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## Kensington Catch Up

13 December 2017

### Principal's Report

#### Week Ten

**Congratulations** everyone on a wonderful year, the staff again would like to thank the community for all their support and wish you all a safe and prosperous festive season and New Year.

I hope you enjoyed **Presentation Day**. It was a wonderful celebration of our students' achievements.

**Thank you** to all the services and extra curricula providers that have enhanced the programs at Kensington Public School in 2017. We look forward to seeing you again in 2018. Please remember if you have enquires about 2018 enrolments please ring them directly.

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Please remember to use the links below to organise your **stationery** and **textbooks** for 2018. If you have any questions please call the school office.

#### Stationery Pack

<http://www.kookaburra.com.au/login>

Enter User Name: **KENSIO04** (The first 5 characters are letters and the last 3 characters are numbers) and password: studentpack (lowercase)

#### Textbook

<http://www.ljharper.com.au/>

The Booklist ID for this School is: **KPS2018**

If you have a new **kindergarten** child in **2018** or have a friend or neighbour starting **please** remind them to register now for Best Start with the personal email information they have previously received. This will enable us to finalise the organisation as soon as possible.

#### Goodbye, farewell and good luck

It is at this point I want to say goodbye and good luck to those staff that are moving on this year. We wish Miss Ambour, Mrs Blanch, Mr Clifton, Ms Flynn, Ms Van Cuylenburg, Ms Preece and Mrs Holly Bray all the very best in their various adventures next year, some are travelling, some taking up new positions and Mrs Bray is having a baby. Good luck, all the best and thank you for everything you have done for our school this year.

We want to make special mention of Mr Rimmer and the dedicated service he has given to the community of Kensington PS for nearly 15 years. Thank you Mr Rimmer for everything you have done for our students, community and the wider PSSA community. We wish you and your family all the very best in your new home and new school as you take the next step in your career.

## Save the Date

Years One-Six return on Tuesday 30 January 2018

Kindergarten Best Start -various dates and times as per emails received

Kindergarten First Day of School on Friday 2 February 2018

Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 21 February 2018

Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 20 February 2018

On behalf of the staff we wish all those families leaving us all the very best into the future and congratulations Year Six, we wish you all the best. It is such an exciting time as you head into senior school, always remember and cherish the time you had at Kensington and we look forward to the visits next year and into the future.

The school will be a hive of activity in the holidays. We have had a number of jobs approved by the department so we look forward to welcoming you back to many new resources, some fresh paint and various other jobs that will be completed.

Enjoy your break as I always say in the holidays "Keep Reading".

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

## Farewell from Mr Rimmer

As you may know by now, I am moving to a new school next year which is a little bit closer to home. As I have said to a few people - if I could move the school another 40km west, I would! I have been truly lucky to have worked at Kensington Public School for 15 years. It is a truly wonderful school and it has been a privilege to work here. I have done some very basic calculations and I believe there are about 1000 students that I have taught in my time at KPS. What a great thing for me to say and know that I have impacted those children in that time (hopefully positively!)

I have taken on roles within the school that I have taken pride in. One of these was being the Technology Coordinator where we installed Smartboards, laptops, software programs (among others) to be used in our everyday teaching programs. Many of the hardware has been set up as a result of contributions from the very supportive P & C. Another facet of the school that gave me enormous pleasure was leading the schools' and the zone's PSSA program where I was President for seven years. I have coached many sports teams in my time here, including cricket, soccer, rugby league, ozttag and AFL. Students showed great sportsmanship and it was never always about winning. There was one year, however, in 2014 where a very talented group of boys managed to win both the ozttag and AFL competitions in the same year - a fantastic achievement that may not be

repeated for a while! I was given the opportunity to coach regional cricket teams that represented at state carnivals. I travelled to places like Lismore, Dubbo and Orange to coach teams and experience a different side of teaching. This is just another great advertisement for the public education system.

I mentioned briefly above about the P & C. Over the years, there has been quite a few different committees but one common denominator has been the unwavering support for the schools' vision and direction. The resources that have been able to be purchased through contributions cannot go unmentioned. I know our parent bodies over the years have worked extremely hard to organise many school events - from election day barbeques, trivia nights, Halloween discos ... the list goes on. I do encourage parents to consider how you can help next year as all students benefit as a result. Speaking of parents, it brings a smile to my face to see many parent helpers reading with students as I walk along different corridors in the morning. It is such a supportive parent community and that is something that I will miss. I have had many well-wishes in the last week and that really means so much to me. It is very humbling.

There have been four Principals in my time at KPS and each one has encouraged me to be the best educator I can be. I am thankful for the opportunities they have given me and the trust that was imparted on me as I led different teams and programs. I am hoping to take a bit of each leadership style into my new school in my role as Assistant Principal.

I have been very fortunate to work with a highly dedicated, committed staff who have the best interests of their students as their one and only priority. I see them come into work on weekends, in the holidays and carry home trays full of work and marking as they leave. It is through this dedication that has helped our school become one of the leading educational institutions in the region when it comes to results.

Lastly, to the students. You have made my time here so memorable and enjoyable. Not a day goes past where I am not greeted by a friendly hello or a smile and that makes it all worth it. The amount of care and happiness that is shown towards each other is undoubtedly the standout feature of KPS. There is always an arm around a shoulder when a friend needs comforting and applause in events like assemblies when someone is rewarded. I received a lovely farewell card from the students at Monday's assembly and I will treasure your words for a long time. I took great joy in seeing past students return to school and tell me of their successes in high school (and beyond!). Even last week, a Year Nine high school student came in and spoke about how we introduced discus a few years ago at the primary athletics carnival and, through encouragement by teachers and his own persistence, he kept it up and now is a state champion. For me, that is what it is all about.

Thank you all and best wishes for 2018.

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

## Pick Up Zone Reminders

Our Pick Up Zone has been designed to make it easier and safer for our community to collect children. In order for it to remain successful, we remind all families to recognise the following:

1. You may remain in the standing zone for up to 2 minutes.
2. You must remain inside your vehicle at all times.
3. Reversing your car in a school zone is unsafe and illegal.
4. Stopping in the No Stopping Zone at the corner of Doncaster Avenue and Todman Avenue is illegal and impedes traffic turning the corner. This also results in the crossing being blocked, preventing our students from crossing safely. Please only join the queue if there is space **before the No Stopping Zone**, otherwise complete another circuit and join the end when there is room to do so.
5. Please cross only at the designated crossings. NEVER attempt to cross in front of cars in the Pick Up Zone.
6. Staff priority is student safety. Please cooperate and follow all staff requests AT ALL TIMES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN.

We are working with Randwick Council to ensure the cooperation of all community members. Fines may be issued for failing to comply.

## 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.

### Years K-Two

**KA** Ivy **KM** Harry **KP** Carlson **1C** Aiden **1E** Alyssa **1M** Tanner **2/1B** Cara **2A** Obi **2C** Ariel **2P** Lisa



### Years Three- Six

**3P** Samara **3R** Leo **4E** Stanley **4W** Leo **5/4K** Georgia **6/5D** Lucas **6/50** Nathan **6/5R** Jason



## Congratulations to our Walkathon Fundraising Champions for 2017

**Kindergarten** – Jazz and Gabriella

**Year One** – Parsa

**Year Two** – Noa

**Year Three** – Alice

**Year Four** – Carolyn

**Year Five** – Lara

**Year Six** – Ryan

We would also like to acknowledge the following students that raised over \$150 for our school:

**Kindergarten** – Dario and Sean

**Year One** – Andrew, Harper, Lauren F and Lauren L

**Year Two** – Alec, Inez and Hayley

**Year Three** – Oscar L and Riley




**Year Four** – Ellie, Jo and Stirling

The generous donations of all KPS students and their families totalled over \$13,000 this year. This money is being spent on increasing technology and playground equipment for our students. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to our next Walkathon in 2018.

**Lauren Pitt**

**Walkathon Coordinator**

## Focus of the Fortnight

| KPS Focus of the Fortnight<br>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

**KA** Arjun, **KM** Tejas, **KP** Aidan, Patrick, **1C** Jhen, Ethan, **1E** Sophia, Jett, **1M** Joe, Carys, **2/1B** Cara, Kai **2C** Fred, Leon, **2P** Hana, Reina, Max, **3P** Dylan, Jayna, Tom, Zen, Cormac, Louis, Dinny, Hanson **3R** Rita, Jacob, Rafael, **4E** Jo, Samara, Alina, Shae, **4W** Riley, Ben, Stanley, **5/4K** Punorn, Lampros, **6/5D** Helen, Eleni, Zaydan, Georgia

### Honour

**KA** Kingston, Trishaant, Matteo, Eric, **1C** Mariam, **2/1B** Linh, **2C** Maddie, William, Jesse, Michael, **2P** Juce, Spike, Kiani, Samara, Joshua, **3P** Shafquat, **3R** Leah, **4E** Riley, Alina, **4W** Peter, Alayna, **5/4K** Ellie, Jaylei, Isabella, Nea, Charlie

### Community

**KA** Lachlan, Sofia, Aranya, Dario, Giselle, Talia, **KP** Hiroki, **1C** Everett, Marco, Lucas, Eamon-Star, **1E** Alyssa, Jamie, **1M** Elliot, **2/1B** Amelie, Alex E., Greg, George **2P** Indiana, Asher M, Lisa, Ally, Asher B **3P** Tahlia, Xavier, Dinny, **3R** Arin, **4E** Niamh, Andrea, Zara S., Samara, Gabriella, Jhett, Liam, Hugh, **4W** Sienna, Grace, Emma, **5/4K** Elena, Nhu, Chloe, Tia, Lochlan, **6/5D** Zara, Madeleine, Macauley, Claudia, Lara, Nathan, Ivan

## PSSA OzTag

Congratulations all members of the KPS Senior and Junior OzTag teams. It was a pleasure coaching you and seeing your skills develop over the year. Well done to the Juniors, who finished 3rd overall in their competition.

The winners of the Best and Fairest awards were as follows:

**Juniors:** Shae

**Seniors:** Jesse

## 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' below for more information.

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

## Community News

Congratulations to Andrea in Year 4 who participated in the Schoolboys and Schoolgirls junior tennis Tournament last week. Andrea was runner up in the Year 4 singles consolation final and runner up in year 4 doubles final. Well done Andrea!



Last week Jayden and Liam made the quarterfinals in the boys' primary interschool team event at Pennant Hills and Jayden and Jamee had a fun time playing the mixed comp as brother and sister but lost in the 1st round.



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