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Kensington Catch Up

6 March 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome to Week Six at Kensington Public School.

Congratulations to all those who participated in our Swimming Carnival. The winning House was Kurpinta and a special thank you to Mrs Davis and Mr England for all their hard work in organising the running of the day. Congratulations to all those who represented KPS today at the Zone Carnival.

Student, Teacher, Parent Interviews, please use the link below to register. Please refer to the additional information below for procedures and room locations.

Parent Booking Guide:

<https://kensingtonps.schoolzineplus.com/sk-booking-guide>

<https://kensingtonps.schoolzineplus.com/view-session/3>

Next Monday we welcome 18 students from China as part of an **English Immersion Program**. They will be part of all our classroom programs and will be in Stage 3 classrooms.

KPS Office hours are from 8.30am -3.15pm. We encourage new enrolment paperwork to be submitted between 9.30 and 2.30pm as before and after these times the office is extra busy. If you need to contact the office out of these times, please send an email to kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or send a notification through your Schoolzine SZapp.

Have a great week everyone.

Ms Louise Stone
Principal

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	¾ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!

Don't forget student attendance at school has a huge impact on learning.

SRC News

Thank you everyone who supported our Australian Red Cross Fundraiser. The Community raised \$540.00 for 'Help Aussie Farmers Appeal' and 'Humans of the Flood Appeal'.

Information for Teacher/Parent/ Student Meetings being held on Tuesday 19 March 1.45pm-3.00pm

If you have booked an interview on Tuesday March 19 between 1.45pm and 3.00pm please note the following:

Interviews will take place in your child's classroom, with the following exceptions:

- 1M-Ms McGrath in Mrs Wilson's office (main corridor)
- 1V-Ms van Cuylenburg in the Mandarin Room
- 2/1C-Ms Cobb in Ms Lindwall's office (upstairs Block 5)
- 6/5T-Mrs Tovey in Mrs Tovey's office (next to the hall)

Please arrive with enough time to visit the school office, collect your child from their holding class and make your way to your interview location.

If you wish to take your child home early after your appointment, please see your child's holding class teacher and sign out on their roll. You do not need to sign out at the office.

Kind Regards

Bettina Wilson (Croft)

Family Photo Day

After parent requests last year, we have organised a **Family Photo Shoot Day** on NSW State Election Day, Saturday 23 March, as many of you will be coming to school to vote anyway. Minimum numbers will apply so please book now.

AGM News

Our School Council and P&C Committees are due for re-election and we are seeking nominations. Please see the nomination forms below. Nomination Forms should be delivered in a sealed envelope to the office by 3pm, Friday, 22 March 2019.

Position descriptions are available to be picked up at the school office or available on the P&C Federation website.

P&C News

Please register below for our State Election BBQ Fundraiser and Cake Stall.

<https://kensingtonps.schoolzineplus.com/survey/20>

Mark in your Diary -

State Election BBQ – Saturday 23 March

Crazy Hair Day - SRC Fundraiser - Thursday 4 April

Important News Regarding Communication Changes

From Term Two, **TERM INVOICES** and **TERM OVERVIEWS** will ONLY be available via our school newsletter. Paper copies will no longer be sent home with students.

Parents/guardians will need to click on the link for their child's grade to access this important information.

Please contact your child's teacher or the front office if you require assistance.

Student Wellbeing

Student Wellbeing Parent Handbook

The Student Wellbeing Parent Handbook was sent to parents via our Schoolzine app. It contains important information related to school routines and behaviour expectations. If you have any questions please have a chat with your class teacher for clarification.

The Resilience Project Parent Information Session

KPS is proud to have partnered with The Resilience Project, a whole-school program which aims to develop students' resilience through gratitude, empathy, mindfulness and emotional literacy. We will commence implementation from Term Two onwards.

To find out more, please come along to our Parent Information Session, which will be held on Monday April 8 (Week 11) from 7.00-8.30pm in our hall.

Focus of the Fortnight



KPS FOCUS OF THE FORTNIGHT

We show Honour, Knowledge and Community by making positive choices. Each fortnight we focus on a different expectation.

TERM ONE	
Weeks 1, 2 and 3	In all settings, we wear correct uniform
Weeks 4 and 5	On the playground, we wear a hat or sit in the shade
Weeks 6 and 7	In all settings, we stay in the right place at the right time
Weeks 8 and 9	On the playground, we solve problems together or with a teacher
Weeks 10 and 11	In all settings, we follow teacher instructions

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 (as part of their lease) 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. From Monday 12 February there will be a new bell at 3.10pm as a reminder for parents and students to vacate the school grounds or as a reminder for a student that has not been picked up to go to the waiting gate, ensuring their safe supervision.

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 3.15pm 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.

Car Pick-up Procedures

Our Pick-Up Zone has been designed to make it easier and safer for our community to collect children. 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.

GATE REMINDERS

Gate 1 Doncaster Avenue (nearest the canteen)

This gate is open from 3pm and is only for students accessing the Car pick Up Zone. To ensure the safety of our students, adult pedestrians are asked NOT to use this gate until after 3.15pm

Gate 2 Doncaster Avenue (nearest the basketball court)

This gate is open from 6am to allow access to KPSOOSH, before school activities and the administration office. At 3pm this gate is locked to avoid congestion on Doncaster Avenue.

Gate 3 Bowral Street and Gate 4 Todman Avenue

Both gates are open from 8am to allow pedestrian access for school drop off. These gates are locked at 9.15am. Volunteers exiting after this time should exit via Doncaster Gate 2. Both gates are open from 2.45pm to allow pedestrian access for school pick up.

KPS Student Leadership 2019

On Monday 25 February, Kensington Public School's House Captains, Environment Leaders, Performing Arts Leaders and Student Representative Council were presented with their badges at a whole-school assembly.

Congratulations to the following students who form our first leadership team.

Performing Arts Leaders: Riley and Jonathan

Environment Leaders: Taliyah, Shae, Samara

SRC

2B Darcey and Sonny
2/1C Grace and Zara
2M Eleanor and Devan
3P Kathryn and Oscar
3R Charlie and Rania
4/3D Chloe and Ryan
4E Jesse and Leah
4K Abubakar and Indiana
5/4C Jacob and Jessica
6/5R Amalia and Oliver
6/5T Ellie and Hunter
6/5D Andrea and Diego

Ukulele Ensemble

Years 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to join the Senior Ukulele Ensemble. Come and learn to play the Ukulele!

When: Mondays 1.10-1.40

Where: Performing Arts room

No cost - Ukuleles are provided or bring your own
Limited positions available - see Mrs Parsons

Swimming Carnival 2019

Congratulations to all students for their fantastic efforts last Tuesday at our Swimming Carnival. We are having more 25m and 50m races every year as the swimming skills of students continue to improve. Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend and cheer on all children.

The zone team is competing today in the 50m pool at Des Renford Aquatic Centre and I'm extremely hopeful that some of our students will progress to the Regional carnival.

The winning house for the 2019 Swimming Carnival is KURPINTA. Congratulations!



PSSA Sport

PSSA Girls Cricket

Friday 22 February 2019

Kensington Snrs vs Rose Bay
Kensington Lost. 89 - 122

Kensington Jnrs vs Rose Bay
Kensington Lost. 88 - 168

The girls cricket season has already shown some amazing highlights for our girls to celebrate. Each week both teams have improved in both their batting and fielding skills and are beginning to communicate on the field. Our teams have been commended on their respect and good sportsmanship towards opposing teams and the umpire. Well done girls!

Friday 1 March 2019

Kensington Snr vs Clovelly B
Kensington Won. 161 - 43

Kensington Jnr vs Clovelly B
Kensington Won. 57 - 42

PSSA Boys Cricket

Friday 15 February

Junior Boys Cricket Team

Kensington V Double Bay - Draw

During our first match the boys showed great sportsmanship. The weather was very warm and all boys had their hats and water bottles to protect them from the sun.

PLAYER OF THE MATCH - Ned

Friday 15 February

Senior Boys Cricket Team

Kensington V Double Bay - Draw

The senior team had a friendly game against Double Bay. They worked well together as a team considering the weather conditions being quite warm.

PLAYER OF THE MATCH - Ethan

Friday 22 February

Junior Boys Cricket Team

Kensington V Randwick A

The boys had an exciting game and lost to Randwick A. The weather was very windy and the boys showed a great effort even though the conditions were trying.

PLAYER OF THE MATCH - Alex

Final score - Kensington 7/5 to Randwick A's 3/34

Friday 22 February

Senior Boys Cricket Team

Kensington V Randwick A

The senior team showed great team spirit as they played Randwick A's. They showed improvement in their bowling skills. The conditions were very windy.

PLAYER OF THE MATCH - Oscar

Final score - Kensington 12/10 to Randwick A's 4/47

PSSA Touch Football

Friday 15th February

Senior Boys Touch Football

Game 1: Kensington vs Clovelly A
Kensington Lost. Score: 2-0

Game 2: Kensington vs Bellevue Hill A
Kensington Won. Score: 2-0

Senior Girls Touch Football

Game 1: Bye

Game 2: Kensington vs Coogee
Kensington Lost. Score 3-0

Friday 22nd February

Senior Boys Touch Football

Game 1: Kensington vs Glenmore Road
Kensington Won. Score 2-1

Game 2: Kensington vs Paddington
Kensington Won. 4-0

Senior Girls Touch Football

Game 1: Kensington vs Paddington
Kensington Tied. Score 2-2

Game 2: Kensington vs Rose Bay
Kensington Lost. Score 2-1

Friday 1st March

Senior Boys Touch Football

Game 1: Bye

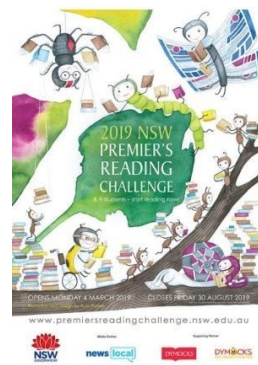
Game 2: Kensington vs Coogee
Kensington Tied. Score 2-2

Senior Girls Touch Football

Game 1: Kensington vs Bronte
Kensington Tied. Score 2-2

Game 2: Kensington vs Darlinghurst
Kensington Won. Score 2-1

Premier's Reading Challenge 2019



Kensington Public School students are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The challenge runs from Monday 4 March to Friday 30 August

2019. Details of the challenge are outlined below and are also available on the PRC website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Students in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will complete the Premier's Reading challenge in their classrooms and the titles will be recorded in their Reading Logs. Students in Years 3-6 will need to complete the challenge independently. They will be able to access the Reading Log through their portal using their school username and password.

To complete the challenge, students will need to read 20 books from the PRC list. The PRC books in the library can be easily identified as they carry a PRC sticker on the spine. Detailed list of the PRC books can be found on the PRC website.

Happy reading!

Zrinka Krivosic
Librarian

Operation Art

Operation Art is holding full day visual arts workshops at CRONULLA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) - Mon 8 April 2019

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) - Tue 9 April 2019

Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6) - Wed 10 April 2019



Presented by specialist teachers, workshops cover topic areas including painting, printing, drawing, mixed media and sculpture. Workshops are designed to extend skills and artmaking experiences beyond the classroom. All materials provided.

Places are limited - Bookings close Friday 29 March 2019
Parents book and pay online now!

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/operation-art/operation-art-student-workshops>

Cost: \$50.60 (incl GST) per student

For all workshop enquiries contact opart.artsunit@det.nsw.edu.au

Partners



Associate Sponsor

If anyone is interested in these workshops please see Ms Espinosa.

Stage Two 'Mad about Maps' Excursion

Year Three and Four visited Centennial Parklands on Monday 25 February as part of their 'The Earth's Environment' geography unit last week. The students participated in a range of mapping activities in the WILD PLAY Garden before creating their own 'mud maps' of the spaces they had explored. The excursion ended with a picnic lunch in the park.



Clean up Australia at KPS

On Friday 1 March, all students from Kindergarten to Year Six participated in the Clean Up Australia campaign. The campaign is in its 30th year and Clean Up Australia inspires and

empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment.

Clean Up Australia works nationally to empower communities, businesses, schools and youth groups to remove rubbish from our environment. The students made a tremendous effort and are to be congratulated for a job well done.



Community News

Carolyn Year 6 and Alec Year 4 have decided to help a children's charity and are doing this on their own (team Winks) - it is not part of any swim team.

They are taking on the Starlight Super Swim Challenge.

They have pledged to swim 30 km in 30 days to make a splash for sick kids in hospital. Starlight is the broadest reaching children's charity in Australia with a mission to brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their family.

They hope by doing what they love best will help to disrupt the relentless cycle of pain and stress experienced by children in a hospital, so those sick kids can simply be kids.

You can see their progress by clicking on the link.

<https://superswim.org.au/winks>

Well done Carolyn and Alec!

KPS ORGANIC VEGE BOX CO-OP

Our Organic Vege Box Co-op is up and running, please register if you would like to join this wonderful program.

Member families volunteer to divvy up bulk organic produce into weekly boxes making the organic produce up to 45% cheaper than retail. The divvy is planned to occur at 3pm Thursdays in front of the student's washrooms.

Your help volunteering to pack the boxes is welcomed. However, you can still be a member of the co-op if you can't help due to work commitments. Funds go towards maintaining our school's environmental programs. "My Organic School" is a full loop nutritional transformation program for your school.

Please register your interest by going to:

<http://www.myorganicschool.com/kensingtonpublicschool>

David Walsman

Founder: My Organic School

admin@myorganicschool.com

www.myorganicschool.com



**SIGNUP FOR:
KENSINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
ORGANIC VEGE BOX CO-OP.**

PACKING OF FRUIT & VEG BOXES 3PM THURSDAYS
IN FRONT OF WASHROOMS (NOT COMPULSORY)
PICKUP BEFORE 6PM.

**APPROX. 40%
LESS THAN
RETAIL BY
WORKING AS A
COMMUNITY.**

* CO-OP'S ARE THE CHEAPEST WAY TO BUY ORGANIC.
* ORGANIC IS THE ONLY WAY TO REMOVE PESTICIDES FROM YOUR FAMILY'S DIET.
* FARMERS RECEIVE A FAIR PRICE FOR THEIR PRODUCE.
* CO-OP MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE TO PARENTS, TEACHER & THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.
* FUNDS ARE USED TO BUILD & RUN CLASSES IN OUR SCHOOL VEGE GARDEN.

\$50

The weekly organic fruit & veg box has a mix of staples and seasonal items. The ingredients change each week depending on seasonality.

SIGNUP & INFO:
WWW.MYORGANICSCHOOL.COM/KENSINGTONPUBLICSCHOOL
PH: 0419265257

FUNDS GO TO BUILDING YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL'S VEGE BEDS

Class Communication Information

We would like to be able to further strengthen the link between home and school. Please provide your details on the form attached if you would like to be involved in the class communication program.

If you are onsite once a week and can have a chat with your class teacher and do not mind sending a group email every so often, please consider ticking the box to be the class parent.

Please complete the Class Communication Details Sheet and return to school as soon as possible.

Uniform Shop News

Kensington Public School uses an online ordering system for uniform shop items. An online catalogue has been established with Flexischools. Orders will be ready for collection once completed. Delivery methods include – pick up from the Uniform shop on Tuesday morning 8.30 to 9am or pick up from your after-school care provider (KPSOOSH or Squiggler Academy). Please allow 10 days for orders to be completed.

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

VOLUNTEER ETHICS TEACHER REQUIRED

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are available at Kensington Public School as an option for children who don't attend Special Religious Education (SRE/scripture).

Ethics classes support children in developing skills in ethical reasoning, critical thinking, collaborative enquiry and how to

support their arguments with evidence. The lesson materials have been approved by the Department of Education.


We do not have enough volunteer ethics teachers at Kensington Public School to meet the demand for classes in 2019. The more children and stages we have requests for, the more teachers are needed.

Volunteering is a great way to engage with the school. Volunteer ethics teachers do not need a background in teaching or ethics, just a willingness to learn how to deliver classes. They must complete a two-day workshop and other online training and accreditation requirements. The approved lesson materials are provided. Ethics teachers must commit to conduct classes each week at the school during school terms for at least one year.

For more information about Primary Ethics, the curriculum or to volunteer as an ethics teacher, please visit the website below where you can complete an on-line application or contact Michael Locke, Volunteer Ethics Coordinator, on (M) 0404 506 706 or (E) micklocke@gmail.com

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

School Shades



School Shades™

KENSINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL is a SunSafe School.

To protect the eye-health of our students, School Shades sunglasses are now available in 4 sizes, colour matched to our school uniform and labelled with our school name.

School Shades sunglasses are approved to the highest Australian UV standards and have shatterproof, poly-carbonate lenses.

Each set of tough, built-for-kids pair of sunglasses includes:

- an easy-to-use ID panel;
- a microfibre cloth; and
- a matching case with bag clip.

Sunglasses are \$11.00 per pair and may be ordered at the office. Please order by Friday 1 March 2019

KPSOOSH NEWS



Kensington Public School OOSH Care Incorporated

Centre Number: 0425 291 281

Email: admin@kpssoosh.com.au

Dear families,

Welcome back!

Term 1 – Weeks Five and Six

FRIENDLY REMINDER WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

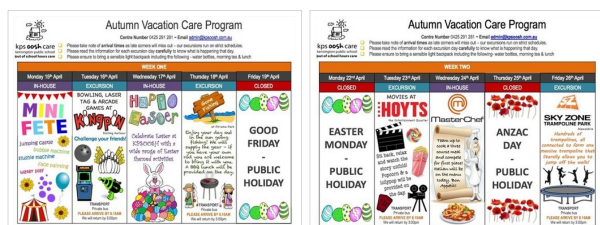
All families that have their children attend OOSH have been notified that it is a legal requirement to leave the site immediately when signing your child in or out. For safety reasons, parents are not allowed to linger around our site and interact with other students before or after the sign in process as it goes against our regulations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank families in advance for their co-operation.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE SIGN-IN

If your child attends before school care please note that it is a legal requirement for them to be signed in by a parent or guardian. OOSH staff are not allowed to be signing in any students at before school care. We are not liable for your child if you drop them off at the gate and they make their own way to OOSH – you will need to accompany them to the centre and sign them in.

AUTUMN VACATION CARE

Our Autumn vacation care program will be available to all families in week 6. Our program consists of excursions and in-house days. These programs will be able to be accessed via email as well as in the centre. Along with the program will be a booking form that needs to be filled out and returned to us via email or in person. Please note that we have a maximum of 50 spots during vacation care – so if you need to book in your child you will need to do so ASAP. We will provide breakfast, afternoon tea and a late snack for the kids but their recess and lunch will still need to be packed as per a normal school day.



ABSENCES AND CASUAL BOOKINGS

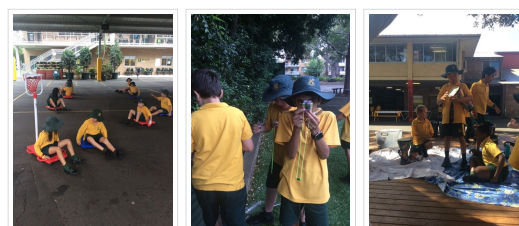
Since switching over to our new QikKids system, we will no longer be taking bookings via email or text. All absences and casual bookings will need to be done via the My Family Lounge app which can be downloaded through Google Play or the App Store. If you have any trouble using the app, please come into our service to collect a how-to sheet which is placed next to the iPads. Alternatively, you can email us at admin@kpsoosh.com.au to request an electronic version of the sheet.

A HEALTHY SWITCH

We have now changed all of our late snacks to assorted fruit and vegetables. This is something we had been planning on for a little while and now it has finally come into action. This means that when 5:30pm comes around and it's time for a late snack, the OOSH students will have the option of solely fruit and vegetables. These snacks include cucumbers, carrots, apples, watermelon, oranges and other seasonal fruits.

CENTRE PLANTS

We have recently purchased some indoor plants and herbs for our centre including Ivy's, succulents, mint, oregano and many more. This has given our OOSH room a fresh appearance as well as helping to clean the air that circulates in our room. The fresh herbs will be able to be incorporated into our cooking as well as create a nice scent throughout the centre.



Installing SZapp

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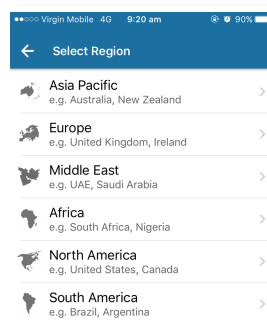
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2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

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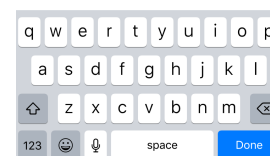
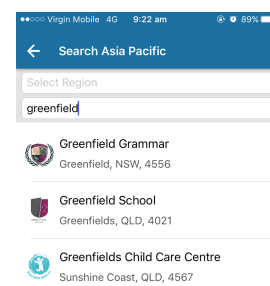
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Find your School

Select your school's region.



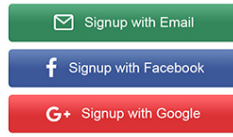
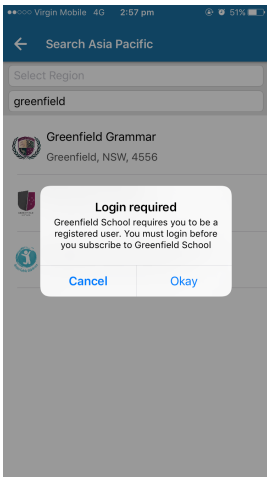
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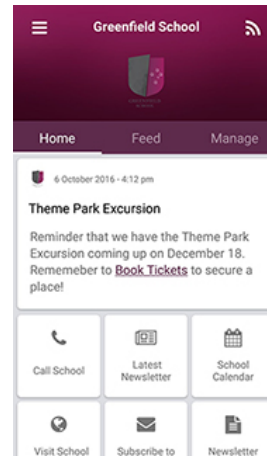
Register a User

Before you can add your school, you will need to register.

Register to SZapp with your email, or sign in automatically with Google or Facebook.



Already have an account? [Login Here!](#)



Enter your email and name.

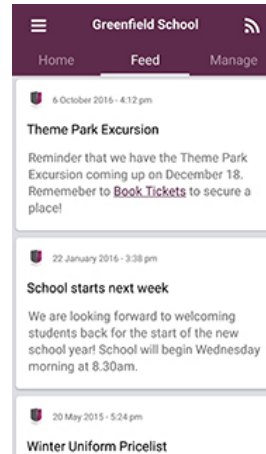
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Create a password.

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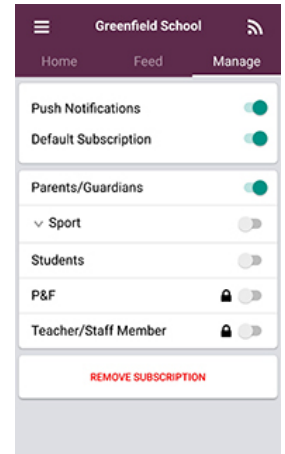
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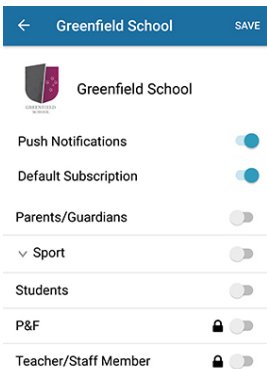
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Manage push notifications, your default subscription and groups.

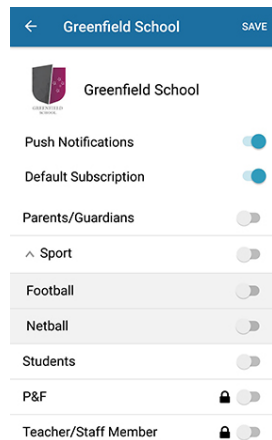


Managing Notifications

Choose which group/s you would like to receive notifications from.



Groups with arrows next to them indicate that there are sub-groups which you can join.



For more information please view our [FAQs page](#)

<http://www.schoolzine.com.au/szapp>

Home

View the latest feed item and school menu.