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Kensington Catch Up

24 November 2021

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 8 at Kensington Public School,
Here are just a few reminders as we come to the end of this unique year:

If you have not already returned the information about 2022's enrolment, please do so this week as this information really helps with our organisation and planning for next year.

Years One-Six 2022 will start school on Tuesday 1 February.

Kindergarten students beginning in 2022 will receive an email by the close of business Friday 17 December with further enrolment information and details about their staggered start and orientation.

For Kindergarten to Year Five students, please see the information later in this newsletter about the **textbook** ordering processes for next year.

Class formation and Composite classes information. At this time teachers work very hard to look at our students, their gifts and talents, their learning styles and their friendship groups. Please take a moment to read the following links and if you have further questions, please email your current class teacher.

Please feel free to write a letter or send an email discussing your child's learning needs for next year. You are welcome to discuss friendship groups and teaching styles but please do not ask for specific teachers. Please address it as **Confidential 2022**. Letters/emails of request will be accepted until **Friday 10 December**. Please remember, we want only the best for your children. Our teachers know your children academically and understand their social groups. We work very hard to ensure all classes are designed to support students academically, socially and emotionally.

Please click on the document below for **the 2021 NAPLAN Information**.

Presentation Day 2021

Presentation Day will be held over two days this year to allow for continued minimal contact between student cohorts and compliance with social distancing guidelines.

To celebrate all of our students' success this year, we will broadcast these special assemblies via zoom to ensure that all parents are able to join in the celebration of student's growth in learning.

Each class will have their own mini assembly where **all** students' outstanding efforts, resilience and achievement shown over this challenging year will be recognised and awarded.

Please ensure you return the Specific Activity Permission to Publish notes, which will ensure your child's involvement, by Friday 3 December. The notes will be sent home later this week.

Please join us via zoom on the following dates:

Assemblies for **K-2 classes will be held on THURSDAY 9 December.**

Assemblies for **3-6 classes will be held on FRIDAY 10 December.**

Please see the timetable below for your child's Presentation Day Assembly date and time.

Note: Start times may vary slightly to allow for safe movement of students and technical requirements.

K-2 Presentation Day – Thursday 9 December 2021

Time	Class	Zoom Link
9.10	2E	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66221192212?pwd=WGdtYjVvZjVzNnNEN3eENkK3d3R3p
9.30	1L	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63534431920?pwd=NXZ4MU94akpvdK5UY2RhTmJIUWV

K-2 Presentation Day – Thursday 9 December 2021

10.00	KV	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67882970438?pwd=OG5tRDQzeEFyAXA2TVVhZkFPUHFBZz09
10.30	1K	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62545489510?pwd=YzV5TVh2Rnp3TjV2aWltNFU2MEsvdz09
11.40	2SR	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63194878602?pwd=WURoRmMvYyVMzUUIhVnNobVprOj09
12.00	KF	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67181431833?pwd=bUFSQjVSc3VCM0ICUGtDQXptcmYkdz09
1.10	1G	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66435023731?pwd=blhESGZ4WDZYOW5ubEtlRFh0ekUzUj09
2.10	KP	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66445857531?pwd=OXlucXdUeEp3NGdrYXlzZ2xSNGtPd09
2.30	2F	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68373431479?pwd=Y1RUMFZudyt4RUltOXhMOXZQRXZ0Qj09

Wednesday 24 November Year 4 Movie night

Thursday 25 November Year 5 Movie night

Friday 26 November Year 6 Movie night

Friday 26 November Mufti Day - Theme 'Casual'

Thursday 9 December and Friday 10 December Presentation Days – Online

Thursday 16 December Last Day for students

Purple Day in honour of Eshan

On Friday 3 December the Kensington Public School Community will be honouring Eshan who passed away last month. After working closely with the family, we have decided to have a **Purple Day** which was Eshan's favourite colour. We ask that all students and staff wear something purple in honour of his memory.

The family are so thankful to the Sydney Children's Hospital for all that they did for Eshan and his family and all they do for terminally ill children. We are going to collect a gold coin donation to be given to the hospital in his name.

Thank you for your support.

3-6 Presentation Day – Friday 10 December 2021

Time	Class	Zoom Link
9.10	3R	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62084929072?pwd=RDEwZlhrZWw0SEJ5bnh0dkhGMj09
9.30	6/5B	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68434733206?pwd=OUNja3VvdS9sTU9SVndtWjVlUHBUj09
10.00	3M	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/65944282618?pwd=SXJwbXJZcU5HY21RK3BEMFBWTFZldz09
10.30	4D	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66758814405?pwd=bzdIUUx6TGtEUDh5NUZvRzIzTXFZ09
11.40	4K	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/61280192864?pwd=RE5NTjd6cVR0WHQ4THdJUKJXT3BMQT09
12.00	6/5R	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66803598099?pwd=VStBM3pDZzlkL0UwdStzbURtZFFlUT09
1.10	4/3E	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/61962404696?pwd=V1d1dFcvSjk0VXdSc05CUXk3eWlWdz09
1.30	6/5J	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68115139647?pwd=MUF5SIJFdSs3UWRqMIE0ODFwWk92Uj09
2.20	6/5T	https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63217809340?pwd=R2dreEw5bTBCYkRVcTZUeEhLMmRlZ09

World Kindness Day November 13

Last week, students at KPS reflected on **World Kindness Day** and continued to demonstrate our school values of **Honour, Knowledge and Community** in their learning. Students reflected on what it means to be kind and revisited some of the issues discussed earlier in the year with regards to bullying and the prevention of bullying.

Since our whole school return, teachers have focused on supporting students to reconnect and rebuild strong and positive relationships with one another.

To recognise the efforts of others, all students voted on their new Student of the Term, celebrating peers who had demonstrated qualities such as kindness, fairness, and a positive attitude within their class community.

Our K-2 students also continued to build their social skills through collaborative working and shared many of their own examples, discussing kindness and ways to listen to one another and to be a good friend.



KPS Book Packs 2022

As in previous years you can pre-order next year's student textbooks through LJ Harper & Co.

Please open the link below for instructions on how to order and pay for your child's textbooks for 2022:

Dates for your diary-

Please see the Upcoming Events on the left of this newsletter and our website for our full calendar of events.

Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 students continued to learn how they could build upon their own emotional resilience by developing self-management and problem-solving skills by supporting one another, building greater social awareness. They also continued to demonstrate their collaborative working skills through building some fantastic STEM creations together in teams.



Last week, students in Year 5 and 6 also reflected on the issues presented in a series of short film clips, using the **'Bullying. No Way'** resources, recommended by the Department of Education. Students created their own forums to

voice their opinions. Through these discussions students were able to reflect on their own relationships with peers and their responsibilities as a community member.

We are very proud of the way that our students here at KPS continue to learn and grow together!

The Student Wellbeing Team

Library News

Thank you so much for searching for library books. Many have been returned and I'm sure the others will turn up.

This is the last week for borrowing and library lessons All library books need to be returned by the end of next week (Week 9) and I will start the stocktake in Week 10.

Book Club orders will be distributed as soon as possible after we receive the delivery from Scholastic - hopefully, this week.

Best wishes,

Rosemary McDonald

Acting Librarian

Year Six Social Night Information

Below is a reminder of the organisation of the Year Six Social Night.

When: Friday December 3, 2021

Time: Students to enter through the Todman Avenue Gate at 3:45pm for a 4:00pm start. Students are to exit in relation to their surname:

A-K- South Doncaster Road Gate at 6:30pm (back of Hall)

L-Z- Todman Avenue Gate at 6:30pm (Library)

- If you would like to pick up your child from 2:00pm from school early to get ready for the event, please do so from the South Doncaster Road Gate at (back of Hall). Please call the school from the gate and your child will be directed to you from class.
- 3:45 arrival through the Todman Ave (Library) Gate for a 4:00pm start.
- 4:00pm- Zoom Webinar where- Year 6 will receive their yearbook, photos and graduation bear keepsake and seal the Time Capsule
- 4:30-6:00-Students participate in three activities: Bubble Soccer, Laser Tag and Ultimate Ninja Inflatable Obstacle Course
- 6:00-6:30- Meal served
- 6:30- Event conclusion and parent pickup

No mobile phones are required as the event will be photographed and placed on Twitter.

- Staff and students will wash hands using hand sanitiser on arrival
- Equipment and furniture will be sanitised

- Less than 100 people will be on the school site
- No adults onsite except for staff

There is a special permission note required for this event. Please return all notes by this **Friday, 26 November**.

Healthy Eating

Just a reminder that we encourage a healthy packed lunch to help sustain your child during the day. Lollies and chips are a **sometimes** food which could be eaten after school. Please see some simple tips below.

Easy Healthy Lunch Boxes in 3 Steps



Some mums think I am mad when I tell them I love packing lunch boxes. Some say they find it stressful, some hard work and others say it's simple because they pack the same each day. My tip for making the task of packing healthy lunch boxes easy is to build yourself a Lunch Box Map each week. Here's how:

1. INVOLVE THE KIDS IN CHOICES
Ask your kids what healthy snacks, fruit and vegetables they would like in their lunch box this week. The simple tip gets their buy-in and helps ensure your lunch boxes get eaten.

2. CHOOSE 3 OF EACH
I suggest ask your kids to choose at least 2 healthy snacks, 2 fruits and 2 vegetables. Then you can rotate them so it's different from the day before and you can include as much colour as possible (remember, different colour fruits and vegetables help your child's body in different ways).

3. MAIN LUNCH FOOD
If you are packing sandwiches each day, map out a couple of different fillings, and maybe choose 1 day to go sandwich free. If you don't pack sandwiches, map out what main lunches you'll pack.

IDEAS

- For ideas, see my Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/therootcause/>) for my Lunch Box Map for this week.
- To make packing lunch boxes super easy, you can go one step further and map out what you will pack each day.



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FOR FREE WEEKLY RECIPES, LUNCH BOX INSPIRATION, AND A FREE EBOOK, SIGN UP VIA EMAIL AT THEROOTCAUSE.COM.AU.



Join the School Band

SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

KENSINGTON PS

ENROL TODAY

Learn an Instrument and join our Kensington PS School Band Community in 2022!

JUNIOR BAND

Year 3-6 Beginners

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Drums
- & More!

SCAN ME

All the info you need to get started learning an instrument at school together with your friends!

9662 2211
www.directionsinmusic.com.au

Captains Corner

This week there will be a few reminders for this week and next week. There are going to be movie nights this week. Year 2 on Monday, Year 3 on Tuesday, Year 4 on Wednesday, Year 5 on Thursday, and Year 6 on Friday. There is also a Year 6 mufti day and voting for the 2022 leadership team.

Birthday Celebrations Reminder

We understand that many students enjoy celebrating their birthdays with their classmates. We appreciate the kind gesture from families who bring in treats to share.

However, the current health advice that we communicated earlier in the year **remains unchanged** and we are unable to send home any birthday treats (e.g. food or toys) brought from outside the school. You are welcome to order a class ice block bucket through our school canteen, order online.

We will be sure to inform you if this advice changes. Until then, class teachers will continue to acknowledge birthdays with school stickers and awards.

We thank you for your understanding.

SRC News

On Friday 19 November, we wore weird, wacky, and wonderful clothing. We raised \$615.00 for the Children's Cancer Institute, UNSW.

Well done Kensington community and thank you.



KPS P&C Holiday Raffle - \$5,000 prize pool – Ticket Sales Close This Week

The KPS P&C has launched its Holiday Raffle with \$5,000 worth of fabulous prizes to be won!

From a full-year membership for two adults at the amazing Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre to a catered, at-home dinner party for four, and tickets to Raging Waters Sydney, the list of prizes has something for everyone.

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

Check out the KPS P&C Holiday Raffle page for more information, the full prize list and to buy your tickets!

And please, copy this link and share it with your family and friends. Funds raised will be put towards the new outdoor wellbeing area for our students.

Tickets sales **close this Sunday, 12 December** with **prizes drawn Monday, 13 December** and announced shortly after.

We are all in this together,

KPS P&C

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

School Travel for 2022

2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade, the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

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. This report 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 and mark it with 'Attention School Council' and the council will get back to you.

Greek Orthodox Scripture Class

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has approved a series of Scripture lessons "Learning from Home", that parents may access for their children.

This link contains lessons for children in infants, primary and high school classes.

<https://www.christiansre.com.au/learningfromhome>

Kind regards

Scripture Co-Ordinator

Greek Orthodox Parish of South East Sydney St

Spyridon

Primary Ethics Classes Online

Primary Ethics is proud to offer an alternative while ethics classes cannot be run in schools. For Term 4, we have prepared a brand-new series of **Bites!**

Bites! are our specially designed bite-sized lessons for students to chew over at home and practise their skills in close listening and ethical reasoning, based on material from our department-approved curriculum.

Each week we will post a new ethical dilemma to our **Bites!** web page. Here is the link:

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

Bites for the K-2 age group are designed for students to tackle individually, assisted by an adult. **Bites** for Years 3-6 are designed for students to work on individually or with a family group. An adult learning supervisor may like to take part by helping to read the stories and questions and guiding students to think for themselves about the dilemma we pose. (Each **Bite** will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.)

Thank you,

The Primary Ethics team

Community News

Online Violin Lessons

Isabel Tzorbatzaki - Violin Teacher

MMus (Violin Performance), B Mus (Hons) (Violin Performance)
Isabel Tzorbatzaki completed her Bachelor of Music (Honours) at Melbourne University and her Master of Music with Goetz Richter at the Sydney Conservatorium. Isabel performs regularly in chamber and orchestral groups around Australia as well as solo. Isabel is a patient, motivating and enthusiastic teacher who has tutored for programmes such as SYO, MYO and Symphony for Life. She also has a YouTube channel dedicated to teaching beginners in an exciting and creative way based on Shirley Given's violin method books. Feel free to check it out:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVhxPvaZsMq_EubQf81ETA

Teaching: Violin Levels: Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Ages: Children, Youth, Adults

Genres: Classical

Available: Available for lessons at home studio in Glebe and online (see below) For more information contact: (E) isabeljtz@gmail.com

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Directions In Music

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMRoUcinM-E>