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Did you know??
Our KPS Website is full of interesting and informative information, including the parent information booklet, term dates, canteen menu, student learning, Bounce Back, calendar of events and much more. Take some time to look around at the website on www.kensingtonps.vic.edu.au. We are also happy to hear your comments on ways to improve or things you’d like to see added to the website.

Principal’s Report

Morning Musicians

It was lovely to see these children taking the opportunity to practice their music in the warm glow of a summer’s morning. Can’t get enough practice.
The Strings Group

The strings group were recently invited to go along to Gregory Lodge to entertain the residents there. What a spectacular job they did. The group has come such a long way and they play beautifully. The children happily come along early in the morning to practice which is great and the results are spectacular. A nice reward of some icy poles for a job well done.

Down to the Pool

Big kids and littlies heading off to swimming this morning. It is a delightful way for the children to mix and get to know each other a little better as they wander down to the pool for their lessons. There are so many more aspects to the swimming program than just the importance of being safe around water and increasing fitness. Such things as getting changed quickly, taking responsibility for your clothing, tying shoes, helping others, combing hair, being brave and searching for underwear. It is a good way to finish off a busy year. Eventually most of the lost clothing gets returned!

Singing and Dancing

The music room was rocking with the sounds of rock and roll. Lots of energy and beautiful singing by these children.
More Art

Art work adorns the school. Here is the Art bunting that was on show at the Big West Festival last week. The grade 3/4’s did a great job. It looks amazing and adds a lot of colour to the place.

Mark Ryan
Principal

Student of the Week

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Y – Lan Prep H
Improving her reading expression
Xavier Prep H
Being a great helper
Leo Prep J
Helping to promote positive behaviour in the classroom
Kassidy Prep J
Helping to promote positive behaviour in the classroom
Hamza 1/2 R
Superb visualising skills in reading
Chiara 1/2 R
Always being thoughtful and a deep thinker
Abigeal 1/2R
Expression and showing her understanding of moon phases with Oreos
Isla 1/2F
For making huge improvements in her reading this year!
Lily 3/4A
Taking an active role in writing words for the class assembly item
Chloe 3/4A
Supporting Prep children to perform in KPS idol
Olivia 3/4D
Excellent group work skills – Olivia is the quiet voice of reason, gently guiding others in the right direction.
Olivia 3/4S
Using her knowledge of multiplication and discussion to turn improper fractions to mixed number
End of Year Family Picnic

Please ensure that students arrive on time for their performances.
The Entertainment Program is outlined below.

When:  This Friday, December 4th
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.

PICNIC PROGRAM / Entertainment

Performances on Gathering Space Stage

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Hope to see you all there!
END OF YEAR PICNIC ROSTER – this FRIDAY

Thank-you for considering the roster for the End of Year Picnic but we are still looking for parent helpers.
This is how the roster looks so far:

Around 6pm - Stewart will cook sausages.
   - Treena, Fatuma, Ahmed, Fleur, Lucy and Kath will sell sausages/drinks/icy poles

Around 7pm – Michael will cook sausages

Around 8pm – Chris, Corey and Naomi will help pack up.

If you didn’t get around to putting yourself forward for this very special occasion, it’s not too late. No experience required! The people already mentioned would love another pair of hands to help them even for just half an hour. Please leave your name at the office. Thank-you.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday night.

Chris Angus
On behalf of the Funrai$ing Committee.

Grade 6 News

Grade 5-6 Homework Club has finished for 2015.
Tuesday night was the final Homework Club session for this year. Details regarding the 2016 program will be communicated once they are available. Many thanks to Lee and the staff who have run the club here this year.

Fiona McIntosh

Grade 6 Icy Pole Fundraising
Last Friday we sold icy poles after school and raised $256. We would like to thank Kay for helping us set and clean up. Most of all we appreciate the support we received for our fundraiser.

Thank you.
Chloe, Tamsin, Cluny, Sophia, Sienna, Tobie and Hazel

Bat Tennis - Interschool Sport

Well done to all the 5-6 students who trained and played this term.

Marc Anthony, Marcella, Dylan S, Tony, Tyler, Lawrence, Dan, Aston, An, Ali, Julian, Hayu, Jabriil

Your effort and behaviour at training and matches was outstanding. Thank you and congratulations on your successful, undefeated season.

Fiona
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

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Congratulations String Ensemble! What a great year. Thanks to your lovely performance at Gregory Lodge one of the residents has donated a violin to KPS!
Call out to all KPS families and teachers who know how to use a hose!

The holidays will soon be here and we are setting up a roster to ensure our veggies thrive over the break. If you will be around at any stage and could give a little time for watering please email me with your availability and contact details before 10th December.

The children have enjoyed planting their summer crops of tomatoes, beans, pumpkins, zucchinis, sunflowers (just to name a few) and it would be lovely to come back to a lush garden and bountiful harvest at the start of next year.

If you think you can help, please put your hand up.

Thanks in anticipation.

sharynolive@gmail.com

Also, a big

THANK YOU

to those parents who have been helping with the watering this term. It has made a remarkable difference having extra hands on the job. I hope you have enjoyed it and would like to continue in first term next year. It is rewarding to see the mature plants producing fruit after the holidays.
Opportunity to care for KPS chickens during the summer holidays

We would like to offer the opportunity for interested families to volunteer to care for the chickens again this year during the summer holidays. This is not a very onerous job and ideally each family might care for the chickens for a week, however this is flexible depending on demand. The children have all been incredibly enthusiastic during the Wednesday cooking and gardening sessions and I’m sure our volunteer families will get just as much pleasure.

The chickens would remain in their current housing at school but you would be required to:

check on them and collect (and keep) the eggs,

change their water (twice a week) and top up their food and

feed them your kitchen scraps.

This can be done any time of the day that suits. They would need attending to every second day, but every day is fine if you want to spoil them.

You will be well supported with an instruction lesson before the end of term. We will also ensure there is a Grubbies member available as a contact if you have any questions or concerns during your time caring for the chickens.

If you think you might be interested or know you are interested then send me an email/text with your contact details at sharynolive@gmail.com

0417 237 497

If you only have certain times you are available in the holidays then please feel free to let me know these dates.

Thanks,
Sharyn Olive
Hating Alison Ashley

Book review by Emma 3-4C

Hating Alison Ashley is a wonderfully funny and original book about a “Drama Queen” grade six. Erica Yurken believes she is superior form everyone else at Barringa East. But when Alison Ashley came she was destined for a show down of a life time. Alison is a complete angel, A grade student, and to top it all off, she’s BETTER than Erica.

It was too good to be true when School Camp arrived. At drama night Erica could finally show Alison what she’s made of. Or will Alison have to take all her glory?

This book is exactly with the saying: “Never judge a book by its cover”. Because the cover isn’t very luring but the story makes up for it. I would highly recommend it for 11-13 year olds. I give it three stars. Happy Reading!

My Secret Internet Friend

Review by Emma 3-4C

My Secret Internet Friend is something that EVERYONE could read. In this day and age, people are now on the Internet and technology 24/7. Being safe on the web is important as road safety, and we need to know what can happen.

When you read it you really feel the character changing as the book goes on. Sara realises that spending all your free time on the computer isn’t healthy, and that giving her personal details to a person she’s never met isn’t safe.

My Secret Internet Friend has achieved its goal to show people what not to do on the web. For that I give it five stars. But as a book, I give it four stars. I would recommend it for 10-14 year olds, or for people who have just started using social media. Happy reading!
“The whole is is greater than the sum of its parts” Aristotle.

The grade six students have been thinking about the parts of themselves, experiences and strengths gained through both challenging and good times that have contributed to the sparkling young person that they are now. This has been represented this in a “reflective transition mosaic tile”. These are on exhibition in the Hof foyer for a short time only as they will be taken home at the grade 6 farewell. The mosaic tiles are displayed on the window ledge next to a written explanation of each artists experience. Many people have been a part of these students’ lives, parents, teachers, friends and community members all have been a part contributing to their whole. We each leave a mark on each other’s hearts.

I invite you to enjoy this exhibition and celebrate along side the 2015 grade six cohort.

Linda Weisser

PREP D CATCH UP

Sunday December 6th
JJ Holland Park
3-5pm
Bring some food to share
Siblings welcome
Contact Eve (Keziah's mum) 0431 345 156

THANKS!

to everyone who has helped in anyway in the library this year
With your help the library is a much nicer place for the students to work in.

Sylvia

If you haven’t returned your library books please do so by Monday 7th Dec , as there will be a fine of $10.00 for each book that is overdue or has not been returned.
Community News

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Christmas Tree Sale

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

Order online www.6thMelbourneScouts.org.au

6th MELBOURNE SCOUT GROUP, 55 McCracken Street Kensington

The City of Melbourne’s last remaining Scout Group

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

Children in OHSC after-care program are facilitated to their lesson

Contact Marie Niclair for more information;
0422 557 076
marie.niclair@lcfclubs.com.au
www.lcfclubs.com.au
State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

Fact sheet for parents

The Affordable School Uniform Program

Program background
Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government’s uniform expansion program, every Year 7 (in 2016) government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value $225):
- Jumper x1
- PE shirt x1
- PE shorts x1
- For girls: a dress (or shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve))
- For boys: shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x2 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?
The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will attend. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents who missed this year’s CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016. The 2016 program will be promoted via school newsletters and websites.

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniform?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniform for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged. Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

State Schools’ Relief
1/8 Johnston Court Dandenong South, VIC 3175
Telephone: 03 8769 8400  Email: contact@ssr.net.au  Website: www.ssr.net.au

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City Schools 4 City Kids invites all city families to a FREE

Community Christmas Playdate

a chance for ALL local kids and families to connect

From 3pm to 5pm Saturday 5th December 2015

Location: Playground outside Dock Library, Docklands 3008

Art Activity: a Portrait Wall will be created by the children of our Community during the Celebration. Please bring a clipboard for this activity (if you have one).

ALL Children to be supervised by their parent/guardian at ALL times

In case of bad weather, please see our FB page: CitySchools4CityKids
Or email us: cityschools4citykids@gmail.com

Kensington Primary School Newsletter
It's that time of year again.

Please come down with your picnic dinner to the Women's peace Garden for this wonderful Community Tradition on Friday 18th December

Carols begin around 8 pm

Candles for sale, all proceeds go to the Smith Family