Our school day starts at 8.50am. Children can be dropped off from 8.45am when the playground will be supervised by a member of staff. If you need to bring your child prior to this time they must be signed into the Before Care program to ensure they are properly supervised. If you as a parent want to come earlier you need to remain and take responsibility for the wellbeing of your child till the duty teacher is available. The teachers are all in their rooms preparing for the day's lessons. The school day finishes at 3.30pm. Please enter the school via the side gates, not through the office, when you come to collect your child/ren. Any students not collected by 3.45pm will be taken to the Aftercare program where a charge will be incurred. If you are running late please contact the school office to let us know your estimated time of arrival.

If your child is sick and will not be attending school for the day, you need to contact the school before 9.15am. The absence will be recorded on the attendance roll as a sick day. Unexplained absences will be followed up by the teacher and a note must be provided.

That a whole school assembly is held every Monday morning???. Children still go to the classroom with their teacher at 8.50am to put their school bags away. Interested parents and younger siblings make their way to the hall and are joined by the children and teachers shortly after 9:00am. Assembly finishes at varying times, but is usually over in 20 to 30 minutes. Grades take it in turns to host the assemblies, using it as an opportunity to share their work with our school community.
That if it is raining at drop-off time in the morning, children are permitted to go straight up to the classrooms, from 8.45 am, rather than line up in the rain and usually an announcement will be made. Also, if it is raining at either playtime or lunchtime, the children have supervised indoor play in their classrooms using classroom equipment and games rather than play outside.

Our Uniform shop is open every Monday during term time from 3pm – 4pm. You can also order uniform online by accessing the following link http://dcsuniforms.com.au/kensington-primary-school/. Alternatively uniform order forms can be downloaded from the website or picked up from the office.

Welcome Back and New Preps

Welcome back to everyone. What a great beginning to the year. Everyone has settled in well and there are lots of smiles and friendship renewals. The tone of the school is great and laughter and smiles abound. The littlies, though very tiny, already look like they belong and are quickly settling into the routines of school. I am always amazed at how quickly the preps get into the swing of school life!

The big buddies have been tremendous in looking after the new preps and making sure they are supported in their first year at school.

Starting primary school is a major milestone for your child. The Department has some very good resources for parents to investigate. Here you’ll find information on how to make the move to primary school as smooth as possible.

The first years are an exciting and engaging time for your child. Building positive relationships and experiences in the early years is important to long-term development, learning and wellbeing. Bookmark this as a favourite.

The web pages are at


School and kindergarten term dates for 2016

Term 1: 27 January (school teachers start) to 24 March (as 25 March is public holiday) *

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December (Tuesday)

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.
School Council elections

Pretty soon will be having elections for members of our school Council. If you think you are interested could you pick up a nomination form over the next couple of weeks and come and join us on School Council.

Speed Zones

- With the 2016 school year formally commencing, it is an opportune time for school communities to be reminded of the importance of road safety around schools.
- School Speed Zones will be enforced from the commencement of the school year and schools are requested to alert parents/carers to this along with messages about appropriate local conditions. Speed limits in designated school speed zones during specified times (8.00 - 9.30 am and 2.30 - 4.00 pm).

Mark Ryan
Principal

Wellbeing of students and the Bounce Back! Program

Welcome to a new school year to those returning and to those who are joining the school community for the first time. I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the role of Wellbeing officer at KPS. In this role I work alongside Julie in her role as Student Welfare Coordinator, the Guidance Officer Lily and Elizabeth, Speech Pathologist to promote the wellbeing and resilience of students and the school community. This involves providing support to individual students and their families and also working with students in small groups and in the classroom. Overarching this work is the whole school approach to building resilience – including teaching the skills of empathy, social skills and emotional intelligence. My role is to support teachers with this through implementing the Bounce Back program.

Bounce Back! is an evidence based wellbeing and resilience program, written by Helen McGrath and Toni Noble that teaches the skills and attitudes needed to face the challenges that are inevitable for us all in our lives. Resilience has been described as the capacity to ‘bounce back’ after experiencing problems, difficulties and down times. The skills that students learn through this program will benefit them at school and at home and encourage healthy social and emotional development in future years. The program is taught in every grade for an hour each week and focuses on a range of topics. This term learning about values and putting them into practice is the starting point. More information about the program will be included in the newsletter each week.

LEARNING AND PLAYING TOGETHER BOOKLETS

Students and staff at Kensington Primary School have worked together to create Learning and Playing Together booklets. These booklets outline the values that all staff and students strive to demonstrate at school. They also outline the expectations at school in relation to how to behave in the classroom, the yard and with other people. The booklets also include some ideas about how to develop and live by these values, even when it is hard to do.

The Learning and Playing Together booklets are used in the grades to support the development of a school culture that fosters a cohesive, empathic and caring community of learners. They also include the learning for the first unit of the Bounce Back program which has a focus on developing our values.

When you read the booklet with your child / children, it strengthens the links you have with your child’s education and helps to build a shared understanding of the expectations and values. We have published the books on our website and
you can access them by going to the following link: [http://www.kensingtonps.vic.edu.au/page/223/Learning-&-playing-Together-Booklets](http://www.kensingtonps.vic.edu.au/page/223/Learning-&-playing-Together-Booklets)

I look forward to getting to know the many new children and their families who have started this year and to support the whole school community to build on their resilience skills.

Melissa Martin, Wellbeing Officer.

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**Music News**

*Melbourne Music Tuition – Instrumental Lessons at K.P.S*

Instrumental lessons have kicked off for term one 2016.

In 2016 we now have over a quarter of K.P.S students learning an instrument during the school day.

Spaces are available for **Acoustic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Piano, Drums, Cello, Viola, Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone** (After school only) and **Singing lessons**... with limited spots available for piano and singing. Limited spaces are also available for after school lessons.

**MMT BAND** – Open to advanced instrumentalists only.

Seeking X1 Drummer, X2 Electric Guitar, X1 Bass Guitar, X2 Vocals, X1 Keyboard

All our teachers are highly qualified and competent musicians who perform all around Melbourne. MMT teachers prepare students for a range of different exams across the year including AMEB and ANZCA.

**GRADE PREP STUDENTS** - We encourage any interested grade prep students to enrol at the beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester once they have had time to orientate themselves with the school and a new routine.

Enrolment Enquiries to - MMT Director - Brooke Johnson

Email - melbournemusictuition@yahoo.com

Website - melbournemusictuition.com

Facebook - facebook.com/melbournemusictuition

**WHY MUSIC?**

I. Music is a Science
II. Music is Mathematical
III. Music is a Foreign Language
IV. Music is History
V. Music is Physical Education
VI. Music Develops Insight and Demands Research
VII. Music is all these things, but most of all,
Music is Art
That is why we teach music:
Not because we expect you to major in music
Not because we expect you to play or sing all your life....
But so you will be human
So you will recognise beauty
So you will be closer to an infinite beyond this world.
So you will have something to cling to
So you will have more love, more compassion,
More gentleness, more good –
In short, more... Life. (Anonymous)

STRING ENSEMBLE

Our wonderful String Ensemble will start up this Friday at 8.20am in the music room. Students are asked to arrive 5 mins early to set up their instruments and be ready to start by 8.20am. New students who have been learning for a minimum of 6 months are welcome to join. This ensemble is led by Edwina Kayser.

EARLY BIRDS, SENIOR CHOIR, 3-4 CHOIR AND JUNIOR CHOIR

All choirs will be starting up this week.

Early Birds – 8am Thurs – Music Room
Senior Choir – 1.30pm Wed – Music Room
3-4 Choir – 1.30pm Wed – 3/4C Room
Junior Choir – 1.30pm Wed – Library

K.P.S ROCK BAND

Rock Band will be starting next Tuesday at 1.30pm – Rock Band Room. Anyone interested in joining Rock Band please see either Louise or Andrew.

Louise is also looking for a parent volunteer accompanist to join the 3/4 Choir.

Brooke
Music Co-ordinator

Art News

Welcome back to the art room. In setting up our classroom protocols and how we would like to work we discussed......

What you do shows what you think is important.

Your values are reflected in your behaviour and choices, your choices and behaviour reflect your values.
What do you value about your art learning?

Comments from the grade 3-4 students in their first art lesson.

What you make is important and special
Art makes you feel good you are free.
Art can be relaxing and stressful.
You learn new skills.
Art has an exotic feeling that happens inside me when I do it. I feel really happy and relaxed.
You use your imagination you use your inner emotions.
It helps you clam down and enjoy what you are making.
When you are angry you come in sit down put on an eye-bag and let the bad things go out of your brain.
You learn to think creatively.
It makes school fun.
People can see your ideas and it might inspire them.
I get a little twitch in my stomach of happiness when I think about art.
Art is great especially after play it feels like your bones are saying thanks for having a break.
I am a person that likes art I like drawing.
It’s a nice way to make you know you are doing something hard. It’s good to relax so you feel fine about doing hard things.
Art is hard but you don’t sweat.
I like art because there is no right or wrong, only different points of view.
It’s relaxing and peaceful and easy to focus on your learning.
You let your imagination flow.

Linda Weisser
Visual Arts Teacher

Welcome to Oshclub

Hi! My name is Gavin O’ Looney. I am the new coordinator at the Kensington Primary school before and after school care program. First of all, everyone at the program would like to welcome the students back to school, especially those joining us for the first time.

For the before and after school care program here at Kensington this term is one of exciting change. As you may be aware, OSHClub is now running the care program. We are excited to be joining up with many of the familiar faces such as Mel, Ryan and Joanne. In addition to this, Judi and I will be the faces you will see on a regular basis. We appreciate your patience with the changeover and I would like to thank the many parents that made such a big effort to make us feel welcome and a part of the community.

For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself at 0478155322 or by email at oshclub.kensington@gmail.com.

Thank you from Gavin and the OSHClub team!
Homework Club Changes for 2016

Uniting Care Hotham Mission, who have delivered the free homework club out of the school library, will no longer be delivering the program in 2016.

In its place they have developed a new program - the Kensington Mess Club, a free transition support program for kids who would like support with their formal academic learning and their transition into high school.

It will run on a Thursday afternoon from 4-5.30pm at the Kensington YMCA and will be open for students in grades 6-8.

It will focus on student-driven project-based learning designed to celebrate different learning styles including art, graphics, circuitry, woodwork, cooking and study.

For more information please contact Hotham Mission program manager, Beth Stewart-Wright on beth.stewartwright@hothammission.org.au or call on 0499 331 554

CSEF Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student.

CSEF applications are now open for 2016. Forms can be downloaded from our website or by clicking on the following link http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.pdf. Please complete the form and return to the school office by Monday 29th February. When submitting your application, the office will need to see the original Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care card.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

**KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**School Name**

**2374**

**School REF ID**

**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**

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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 (DHHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- If this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that I qualify for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not otherwise provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools' Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

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**

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Our school canteen is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We offer a wonderful selection of healthy hot/cold foods for your child to enjoy. The latest menu and price list is shown below or can be downloaded from our website. To ensure that food stays hot when delivered to the classrooms, we require canteen orders to be put in an insulated lunch bag which can be purchased at the school office for $8.00 each. Please note the canteen is not open on Wednesdays for Lunch Orders. Snacks & fruit will be available.

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WARNING - BAKERY PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF SESAME/NUTS

HAPPY EATING
Kensington Primary School Newsletter

Program of Inquiry – Term 1, 2016

Prep

BIG IDEA
Rules are made to keep us safe

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS
- Members of a community have rules and responsibilities
- There can be consequences if rules and responsibilities are not followed

KEY QUESTIONS
- Why do we need to be safe?
- Why do we need rules?
- What is a good risk and a bad risk?
- What sorts of rules keep us safe?

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BIG IDEA
Our health can be determined by the choices we make

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS
- We all have physical needs that impact our health
- We need to take responsibility for our health decisions and behaviours

KEY QUESTIONS
- How can we be healthy and active?
- What decisions can we make to keep ourselves healthy?

3–4

BIG IDEA
Places have different environmental and human characteristics

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS
- People have settled in different places within Australia
- Australia has similarities and differences with its neighbouring countries
- The environment can continue to support the lives of humans and other living things

KEY QUESTIONS
- How and why are places similar and different?
- What would it be like to live in a neighbouring country?
- How does the environment support the lives of people and other living things?
- How can people use places and environments sustainably?

5–6

BIG IDEA
What makes a great leader?

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS
- Leaders throughout time have brought about change in our world and impact on the way we live
- There are certain characteristics that good leaders share
- Many leaders overcome personal hardship in order to improve situations for other people
- There are leaders in every walk of life who come from diverse backgrounds and experiences

KEY QUESTIONS
- What are the characteristics of good leaders?
- What do good leaders do, and how do they do it?
- What motivates ordinary people to do extraordinary things?
- How can we recognise and use our own leadership skills effectively?
Contact Details

As we begin a new school year we would like to ensure that we have the correct family contact details in our system. If you have changed your address, email address, phone numbers etc, please see the school office. It is vitally important that we have your correct details in case of an emergency. Also if there has been any change to your child’s medical information, eg Asthma, anaphylaxis, please see the office staff who will provide you with the relevant 2016 school form to complete.

A little message from our Grubbies Team - Parent helpers are welcome to come on a Wednesday to help with our gardening and cooking program. Please let the office staff know if you are free to help and provide the school with a current Working with Children Check.
Community News

Department of Education & Kensington Primary School do not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by the Department of Education or Kensington.
KENSINGTON JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB
is looking for players to join teams this term.

CONTACT: Kaye Allan on 0425777742 or email kayealla@gmail.com

Training
Monday night 5-6pm
North Melbourne Recreation Centre
204 Arden St
North Melbourne

Games
Tuesday nights 4.40pm
MSAC
Albert Rd
Albert Park
Saturday games also available