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## Kensington Catch Up

4 March 2020

### Principal's Report

**Welcome** to Week Six at Kensington Public School.

**Congratulations** to all those who participated at the Zone Carnival today, you represented our school with pride and sportsmanship.

We encourage all members of the school community to act with **respect** and **dignity** and expect all interactions to be respectful. Please see the Department School Community Charter and the Code of Conduct Required of Parents and Visitors on school grounds for school specific guidelines.

**Student, Teacher, Parent Conferences**, please use the link below to register. Please remember students from Year 1-6 are expected to attend the interview with you. For Kindergarten parents, this will be an opportunity to discuss your child's Best Start report, which was sent home today.

#### Parent Booking Guide:

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

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

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindergarten to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ 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 2½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**School starts at 9.00am DON'T BE LATE!**

**KPS Office hours** are from 8.30am -3.15pm. We encourage new enrolment paperwork to be submitted between 9.30 and 2.30pm as before and after these times the office is extra busy. If you need to contact the office out of these please send an email to [kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and it will be forwarded to the correct contact and it will be answered as soon as possible. For issues directly pertaining to your child please start with your class teacher as per our communication guidelines.

Thank you everyone who supported our **"Heroes" Bushfires Fundraiser**. The Community raised \$470.85. Thank you.



Have a great week everyone.

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

## P&C AGM and School Council AGM 2020 Committee Members -31 March 7.30pm School Library

Our School Council and P&C Committees are due for re-election and we are seeking nominations. The AGM's will take place on Tuesday evening 31 March from 7.30pm in the school library. We will have the School Council AGM, then The P & C AGM then a General School P & C meeting.

Please see below registrations forms for positions for and links for position descriptions. If you are looking for more information please use the following link to find out more the P&C Federation Website.

<https://www.pandc.org.au/>

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

Thank you to those who have registered to be involved in the P&C Class Parent Program and special thank you to those who have volunteered to be a coordinator. The P&C WhatsApp group is another way for parents to connect and communicate organised by the P&C. For those who have registered, you will receive an invitation shortly to join the class group.

The P&C has decided to assign two representatives for each class (where possible), so that parents can share the communication load. Thank you to all those who volunteered.

We ask you to remember that the school newsletter, Schoolzine notifications and notes home should always be the starting point for information regarding school programs, policies and events.

Please see below some simple protocols for communicating within groups in keeping with the school values of Honour, Knowledge and Community:

1. WhatsApp class group is a positive and constructive communication channel for parents to share news and updates relevant to their class, school and the community.
2. The P&C will also communicate via WhatsApp to update parents on upcoming events.
3. WhatsApp users must adhere to the KPS Code of Conduct in all communications keeping in mind that communications should only be informative and sent between the hours of 8am and 8pm.
4. Your participation in the WhatsApp group is voluntary

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.

## Dates for your Diary

- 16 March** - Student/Teacher/Parent Interviews  
**24 March** – P&C Mufti Day- Theme to be confirmed

## COVID-19 - Information for parents and carers as at 2/3/2020

### The updated advice from the NSW Government for parents and affected staff is:

- Any student or staff member who has been in, or transited through, mainland China (not just Hubei province) or has been in Iran is excluded from work, school or child care services for 14 days from the date they left mainland China or Iran (as the COVID-19 incubation period can be as long as two weeks).
- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.

- Students and staff who have returned to Australia from mainland China or Iran more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.
- The NSW Ministry of Health has processes to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending school would be provided to these close contacts by the NSW Ministry of Health.
- Consistent with our current guidelines, staff and students unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. If any student becomes unwell, we will implement our infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the NSW Ministry of Health as appropriate.
- Where staff or students remain without symptoms during the 14 days self-isolation period after returning from China or Iran, they do not require a medical certificate to return to school after the 14 days. We are required to request a short note from parents/carers to explain the absence from school in the usual way.
- Schools will continue to practise good hygiene standards as an important way to reduce the risk of acquiring and spreading respiratory infections. We will continue to encourage appropriate handwashing, as well as the use of hand sanitiser and antiseptic spray for use when appropriate.
- Families are encouraged to watch the NSW Department of Education website and NSW Health Website for updates and be aware of the continued changes particularly if you are travelling during the upcoming holidays.

## P&C



## 2020 P&C Calendar

### Term 1

- 14-Mar P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings  
24-Mar P&C Mufti Day

### Term 2

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

### Term 3

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

## Term 4

26-Oct International Teachers Day

30-Oct Halloween Disco

1-Dec P&C Mufti Day

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## KPS Parent Information Evening Wed 19-Feb

Many parents got the opportunity to meet our happy P&C volunteers or even join the P&C. All while enjoying a great coffee by William deNass coffee, with really yummy savoury and sweet food from Taste Growers Market in East Village. We even managed to trial our new SQUARE tap-n-go payment facility. We hope you had a great evening and were made to feel welcome in our wonderful KPS community.



## P&C Raffle Ticket Winners

Congratulations to two lucky winners of the P&C raffle held at the Parent Information Evening last Wednesday.

1. **2x Hoyts Lux Movie Vouchers:** [Casey Lu \(Candice\)](#) - Courtesy of Hoyts Entertainment Quarter
2. **\$200 Lucio's pizzeria dinner voucher:** [Rod & Mel Ware \(Sammy and Ivy\)](#) - Courtesy of East Village

## P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Alexandria on Sat 14-Mar (only 2 weeks away)

The P&C's second event is a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Alexandria. Thank you to all the volunteers that have nominated to help in the day; we have enough volunteers. Weather prediction is beautiful and mild sunny day.

I wish to sincerely thank Coles for donating most of the food supplies. Jason a parent from the school works at Coles and has pulled some strings for us. Thank you! This will save us about \$1000. With the online donations, we still need about \$500 to purchase drinks and other items.

### You can help in four ways:

1. Volunteer on the day [CLICK HERE](#)
2. Donate a digital Coles Groceries Gift Card, or
3. Donate Cash Online to the P&C
4. **Visit Bunnings** Alexandria on 14-Mar and support us!

## P&C Meetings

Our first P&C General Meeting was held last [Tuesday 25-Feb at 7:30pm](#) in the School library. We discussed lots of business given we hadn't met since Nov-19. Following is some key points. You can access the full minutes on request.

1. P&C Sausage Sizzle Update

2. Empathy and Failure Toys Approved for purchase
3. New SQUARE Payment system launched for Uniform shop & events
4. New P&C Web page is being developed by a parent volunteer
5. P&C engaging more with students through 'Student Voice' initiative
6. Communications - Class based WhatsApp groups to replace Facebook

**REMINDER:** 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. You must attend the AGM to vote.

You must be a P&C member to vote. You can Join the P&C here and pay \$1 membership fee online. Alternatively, scan this QR code on your mobile to register.



## Class parents

In 2020, the school is supporting the P&C to become more effective in how we communicate with parents.

At the P&C Meeting last Tuesday, the P&C voted to close the P&C Facebook page. We have found that WhatsApp is proving more 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 join a class-based WhatsApp account managed by the Class Parent Rep in each class. Many parents have registered for WhatsApp at the parent evening. The P&C is currently establishing the groups and will send out the WhatsApp link shortly to class parents. Please encourage as many parents as possible to join. Please see earlier in the newsletter for protocols.

## 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

Jock Marmotta and Philipa Veitch (RCC Councillor) met with Directors from Rob Stokes's office (Minister for Planning) on 20-Feb to express key concerns around safety and wellbeing of KPS children as a result of increased traffic congestion.

We felt the meeting was constructive and hope that height limits will be put in place as requested. We will know of a decision after the Minister reviews all submissions - for and against - the development! This may take another month or two.

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 has gone green and transitioned to an easier (and more cost effective) method of payment collection. SQUARE was launched in the Uniform shop last week.



Rachel serving Zofia with the new SQUARE tap-n-go reader

### About the new SQUARE POS system

- Cash or card payments 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
- Fully integrated with real-time reporting and an online inventory management and reporting system
- Easy to set-up and use for events
- Square will enable us to also set up an online store for the uniform shop – so watch this space
- Payments/donations for events can be made online using SQUARE



## P&C FIRST AID COURSE

The P&C are organising a First Aid Course for parents and carers at KPS.

Short Courses Australia is offering a First Aid Course for Parents & Carers at your school.

HLTAID003 Provide First Aid teaches **Parents & Carers** the fundamental principles, knowledge and skills to enable them to provide emergency care for injuries and illnesses, in the home, school or the workplace.

There are no pre-requisites for this course and Mature Aged Beginners are encouraged to participate.

**Course Details:** Saturday 28th March 2020 and Saturday 4th April 2020, 8:00am – 3:30pm

**Cost:** \$75.00 per person

For more information and to enrol online visit the link below: or see the attached poster

<http://www.shortcoursesau.edu.au/kensington>

## Term One Payment Invoices

Please click on your child's grade below to access your Term One payment invoice and payment options. Please note payments were due last Friday, February 28.

## Student Wellbeing

### Lost Property Procedures

In a busy school environment, it is **normal** for your child to misplace items at various times. This is especially true for younger students, who are developing their sense of personal responsibility and organisational skills.

Below are some steps parents can take to support their child:

#### To Minimise Lost Items

1. LABEL ALL ITEMS sent to school (Eg. Hats, jumpers, lunchboxes, library bags etc)- Without a name, the school has NO WAY of locating the owner;
2. Allow your child to pack their bags so that they know where their items are and begin to take personal responsibility;

#### If Your Child Loses an Item

1. Do not worry! Most of the time, labelled items turn up. Reassure your child and remind them to look for their lost item- it is **their** responsibility!
2. Check the school Lost Property- this is located in the tiled area between the Primary Toilets;
3. Support logical consequences- Eg. If your child loses their hat, they sit in the shade
4. Provide a replacement/spare item if appropriate
5. If your child regularly loses items, talk to their teacher about strategies to support their organisational skills.

## 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

## Selective High School Placement Test

Dear Parent,

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2020 from 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Team to attend an individually allocated test centre candidates from this school have been sent to:

## J J Cahill Memorial High School, Sutherland St, ROSEBERY NSW 2018.

Go to the link below to find:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

Principals should contact the High Performing Students Team if they have any enquiries regarding the Selective High School Placement Test or the procedures involved in the placement process.

Thank you for your co-operation.

*Yours sincerely*

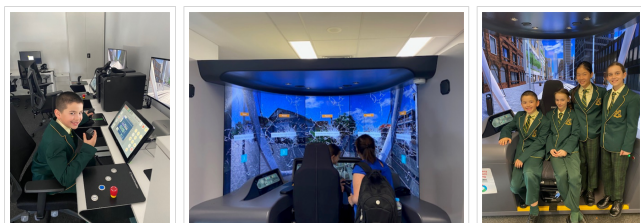
**Magda Pollak**

**Leader, High Performing Students Team**

## Tram Stabling Yard

By Vika, Oscar, Isabella, and Elizabeth

Last Thursday, the leadership team of Kensington Public School and Ms Stone, were invited to the Kensington Tram stabling yard station. It was a great privilege to go and learn about how the trams work and how many workers are needed to keep the trams running safely. At the simulation, we engaged with a device that taught us all the important jobs of the drivers. Overall it was a great experience and we all enjoyed the wonderful trip.



How exciting! Our Stage One visited the Sydney Light Rail Kingsford Terminus to meet a tram driver and learn how to stay safe around light rail earlier this year. Please see the video attached.

<https://www.facebook.com/SydneyLightRailProject/videos/197069998319770/>

## 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

## PSSA Results

PSSA								
Touch Football	Friday 21.02	Boys	Senior	Kensington	3	Rose Bay	3	
			Junior	Kensington	0	Rose Bay	2	
		Girls	Senior	Kensington	0	Rose Bay	333	
			Junior	Kensington	0	Rose Bay	4	
	Friday 28.02	Boys	Senior	Kensington	1	Clovelly B	5	
			Junior	Kensington	0	Clovelly B	0	
		Girls	Senior	Kensington	2	Clovelly B	1	
			Junior	Kensington	0	Clovelly B	0	
Basketball	Friday 21.02	Boys	Senior	Kensington	8	Rose Bay	6	
		Girls	Senior	Kensington	8	Rose Bay	34	
		Junior	Mixed	Kensington	0	Rose Bay	16	
	Friday 28.02	Boys	Senior	Kensington	4	Bellevue Hill	28	
		Girls	Senior	Kensington	24	Bellevue Hill	6	
		Junior	Mixed	Kensington	2	Bellevue Hill	10	
	Cricket	Friday 21.02	Boys	Senior	Kensington		Randwick	
				Junior	Kensington		Randwick	
Girls			Senior	Kensington	55	Randwick A	159	
			Junior	Kensington	77	Randwick A	109	
Friday 28.02		Boys	Senior	Kensington	18	Clovelly	65	
			Junior	Kensington	17	Clovelly	86	
		Girls	Senior	Kensington	80	Clovelly A	150	
			Junior	Kensington	88	Clovelly A	93	

## K-2 Assembly Roster Term 1

Friday 2.30pm School Hall

WEEK	CLASS
WEEK 6	YEAR 2 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

Choirs, Band and dance groups have started and off to a great start. Please make sure all students arrive on time and know when their lessons are.

Looking forward to many performances this year.

## Violin/Keyboard Teacher

We are sourcing a new violin/keyboard tutor at KPS. Thank you to those families who recently completed an Expression of Interest form.

So that the tutor can contact you directly, please complete the following survey.

## Dragon Days

Dragon Days is the play for all Years 3-6 students and auditions are well underway for students in Years 5 and 6. Save the date- Tuesday 25 August at NIDA.

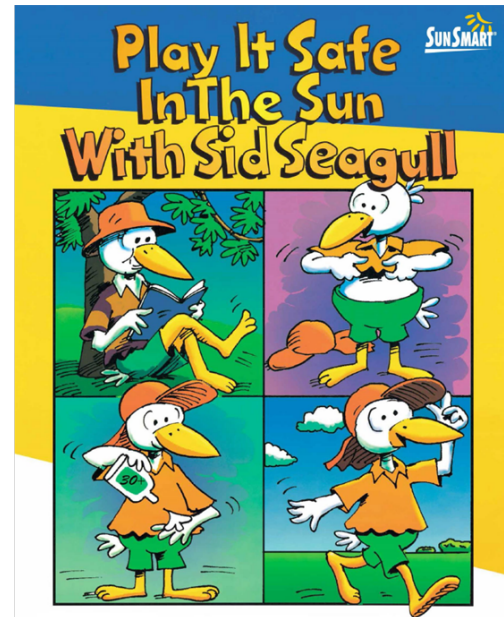
If your child is cast in a main part they will be required to attend after school rehearsals from 3.10pm-4.30pm in Term 2. The rehearsal schedule will be available at the end of Term 1.

Thank you to all those wonderful parents and friends who signed up to help sew and glue costumes. This will happen in Week 9 Friday 27 March and Week 10 Friday 3 April from 2pm-3pm. We will meet in the Performing Arts room and bring along any sewing machines or glue guns you have handy. Please remember, if you would like to volunteer and haven't done so, please apply for your Working with Children Check and send a copy to the school office. Also, please sign in and out at the front office when you come to the school to volunteer.

Please let me know if you can pop in. If you are unavailable and would still like to help please email the school. The more people the merrier. We have over 200 costumes to make and every set of hands is very welcome.

**Ms Fredman**

## SunSmart



## School Banking

Join **School Banking** where children can deposit any amount each week. However, the amount is not the most important part. The main aim of school banking is learning how to save.



All your child needs in order to join the fun is a Commonwealth Bank account number. After depositing 10 times, your child can choose a reward for being a regular saver.

Did you know that the Commonwealth Bank donates money to the school as a thank you for running the program? Since it began at KPS in 2014, School Banking has raised thousands of dollars and these funds have been used for things like the vertical gardens, playground updates and last year, the Commonwealth Bank Kingsford donated an additional \$500 towards a Lego voucher.

In Week 4, we had 57 bankers and in Week 5, 97 bankers. Great work KPS! Can we make it to our record breaking 143 bankers?

A team of volunteers are on site every Tuesday before school to process your deposits and to organise rewards. We are also looking for some new volunteers to help us out with School Banking. If you are dropping your child off for choir in the mornings and can help out from 8.15am to 9.30am please contact Zee Tweed (zeelt7@gmail.com) . It's a great way to get involved in the school community.

## 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 [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) 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)

## School Holiday Activities at KPS

### Please contact them directly

Code Camp at KPS from 20 – 22 April. Please see attached flyer for further information.

## Expression of Interest

The following groups have showed an interest in providing extra curricula programs at Kensington. Please show your expression of interest by contacting them directly.

### Become a Coder, Game Developer, Engineer and Designer with Code Create

### Junior Engineers After School Coding & Robotics

### Spanish Classes at Kensington Public School

## Current Extra Curricula Programs- Call them directly for information

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



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

### Senior Jobs 5/6 Update

As you are aware, we created a written agreement for senior students to help out the educators in the afternoons. They have been doing light jobs in the afternoons such as supervising and cleaning. We are proud to report that they have been doing so well. We are excited to see what they will pick to be reward for after all their hard efforts in term 1.

### Donations

The kids love drawing so I would ask families if they could please Donation any scrap paper, they have laying around at home or work. To reduce the use of fresh white paper

### Part time Jobs at KPSOOSH

Exciting opportunity at KPSOOSH!! We are seeking a number of permanent part-time Educators to fill before and/or after school care and/or vacation care positions KPS OOSH

To be successful in this position you will be passionate and love working with children. You will need to be motivated, enthusiastic, energetic and dedicated to providing children with the best possible childhood experiences. You will have a cooperative approach to working with staff and families. If you know of anyone interested, please get them to email a cover letter and resume to [director@kpssoosh.com.au](mailto:director@kpssoosh.com.au)