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NEWSLETTER

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July	Thur 30	8:00pm	Promotion's Group Meeting
August	Tue 4	2:00 5:30	Senior Choir Excursion To Gregory Lodge Finance and Facilities Mtg
	Thur 6	6:30	Building Mtg
	Thur 13&14		Years 3 and 4 Camp Briars Outdoor Recreational Camp Mt Martha
	Tue 18		Book Week Incursion (Jungle Bungle)
	Wed 19	1:00 7:00	School Concert Matinee School Concert Evening

Coming up	Tue 8 Sept	2:30-3:20 6:00- 7:30	Maths Afternoon Maths Evening
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Principal's Report

Concert



Around the place there is lots of singing and dancing and learning of lines. Lots of costumes and teachers calling out "Speak up, everybody needs to hear you". The concert getting closer and closer. The whole school performance will be great. Thanks to the many parents who are helping throughout the school. We cannot do it without your help. If you think you can help in any way please see your child's teacher, Julie or myself.

Reading Research



...some students are surrounded by readers in their home and community, adults who share books with them from their earliest years. As B.E.Cullinan notes,"Children who sit beside a reader and follow the print from an early age learn to read quite 'naturally.'

We know that the modelling has a lasting effect; children do what they see others do (Putnam 1994)

Because we know that students' reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading they do, building support with parents for reading at home is very important.

As children are learning to read, they "need to read lots of easy stuff" (Allington & Cunningham, 1996). And students at all levels need enormous quantities of successful reading to become independent, proficient readers"(Allington,2002 You can't learn much from books you can't read-*Educational Leadership*).

Fifteen minutes a day of independent, recreational reading significantly increases students' reading abilities. Average and below average readers experience the greatest gains(Collins,1980,Smith &

Joyner,1990;Taylor,Frye& Maruyama,1990)

So the message is read often with and to your children and have children independently read just right books (95% accuracy) often.

Lateness

It is important that all students arrive at school on time. Teaching time begins just after 9:00am and it is extremely disconcerting when students wander in 10 minutes, 20 minutes and even later. This disrupts the whole classes learning time as children are often into their literacy or numeracy groups and the teacher is working with students. Please try to get the students here before 9:00.

Help Available

There are resources available in the wider community for parents who are concerned about their child's health and wellbeing. Schools can provide a list of community agencies that offer appropriate support for families and their children. Regions have been provided with additional resources.

Some services available to assist with mental health concerns include:

- **Lifeline** (Ph. 13 11 14)
- **Kids Helpline** (Ph. 1800 55 1800) or
- **Beyond Blue** (Ph. 1300 22 4636)

Mark R
Principal

1-2F... Thank you

Thanks to Stacey and Fiona B. for organising our grade get-together at *Corner on Bellair* last week. We all had a great time. Thanks to Noi and Vince for hosting us the food and drinks were delicious.

THANKYOU

Thankyou to everyone who volunteered and helped to make the Bunnings BBQ a huge success. In particular to Wizz for all the ground-work preparing everything we needed and to Heather for ensuring the day ran smoothly. To everyone who cooked, served and cleaned THANK-YOU.

We made just over \$1000. Well Done!

Senior Choir Excursion to Gregory Lodge

On Tuesday 4th August, our Senior Choir will be doing a local walking excursion to the Gregory Lodge nursing home in Racecourse Road, to sing for the



residents. We have a dedicated group of thirty children who give up half an hour of their lunchtime every Tuesday for rehearsals, and they are ready to perform. We will assemble in the music room at 2.00pm on Tuesday and leave from there. If any parents are willing to come along to assist myself and Kay please let one of us know.

Andrew W
Choir Coordinator

DID YOU KNOW???

.....that Kensington Primary School was built in 1881? The first classes were held in three rooms in May that year. In 1913 KPS had its highest attendance, with 1,241 students in a much extended school building!

Care Program

We have a new activity list out today for August. Thank you to the kids and parents who put in some suggestions for the list. The Active After School Communities (AASC) activities have had a slight change: Tae kwon do will now be on Mondays instead of Tuesdays as that is the only time they had a coach available. Apologies to the families this caused any inconvenience to.

New accounts will be available Monday. Many families are often running late with payments. This can cause a financial strain on the Care Program, jeopardising future activities and taking up staff time to chase up on accounts. We will be phoning families that have not paid amounts over \$50 since the last term or for some reason have not received their accounts. It is important that parents pay their accounts in advance. Please pay by the due date. As usual, if you have any difficulty paying, please see me.

Daniel C
Coordinator

Energy Saver offer. It all Starts at (your!) Home.

Energy saver- it all starts at home is an initiative run by the City of Melbourne in conjunction with Ecosaver (an environmental consultants helping people to become active in the fight against climate change). This program is designed to help the environment and boost local employment.

Ecovantage is offering the community free installation of energy efficient light globes and water efficient shower heads. For every light globe and shower head installed, ecovantage will donate 20cents to our school. Other energy saving products are available at a discounted rate.

To take advantage of this offer, you need to register your details at the School Office. Ecovantage will then contact you to organise a date & time to install your energy efficient products.

This offer is also available to Friends and Families of the KPS School Community.

Offer Ends on the 21st August 2009.



SPORT NEWS

Parents, Teachers and Students come
along to watch the:

HOGSTERS

VS

T.E.R'S

Play hockey head to head

PLACE: KPS the hall

DATE: Thursday 6/8/09

TIME: 9:20AM

SO BE THERE OR YOU'LL MISS THE GAME OF YOUR LIFE!!!!

The winning team will be competing against the

The Fluffy Flying Caterpillar Pigs

The following week!!!!



SEPEP Hockey Program

On Tuesday the 4th of August, a hockey tournament will be held for 5/6B. If you're available please come along. It will be great to watch the three teams Battle it out! The teams are the 16 Eyed Shifties, The Mash Potatoes and The Legends. These tournaments are all for SEPEP, Minkey hockey program! Written by Jacob Bale and Bridget Healey from 5/6B
Run by Nuccia Persuiti



Assembly Item

Everyone is welcome to come to assembly on Monday and see a fabulous performance by 5/6B

Come and do maths at KPS!

Maths Afternoon & Evening

Tuesday September 8th

Parents are welcome to come and see their children participating in exciting, hands on maths in the afternoon (2:30–3:20pm)

In the evening parents and students are invited to explore maths together from 6-7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Student Wellbeing Bounce Back – Courage

In some grades we have been looking at what frightens us and how we can develop more courage to face our fears and overcome them. Courage means feeling frightened (because you might get hurt, you might fail, you might be rejected or humiliated) but doing it anyway. Being brave is not ‘having no fear,’ it is about not letting fear beat you. Fear can be very important to keep us safe and should not be ignored, however many fears are actually anxiety (feeling nervous) about something that *might* happen and we often make these worse by exaggerating what them in our minds.

What can we do to help overcome our fears and nervousness? Many of the Bounce Back skills help. You can do a reality check – think about the risks and the dangers. Are your fears justified or exaggerated? You can try concentrating on the positive things that could come from overcoming you fears (such as more confidence, progress, respect from others). You can try remembering times when you have been able to act with courage in the past and use helpful thinking (e.g. most people would feel nervous in this situation, not just you). For some people it is about going slowly, learning the skills and taking things one step at a time. For others, it is about saying ‘just do it!’ and accepting that mistakes are part of learning.

any ordinary things make us feel a bit scared or anxious and these things are different from one person to the next. This means that courage is an everyday thing for most of us – trying something new, meeting people, taking a test. Each time you overcome a fear you become braver and more able to face other fears with confidence.

Student Wellbeing What is a friend? (Arabic Proverb)

A friend is one
To whom one may pour
Out all the contents
Of one’s heart
Chaff and grain together
Knowing that the gentlest of hands
Will take and sift it
Keep what is worth keeping
And with a breath of kindness
Blow the rest away.



GRUBBIES

The student sustainability group has met and talk has begun within the classrooms as to what to plant in the beds, so we'll soon be seeing little heads of green poking above the mulch.

In the mean time, come and help us at the working bee next Saturday. We'll be building the final garden beds along the northern fence to grow some climbing plants along, preparing the shed wall for the bright Plantmania mural and planting some fruit trees.

Working bee Saturday 8

August from 9.30am

All helping hands welcome.



Please note the correction below referring to the cost of each ticket for the whole school performance.

Whole School Performance 2009

Tickets are now on sale.

Date- Wednesday August 19th
Place- Kensington community Centre
Time- Matinee 1:00pm to 2:30pm
Evening 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Cost - Matinee \$10.00 per ticket (limit 2 per family)
Evening - \$10.00 per ticket (limit 2 per family)

It is wonderful that the number of families and students attending Kensington Primary School has continued to grow over the years. By the time the next concert comes around we will be the proud recipients of a NEW HALL. In response to both these events we will have a new organisation, next time we revisit the whole school performance. (E.G 2 matinees and 2 evening performances in our own brand new hall.) An increase in numbers means that the venue at Kensington Community Centre needs to accommodate more families. There are restrictions to the number of people who can be seated in this venue. A larger venue is not available in Kensington so we would have to go out further. Such travel arrangement could preclude many families from attending. For the last time we ask for your understanding and cooperation as we need to put certain arrangements in place. For safety reasons and to prevent overcrowding we can only sell a certain amount of tickets. Therefore the number of tickets sold to each family will be limited.

All tickets for the performance will be pre-sold. We have to comply with overcrowding and safety regulations so no tickets will be sold at the door for either performance.

Each family in the school can purchase 2 tickets for the matinee and 2 tickets for the evening performance. Children under five who sit on an adult's lap and students of Kensington do not require a ticket.

Any unsold tickets will be advertised for sale in the Thursday August 13th newsletter. Tickets will be numbered but we will be unable to allocate specific seating.

All students of the school are expected to attend both the matinee and evening performance. Inability to attend will have an impact on the class item. It is therefore very important that you inform your child's teacher if your child is unable to attend either or both performances.

Please fill out the order form below. Place the money in the envelope provided and return it to your child's grade by **Thursday 13th of August.**

Once the tickets have been ordered and paid for they can be collected from the office beginning Monday 10 of August. If you are unable to collect your tickets from the office we will send them home with your child.

Whole School Performance 2009

Ticket Order form

Family Name _____

Your Child's Name _____ Grade _____

Matinee Performance	Number of tickets required Limit 2 per family	<input type="text"/>
Evening Performance	Number of tickets required Limit 2 per family	<input type="text"/>

Care Program Activities for August 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 rd AASC: Tae Kwon Do and Fast Games	4 th Art & Craft: <i>Paper Aircraft</i> <i>Not just plain planes, but cool colourful designs</i>	5 th Group Hall Games Including team poison ball, and number soccer	6 th AASC: Baseball and Ball Games	7 th Cooking: <i>French Toast</i> Plus warm milo
10 th AASC: Tae Kwon Do and Fast Games	11 th Art & Craft: <i>Plaster Fun</i> Make a plaster mold of your hands or feet	12 th Cooking: <i>Fruit Smoothies and Milk Shakes</i>	13 th AASC: Baseball and Ball Games	14 th Art & Craft: <i>Tubes Creations</i> <i>Make binoculars, giraffes or anything else with tubes</i>
17 th AASC: Tae Kwon Do and Fast Games	18 th Cooking: <i>Fruit Kebabs</i> <i>Make your own fruit stick</i>	19 th Hall Obstacle Course Jump, climb and crash in our fun obstacle course	20 th AASC: Baseball and Ball Games	21 st Art & Craft: Painting With large paper and fluro paints. Paint a foxy poster
24 th AASC: Tae Kwon Do and Fast Games	25 th Art & Craft: Box Creations Build cubbies and cool box things	26 th Cooking: <i>Healthy Muesli Bars</i>	27 th AASC: Baseball and Ball Games	28 th Art & Craft: Paddle Pop Sticks Make a pen box, a stickman or a castle
31 st AASC: Tae Kwon Do and Fast Games				



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