

Kensington Primary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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	DATE	TIME	EVENT
July	Thur 23 rd		Parent Communication Survey sent out
	Frid 24 th	9am	5/6 Excursion to Werribee Zoo
	Sat 25 th	2pm	HOF Art Project – Helpers needed for mosaics
	Mon 27 th	7pm 7 – 9pm	School Council Tuning into Kids
	Tues 28 th	5pm	Fundraising Committee
	Wed 29 th	9.15am	1/2F & 1/2G Peace Gardens
	Thur 30 th	9am 2 – 6pm	Prep Excursion to Art Centre 5/6F only 3 Way Conferences
August	Mon 3 rd	11- 1.30pm 6pm 7 – 9pm	Junior Choir at Christ Church, Essendon Communications Committee Tuning into Kids
	Thur 6 th	5pm 7.15pm	Education Committee Ladies Movie Night – Fundraising Event
	Frid 7 th		District Athletics 3/4 Science at MAC 3/4A & 3/4S
	Mon 10 th	5.30pm	Finance & Facilities Meeting
	Frid 14 th		3/4 Science at MAC 3/4D & 3/4M
	Sat 22 nd		Tournament of the Minds, La Trobe University

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Gargoyles

Please beware as you traverse the school as there is a plague of gargoyles keeping an eye on things. A pretty mean looking lot they are too.



Have you downloaded the SchoolMate App?

If so, you join [17,000 parents and counting](#) who are taking an active role in understanding their children's everyday curriculum. SchoolMate has been developed by the Department of Education and Training to help parents engage in what their children are learning and to support their ongoing education.

Training

All the staff has been doing additional training in anaphylaxis and emotional wellbeing over the past few weeks. A few late nights but the the topics have been important and really well presented, so we have gained a lot from these evenings. Hopefully we will never have to administer an epipen!

Grand Opening of the Verandah

Everyone is invited to come along Monday morning assembly for the official opening of the wonderful new verandah. Come along and join in the fun. The final art installations are happening on Saturday at 2 ish-so it should look spectacular!



Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

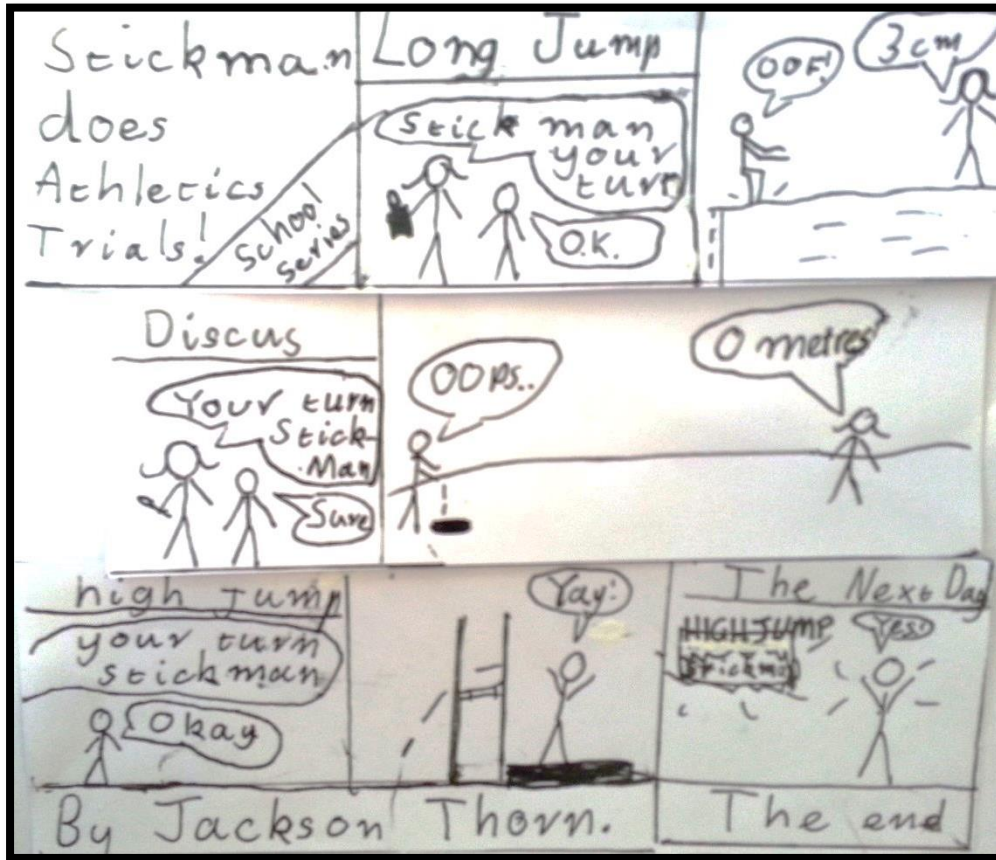
- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](#) and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!



For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

Comic Strip by Jackson



Mark Ryan
Principal

Parent Communication Survey

The school is conducting a survey about communications from KPS to families and we'd love to know what you think. It should only take a minute to complete. Please go to the school website www.kensingtonps.vic.edu.au to start the survey or pick up a hard copy from the office. Thank you for your participation!





Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you are eligible to apply for the CSEF please ensure that you supply the school with a copy of your concession card when you return your completed form. All forms must be returned by Sept 18th 2015.



CSEF Application Form

School REF ID 2374

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date / /

5/6F 3 Way Conferences

3 Way Conferences for 5/6F Only

- Thursday, July 30th 2pm - 6pm

- Tuesday, August 4th 2pm - 5pm

Book Your 3-Way Conference time NOW!

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student 3-way Conferences for students in Yr 5/6F will be held on

- Thursday July 30th 2- 6:00pm

- Tuesday August 4th 2-5pm

All students attend the 3-way conference with their parents and are active participants in the process.

Three-way conferences are a very important opportunity for students to share their understandings about themselves as a learner and to evaluate and reflect on the goals set at the beginning of the year. Goals for Semester 2 will also be negotiated during this time.

Conferences will be held in the meeting room near the front office

Conferences can be booked by parents using the online booking system. This means you can book your 3-way conferences at a time that suits your family. Conferences are 15 minutes.

To book your conference go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au Enter the event code of **SMXV9** and follow the 3 simple instructions which are outlined.

If you do not have access to a computer you are able to book your conference times at school by contacting the Office between 8:45am and 4:00pm. Office staff will book a suitable time for you. Parents can also send a note to school with the approximate times and a conference will be booked for you. Conferences are 15 minutes.

Interpreters will be provided if requested. Please let your child's class teacher know if you require an interpreter

BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday July 29th

Please contact the school if you have any queries.

Julie Stephens

Assistant Principal

Art News

Last little bit of the HOF art project!!!!

Helpers wanted

Saturday the 25th July

at 2.00 pm at the HOF

to grout the mosaics.

No previous experience necessary, just willingness to get a bit messy and wipe down grouting on the soon-to-be installed mosaics. Many hands make light work and we will then have completed the whole amazing project, financed by our own school funds, overseen by school council.

We are so fortunate to have saved so much money through the generous commitment of many volunteers' time and effort. We have had volunteers who have been involved in the designing of the verandah, liaising with the builder, overseeing the work. Students who have given up lunch times to plan and make the art works, teachers who have supported with ideas and class meeting discussions, parents coming and helping with the concrete pour, people pitching in in many ways to bring us protection from the sun and rain. Thank you one and all. A real community effort.

Hope to see you Saturday for the last little bit!

Linda Weisser

Now on exhibition in the library.

Grade 5-6 Terracotta Gargoyles

Students researched the historical and cultural contexts and purposes of gargoyles and grotesques as an art form on medieval architecture. Then they made one in clay, which was fired.



Definition and Origin of Gargoyles and Grotesques

Gargoyles came into gothic architecture in the early 13th century and are defined as "a waterspout, projecting from an upper part of a building or a roof gutter to throw water clear of walls or foundations." The origins of the word 'gargoyle' are derived from the old French word 'gargouille' meaning throat. In Architectural terms only the creature serving as actual water spout is called a Gargoyle, otherwise is it known as a Grotesque. A grotesque may function solely as decoration.



As artists they decide what mood, feeling, myth, message their grotesques or gargoyle will give you, the viewer? They decided what they wanted you to feel when you look at their sculpture.

Come into the library and check them out?

Linda Weisser

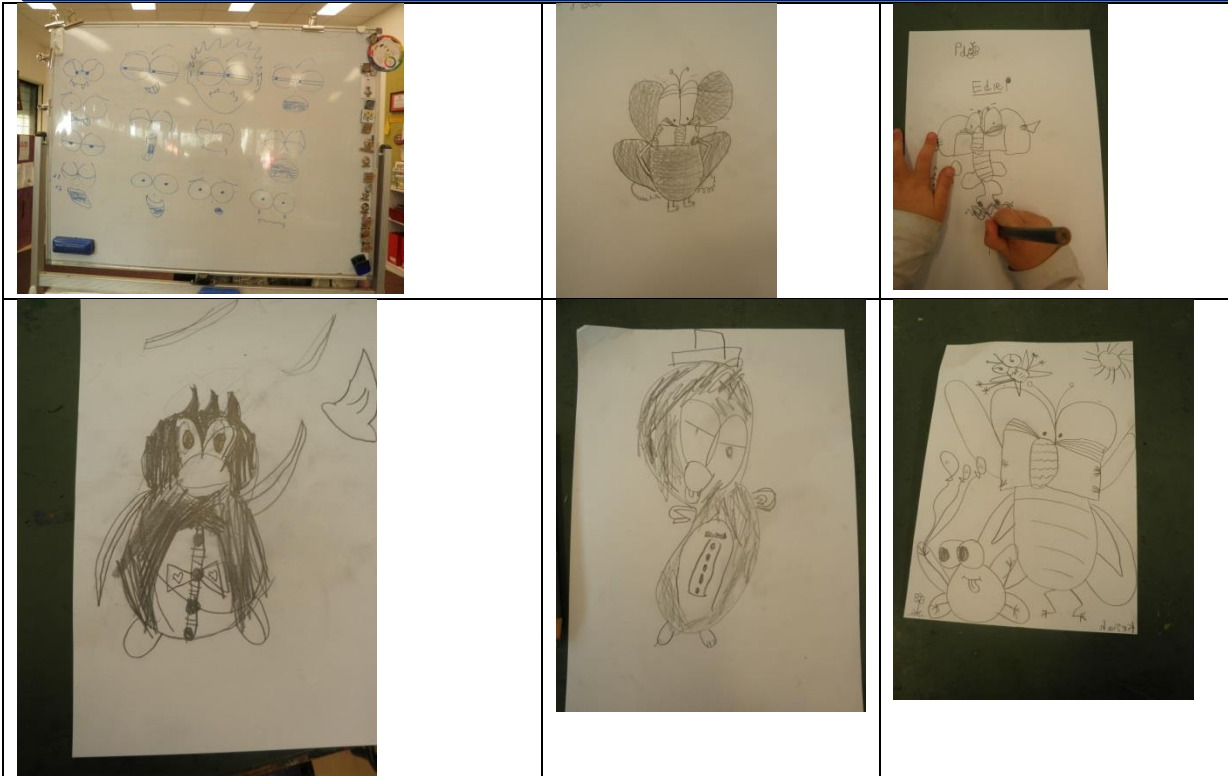
CARTOONING

Want to know how do you make sad eyes, cheeky monkey expressions, evil mouths, and cute hair? Ask the preps and selected 5-6's.....they have been learning the tricks of the cartooning world through an incursion by Adam Wallace during their art class.

Some of their work is on exhibition near the office. Check it out!

New Lunch time option on Tuesdays..... come to the art room and practice drawing cartoons with Adain and Riley.





Funrai\$ing News

KPS FUNDRAISING Ladies Movie Night

Following on from the success our last event, by popular demand we're having another movie fundraiser evening.

Location : Sun Theatre, Ballarat St, Yarraville. (50 m from Yarraville Station)

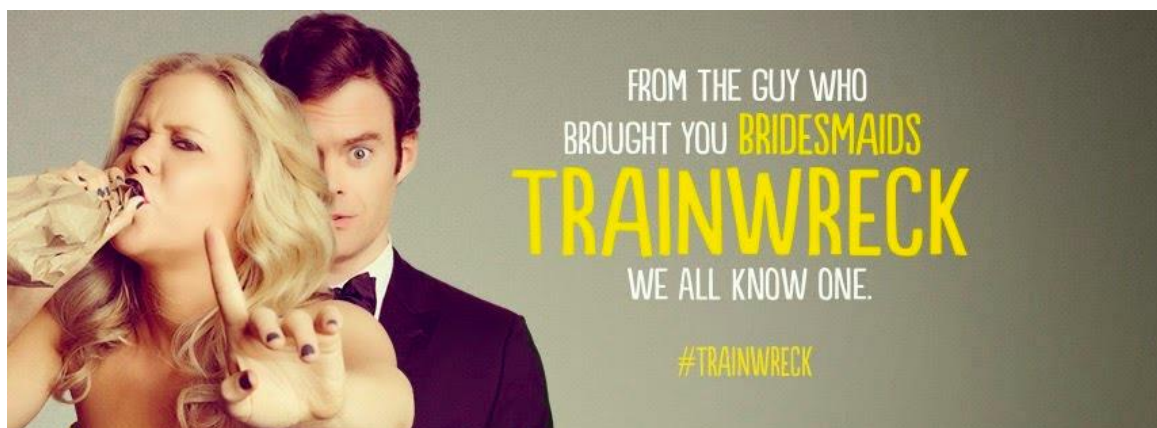
Date/Time : Thu Aug 6th, 7:15pm

Movie : The Premiere of "Trainwreck" (Think Bridesmaids) starring Amy Schumer.

Cost : \$30, includes glass of bubbles on arrival.

Tickets available via this link <http://www.trybooking.com/IDAL>

All money raised will be added to the school's fundraising efforts. Get in quick as it will sure to sell out



PLANTMANIA COOKING & GARDENING

Last term, we had the pleasure of working with all Prep students and all the grade 3/4 grades and their teachers. It has just been magical! All students are really making us proud. They are showing they are capable of thinking and performing multi-layered tasks as well as working together happily, to achieve some amazing results.



With a little trepidation, I asked the classes to have a chat and choose their own menu, keeping in mind that we'd like to use lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, try some new dishes and take some risks. This resulted in lots of challenges, but very exciting and varied menus. The pizza oven was working overtime, (capably managed by the amazing Tania,) produced many delicious combinations. We believe ours are the best in town! Home-made dips, cakes, slices, frozen fruity ice-cream and freshly made milk-shakes were all produced by our 'junior master chefs'.

Meanwhile, out in the garden area the achievements were outstanding. Weeding and cleaning up the Epsom Rd area, laying out compost, planting winter vegetables, pruning & propagating. Not to mention live science at work! Students on two occasions witnessed worms giving birth. What a unique experience. We are so lucky to have this amazing resource at our fingertips. Thank-you to all the parents who come along and work with us on this program, the resulting sense of community is what makes Kensington that great place it is.

I hope you enjoy the photos. There are copies available if anyone's interested. Thanking you again for your support. Kay Headland on behalf of the Grubbies & teachers.





Prep Get Together



ALL PREP GET TOGETHER

PIZZA LUNCH

The Preps are going to have an 'All Preps' get together, a Pizza lunch, at the school on Sunday August the 9th, for those who would like to come.

It will be from 11am to 2pm, and siblings and families are welcome. Prep Families should look out for an email from their class reps, with more details.

New Canteen Menu

T L I T U
To Live Is To Unite
School lunches Price List

Monday-Friday

- a) Wholemeal or white baguettes (\$3/half \$5whole)
Options: Hotdog with mustard whole \$5
Chicken Salad

Tuesday & Friday

- b) Pizza with vegetable and Pizza with Meat \$5 each meal

Monday & Thursday

- c) Pasta Meat, \$4 small \$5 big
Pasta Cheese
Pasta with Vegetable
- d) Sambusas, Mandasi and piece of fruit \$1 each
- e) Chicken salad \$5.00
- f) Cupcake and Honey biscuit \$2.00
- g) Fruit waffle with Ice cream \$2.00
- g) Apple Juice and Orange juice \$1.00
- h) Small water \$1.00
- i) Icy pole \$1.00
Yogurt ice cream \$2.00

Wednesdays is fruit and health snacks – no hot lunches

HAPPY EATING

Run Charlotte Run!

My name is Charlotte Gillam, my sons Frank and Joe are in grades 4 and 6 at KPS. On July 26th I'll be running the Run Melbourne half marathon to raise money for The Childrens Cancer Foundation.

The Children's Cancer Foundation aims to see children receive the world's best available treatment, care and support. For many years it has funded clinical trials, clinical research and resourced the bone marrow transplant unit at The Royal Children's Hospital. It has also funded mental health, neuropsychology and pain management services, as well as music therapy, art therapy and other family support services both at The Royal Children's Hospital and at Monash Children's Hospital.

The team I have joined is dedicated to Elsie, the 3 year old daughter of Jonny and Jill, who has recently undergone an intensive regime of treatment, including surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, for Wilms' tumour. Elsie is one of 200 children in Victoria who are diagnosed with cancer each year.

Please consider sponsoring my run to raise money for this wonderful cause.



Read more about CCF and find donation information on our website

<https://childrenscancerfoundation.secure.force.com/CCFFundraise/RunMelbourne2015/TeamElsie>

Thankyou!!

Kensington History Walk Map Workshops - coming soon

This map will be developed over a series of three FREE community workshops held at the Kensington Neighbourhood House. Charmaine Chew of Victoria Walks will provide guidance to participants on the process. Sheila Byard will provide guidance to participants on the content.

Dates: Saturday 8th, 15th and 22nd August 2pm-5

- Session 1 : Charmaine to provide introduction to project and overview of map process. Large map and historical resources will be provided for participants to brainstorm points of interest. Sheila to assist with this process. Homework - participants to take photos of places to interest to bring to next session.
- Session 2: Participants to agree on contents of map under the guidance of Sheila. Write up descriptors for each point of interest.
- Session 3: Chairmaine to provide instruction on creating the map using google maps. Content uploaded to Victoria Walks template.

To register your interest or offer to help contact:

Carolyn Webster, Manager,
Kensington Neighbourhood House
89 McCracken Street, Kensington 3031
Ph 9376 6366

Community News

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SCIENCE SPECTACULAR

**Wednesday,
19 August
6.30pm- 8.00pm**
167-175 Mount Alexander
Road, Flemington

Enjoy a night of family fun and science magic performed by Year 7 SEAL students.

- Interactive science show
- Refreshments
- Free entry

**Please RSVP by calling
9376 1622.**



MOUNT ALEXANDER COLLEGE



FLEMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

UNDER 12s : PLAYERS WANTED!

GO GULLS !!

SEASON 2015/16

Is your son or daughter under 12 and looking for a friendly local club to play cricket this season ?*

Flemington Cricket Club is just around the corner in Ascot Vale. All junior teams are run by parents for the enjoyment of their kids.

Under 12's play Saturday mornings with home games at Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale

We are very focused on the development of teamwork, with all kids getting a go each week as they develop their skills with a hard ball.

Interested ? Come along to registration day on:

Sunday, 9th August, from 9:00 – 10:30am
At : Walter St Reserve, Ascot Vale

For more information or to register your interest, please Email us at:

juniorgulls@gmail.com

...or contact Jenni on 0439577528

* Eligibility : Under 12s – boys under 12, girls under 14, as at September 1, 2015



CERAMIC STUDIO OPEN DAY

15-16 AUGUST 2015

HAND BUILDING WHEEL THROWING SCULPTING GLAZE FORMULATION



GORDON HICKMATT HAS BEEN TEACHING CERAMICS FOR OVER 26 YEARS AND HAS RUN A STUDIO FROM 8 BRIXTON STREET FLEMINGTON. JOIN GORDON ON AUGUST 15-16 AS PART OF AUSTRALIAN CERAMICS OPEN STUDIOS AND SEE A WORKING POTTERY STUDIO IN ACTION. CLASSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM HIS STUDIO AND CATER FOR ALL LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE.



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FLEMINGTON MULTI CULTURAL EID FESTIVAL

25TH JULY 2015

10AM UNTIL 4PM

FOOD STALLS & HALAL BBQ

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