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Kensington Catch Up

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Week Six at Kensington Public School,

It was so wonderful to see our students' return last week. Schools are definitely not the same when they are not filled with laughter and smiling faces.

The children and staff are getting used to the "New Normal" and we thank you for supporting us with the changes. The uniform pickups and the gate pick up seem to work well. Thank you for your support of these practices. Remember to send an email to the school if you want us to check a uniform size before you order, also it is vital you put your name, the student's name, the class and delivery point as all of this makes the process far easier. Thank you.

Reporting to parents

We will be holding **parent teacher student** interviews in Week 10. All families are encouraged to book **one** time slot with their class teacher. The interview booking process will be available through the Week Eight newsletter and as per current guidelines these will be either online or on the telephone. There will be more information about this and the process in the Week Eight newsletter.

Reports will be sent on Friday 31 July, as per the DoE Guidelines they will be in a simplified form with no grading A-E. We have in fact been told reports are not due out till August 30 but the Kensington staff have decided to complete interviews this term and reports early next term to ensure continuity of learning and assessment is not impacted for Semester 2.

Money paid in advance

We are currently working with all our external suppliers and pre-booked excursions to work out what can be done moving

forward with monies already paid. As you know, the Department of Education has put a hold on all excursions, incursions, school camps and interschool sports programs until further notice. Some suppliers and programs have closed their doors and informed us they are no longer taking bookings. We are working very hard to work out what can be done to replace or exchange programs as restrictions ease. We will not be asking for any money this term for activities or programs or fundraising events in line with these tough times.

Extra Curricula programs

We have been informed that programs such as PSSA and other interschool programs have been postponed or cancelled until further notice. Kensington does not want our children to miss out on various programs and opportunities so we are currently looking at the school calendar and working out various options for "in" school debating, public speaking and sports competitions. External programs and activities will be addressed as soon as we have information from the department about guidelines.

Mural

We are looking at updating/refreshing the mural on the wall outside the KP classroom. Aligning with DoE procedures before working on an old mural we must check with the community to see if anyone knows anyone that may have been involved in the painting of the original mural or the artist. Please contact the school office if you have any information by Monday 8 June.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments

If you intend to enrol a sibling at Kensington PS or have a neighbour or friend in our catchment area that is intending to enrol please contact the school office to start the enrolment process. Our enrolment officer can assist and most paperwork can be submitted online to start the process.

Just a few reminders from the DoE.

- The canteen is only open **Wednesday to Friday** – pre order through Munch Monitor for morning and lunchtime snacks (no cash payments can be accepted at this time). Please ensure everyone brings

morning tea, lunch and Sip and Crunch each day if not ordering.

- Please bring your re-fillable water bottle.
- Please inform the school if you change your pick-up arrangements. Children will be delivered to the allocated gate, OOSH or Squiggler and car lines each afternoon where there will be staff to dismiss them. If you would like to start using car lines and would like a name plaque for your car visor please email the school and we will get it organised. Please note students will NOT be permitted to enter cars at the Bowral Street Gate.

The Department of Education has put together processes and procedures for schools for if and when a positive COVID Case is notified in a school community.

This information is for your interest. KPS has not had or does not have any current COVID Cases.

Please see below the information about what will happen if a school is notified that there is a positive case in our community.

School operations

Parents/carers and students will be notified when a decision is made to cease school operations to enable the contact tracing process to take place and/or to have the school site thoroughly cleaned. Information about the operational status of the school will be disseminated using the school's information channels, including the School's Notification App, DoE Facebook page and the department's website.

During this period, educational material will be made available through the department's remote learning hub to enable students to continue learning at home.

Parents and students will be notified by the department when the school is ready to resume onsite learning.

Contact tracing

A 'close contact' is someone who has spent significant time either face-to-face (15mins) or in an enclosed space (two hours or more) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. In an education setting, this will include contact during classroom lessons, recess and lunch breaks, and during extra-curricular activities.

Parents/carers will be notified via a phone call and formally in writing if their child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 while at school. These students will be required to remain in home isolation and not return to school for 14 days from the last possible contact. In this situation, the school will arrange for the student to receive their learning programs at home.

Where a student is not deemed to be a close contact, parents will receive a letter advising them to monitor their child for symptoms and to seek treatment if appropriate. In these situations, students and staff are not required to self-isolate and can continue to attend school and engage in their normal activities within the community.

All families will receive a formal letter from the school to advise them what to do if they have been at school on a day when the confirmed case was considered to be infectious.

Safety and hygiene

The department is continuing to work closely with NSW Health and other related Australian Government agencies to ensure the best possible precautions are in place to protect students and staff in our public schools.

Schools have comprehensive infection control and first aid arrangements in place and are well practised in implementing practical strategies and standard precautions to prevent the spread of disease in our schools.

Good personal hygiene including regular hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting and the use of personal protective equipment are vigorously applied across all schools.

Where there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, specialist cleaning will be carried out at the school site in accordance with NSW Health protocols before the school resumes operations again.

I ask that you continue to keep your children at home if they are unwell and if you choose for them to be tested due to flu-like symptoms please notify the school. Then please notify us straight away of their results.

Add to your calendar

Dress Up Mufti Days:

These are NOT fundraising events – No money is required, please remember your school hat and closed-in shoes.

Pyjama Day and Onesie Day- Friday 12 June. Ugg Boots and slippers may be worn instead of school shoes on that day, weather permitting.

Come dressed as an essential worker – Friday 26 June

Please bring in any posters you may have and we will deliver these to the hospital etc.

Spots and Stripes Day – Friday 3 July

Let's celebrate the end of term by wearing spots and stripes.

***Ms L Stone
Principal***

Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year 4 students

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.

- A new test date - Wednesday **16 September 2020**.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores.

There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

KPS Reward Systems – Updates and Adjustments

As you are aware, we are currently unable to hold our normal assemblies. However, we continue to celebrate and share student success in the following ways:

MERIT AWARDS: Ms Stone will present two per class every Friday and names will be published in the next newsletter.

K-2 BIRTHDAY AWARDS: Class teachers will present in class on the day of or nearest day to a student's birthday.

VALUE AWARDS: In recognition of the disruption to regular schooling, the Class Dojo Tick system has been adjusted as follows:

Previous Tick Target	NEW Tick Target	Value Award
100	80	1st Silver Value Award
175	130	2nd Silver Value Award
225	170	3rd Silver Value Award
250	200	Gold Merit Key

As usual, we encourage students to focus on the reason for earning Dojo ticks and the ways in which they can show Honour, Knowledge and Community at school.

Value awards will be presented on Fridays, with student names and a group photo published in the next newsletter.

VALUE STICKER PBL RAFFLES: Prizes will be drawn during the day on Fridays in Weeks 3, 6, 9.

STUDENT OF THE TERM: This will resume in Term 3- details to be confirmed at a later date.

KPS Guitar Group

The online guitar lessons with KPS students have been going super well. All the students and families have really loved the opportunity to be able to keep learning music while we are remote learning from home. So far, there are 45 students from

Kensington Public School having their guitar lessons online with myself across the week, which is really cool.

Last Friday, any KPS guitar students who were at home were invited to jump online to have some fun and play a song together, to show you that we're still having fun, learning guitar together even during these crazy, weird times.

View the video here:

<https://vimeo.com/423042130/f7d253891b>

Congratulations to everyone who is learning in different ways during these unprecedented times.

Ricky

Premier's Reading Challenge

PRC is a program developed to encourage a love of reading. Students in K-2 are asked to read 20 books from the PRC list and 10 free choice books (books that are not on the PRC list). Students in 3-6 are asked to read 10 books from the PRC list and 10 free choice books.

The attached documents will provide more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge and also information on how to enter your child's books onto the online PRC Reading Log.

Please note, your Randwick Council Library membership gives you access to children's eBooks and eAudiobooks. If you are not a member of your local library, please find attached links to online membership that will give you access to many wonderful eBooks and resources.

https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/library/your_library/joining_a_nd_borrowing

<https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/library/about-the-library/joining-the-library>

Happy reading!

School Banking Program

Message from Commonwealth Bank

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people remains our highest priority. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding coronavirus, the School Banking program will remain on hold. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed with any updates including how we will be managing Dollarmite tokens for students.

In the meantime, here are some handy online resources for parents who wish to maintain momentum with their child's financial education:

- Start Smart: these resources have been created to improve children's money management skills, and is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and the National Consumer Financial Literacy Framework.
- The Beanstalk: offers videos and fun activities for children to learn about money.

Kensington Recipes

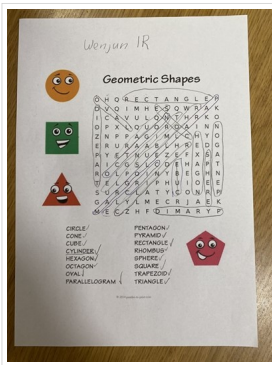
We would like to collect your recipes of the yummy treats you have made during these COVID-19 times and school holidays and create a KPS COVID-19 COOKBOOK. Please email the school at kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the following details:

The ingredients list, method, and ONE line explaining your recipe. Please have these in the format of Arial font, Size 12. Please include a picture if you can.

This will be the last week to accept recipes. We currently only have 10 recipes and if we do not receive anymore, unfortunately the recipe book will not go ahead.

Wordsearch of the Week

Congratulations to Wenjun 1R for being the first student to complete last week's Wordsearch.



Wenjun 1R

School Holiday Programs - Call them directly for information

Code Camp

Code Camp are releasing some new online coding sessions over the winter school holidays. Please see the attached flyer.

KPSOOSH



Please click [here](#) to view the KPS OOSH families June newsletter.