be detected and treated early. The visit emphasised the important role that eyes play in our lives and why we need to seek regular eye care.

Bandanna Day at KPS

Last Friday the SRC sold bandannas on behalf of CanTeen, which raises funds to support young people living with cancer. We sent \$1060 to CanTeen.



Teacher Switcheroo

The Great Teacher Switcheroo!

Want to see what it's like to have a teacher with a different teaching style? You now can with **The Great Teacher Switcheroo**. The Great Teacher Switcheroo is an event where an **infants teacher** swaps with a **primary teacher** for a lesson, session or day and teaches that class.

When:

Drawing names.....Monday 30th October
Switcheroo.....End of Term 4

Proudly brought to you by the Student Leadership Team

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

Contact: Kensopandc@gmail.com

UPDATE FROM THE HALLOWEEN DISCO

We hope you all had a fantastic time at the Halloween Disco. So much planning and organisation happens behind the scenes for just two small hours of fun, but it's worth it to see the children having such a great time.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped in the run up to the event and on the night, we couldn't have done it without you. A special 'thank you' goes to parents; Graeme Petrie our awesome DJ and Cecilia Persson and Louise Zaverdinos

our fantastic decorators. We also want to thank Ray White, Kingsford for sponsoring the 9D cinema and 7-Eleven, Kensington North for their vouchers.

Thank you also to all the children and parents who made such a great effort to dress up; there were some truly gruesome costumes!

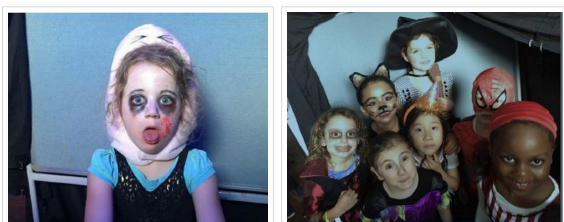
We still have a few expenses to account for, but it looks as though we made around \$4,000. At the next P&C meeting we'll be asking Ms Stone how that money can best be spent on the children.

NEXT P&C MEETING

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

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

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 following link for more information.

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

Community News

Nea 5/4K participated in the Aussie Skates competition held in Liverpool earlier this month. She came first in her division.

Here is a video of Nea's performance.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GBAMyPrIEI>

Message from Mrs Carroll

Dear Parents and Students,

Words can never convey my gratitude adequately. My farewell on Friday night surpassed all expectations! There was so much joy in the room. It just hit you, when you stepped out of the elevator. So many commented on it. Lots of reunions with past parents and present and past staff. I thank Julie Parsons and her incredible team for all they did, above and beyond the call of duty. The messages, on my card, touched me deeply. Julie Parsons and Grant Rimmer gave very moving speeches and there were some incredibly kind thoughts from Maurice Johnston. My monetary gifts were extravagantly generous and will be put to good use in the future. Your kindness and generosity knows no bounds!

If I felt it was impossible to replicate such a stupendous occasion, then I was wrong, very wrong indeed!

On Monday, October 23rd, my heart was touched to its very depth, as I saw a sea of faces waiting to greet me. I was certainly given a "Rock Star" welcome. A thousand memories, from my time at KPS, flooded my being. Maddy, Georgia and Jesse did a superb job in their roles, of which, they were worthy

of being chosen. Tracey Chung on behalf of the P and C gave a heart-warming speech. I appreciate Ms Stone acknowledging me and providing the venue. All the speeches honoured me and made me feel humble and grateful beyond all imagining!

One of my favourite songs was chosen, sung by the combined choirs. It was; "Goodbye, Farewell "from Sound of Music. My tears flowed and the captain had to get me some tissues! I was overwhelmed when a multitude of children surrounded me and hugged me, after the assembly and were expressing what their personal, happiest memory was, in their own words. Some cried and all wanted a hug. My car was packed with flowers, plants, gifts galore and beautiful letters, written by parents and children. I am happily wading through it all! A treasured item, for years to come, is my coffee -table book with photos and messages from the children. My "Service to Students" medal, from the Department of Education, sits on the shelf, in pride of place. How blessed I feel and so happy to have lived to see this tremendous outpouring of love. My flowers and plant are surviving in spite of me! A class set of books has been donated to the library, as encouraging children to read, means the world to me. I thank all, who included this fact, so richly, in their speeches. It was and is my passion for every child to succeed and feel worthy.

I stepped through that KPS gate, 25 years ago and I am so glad I did. What an amazing, memorable journey!

With my heart full of love and my soul truly replenished and wonderful memories flooding my brain, I say:

"So long, Farewell
Adieu, Adieu, Adieu
To you and you and you!

From, Mary Carroll, a grateful teacher!

Year Six Fundraiser - BBQ at 'MITRE 10'

Year Six will be hosting another **BBQ** on **SATURDAY, 11 November at 'Mitre 10' - 81 Beauchamp Road, Matraville.**

Please drop by to help support KPS Year Six fundraising - proceeds will go towards a gift to the school. We'll be there from 8:30am to 1pm. Delicious 'sausage on a roll' & 'bacon & egg roll' or for the keen, 'the lot'! Cupcakes are also available. Look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You!

Year Six Fundraising Committee