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Swimming Fees are now due. If your fees are still owing please see our staff in the office and they will be happy to help you. Our 10 day intensive swim program begins on Monday 30th November.
Principal’s Report

Preparation for the big event

The Big West Festival is the leading community-based, contemporary arts festival in Melbourne’s West. A biennial festival, Big West stages high quality, cutting edge, multi-cultural and multi-artform events in the venues, cultural sites and suburban streets of the western suburbs, matching places and people in unexpected ways. Come down to our HOUSE in Paisley Street, Footscray for a wonderful evening of spectacular and intimate performances. It's all free - so just turn up and enjoy! And don't forget the Street Party on Sat 21 Nov!

The next Big West Festival will take place from 20-28 November 2015. The children in grade 3/4 have contributed art work which you can see here is being prepared for the festival.

Student Scholarships 2015-16

Primary, secondary and tertiary students are invited to apply for student scholarships that range in value from $300 to $2500.

The scholarships support students and families to cover the costs of continuing to study and to engage in further study at senior secondary and tertiary levels. Eligibility for scholarships is mainly based on financial need, academic results and involvement in school and community activities. However there are scholarships with other criteria.

Many of the 250 available scholarships are one-off payments, while some are paid annually for each year of the student’s study. A range of scholarships are available including R.M. Ansett Trust Scholarships, which encourage students from disadvantaged backgrounds to complete their secondary education. Previous recipient of the scholarship, Dana Flahavin from Mirboo North Secondary College, became school captain, as well as dux and was awarded a VCE Leadership Award.
Applications close on Monday 1 February 2016 and are only accepted online.

For more information, see:

- Student Scholarships
- Wannik Education Scholarships

Grade 5/6 Monologues

I had the greatest enjoyment of watching some children perform their monologues. They were just wonderful; they spoke with authority and great animation. Some children will perform these at the graduation which will be a real treat. They are very insightful.

New Preps

What a wonderful morning last Tuesday when the brand new 2016 preppies came along to meet their buddies and have some fun with the Specialists. It was so much fun watching the littlies join in the activities.

Mark Ryan
Principal

New Friend Friday – Transition Program

As hard as it is to believe, we are coming to the end of 2015 and are beginning to make plans for next year. While it is an important aspect of life to have things come to an end and so create new beginnings, in terms of education, it is important to build a sense of continuity across the year levels. Skills and knowledge continue to grow over a life time and we take the skills we have developed with us – we are never really ‘starting again’ with learning. At this time of the year, we juggle both aspects of life – endings and continuity – through the process of ‘transition’.

During times of transition, it is important to remember and use the skills of resilience that students learn throughout their school life. Change can bring feelings of uncertainty, however if these are balanced with thoughts about the many things that stay the same, the skills that support us to cope with changes and the excitement of developing and growing, worry and anxiety can be kept to a minimum.

Throughout Bounceback, one of the most important concepts we teach is this idea of managing our thinking so that we can feel as good as we can at any given time. At first it is news to many children that they can feel differently depending on how they think about or interpret different situations. Then it is a concept they understand, but have trouble using in day to day situations. Eventually, ‘helpful thinking’ becomes part of the way children manage the ups and downs of life, with inevitable lapses from time to time where parents and carers may need to provide support.

Transition activities are now in full swing: grade 4s and 5s meet their new Prep buddies, grade 6s have had or are anticipating secondary school orientation days, New Friend Friday Program began for other grades last Friday and will continue throughout November. As parents and carers, it is important for us to support students in their thinking skills to facilitate an open-minded outlook for the opportunities the next stage of education will bring.
Despite initial feelings of butterflies in stomachs, there was no reason to be scared at KPS this Friday the 13th. It was an afternoon of not only new discoveries but also the re-kindling of old friendships. New Friends Friday while promoting the forging of new friends, also allows students to connect with people they might have been in the same grade with in previous years. As we strolled from grade to grade, it was evident that students were not only getting to know each other better but also possibly themselves. Students in 1-2D were working cooperatively in groups building match stick towers with Rhyl. It was a race to the finish line in Vivian’s room to see which team could complete the newspaper challenge first. Strategies were quickly plotted amongst grade 4 and 5 students battling it out in a game of Bootball with Kim. Symmetry seemed to be key with Rachel G as prep students mingled with grade 1’s. Similarities were discovered by Fleur as students discovered each other’s likes and dislikes.

“I enjoy new friends Friday because I learnt more about people that I thought I already knew which has been so, SO lovely” – Tia

“I’m looking forward to next year because of the new area I’ll get to explore upstairs” – Sophie

“I’m feeling confident and willing to make new friends thanks to New Friends Friday” – Chiara

“The paper game we played with Vivian was a great way for us to try and work as a team with people we didn’t really know” - Tom

Ultimately, as 2016 begins to creep closer, it is important to remember that getting to know a new class member or teacher is an ongoing process and just like making friendships or baking a cake, getting to know someone involves essential ingredients and time.

The New Friend Friday program aims to support all students in the school to get to know their friendship cohort for next year. For three weeks, in the hour after lunch each Friday, students are organised into different groups comprising students from their 2016 group. They participate in a range of activities aimed at building connections, ‘breaking the ice’, and encouraging interaction between students who may not yet know each other well. Students also have the opportunity of experiencing different teachers in preparation for moving to new grades next year. Throughout the year many opportunities are created to build connections between students and support students with their social and friendship skills prior to beginning a new school year.
Vacation Care Booking Sheet – January 2016

TO BOOK: Please tick boxes on the required dates below

OPENING HOURS: 8AM - 6PM

Each day we run a whole range of activities. These include games, sports, drama, art and other creative pursuits. Here are just the main activities we have planned!

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<td>11th Jan</td>
<td>Make your own breakfast</td>
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<td>Rockets Incursion</td>
<td>We will create a breakfast feast to enjoy together. Be here by 9:30 to enjoy!</td>
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<td>See how science can make things fly!</td>
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<td>Water fight</td>
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<td>12th Jan</td>
<td>Make own cake</td>
<td>14th Jan</td>
<td>Leave school 9am to catch a train</td>
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<td>Lawn Bowls</td>
<td>Build Billy Carts and race!</td>
<td>Let’s cool down and have some fun</td>
<td>Movie: TBA</td>
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<td>Try out a new sport</td>
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<td>Drinks and popcorn provided.</td>
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<td>Make your own icy pole/frozen yoghurt</td>
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<td>Bounce (Leaving approximately 9am)</td>
<td>Make a frozen treat for a hot summer day</td>
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<td>Art and craft</td>
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<td>Kid tested and approved. This trampoline park is a definite favorite!</td>
<td>The only way to learn how toys have evolved over time is to play!</td>
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<td>See what you can make out of paper</td>
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<td>Cryptic clue hunt incursion</td>
<td>Follow the clues!!</td>
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<td>Pillow making</td>
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<td>Fill water balloons with paint and throw them at huge pieces of paper!</td>
<td>Put your own design on a pillow!</td>
<td>Make some silly friends and put on a show</td>
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Program may be subject to change

IMPORTANT: Please read the following carefully before signing

- I give permission for my child/ren to participate in the excursions/incursions and activities listed in the April 2015 Activities Program
- I give permission to view PG rated family suitable media
- I have read the policies on billing, cancellation, behaviour guidance, appropriate clothing and nutrition (see attached)
- I have read the cancellation policy and I understand that no refund will be issued for any bookings cancelled, swapped or changed after 14th December 2015
- I understand that for my booking to be accepted I must supply up-to-date contact and billing details via the registration form for 2015

Parent’s Signature: ______________________ Date: ____________ Emergency Contact No: ______________________
On Wednesday November 25th the Strings Group will be performing at Gregory Lodge. Students will depart K.P.S at 1.30pm for a 2pm performance. All students have been practicing hard and are looking forward to the big day. On Wednesday morning there will be an early morning rehearsal at 8.20am in preparation for the concert. All students are reminded to bring their instruments.

Edwina and Brooke would like to thank all students for their dedication in regularly attending the Friday morning rehearsals. The string group now boasts 20 wonderful musicians who play instruments including the violin, cello and double bass.
This Saturday November 21 the Nicholson Street Mall in Footscray will be closed to traffic. There will be an “Open House” with grade 3-4 artwork displayed around it. Some artwork will also be hanging on bunting across the street.

The artwork hanging will be up for one day only THIS SATURDAY! The artwork around the house will be up for the duration of the festival. We hope you can find the time to enjoy this public exhibition of our grade 3-4’s “Place To Belong”

Linda Weisser.

End of Year Family Picnic

When: Friday, December 5th
Time: 6pm – 8pm
Where: Kensington Primary School

Over the past few years, it has become a tradition for the Kensington Primary School Community to celebrate the end of the school year with a family picnic in the school grounds. The evening is a wonderful opportunity for families to catch up informally. BYO Everything! Picnic rug, chairs, food and drinks.

What Will Be Happening?

The Funrai$ing Committee will be running a **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**. Drinks and Icy Poles will also be sold.

The school choirs will be performing.

Hope to see you all there!

For the safety of everyone, bikes, scooters and skateboards are not permitted on school grounds.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
Grade 6 News

Grade 6 Diary Dates - December 2015

Government School 6-7 Orientation Day - December 8

As part of the transition from Year 6 to Year 7, students in government secondary schools participate in an orientation day. All government schools hold this orientation day on the same day - Tuesday 8 December 2015.

At the orientation day, students may:

- tour the school
- meet teachers and ask questions
- find out about the dress code
- learn what they will be doing in their first year
- meet other students.

For more information about your orientation day, contact your 2016 new school.

Non-government schools also run orientation programs contact the 2016 schools for details.

Grade 6 Day Out – Monday December 14

On Monday December 14th all grade 6 students will be walking to and from the Flemington & Kensington Bowling Club on the corner of Smithfield & Racecourse Roads, Flemington VIC 3031.


Students will receive coaching and play a barefoot bowls tournament.

**Time:** Leaving at 11:00am          Returning by 3:00pm

There will be a note sent home shortly outlining the food arrangements and activities and asking parents to contact Fiona if they are able to assist on the day.

Grade 6 Farewell –Tuesday December 15

The Grade 6 Farewell will be held on Tuesday December 15, 2015. The student dress code for the night is neat, casual.

Students will be expected to arrive at 6:15p.m. The Farewell will start at 6:30p.m. It will be in the school hall. We expect it will finish at about 7:45p.m.

There will be a note sent home shortly asking for approximate number of people/ family attending (excluding Grade 6 students) for planning purposes.

Fiona McIntosh

6-7 Transition Coordinator
HOLY ROSARY PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

Holy Rosary Parish has arranged the following dates for the sacraments in 2016:

Confirmation (Grade 6) - Sunday 15th of May

First Eucharist (Grade 4 + made reconciliation) 13/14th of August

First Reconciliation (Grade 3) - Wednesday 23rd November

If you are interested in your child participating in any of these programs, please contact Yvette Oswald at the parish house on 9376 6148 or yvetteosw@gmail.com either before the end of the year or when school returns.
Community News

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Christmas Tree Sale

10–2pm 5th, 12th & 19th Dec. Trees $60. Stands $45. Order Online

6th MELBOURNE SCOUT GROUP; 55 McCracken Street Kensington

FRENCH CLUB @ KPS!

MONDAYS 3.45-4.30 in the library

All ages welcome - Contact Marie for a free trial!

Fun, affordable & educational extracurricular activity
On campus at Kensington Primary School
Class run by LCF fun languages with a native, french speaking teacher
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Contact Marie Niclair for more information;
0422 557 076
marie.niclair@lcfclubs.com.au
www.lcfclubs.com.au

INFORMATION SESSIONS
1.30PM WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER AT CARLTON
NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE, 20 PRINCES ST, CARLTON
12.15PM THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER AT NMLL, 33 ALFRED ST, NORTH MELBOURNE

Contact Tara NMLL ph: 9326 7447; email: twillsonclor@nml.org.au
www.nml.org.au/volunteers/clc

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JAN 18TH-20TH
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