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Kensington Catch Up

22 May 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome to **Week Four** at Kensington

This term we welcome Regina Wilson to the office as a transfer to Kensington two days a week. Please pop in and say hi and I am sure the community will make her feel a welcome part of our school community.

We thank the parent community for an incredible effort over the weekend at the fundraising events during the election. **Thanks** to everyone who donated time and effort during this enormous effort. I am sure there will be more information in the next newsletter.

Last week we had our regular termly visit from our Home School Liaison Officer (**HSLO**) representative. She checks student's attendance from onsite as well as regularly off site through the online roll software. She reminds of the importance of student attendance and the legalities around the documentation. Once your child is enrolled in a school they are required to attend all the time unless they have a justified reason for absence. Please always email or send a note on return after an absence and most importantly students must register late arrival or early departure during the day. Thank you for your attention to this.

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 1% weeks per year	Nearly 1/4 a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2% weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 hour a day	1 1/2 days of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 1/2 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 2 1/2 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!

I would like to share a number of photos of our sister school in Nanjing China from my recent trip. Many DoE Schools have sister schools overseas and ours is Nanjing Youjuxijie Primary School. They are based in Nanjing which is 1.5 hours by fast train from Shanghai, it is a K-6 public school with over 1400 students. We signed the next three-year MOU ensuring we will be exchanging opportunities such as online pen pals, culture experiences and teacher knowledge exchange. This is the school that we hope to visit next April with some of our students.



I look forward to seeing many of you at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 28 May at 7.30pm in the library.

Ms Louise Stone
Principal

ICAS Update

In 2019, UNSW Global has made the decision to move ICAS assessments to an online platform.

This change has significant implications for our school: For just one test we would need approximately 125 computers across six classrooms with eight teachers and at least one technical support person available to prepare computers and lock down browsers prior to and during the test sessions.

With six assessments scheduled between September 3-19, mainstream curriculum programs such as maths groups, reading programs and STEM etc would be disrupted or cancelled on numerous occasions, impacting all students K-6.

As ICAS tests are an optional activity and do not form part of our comprehensive assessment processes, KPS has made the decision not to participate in 2019.

This decision will have no impact on our procedures for assessing and reporting on student performance and achievement.

Upcoming Dates for your diary

Week 5	Monday 27 May	Stage Three Excursion to Royal Botanical Gardens
	Monday 27 May	Year 4 Excursion to Sydney Observatory
	Tuesday 28 May	SRC Mufti Day and Beanie
	Tuesday 28 May	Year 3 Excursion to Sydney Observatory (full school uniform required)
Week 6	Tuesday 4 June	Group Photo Day
Week 7	Thursday 13 June	Year Six Fundraiser
Week 8	Tuesday 18 June	Multicultural Day
Week 9	Wednesday 26 June	Guitar/Violin Soiree
Week 10	Monday 1 July	K-6 Athletics Carnival
	Thursday 4 July	Choir/Ukulele Soiree P&C Mufti Day

CHANGES TO MONEY COLLECTION PROCEDURES AND TERM INVOICES

In response to advice from Department auditors, we are introducing the following change to our money collection procedures:

From 8.30am each day, parents and students will now be able to drop off payment envelopes to a secure collection box located in the corridor outside the school office. Please ensure your envelopes are securely sealed and clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Spare envelopes are available from the office.

A reminder that from this term, payment invoices will only be available via this newsletter of the school website. Please refer

to the Term Invoices section of this newsletter and click on your child's grade.

SRC News

On Tuesday 28 May the SRC are supporting the Mark Hughes Foundation "**Beanie for Brain Cancer Day**" to raise awareness and funds to help find a cure for brain cancer. Students are encouraged to wear mufti (no uniform), a beanie and bring in a gold coin donation.

Children will need to wear their school sun hat during recess and lunch playtimes. All shoes must be enclosed.

Year 3 students are reminded they will need to wear full school uniform as they are attending an excursion to the Sydney Observatory on this day.

Thank you for supporting this SRC fundraiser
Emma Fredman

Kindergarten 2020

If you are going to enrol your child for kindergarten next year but haven't yet done so, we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as possible. Similarly, if you know of friends or family who live in the Kensington Public School catchment area and are going to enrol at our school, please encourage them to let us know either by phone or visiting our school office to complete the enrolment forms. Our two Orientation Days will be held in September.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment>

Term Two Payment Invoices

Please click on your child's grade below to access your Term Two payment invoice and payment options.

Term Two Class Letters

KD	KL	KP
KD Early Stage One Term Two Newsletter 2019	KL Early Stage One Term Two Newsletter 2019	KP Early Stage One Term Two Newsletter 2019
1/KF 1_KF T2 2019	1M 1M T2 2019	1V 1V T2 2019
2/1C 2_1C T2 2019	2B 2B T2 2019	2M 2M T2 2019
3P 3P T2 2019	3R 3R T2 2019	4/3D 43D T2 2019
4E 4E T2 2019	4K 4K T2 2019	5/4C 54C T2 2019
6/5D 65D T2 2019.	6/5R 65R T2 2019	6/5T 65T T2 2019

Student Wellbeing

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 TWO	
Weeks 1 and 2	We work and play safely
Weeks 3 and 4	We keep the toilets clean and tidy
Weeks 5 and 6	We keep our school clean
Weeks 7 and 8	We stay in the right place at the right time
Weeks 9 and 10	We look at and listen to the speaker

Multicultural Day 2019 - Tuesday 18 June

What is Multicultural Day?

To start the day, students will be involved in lessons to learn more about the different cultures that make up our diverse school.

How can families be involved?

We would like to invite **parents, grandparents, families and friends of KPS** to join us for a **shared lunch in the playground at 12.30 pm**.

All children are asked to bring along a **plate of food to share**. You may like to bring along something that you enjoy eating from your country of birth or that is unique to your culture. Please **bring a paper plate or an empty lunchbox and fork** for your child and your guests to use.

Parents can bring the plate of food with them at lunchtime. Please arrive by 12.20pm. Alternatively, children can bring their plate in the morning and deliver it to their classroom – please note we do not have facilities to heat food. Please label containers and platters with your name.

***Please remember to keep the food NUT FREE (including food cooked in peanut oil) to ensure the food is safe for all children to eat.**

Shortly in the newsletter, we will send a form home for you to complete to **label all the ingredients** used to make your food.

After lunch, you are invited to join us for a **concert at 1.45pm in the playground**.

What do students wear?

Students are invited to wear national costumes of significance on the day. If not, school uniform (Australian colours) is to be worn.

Gold Coin Donation

As you are all aware, we sponsor a child, Sor in Cambodia. We ask everyone to bring in a gold coin donation to go towards Sor's annual sponsorship on Multicultural Day.

If it is raining, our shared lunch will still be on but in classrooms. The concert will be postponed to a later date.

We look forward to seeing you all on our special day!

KPS 2019 Yearbook

Kensington Public School is publishing its first yearbook to showcase all the exciting experiences students will embark on throughout the year. The high quality, glossy yearbook will be filled with great pictures and memories for all student. Families will be able to pre-order the yearbook using a link in the Schoolzine newsletter later in the year. Please have a look at the mock-up class page included in this newsletter. If you wish to inspect a physical copy, a few sample yearbooks are available at the school office.



Earn and Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2019 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until June 25, 2019, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker sheet. Once it is completed, they can bring it back to school and drop them into the collection box in front of the school office.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

Reminder about NUTS

We have a number of students who are severely allergic to nuts. As per Department guidelines and KPS Student Wellbeing procedures, we ask parents NOT to pack NUT PRODUCTS (including peanut butter & Nutella). Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you for observing these precautions to keep our students safe.

K-Two Assembly Tuesday

K-Two Assemblies start at 2:30pm sharp in the hall. We ask all students and guests be seated and ready by this time.

Term 2	Class
Week 5 28 May	2/1C Perform
Week 6 4 June	2M Host
Week 7 11 June	2M Perform
Week 8 18 June	MULTICULTURAL DAY
Week 9 25 June	K-2 Student of the Term
Week 10 2 July	No Assembly

Debating Workshop

On Tuesday 7th May, the six Stage Three students in the debating team and Ms Dukes attended a debating workshop at Pagewood Public School. The workshop was run by the Department's most senior adjudicators and coaches who were very enthusiastic and entertaining. There, we learnt about rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles. At the end of the day, we split up in to two teams and we each had the chance to give a short debating speech and rebut each other's arguments. After our speeches, one of the instructors Tony gave us helpful tips and feedback. We had lots of fun and learnt so much that we can put in to practice in our upcoming debate against Crown St Public School in Week 4.

Written by Evanthea and Grace

Acknowledgement of Country

As a part of Kensington Public School's commitment to Aboriginal Education the students have recently written an Acknowledgement of Country specifically for Kensington Public School.

Our Student Leadership Team and Aboriginal students recently worked in conjunction with The Department of Education's Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Team to create a personalised Acknowledgement of Country for Kensington Public School.

An 'Acknowledgement of Country' is an opportunity to acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners and ongoing custodians of the land - the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. At Kensington Public School it is said at the beginning of meetings and assemblies by students and staff.

We the students and staff of Kensington Public School would like to acknowledge the Bidjigal and Gadigal clans

of the Eora Nation. We show our gratitude to the traditional custodians who have cared for this land. We pay respect to the Elders both past, present and emerging as they hold the language, culture, and traditions of the local Aboriginal people today. We must respectfully remember that the land underneath our school is traditional Aboriginal land and together we will look after the trees, plants, flowers and animals that are a part of our school community.

We would like to thank the students, Calita Murray and Olivia Patten from the Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Team for their effort in creating this personalised acknowledgement.

As a school we have activities planned for our students to commemorate National Sorry Day, Sunday 26 May and Reconciliation Week Monday May 27- Friday May 31.



LEGO Masters Club

Kensington Public School is excited to introduce a Lego Masters club for students in Years 2 and 3 this Term. The aim of the club is to support the development of student's design, critical and creative thinking skills through their participation in engaging activities which challenge students to express their ideas and solutions through their LEGO creations. Students are encouraged to explore, play, collaborate and share through open ended tasks. Student's designs will be showcased in the school library and Twitter account where the community can view and celebrate their amazing constructions. The LEGO Masters club meetings are held each week, Monday to Friday during lunch.



Performing Arts

K-Two MUSICAL WORKING BEE HELPERS

This year on Thursday September 12, all students in Years K-Two will perform in a very special show called 'Bee Musical.' Further information regarding performance times and requirements will be sent home early next term.

We are seeking helpers to assist with making costumes. If you have your own sewing machine, you are welcome to bring this to the sessions.

The sessions will take place in Term Two from 1.45pm-3.00pm in the Performing Arts room on the following dates:

Friday 31 May Week 5 Term 2	Friday 14 June Week 7 Term 2
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All volunteers require a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) which should be provided to the school office.

Please ensure that you sign in at the school office upon arrival.

Thank you in advance. I look forward to us being busy bees together.

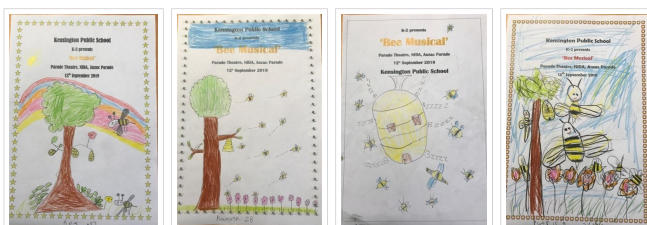
Ms Fredman
Performing Arts Teacher

Bee Musical Poster Competition

These are the winning posters by students in Years K-Two for the Bee Musical. Stay tuned to find out whose poster was selected as the winner. It was a very hard choice as all were exceptional.

Thank you to all those fantastic parent helpers who came last Friday and helped create costumes and props for the Bee Musical.

Emma Fredman
Performing Arts Teacher



Eddie meets Eddie!

Eddie in Year 4 who participates in a maths extension program at Randwick Boys High School wrote a letter to Eddie Woo, the famous math teacher. Mr Woo responded to Edward's letter and invited him to come to his "Wonderful World of Maths," talk in Chatswood. Of course Edward went along and this is what happened.

On Friday night, 3rd May I went to the Chatswood Concert Venue to watch Eddie Woo. When we arrived, we met Eddie Woo just before he went backstage and he signed my book! In the show Eddie Woo told us why rainbows are round. He taught everyone how to play a game of 23 and did some knot theory. In the knot theory Eddie Woo asked for 2 volunteers and then I hopped up like a meerkat and he chose me and a girl called Keira and we cut some knots, described some knots and made some knots. Mr Woo even let Keira and I keep our favourite knot! Overall, I think my night at the concert venue was great and Mr Woo said **"2 Eds are better than 1!"**



PSSA Sport

PSSA	Friday	10.05.2019				
AFL		Senior	Kensington	1	Paddington	157
		Junior	Kensington	0	Paddington	58
FOOTBALL	Girls	Senior	Kensington	1	Rose Bay	3
		Junior	Kensington	0	Rose Bay	4
	Boys	Senior	Kensington Green	0	Paddington	6
		Senior	Kensington Gold	6	Vaucluse	1
		Junior	Kensington Green	2	Paddington	4
		Junior	Kensington Gold	0	Vaucluse	3
NETBALL		Senior	Kensington	17	Paddington B	0
		Junior	Kensington	3	Paddington B	0

PSSA	Friday	17.05.2019					
AFL		Senior		Kensington	0	Clovelly	47
		Junior		Kensington	0	Clovelly	64
FOOTBALL	Girls	Senior	Game 1	Kensington	1	Darlinghurst	0
		Junior	Game 1	Kensington	1	Darlinghurst	1
	Boys	Senior		Kensington Green	0	Rose Bay	6
		Senior		Kensington Gold	2	Bronte	3
		Junior		Kensington Green	2	Rose bay	3
		Junior		Kensington Gold	3	Bronte	10
NETBALL		Senior		Kensington	13	Darlinghurst	10
		Junior		Kensington	10	Darlinghurst	4

Nude Food Day

Kensington Public School will be promoting Nude Food Mondays to encourage healthy food choices that are less processed and packaged.

Please support this by making sure your child's lunch box has no wrappers which will reduce the amount of rubbish that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill.

The below link is to a variety of things you can use and buy instead of plastic.

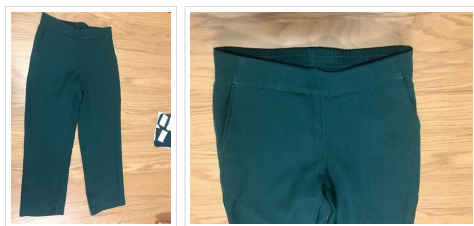
<https://www.onyalife.com/plastic-free/eco-friendly-products/>

Uniform Shop News

Girls Pant

As per parent request, we have been looking for a girl pant rather than a unisex pant.

Please see the attached photos. Stock will be available from next term.



Kensington Public School uses an online ordering system for uniform shop items. An online catalogue has been established with Flexischools, see the link below. 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/>

Kenso Tennis Champion

Huge congratulations to Andrea of 6/5D who was selected in the Metropolitan East Regional team to compete at the PSSA State Championships.

She spent the 2nd week of May attending the State PSSA tennis playoffs in Inverell.

Playing as part of a 5-girl team, they managed to come a credible 5th out of 13 teams and 4th when combined with the boys for the overall team result.

With 150 students competing it was a great opportunity to meet kids from all around the state in a fun and competitive nature.

Well done to Andrea and her team on their result.



KPSOOSH News

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Qik Kids my family lounge Help guide for family

<http://www.myfamilylounge.com.au/My-Family-Lounge/help-guide>

New families information & enrol guide

<https://kensington-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/out-of-hours-care-koosch.html>

Term 2 – Week 3 & Week 4

NUT FREE ZONE

As most families know KPSOOSH is a nut free zone. We have had couple of incidents recently where kids have had a nut product packed in their lunch boxes and a student finding a nut bar wrapper in the playground. This rule is also reiterated during vacation care. This means nut bars, peanut butter, nutella or any other nut derived products are BANNED on the school grounds at ALL TIMES. Please be mindful when you are packing lunches for your children as the consequences can be fatal for some of our students.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

If your child attends OOSH on the same day that they attend an after school activity, you will need to let us know. If they have picked up, dropped or are continuing an after school activity we will need to be advised so we know when to expect them back at OOSH. Please email us at admin@kpssoosh.com.au with your child's full name, the activity they will attend and the days/time that they will be going. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

NEW STAFF

We have a few new casual staff members who have recently joined our team to help out during vacation care, before school care and after school care. John and Raquel will be here during before and after school care as well as vacation care. Luke and Katherine will be working at our centre during vacation care. If you wish to familiarise yourself with our new staff members,

please refer to the notice board that is just outside our OOSH room.

VACANT TREASURER POSITION

Our OOSH service is managed by a PMC team. Without the support of the PMC, our service would not run as smoothly as it does. We are currently looking for a treasurer who will be able to attend meetings twice a term. Please send an email to director@kpsoosh.com.au or come into our centre and speak to Jerome if you wish to express your interest.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEEL CHAIRS

We are currently collecting bread tags at our service. It doesn't matter if the bread tag is broken or not, every piece counts. We are doing this in support of the "Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs" foundation. I have included an extract from their website below so you have more of an understanding on what they do.

"Bread tags come in many shapes, sizes and colors. Made of High Impact Polystyrene they have a good recycling value. It takes 200 kg of tags to bring in enough money to buy one wheelchair. Mary Honeybun founded the organization in 2006 in Cape Town. They provide 2 to 3 wheelchairs to adults and children around South Africa every month! Having a wheelchair gives the recipient independence and mobility and this makes a big difference to their families as well."

We have a collection container right next to the sign in/out iPads in our OOSH room. If you are unsure about where to put them or you can't find the collection container, please pass on the bread tags to any of our OOSH staff members and we will place them in the container on your behalf. You are also able to find out more by following this link:

<https://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/>



Installing SZapp

Apple Devices:

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

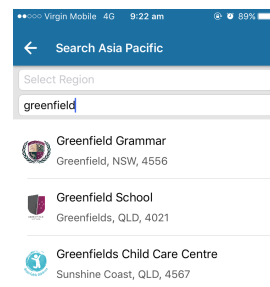
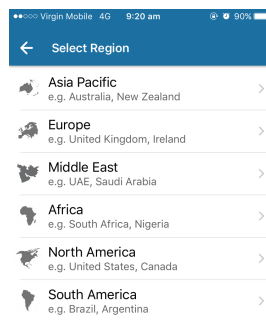
Android Devices:

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

Find your School

Select your school's region.

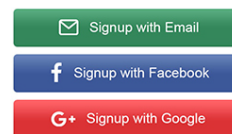
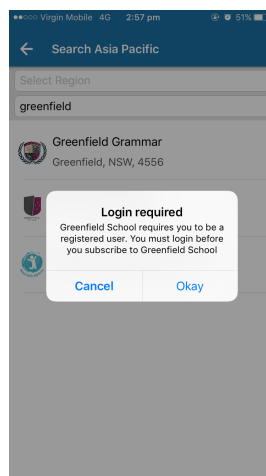
Search for and select your school.



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



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Enter your email and name.

Create a password.



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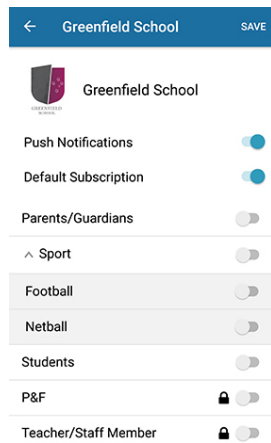
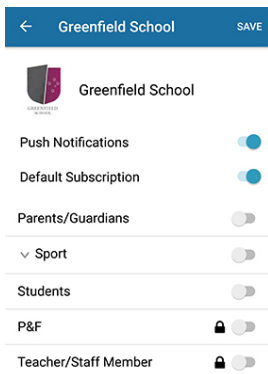
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Choose which group/s you would like to receive notifications from.

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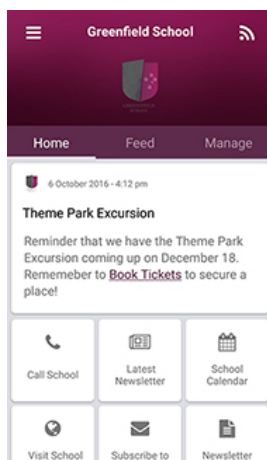


For more information please view our FAQs page

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

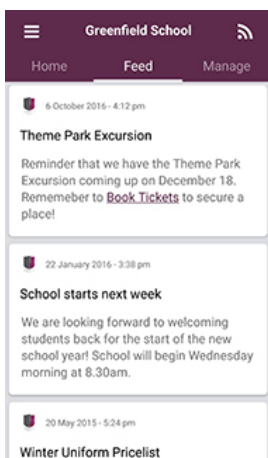
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