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Kensington Catch Up

20 March 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome to Week Eight at Kensington.

Just a few *reminders* and dates for your diary.

The *Election BBQ and Bake Sale* is this Saturday. Many hands make light work. Please let the P &C know if you can help or donate. See the attached form.

Final sign up for *Family Photo Day* for this Saturday. Please use the link today to register.

Looking forward to seeing Parents at the *P* & *C* and School Council AGM.

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

Many of you have had your **Parent/ Student/ Teacher Years K-Six Interviews** by now. We hope they have been informative, with goals set and focus developed for the year. Remember please contact your class teacher through the school office at any time during the year if you would like to touch base again with your child's teacher.

Kensington Public School has a Code of Conduct Required of Parents and Visitors on School Grounds and the

Department has the overarching **School Community Charter.** This is a timely reminder that these documents must always be adhered to, to ensure the safety and well-being of all those onsite. Please always sign in and out of the front office when visiting. To make an appointment with your class teacher please contact the school office. Kensingtonp.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please see the photo below and thank you message from *Hearing & Beyond in Vietnam* for the school hats that we

donated to the children and staff from money raised from our fundraiser last year. Thank you for your support.

Hearing & Beyond in Vietnam 35 mins · @

Feeling the Love from Kensington Public School in Sydney. Cảm ơn nhiều (Thank You very much) for the fantastic hats you provided for our children & staff..... they are PERFECT! In Việt Nam it is VERY important to be protected from the sun - & as you can see these hats offer great protection. Grateful Thanks to Louise Stone for organising this & Karen Rankin for transporting the hats from Sydney to Hội An. We are yet again Blessed with such good people in this troubled world who we call our friends. Namaste.



Dates for your diary

P&C State Election BBQ- Saturday 23 March 2019 P&C Crazy Hair Mufti Day- Thursday 4 April 2019 Easter Activities- Thursday 11 April 2019 Cross Country- Friday 12 April 2019 ANZAC Day Assembly- Friday 12 April 2019 Last day for students- Friday 12 April 2019 First day for students – Term 2 Tuesday 30 April 2019

Ms Louise Stone Principal

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

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.

Parent Feedback Survey- 2018 Semester 2 Reports

As part of our consultative process, we are seeking parent feedback regarding the changes we made to our 2018 Semester Two reports. The changes were communicated via the School Newsletter throughout Terms Three and Four and were developed in consultation with the School Council. If your child was enrolled at KPS in Semester Two 2018, we would be grateful if you could spend 5 minutes completing the survey below:

https://goo.gl/forms/ehQFmpPayMsvc1Uk1

Kind Regards, Bettina Wilson (Croft)

National Day Of Action Against Bullying

KPS is proud to be a registered National Day of Action Against Bullying School. On March 15 and throughout Week Seven, students at KPS participated in a range of activities to develop their understanding of bullying.

Below are some fabulous examples of posters our Stage Three students made to share strategies that can help others who might be affected by bullying behaviours.

Students also received special pocket cards with ideas and support networks to contact if needed.

Please see below for further information and support for families.





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At Kensington Public School we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if thappens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

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- your child tains to you adout ourigno. Listen caniny and get the hill story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you al about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need two, what, where, when. Although you umay feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
- Reasure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, "That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that' or 'Tm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all.
- Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a before option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
- 4. Visit <u>www.bullyingnoway.gov.au</u> to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
- Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a contern about your child's safely.
- concern about your child's safety. 6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is importent.

Last week, all students 3-6 received a student pocket card with helpful advice to support them if they are affected by bullying. Parent cards are also available upon request. Please refer to the KPS Ant Bullying Action Plan (via the Parent Wellbeing Handbook) for further information and supporting encourses.

Thanks for your support to make KPS a great school for everyone.

Years Three and Five NAPLAN Online Practice Tests

All schools participating in NAPLAN Online in 2019 will take part in a practice test between 25 March and 5 April. The practice test will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online and will also allow the school make preparations for the live test environment in Term Two.

Students may also use the link below to practise at home:

http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstrati on-site

To access the current information regarding 2019 NAPLAN Online, please visit the NAPLAN Online website:

https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment

Further information will be provided to families of students in Years Three and Five early next term.

K-Six Easter Celebrations 2019

We warmly invite you to attend our K-Six Easter Celebration Parade on Thursday April 11 (Week 11) at 9:15am, under the COLA.

Hats

All students K-Six are asked to make a special hat at home to wear during the parade. These may be brought in from Monday, April 8 (Week 11). We encourage younger siblings to wear a special hat as well.

Easter Raffle

Each class is seeking donations for the Easter Raffle prizes. These may include Easter Eggs, activity books, stickers, fluffy toys, games or craft kits. If you are available to help make the class raffle prizes (4 in total) please let your teacher know.

Raffle Tickets will be sold from Monday April 1 (Week 10) through to Wednesday April 10 (Week 11) at lunchtime. Tickets

are 50 cents each or 5 for \$2.00. All money raised will be donated to the *Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.*

Ukulele Ensemble

Years Four, Five and Six 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

Kensington students shine at the Zone Swimming Carnival

We have achieved our best results ever in this year's Zone Swimming Carnival, winning the girls' team events and coming 2nd overall. All students should feel incredibly proud of themselves as they swam their best and improved on their times from the school swimming carnival. Many thanks to the parents for the hours spent taking children to training. Apart from the results listed below we had several students finishing in the top ten of their events which is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to the parents who were able to take children to and from the carnival.

Special congratulations to Niamh for receiving the Elanor Greenwood Medal for scoring the most points out of all senior girls at the Carnival.

The following students competed at the Metropolitan East Swimming Carnival at Homebush yesterday and their events are listed next to them.

Thank you to the parents who took them, and we will provide the results in the next newsletter.

- Jinny...12Yr. 200m IM, 100m free, 50m free, 50m breast, 50m back, 50m fly, snr girls relay
- Niamh...11Yr. 200m IM, 100m free, 50m free, 50m breast, 50m back, 50m fly, snr girls relay
- Carolyn...11Yr. 50m free, 50m back, 50m fly, snr girls relay
- Jo...12 Yr. snr girls relay
- Kathryn...8 Yr. 50m free
- Alec...9Yr. 50m free, 200m IM, jnr boys relay
- Uunai...9Yr. 50m free, 50m breast, jnr boys relay
- Kai...10Yr. jnr boys relay
- Joshua...10Yr. jnr boys relay



PSSA Sport

			PS	SSA			
			Friday	/ 8-Mar			
CRICKET	Girls	Senior		Kensington	161	Rose Bay	46
		Junior		Kensington	57	Rose Bay	42
	Boys	Senior		Kensington	21	Darlinghurst	50
		Junior		Kensington	4	Darlinghurst	44
TOUCH FOOTBALL	Girls	Senior	Game 1	Kensington	1	Bellevue Hill A	1
			Game 2	Kensington	1	Double Bay A	0
		Junior	Game 1	Kensington	4	Glenmore Rd	0
			Game 2	Kensington	2	Bronte	1
	Boys	Senior	Game 1	Kensington	2	Clovelly A	1
			Game 2	Kensington	2	Bronte	2
		Junior	Game 1	Kensington	4	Bellevue Hill	2
			Game 2	Kensington	1	Coogee	1
			Friday	15-Mar			
CRICKET	Girls	Senior		Kensington	90	Paddington	121
		Junior		Kensington	72	Paddington	48
	Boys	Senior		Kensington	23	Bronte	7
		Junior		Kensington	31	Bronte	34
TOUCH FOOTBALL	Girls	Senior	Game 1	Kensington	2	Darlinghurst	0
			Game 2	Kensington	0	Clovelly	2
		Junior	Game 1	Kensington	4	Bellevue Hill	0
			Game 2	Kensington	0	Rose Bay	0
	Boys	Senior	Game 1	Kensington	2	Coogee	2
			Game 2	Kensington	4	Randwick	3
		Junior	Game 1	Kensington	1	Bronte	1
			Game 2	Kensington	2	Clovelly	0

Performing Arts

This term, students in Kindergarten have been making sock puppets. They designed their characters from the book Blossom Possum. Year One created pig and wolf wooden spoon puppets and will perform their version of The Three Little Pigs. Year Two have made bee finger puppets and will be explaining how bees make honey in their puppet plays. Year Three and Four are working on shadow puppets and Years Five and Six have been making Comedia Dell Arte masks.



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

Community News

Carolyn Year Six and Alec Year Four 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

Numbers have been down lately, for this program to continue, orders need to be made now.

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 the link below.

http://www.myorganicschool.com/kensingtonpublicschool

David Walsman Founder: My Organic School admin@myorganicschool.com www.myorganicschool.com



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 link 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



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 microfibre cloth; and
 a matching case with bag clip.
- a matching case with bag cir

Sunglasses are $\pm11.00\,$ per pair and may be ordered at the office. Please order by Friday 1 March 2019

KPSOOSH NEWS



kps oosh care kensington public school out of school hours care

Kensington Public School OOSH Care Incorporated Centre Number: 0425 291 281 Email: admin@kpsoosh.com.au

Term 1 – Weeks Seven & Eight

FRIENDLY REMINDER WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

All families who have their children attend OOSH have been now 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 interreact 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 is out now! We have booking forms available in the centre for any families who don't have one yet. For vacation care, we run of a first-in-best-dressed basis; meaning that your child will be enrolled for vacation care the sooner you return the form. We also have an earlybird offer of \$50 per person per day if you pay before the 29th March 2019. After this date, it will become \$60 per person per day. Our service offers a maximum of 50 spots per 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.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

We encourage families to remind their children that school rules also apply at OOSH time. This means that kids need to respect each other's boundaries, respect the carers and always need to be in the right place at the right time.



Installing SZapp

Apple Devices:

- 1. On your device, open the App Store.
- 2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
- 3. Download and install SZapp.

Find your School

Select your school's region.

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Android Devices:

- 1. On your device, open the Play Store.
- 2. Search the Play Store for SZapp.
- 3. Download and install SZapp.

Search for and select your school.



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!

Create a password.



Feed

View all feed items for every group you belong to.

Greenfield School

Feed

Reminder that we have the Theme Park Excursion coming up on December 18. Remember to <u>Book Tickets</u> to secure a

We are looking forward to welcoming students back for the start of the new school year! School will begin Wednesday morning at 8.30am.

6 October 2016 - 4:12 pm

Theme Park Excursion

22 January 2016 - 3:38 pm School starts next week

1 20 May 2015 - 5:24 pm

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

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For more information please view our FAQs page

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

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