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Kensington Catch Up

20 February 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome to Week Four Term One 2019.

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year. The children are well settled into their classrooms with their teachers and it is wonderful seeing busy children at work enjoying the challenging learning environment with new friends and teachers.

We look forward to seeing parents this evening at the Parent Information Evening.

- **Parent Information Evening Tonight Wednesday 20 February**

The Parent information will be structured differently this year giving you more time in the classrooms.

5pm - 5.45pm

Kindergarten, Year One, Year Two in the classrooms

5.45 - 6.15pm

In the hall for those that would like to meet, chat or ask questions of our various specialist programs. The staff will be available, to discuss:

Learning Support, Student Wellbeing, Greek, Mandarin, Performing Arts, Library, STEM and EALD.

Come and meet and chat with our P&C and School Council Presidents, KPS Organic Vege Box Co-op representatives and sign up to be a volunteer for some of the upcoming events.

6.15 - 7pm

Years Three, Four, Five and Six in the classrooms

KPS is very excited to announce that we have been chosen to be a *HUB school* for the Department of Education and UNSW. This means we will welcome many Master of Education Primary Schools into our school to work in our classrooms supporting our students under the guidance of our teachers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to further support our students in the classroom. All student teachers will wear UNSW identification and have their WWWC and participated in Code of Conduct.

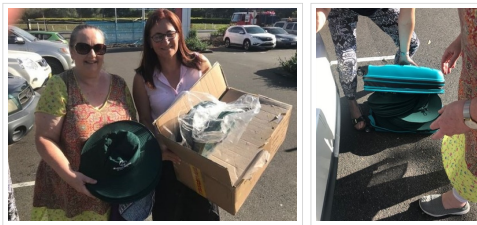
In two weeks, we welcome *Hari*. Many of you will remember we had hoped Hari would join us from Nepal last year, but he had visa problems which have now been rectified. He is now able to join us for a month as part of an immersion program to learn all about teaching in an English school setting. He will be visiting various English learning programs across the Department, both Primary and High School and even a Nepalese weekend school. I am sure you will join me in welcoming him, into our community.

Last year we had several requests to re-open the "*Design a Brick -Paver Fundraiser*" please see the link below for information regarding this fundraiser. Please see future newsletters for the order form.

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

Thank you to our wonderfully supportive and caring Community.

If you remember last year we had an SRC Mufti Day to support *Hearing and Beyond* in Vietnam. We raised \$489.50. Thanks to your generosity and the help of Fusion Uniforms last week we sent 40 wide brimmed sun hats with their school logo to Hoi An. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the school. This year our choirs will be learning to sign as part of their repertoire and the children will have the opportunity to sign to each other by video conference and or short film.



Kinder eye testing starts again next week. Please ensure your notes are returned now and if you are new to the school this year you will also have the opportunity to have your child's eyes tested.

Yesterday was our 2019 School Swimming Carnival. The children should be congratulated for their behaviour and their sportsmanship. Our new school sports leaders should be commended for their leadership and organisational skills. Information about the Zone Swimming Carnival will be sent home soon to those who have qualified and look for photos in our next newsletter.

As part of our reporting and communicating opportunities for families please register to meet with your child's teacher during **Interview week**. **Years One-Six** will have interview opportunities in the week of March 18. Please find your class teacher's name below and see the available spots. **Please note** Year One - Six interviews are **STUDENT/ PARENT/TEACHER**. Please ensure you take your child with you to the interview, so everyone hears the same information and goals for 2019 can be discussed.

Parent Booking Guide:

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

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

After parent requests last year, we have organised a **Family Photo Day** on NSW State election Day, Saturday 23 March, as many of you will be coming to school to vote anyway.

Sunglasses- If you have not picked up your pre ordered sunglasses please pop into the office to pay and collect as soon as possible. The next order will be processed in a couple of weeks and if pre ordered glasses are not collected they will be sold on. See below for more details.

Please see attached the **Extra-Curricular Activities for Term One 2019**. You will receive and printed copy tonight.

Ms Louise Stone
Principal

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 school office by 3pm, Friday, 22 March 2019.

Position descriptions will be available at the Parent Information Night at the Parent Information table in the hall and can be discussed at the first P&C Meeting of the year on Tuesday 26 February 2019 or contact the school office.

P&C News

Thank you to the P&C who recently donated funds to purchase Maths and Literacy equipment which have arrived and will be distributed to classrooms.



Congratulations to our 2019 School Leaders



Stanley, Frank, Sienna and Carolyn



Harry, Venice, Jinny and Harrison



Jo, Niamh, Ellie and Evanthea



Luke, Grace, Elena and Hunter



Ethan, Lauren, Clara and Archie

Lunar New Year Celebrations

Congratulations to our Chinese Dance Group who performed a fan dance at the Bayside Council New Years Celebrations. They were spectacular. Thank you to their parents for bringing to the park on the night.



Student Wellbeing

The Student Wellbeing Parent Handbook was sent to parents via our Schoolzine app. It contains important information related to school routines and behaviour expectations and will be referred to in classrooms at tonight's Parent Information Evening.

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.

Choir



All students 1-6 are invited to join the choirs.

Infant Choir-Ms Montefiore and Ms Blackwood in 2B room

Junior Choir-Ms Fredman and Ms Rae Performing Arts room

Senior Choir-Ms Kelly and Ms Karen Davis in 4K room

8.10am starting time

Looking forward to seeing old and new faces

Clean Up Australia

Clean up Kenso Day is on Friday 1 March at 2:30pm-3:00pm. If you are free and would like to join us, please arrive at school with gloves and garbage bags at 2:30pm. Classes will have various areas to clean up to ensure that our school is looking its best. We would encourage children to bring a pair of garden gloves or rubber gloves on the day.

Jane Tovey



PSSA

PSSA Scores for Friday 15/02/2019. **Girls Cricket**

Kensington Snr vs Coogee A

Kensington Lost. Score 54 - 163

Kensington Jnr vs Coogee A

Kensington Won. Score 98 - 70

Congratulations to Evanthea

Evanthea was presented the Phoevos award at Parliament House for excellent communication skills in Greek. Well done!



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 the link below

<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.

FUNDS GO TO BUILDING YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL'S VEGE BEDS

\$50

The weekly organic fruit & vege 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

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

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



kps oosh care

Kensington Public School OOSH Care Incorporated

Centre Number: 0425 291 281

Email: admin@kpssoosh.com.au

Dear families,

Welcome back!

Term 1; Weeks One, Two and Three

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@kpssoosh.com.au to request an electronic version of the sheet.

IPAD SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

As most families are aware, we have installed software on our new iPads for the kids to be signed in and out. These iPads are permanently placed inside the centre and require a valid phone number and pin for the child to be signed in/out. If you wish to have someone new pick up your child, please be sure to have added their full name and their phone number through the QikKids online enrolment portal. Due to legal reasons, numbers and pins are not allowed to be shared between family/friends. Please note that each individual person will need to have their own phone number authorised to pick up the given child.

FEEDBACK BOX

We now have a feedback box in our OOSH room! It is located right next to the iPads. We encourage students and parents to fill out these forms to let us know what we can improve on, what we are doing well and/or any activities, incursions or excursions that we can organise in the future. Any feedback is greatly appreciated.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

If your child is attending after school care on a day where they are also attending an after-school activity, for e.g. chess, guitar, homework club etc. you will need to send an email to KPSOOSH. This is for safety reasons and for us to know where your child is at all times.

SUMMER VACATION CARE

Summer vacation care has come and gone for another year here at KPSOOSH. We had so many fun excursions, incursions and in-house days planned for the kids that it was bound to

fly by. A few of the days saw the kids hand feed baby farm animals, get hole-in-ones at mini golf, have fun in the sun all day long at the swimming pool, dance and glow under black UV lights, create their own scented candles, make a lot of Hama beads and even milk a cow! All in all, summer vacation care was a lot of fun for all children and staff alike. If there are any suggestions to improve our service for the next school holiday program, or even activity suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or phone. We hope to see everyone's smiling faces during our next vacation care program this Autumn.

NEW SHEDS

Over the summer holidays we got a couple of new sheds that are just outside our OOSH room. We are using them for the equipment that the kids like to use on a day-to-day basis. They are easily accessible for the kids to be able to help themselves and to pack away whenever necessary.

DONATIONS

We kindly ask any families whom can donate any type of used, recycled or blank paper to do so. We have a high demand from the students for paper, so they can draw, write and even create comics!



Installing SZapp

Apple Devices:

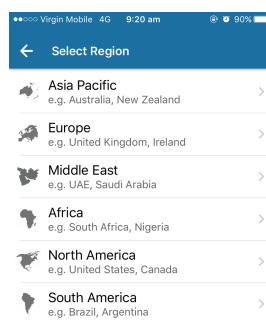
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2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

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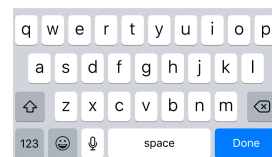
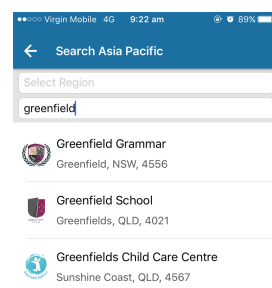
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Find your School

Select your school's region.

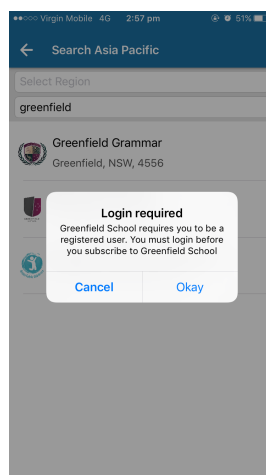


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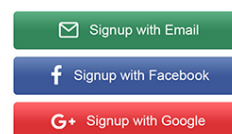


Register a User

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.

Create a password.



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Email

First Name

Last Name

Next

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



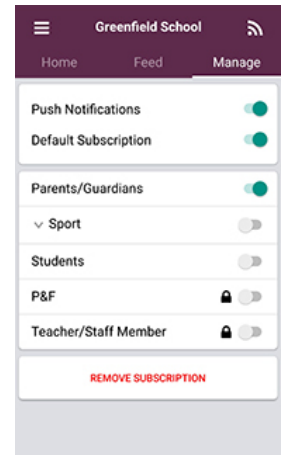
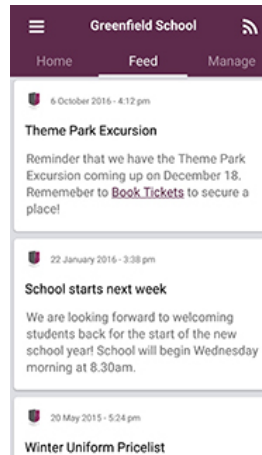
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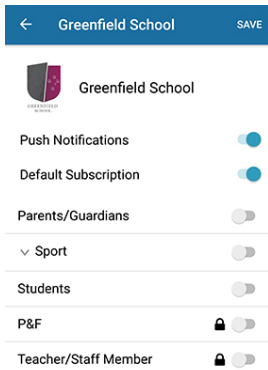
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Already have an account? [Login Here!](#)

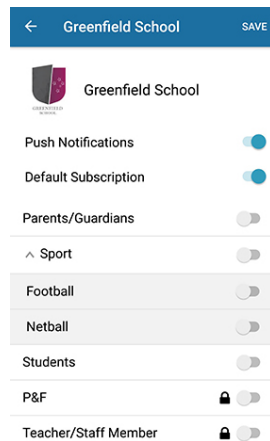


Managing Notifications

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.

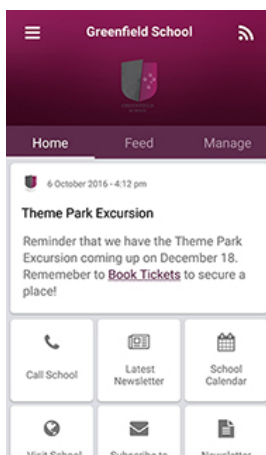


For more information please view our [FAQs page](#)

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

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