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Kensington Catch Up

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Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2020 school year.

Tuesday 28 January was the first day back for staff and the day was spent participating in professional learning and finalising details for the commencement of the school year. All staff completed the NSW DoE Code of Conduct and the annual training in CPR and Anaphylaxis Care. It was a very productive day and there was a wonderful buzz amongst the staff as they were looking forward to the students' return on Wednesday.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the KPS staff to wish you all a wonderful Lunar New Year and hope that all families had a restful summer break. A special welcome to those families new to our school this year.

The summer vacation has certainly been a testing one and we wish everyone affected by the bushfires all the very best. If you need support please remember we always have a school counsellor available for advice and referral support.

I thank everyone for their support during the unfolding of the Coronavirus. Please be assured as the Principal of KPS I am implementing all directives from the Department of Education and I am in constant contact with my Director with regards to parent concerns and questions.

I have forwarded any parent concerns and suggestions that I have received to the department and I remind all families if you would like to discuss this or any other matter please feel free to contact the school on 9663 3955 to arrange a suitable time.

Our new Kindergarten students were welcomed last week and will all participate in Best Start in the coming days. We welcome them and their families into the Kensington PS Community.

For those of you who are new to the school I have included our procedures and information about class formation and composite classes which is also available on our website. I envisage that classes will be formed soon.

Dates for your Diary

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

THIS IS A CHILD FREE EVENT

If you are unable to attend, please send an email to the school and your child's teacher will organise a suitable time to catch up

5pm to 5.45pm

Kindergarten, Year One, Year Two in classrooms

5.45pm to 6.15pm

All welcome under the COLA to meet, chat or ask questions of our various special programs, the following staff will be available.

Learning Support, Student Wellbeing, Greek, Mandarin, Performing Arts, Library, STEM and EAL/D.

Come and meet and chat with our P&C members, register to be a member and sign up to be a volunteer for some of the upcoming events as well. The P&C are also putting on nibbles at this event.

6.15pm to 7pm

Years Three, Four, Five and Six in classrooms

- **P&C Meeting One 2020**- Tuesday 25 February - 7.30pm School Library
- **School Swimming Carnival**- Years 3-6 and selected 8 year-old, Year 2- Tuesday 18 February- Des Renford Leisure Centre
- **K-6 School Photo Day**- Monday 17 February- Envelopes to be distributed soon.
- **Student / Parent /Teacher Interviews for Kindergarten - Six** will be during the week of 16 March- details and organisation to follow.

Registration will be through a link in the newsletter in Weeks Four and Six. Children are encouraged to attend the interviews to discuss their learning goals for the year.

Please see attached the **KPS Code of Conduct of Parents, Visitors** and information about communications opportunities at Kensington. Remember to email or ring the school if you would like to meet with a teacher and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

At KPS we love when parents can **volunteer** in the classrooms, library, school banking, transporting students to various activities like chess etc. If you are new to volunteering this year please register for the **Working with Children Check (WWCC)** and once received forward it to the school office as soon as possible. Please register via the link below.

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisation/s/working-with-children-check/apply/apply>

Complete the volunteer form and finalise it at your local Service NSW Office. There is one at Bondi Junction and at Botany.

Please note registering as a volunteer is free.

If you did not order your child's textbooks online, please check with your children today as they have brought home a textbook order form.

Have a great week everyone.

Ms Louise Stone
Principal

KPS School Council Constitution

A Special General Meeting will take place on 19 February 2020 to move a motion to accept the amended Constitution.

Please find a copy of the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

All parents are invited to attend
Time: 4.45pm
Place: School Library

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 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 in the past, this has resulted in numbers of children leaving late to walk home or catch buses. KPS OOSH has exclusive 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. A bell will ring 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.

Please contact the front office if you would like a visor display sign.

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.

Light Rail Safety

With the many changes to our local roads, teachers have included light rail safety into their PDHPE teaching programs.

We encourage all families to talk to their children about how they can stay safe around the new light rail tracks and stations. If your child walks to or from school, we recommend walking their route with them and identifying changes and safety issues.

Please refer to the attached safety brochure from Sydney Light Rail for more details.

On Friday 7 February 2020, ALTRAC Light Rail will host an opportunity for the community to familiarise themselves with a tram and the Juniors Kingsford stop.

Local residents and businesses will have the opportunity to meet key members of the ALTRAC Light Rail project team to discuss light rail testing and commissioning in preparation for the commencement of operations in Kensington and Kingsford.

Bike & Scooter Safety

Children are reminded to walk their bikes and scooters on school grounds and it is their responsibility to lock and store their bike and scooter in the appropriate racks to keep them safe during the day.

Student Medical Details

If your child's medical details change it is **essential** that you contact the office to update your records. In the event of an emergency, these details guide staff to take appropriate action to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child.

Before School Safety Reminders

A reminder that supervision of students commences at 8.30am. As per Department of Education supervision policy, prior to this time, parents/carers are responsible for the safety and supervision of their children. Students are required to sit on the Library seats until the duty teacher arrives. We ask all parent/carers to model this behaviour so that all students see the right thing to do. Parents of students who are repeatedly at school before supervision commences will be contacted directly and alternative arrangements will be recommended.

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).

If your child is anaphylactic, please send a safe, non-perishable treat for your class teacher to give out when special events such as birthdays are celebrated. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you for observing these precautions to keep our students safe.

Mobile Phones and Devices

A reminder that any students bringing a mobile device to school are required to read, sign and adhere to the KPS Mobile Device Acceptable Use Guidelines. These will be sent home soon. Please contact the office if you would like a copy. Students must take their mobile devices to the office as soon as they arrive at school or at 8.30am, whichever comes first. Devices may be collected at 3pm.

A Reminder About Toys

Students are encouraged to engage in creative, imaginative play at school. However, bringing personal items such as toys and games to school requires certain understandings. We encourage you to discuss the following with your child:

- Toys should only be brought to school with parent knowledge and permission
- Toys should be brought out for class presentations/news time
- Toys that are distracting students from their learning will be sent home
- Any item brought to school carries a risk of being misplaced or damaged. Students should understand this risk and be guided to select items that are appropriate (eg. Not valuable or highly sentimental).
- All items brought to school should be clearly labelled with your child's name
- Toys that may cause harm or offence are not permitted

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.

2019 Yearbook

There are 12 Yearbooks left for purchase. If you would like to buy one they cost \$30 each.

SunSmart



School Shades

If you ordered sunglasses for your child last year at Kindergarten Orientation, please come to the office as they are now available for collection. The sunglasses cost \$12 and payment can be made in cash or online on our website in the 'Make a Payment' section.

Uniform Shop News

Thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time in the holidays to make sure the shop was ready for the start of the New Year. Kensington Public School uses an online ordering system for uniform shop items, it is still under maintenance and will be "live" for purchases soon.

An online catalogue will be 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 for online purchases.

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

School Banking

Join **School Banking** and learn the art of saving for something special.

Children can deposit any amount from 10 cents. But the amount is not important -it is the education of learning how to save.

After depositing 10 times, your child can choose a prize: a reward for being a regular saver.

See you at school on Tuesdays for regular banking from 8:00am and we can help you set up a new bank account from 8.15am.

Volunteers needed or the Program may have to fold

Volunteer Ethics Teachers Required for Kensington Public School

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 2019/20. 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/>

Extra Curricula Programs- Call them directly for information for 2020

Jazz Contemporary on Mondays at recess, 11am – 11.30am, commencing in Week 2

Hip Hop on Tuesdays at lunchtime, 1.10pm – 1.45pm, commencing in Week 3