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## Kensington Catch Up

19 February 2020

### Principal's Report

**Welcome** to Week Four Term One 2020.

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**.

If you are unable to attend this evening please check your child's bag tomorrow for various notes. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher now or at any time during the year please send an email to the office and your child's teacher will get back to you with times available.

**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

Yesterday was our 2020 School **Swimming Carnival**. The children should be congratulated for their behaviour and 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. See our next newsletter for more photos. If you haven't yet sign up to Twitter for photos as events unfold.

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.

Next Tuesday our **SRC- Student Representative Council** is running their first mufti day. Please see later in the newsletter for more details.

As part of our **reporting and communicating opportunities** with families please register to meet with your child's teacher during **Interview** week. **Kindergarten to Year Six** will have interview opportunities in the week of March 16. Please find your class teachers 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 you can set the learning goals together as a team. Kindergarten interviews are **PARENT ONLY**.

**Parent Booking Guide:**

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

<https://kensingtonps.schoolzineplus.com/view-session/5>

**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.

## Summer Break

I was lucky enough to be involved in a study tour over the summer break. I visited London, Israel and Jordan. During that time I visited various educational settings from preschools to university programs, primary and senior schools. I listened to students, families and educators in such varied settings with various specialities. There were 75 educators from Australia and New Zealand involved in the program and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity. Being involved in such diverse and various programs was exciting, challenging and has given me the opportunity to come back to KPS and have some wonderful discussions with our staff.

**Ms Louise Stone**  
**Principal**

## Dates for your Diary

- **P&C Meeting One 2020-** Tuesday 25 February - 7.30pm School Library
- **SRC Mufti Day** – Tuesday 3 March - see below for details

Please see attached the **Extra-Curricular Activities for Term One 2020**. Please print this off and keep it on your fridge for future reference.

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

## 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. Completed nomination forms should be returned to the school office no later than 9am 31 March.

Position descriptions will be available at the Parent Information Night at the P & C table under the COLA and can be discussed at the first P&C Meeting of the year on Tuesday 25 February 2020 or contact the school office.

## P&C



## 2020 P&C Calendar

### Term 1

- 19-Feb 5-7pm Parent Information Evening (Barista coffee + finger food)
- 14-Mar Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- 24-Mar P&C Mufti Day

### Term 2

- TBC Social evening Gin and Wine
- 8-May Mother's Day (parents to provide baked goods and sweets)
- 23-Jun P&C Mufti Day

### Term 3

- 22-Aug Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- 4-Sep Father's Day (parents to provide baked goods and sweets)
- 15-Sep P&C Mufti Day

### Term 4

- 26-Oct International Teacher's Day
- 30-Oct Halloween Disco
- 1-Dec P&C Mufti Day

**What does the P&C do?** a not-for-profit organisation that is run by parent volunteers for the benefit of children and the school.

**Objective 1:** *Promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation; and*

**Objective 2:** *Assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.*

In 2019, we earned over \$50,000 from the Uniform shop and various events. Join the P&C anytime ONLINE and pay \$1 at the school office. We currently have a record 100+ members.

## 2020 Sponsorship

We are thrilled to say that the P&C has achieved its \$10,000 sponsorship target thanks to the generous support of our 2020 sponsors.

## Major Sponsor



- **2020 Major Sponsor:** East Village Shopping Centre (Mirvac)
- **Marquees/Tents:** Ray White Kingsford + Leyton Family (Dario in Year 3)

- **P&C Banners:** Paloma Architectural Joinery (Natasha & Henry Acosta with son Lukas in Kindy)
- **P&C Attire/Vests:** Abacus Coaching Centre
- **Tablets, SQUARE Card Readers, other:** Lenovo, Ray White Kingsford and Canva.com

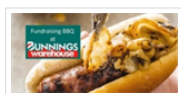
### KPS Parent Information Evening Wed 19-Feb 5-7pm

The P&C has organised complementary savoury and sweet finger foods courtesy of Taste Baguette in East Village. A barista coffee cart will also be on-site so parents can enjoy a social chat over coffee/tea and food – kid free!

P&C representatives will be available to assist with membership registration and any questions or information regarding the P&C in 2020. Please come and say hello.

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Sat 14-Mar (Alexandria)

The P&C's second event is a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Alexandria. These are really fun events and we seek volunteers to help and/or coordinate this event that is fast approaching. We will reach out to members shortly that have already offered to help via the P&C online registration.



#### We need...

- An overall coordinator
- Volunteers to prepare/cook/serve – **students encouraged to help!**
- Can volunteer for 1hr or all day (7-4pm) – totally flexible
- **1000-1200 BEEF sausages** and long bread rolls
- **30kg sliced onions**
- **15 -20 litres of condiments** (Tomato, Mustard, BBQ sauce)
- **250-300 cans** (A limit of four carbonated and one still water beverages are permitted)

### P&C Meetings

The first P&C General Meeting for 2020 is on Tues 25-Feb at 7:30pm in the School library. Following is the link to the AGENDA.

The Annual General Meeting is on Tues 31-Mar at 7:30pm. You can nominate yourself or others to be on the P&C Executive team for 2020. The school will send out nomination forms shortly. You must attend the AGM to vote.

### Class parents

Ongoing research shows that *“Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behaviour.”* Hence, our new logo...



We have found that WhatsApp is proving very effective in communicating class specific items as well as being a great tool for the P&C to request assistance with various events throughout the year. As a result, we will close the P&C Facebook account and encourage parents to join a class-based WhatsApp group managed by the Class Parent Rep in each class. A form will be distributed for parents to complete at class sessions during the Parent Information Evening on 19-Feb.



### Student Voice – Engaging with students

Research has shown that students who believe they have a voice in school are seven times more likely to develop better life skills, self-esteem, be more academically motivated, and have better critical thinking skills. The P&C is collaborating with the school on a new initiative for 2020 to better engage with student leaders and representatives, with the aim of listening to and supporting their ideas and activities regarding the P&C goals; Engagement, Community, Recognition.

### K2K Development – Making it safe for our children

Randwick Council approved a decision in Dec-19 to significantly increase the apartment density near the school including four 18 storey buildings

An unprecedented high response rate from a KPS Parent Survey in 2019 showed that 92% believe the K2K Development Proposal will adversely affect the safety and wellbeing of children and staff that walk, ride or scoot to school as a result of traffic and congestion

Ron Hoenig (State member for Heffron) and Matt Thistlethwaite (Federal Member for Kingsford Smith) oppose over-development impacting school safety

KPS P&C has been successful in gaining a meeting with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Minister's Office to discuss major concerns regarding the K2K Development proposal

Jock Marmotta and Philipa Veitch (RCC Councillor) will meet with DPIE 20-Feb to discuss the following alternatives:

1. Limit height of buildings on the Eastern side of Todman Ave (towards the city) to 10 Storeys, and/or
2. Relocate these two, 18 storey buildings to the East Ward Area of Randwick near the light rail that stops at Avoca Street.

### SQUARE – Making life easier

The Kensington P&C are transitioning to an easier (and more cost effective) method of payment collection with the implementation of Square terminals in the Uniform shop (commencing Week 5) and at all P&C events.



- Cash or card payments will be accepted
- Card payments will no longer incur an additional \$1 fee
- Visa, MasterCard, Amex, ApplePay and GooglePay can all be used

- Receipts will be forwarded to either your email or mobile phone
- Paper receipts no longer available
- Square will enable us to also set up an online store for the uniform shop – so watch this space

We would like to hear from any parents (or students) that could volunteer to set-up a basic website for the P&C using weebly.com.

## Term One Payment Invoices

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

### YEAR THREE

3D,3M

### YEAR FOUR

4/3K ,4C,4E

### YEAR FIVE

5J,5T

### YEAR SIX

6/5D,6R

## Student Wellbeing

### Focus of the Fortnight

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.

### 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 at the Parent Information Evening. 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
- Trading of toys (including cards) is not permitted. Traded items will be returned to their rightful owner and sent home

## SRC Class Representatives 2-6 and House Captains

Term One Student Representative Council members and the 2020 House Captains will be presented with their badges at the 9.00 am morning assembly on Monday 24 February 2020. We would like to invite parents and carers of the students to join us for the presentation ceremony.

## SRC Mufti Day Tuesday 3 March - My Favourite Hero

SRC would like to raise money for the NSW Rural Fire Services. On Tuesday 3 March, we encourage all students to wear mufti by dressing up as their favourite hero and bring in a gold coin donation (school hats and closed-in shoes are required).

## PSSA Training

This year we will be offering training sessions for all PSSA players. If your child would like to attend they can meet us at the seats under the library. If it is raining the morning of training it will be cancelled.

The sessions will commence from **Week 5 - Week 10** at the following times:

**PSSA Touch Football** - Wednesday mornings 8am - 8.30am at Kensington Public School

**PSSA Basketball and PSSA Cricket** - Friday mornings 8am - 8.30am at Kensington Public School

## K-2 Assembly Roster Term 1

Friday 2.30pm School Hall

WEEK	CLASS
WEEK 6	SRC HOSTING
WEEK 7	2SF HOSTING
WEEK 8	NO ASSEMBLY student/parent/teacher interviews
WEEK 9	2SF ITEM
WEEK 10	SOT ASSEMBLY
Week 11	NO ASSEMBLY

## Performing Art News

We will be starting all choirs in Week 5.

Ukulele Ensemble will also be starting in Week 5.

Students who are interested in either of these activities can get a permission note from Ms Fredman.

## Environmental Club

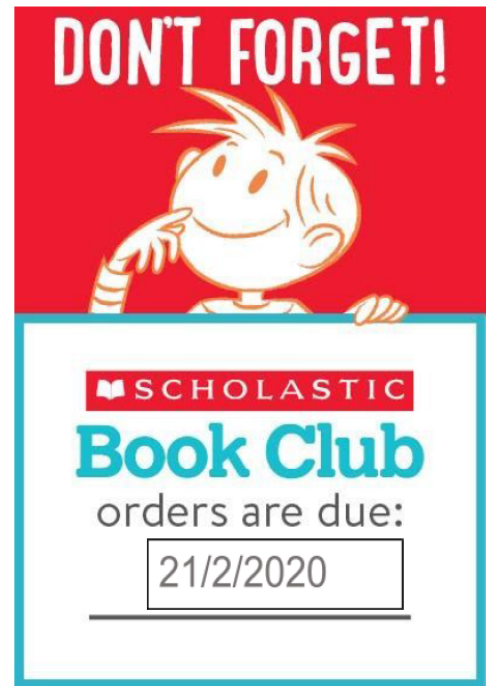
Environmental Group started today.

Anyone in Years 4, 5 and 6 could come along. We are planning to meet every even week in the Performing Arts Room at recess.

We will be discussing ways to help keep our school and community sustainable and make gifts that will benefit our environment.

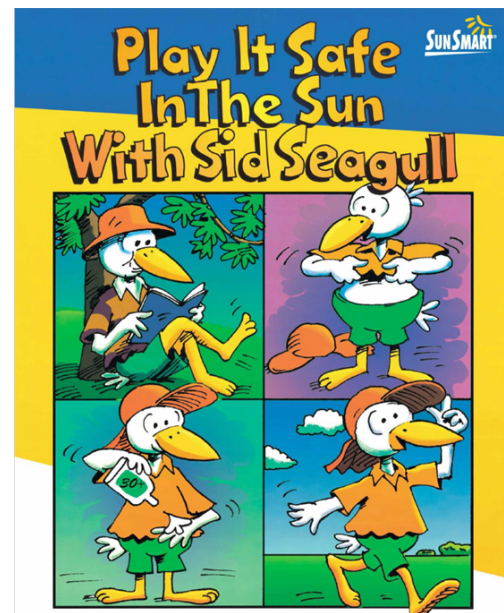
Looking forward to seeing new and old members.

## Book Club



It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/ LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

## SunSmart



## School Banking Calling for Volunteers

Kensington Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.



Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires volunteer School Banking Co-ordinators to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

School banking day is **Tuesday morning from 8.30am in the playground.**

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please see the volunteers in the Playground on Tuesday or email Zee at [zeelt7@gmail.com](mailto:zeelt7@gmail.com).

## 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 2020. 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](mailto:micklocke@gmail.com)

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

## Randwick Boys' High School 2020 OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday 3rd March, 5:30 – 7:30pm**

Randwick Boys' High School will be hosting their annual Open Night on Tuesday 3 March.

Please see the attached poster.

## 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**

## KPSOOSH CARE



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Kensington Public School OOSH Care Incorporated

Centre Number: 0425 291 281

Email: [admin@kpssoosh.com.au](mailto:admin@kpssoosh.com.au)

### Autumn Vacation Care

**Our autumn vacation care program will be readily available in Week 6. Please keep an eye out for an email containing a link to our booking form and program. We are always open suggestions from students and parents on incursions, excursions and at school activity**

### Weather

The weather has been really warm and inconsistent lately and due to extreme conditions we ask that students are dressed appropriately so they do not overheat. We also ask that all students have a drink bottle and are encouraged to continuously drink throughout the day to prevent fatigue.

### OOSH Computers

We now have two Macs in the centre for the kids to use on a rotating roster. Students can use the computers in 20-minute intervals for educational purposes such as homework, assignments, class projects etc. Computers are located in the OOSH room and educators will be supervising computer use at all times.

### Senior Jobs

We have recently created a written agreement for senior students to help out the educators in the afternoons. If seniors and their parents agree, they will be asked to do light jobs in the afternoons such as supervising and cleaning. There has been a reward system put in place to motivate the senior students. We hope this sets them up for future responsibilities and they enjoy their time supporting our educators at OOSH.

### Donations

Please keep in mind that we are also still collecting **Bread Tags for Wheel Chairs.**