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Kensington Catch Up

17 February 2021

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week Four, Term One at Kensington. It's lovely seeing the children so settled in their classes and enjoying being back with their friends.

This newsletter is full of information that we hope will inform you and as always if you have specific questions please feel to email the school on kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Yesterday was our school Swimming Carnival, it was certainly different with no cheering, song or parents but we were so glad that we were able to have it. There will be photos and a report in our next newsletter and later in the term there will be an online school assembly to present the ribbons.

Teaching Staff 2021

KF	SONIA FATTORE
KP	AZIYADEE PEYROU
KV	AIMEE VAN CUYLENBURG
1G	GABRIELLE CANIZARES
1K	KYRA CHARALAMBU
1L	DANIELLA LAWRENCE
2E	DACRE ENGLAND
2F	RACHEL FILLER/BRONTE MACKINNON
2SR	NICOLA RUSSELL/KELLY SWINDLES
3M	REBECCA MCGRATH
3R	STEPHANIE ROBERTSON

4/3E	CATHY ESPINOSA
4D	KAREN DAVIS
4K	MELINDA KELLY
6/5B	SALLY BLACKWOOD
6/5J	JANE TOVEY
6/5R	YASMIN RAE
6/5T	ANGELO TZOUKAS

Please pop past the gates each afternoon and chat with the staff as we would love you to introduce yourself.

Our **Student Parent Teacher Goal Setting Meetings** will be a little earlier than normal this year, and we feel to further make a connection with our families this will be valuable. Please see below for the link to log on and book. When booking ensure you know the teacher's name. If you would prefer a telephone meeting, instead of a face to face meeting, please also complete the second option below to confirm your contact details.

STEP 1: Press the green link to book your meeting with your child's teacher.

<https://kensingtonps.schoolzineplus.com/view-session/8>

STEP 2: After booking your meeting time, if you would prefer a telephone meeting, please complete the survey below.

As mentioned previously, to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing we were unable to hold the traditional **Parent Information Evening** this year, so the teachers have been working very hard to organise information packages for each class. We hope this package is informative and you find it useful to refer back to as the year progresses.

2021 classes- essential reading

Please see below for the following essential reading for your class:

1. Parent Information Package:

2. Term Overview: This provides detailed information about curriculum and class procedures.
3. Term Invoice: This outlines school contributions and payment procedures for Term One.

Please find below our **Wellbeing Handbook**. This provides a great deal of information about our Positive Behaviour for Learning Program and further information ensuring you are aware fully informed of the processes at Kensington PS.

We often get questions about the Ambulance Insurance Scheme so please see below information from the department:

The **Ambulance** Cover Scheme provides assurance that if a student enrolled at a school has an accident or falls ill whilst at school or on an organised school excursion or activity, and requires the ambulance service, the cost will be met through the scheme.

We have been in touch with **Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls'** about a Parent Information Night for interested families. We will be looking at scheduling it next term but are going to wait a little longer to see what happens with COVID-19 restrictions.

Later this week members of the **P&C** will receive a link and agenda for the upcoming P&C Meeting on Tuesday 23 February at 7.30pm. If you are not a member yet please log into our Schoolzine App, tap the P&C tile and register as we would love you to be part of the team.

Nomination forms for our School Council and P&C Positions can be downloaded and printed from here or just ask and we can send them home with the children.

Job descriptions and more information about the P&C positions are available via the link to the P&C Federation website.

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

The positions up for nomination are:

- President
- Two Vice President positions are always voted on to support the President
- Secretary

We are also looking for a Social Media Liaison Officer, Uniform Shop Coordinator and P&C Website Manager/Communications.

Our School Council helps support the school with grant writing, School Plan Consultation, various large projects as they arise and policy writing etc.

The committee is made up of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Community Representative
- Three Staff Members
- Principal

Nomination forms are below. Please give the school a call or email if you would like further information.

Don't forget tomorrow is our first **GOLD Coin Mufti Donation Day** for the P&C. Children are encouraged to "wear something that makes them smile". Please remember closed-in shoes, your school hat and that clothes should be sun safe. The P&C thank you for your gold coin donation and the support in raising funds for our school.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Ms Louise Stone
Principal

Code of Conduct and School Charter

Please find below two documents that support parents at our school.

The School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

Our Code of Conduct for parents and visitors ensures that everyone who involves themselves with Kensington Public School is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

Please watch out in the next newsletter for a link to our Student Wellbeing Guidelines for your referral during the year.

School Council Minutes

If you wish to read the School Council Minutes, please email the school office where a copy is held. Please be aware that the School Council reports to the P&C, who publish their report after their monthly meeting, which is sent out to current members. The council meets up to twice a term before the P&C Meetings. If you ever have questions or concerns, please email the school, 'Attention School Council' and the council will get back to you.

Dates for your diary- see the school website calendar and Schoolzine notifications for more details

February

Thursday 18 February- P&C Mufti Day – Dress in something that makes you smile and makes you happy!

Monday 22 February – Class Photos K-6

Tuesday 23 February - P&C and School Council Meetings

March

Thursday 4 March- Year 6 Mufti Day

Friday 19 March- Harmony Day celebrations

Tuesday 23 March – P&C AGM and School Council AGM

Thursday 25 March- SRC Mufti Day, details to follow



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 2021. 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. At Kensington these classes have been held on Wednesday afternoons between 1.45 and 2.45.

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/>

Speech and Drama

Speech and Drama will commence in Term Two.

Violin Lessons

Isabel Tzorbatzaki - Eastern Suburbs based Violin Teacher –

Please contact her directly to register your child

Email: isabeljtz@gmail.com **Phone:** 0481 539 430

KPS P&C Newsletter

16 February 2021



Get Involved

The P&C is a non-for-profit organisation that is run by parents as volunteers for the benefit of our children and school. We would like to warmly invite and encourage you all to join the P&C via the link below.

<https://kensington-public-school-pc.square.site/>

As you can see, the KPS P&C website has been refreshed and re-designed to ensure ease of use and access. Thanks to parent-volunteers Charu, Dipt, Esther, Paul and Sean who worked on this in the holidays.

Class Parent and WhatsApp Group

To enable parents effective and regular communication, the P&C is organising a platform for sharing information related to your child's class. Classed-based WhatsApp groups are managed by Class Parent representative. If you haven't registered, please do so by using following link. Remember this is completely voluntary.

<https://kensington-public-school-pc.square.site/get-involved>

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting in 2021 will be held on Tuesday, 23rd February at 7:30pm using Zoom. Agenda and Zoom link will be available by the end of this week on the P&C website. Please note if you have any idea, concern or any other item you wish to discuss at a meeting and to be included for discussion in General Business, please send us an email kensingtonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Remember that only paid members have the right to vote at the meetings. So, please, JOIN US on our website.

P&C Events

Welcome 2021 Kindy Morning Tea and Tissue Party

The first P&C event was a Morning Tea and Tissue Party held from 1st-3rd February to welcome 2021 Kindergarten parents to our community. It was a moment that realistically described the real purpose of the P&C and it is, to be there for each other. We would like to thank all new parents who joined us and a special thanks to parents-volunteers Mimi and Nehal for organising this moment of togetherness, and Esther, Megan, Mimi, Nehal, Paul, Rachel and Sophie for helping out.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Alexandria (13th March 2021)

The P&C's second event is a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Alexandria. These are events that the community really likes, and we seek volunteers to help either personally or through donations. Since it is a fast-approaching event we would kindly ask you to reply a.s.a.p. either via the website or simply email us If you are able to volunteer for a few hours or donate the following. There will also be a survey in our next newsletter.

- Parent volunteers to prepare/cook/serve – older students are encouraged to help! (Time to volunteer is flexible from 1 hour or all day - from 7am-4pm)

- 1200 beef sausages and long bread rolls
- 30kg sliced onions
- 15-20 litres of condiments (Tomato, Mustard and BBQ sauce)
- 300 cans (a limit of four carbonated and one still water beverage is permitted)

Thank you in advance for joining and helping P&C, because *We Are All in This Together!*

Kensington Public School P&C

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