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Did you know??

3 Way Conference are today from 2-6pm. You do not have to collect your child early from school but if you wish to, they can be collected between 1.10 – 1.30pm. Children will be supervised by specialist teachers until the end of the day at 3.30pm. A listing of your child’s whereabouts will be displayed at the office, if you need to find them for their 3 way conference.

We have a new Canteen menu for 2016. Please see the new menu in this newsletter or on our website. There has been a price change to the hot meals so please make sure you send the correct money with your order.

The Harmony Picnic is on Friday 11th March. We are looking for Parent helpers to sell sausages, drinks, set up and pack up etc. If you are able to help please add your name to the roster at the office.

School Council

We still need people to join school council. Please get your nominations in now. We have the Annual General Meeting and first school council on the 21st of March.

School council involvement

1. Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No! What you need is an interest in the school and the ability to work cooperatively with others to help shape its future.

2. Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

3. How can I become involved?

The most obvious way to become involved is to vote in the elections that are held in February or March each year. Since ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council, or suggesting to another person that they stand for election.

4. What do I need to do to stand for election?

The principal arranges and conducts the elections. Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do. The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations in the second half of February or early in March. For parents, this notice will probably be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home. We have called for nominations and need these asap.

Urgent Message from the Department of Education regarding Measles

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian

As you may be aware, there has recently been a measles outbreak in the Brunswick area of Melbourne, including cases at a primary school.

In light of this, we are seeking your co-operation in ensuring we have a record of your child’s immunisation status on file. This will ensure the school can respond quickly should a member of the school community contract a vaccine-preventable disease. In the event of a disease outbreak immunisation status certificates help us quickly identify the immunisation status of each child and implement the advice received from the Victorian Chief Health Officer and the Department of Health and Human Services, which may include sending your child home until the risk of infection has passed.

Our records show that the school does not have a record of your child’s immunisation status. All primary schools are required to request an immunisation status certificate for each child prior to enrolment and to keep a copy of this certificate on record. Even if your child has not received any vaccinations, it is still expected that parents/carers/guardians provide a certificate.

Please provide this certificate to the school as soon as possible. The most commonly provided immunisation status certificate is an Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Childhood Register (ACIR). You can get a copy of your child’s Immunisation History Statement:

- through Medicare online accounts or the Express Plus Medicare mobile app
by requesting a statement to be posted to you in the mail
  o Email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
  o Telephone ACIR on 1800 653 809
• by visiting a local Medicare service centre

Please be aware that your child may be excluded from attending school for up to 14 days if there is an outbreak in the school community and the school does not have evidence showing your child has received two doses of a measles-containing vaccine. Further information on primary school immunisation requirements can be found at <www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children-adolescents/primary-school-immunisation-requirements>

Reliable information on measles symptoms and measles vaccine is available at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

If you think your child may require immunisations or you have questions or concerns about immunisation or particular vaccines, see your doctor or contact your local council. Immunisations are provided free to children under the National Immunisation Program.

Music

This week we were entertained in the office with a delightful music performance - well done girls.

Mark Ryan
Principal

5/6 News

Sisters & Brothers Workshops - Years 5/6

Student Reflection:
Rocco - I think it's really fun for people to relax and let all their feelings out. We were writing raps about being as one and being together. We also learnt about race based discrimination and it's really good because everyone can join in and dance.

Helena - I like how we could express ourselves about race based discrimination through the raps. It was interesting because we also learnt about other people's experiences with race based discrimination.
We hope you are well and that you have enjoyed the first few weeks at your secondary schools. We would love to see you all again and hope you are able to head back to KPS and catch up with each other and us.

**Date:** Monday, March 7th  
**Time:** 3:45 – 4:45  
**Venue:** The Hall  

**RSVP:** 9376 6013 – KPS school office.

Please let us know if you can make it so we can organise snacks and drinks.

Fiona, Stuart, Kim, Vivienne and Melissa  
2015 5/6 Team
**Cohealth Dental Services** provide quality dental care to children from birth to age 17. Cohealth (formerly Doutta Galla and Western Region Health Centre) has clinics in Niddrie, Kensington and Footscray and are staffed with registered dental therapists, oral health therapists and dentists who are assisted by qualified dental assistants. Emergency and general care is provided for 0 -12 Year olds for free. For 13 -17 year olds, you are eligible for this service if you are a holder or a dependant of someone with a concession card or you are eligible for the Child Dental Health Benefits Schedule. If you are eligible the service is free.

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Treatment is provided at: 6 Gower Street, Kensington  Ph: 8378 1670
3-15 Matthews Avenue, Niddrie  Ph: 8378 3566

Please call to make an appointment
Class Catch Ups

34C Catchup

When: Sunday 6 March, 2-4pm

Where: Jensen Reserve, Farnsworth Avenue, Footscray (On the Maribyrnong River, opposite Victoria University and the Merv Hughes Oval)

No need to RSVP – just bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. If the weather’s unfriendly, we’ll reschedule.

Sarah Brook (Henry’s mum)

0418 384 122 sarah.brook23@gmail.com

Prep D Picnic

Sunday 6th March

2-4pm

JJ Holland Playground (enter from Altona Street)

Bring a plate of food to share, soccer ball, footy, cricket bat etc...

Contact:

Louise (Scout’s Mum) 0435 639 052

Angharad (Lila’s Mum) 0431 533 640

Siblings and family welcome. Will cancel if raining
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You're invited to get involved!

New Members on any of our sub committees are always welcome!

One of the great ways to get involved in our school is to join a subcommittee. Share your expertise, skills, talents, and/or contribute ideas to ensure Kensington PS continues to provide excellent educational opportunities for your child.

Term 1 Meeting Schedule for sub committees.

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School Council

The School Council is made up of elected parents, the Principal, teachers and a community member. It has responsibility for determining the general educational policy of the school within the guidelines issued by the Minister. It makes decisions on curriculum, finance, facilities and community relations. School Councillors are elected for a two year period and elections are completed by the end of March. All parents or guardians of students enrolled at the school are eligible to vote and parent membership on the sub committees is encouraged and welcomed. The School Council generally meets on a monthly basis and school councillors also attend or convene one of the following school council sub committees:

Finance and Facilities Committee
The Finance and Facilities Committee assists the School Council by:

- Managing the school’s global budget. This includes ensuring all incoming money is properly accounted for and expended and that an annual budget of income and expenditure is prepared and audited.
• Ensuring all facilities are safe, adequately maintained and developed.

Education Committee
The Education Committee assists the School Council by:
• Determining the general education policy of the school and ensuring that the interests of all students are taken into account. This includes providing a forum for parents, teachers and the wider community to participate in educational decision making. The committee also provides information about current educational developments and actively encourages parent participation through the organization of information sessions.

Out of School Hours Care & Vacation Care Program Committee
The Out of School Hours Care Program Committee assists the School Council by:
• Overseeing the operations and financial management of the Out of School Hours Care Program and ensuring that it meets the needs of the students and their families.

Welcome and Transition (WAT) Committee
The WAT committee assists the School Council by:
• Promoting the school to the local and wider community.
• Outreaching to local Kindergartens.
• Working with staff and parents to provide a smooth transition into, through and out of the school for students and their families.

Funraising Committee
The Funraising committee assists the School Council by:
• Raising funds and fun through the development and implementation of an annual fundraising plan.

Sustainability Committee
The Sustainability Committee assists the School Council by:
• Organizing and implementing procedures and projects to ensure our school is working towards providing a sustainable environment for our students.

The ‘Grubbies’ is a ‘hands-on’ sub group, implementing the Sustainability Committee goals in waste management, water conservation and cultivation and maintenance of our kitchen garden.

Communications Committee
The Communications Committee assists the School Council by:
• Continuing to improve and enhance the connectivity of our community by developing and implementing changes to increase the effectiveness of all our existing communication channels.

Master Plan Committee
The Master Plan Committee assists the School Council by:
• Developing a Master Plan to redevelop and enhance the school grounds.
To Live Is To Unite
School lunches Price List

1) Mondays
   Pasta Meat, Pasta Cheese   $5 each meal

2) Tuesdays
   Pizza with vegetable or Pizza with Meat   $5 each meal

3) Thursdays
   Pasta Meat or Pasta Cheese   $5 each meal

4) Fridays
   Pizza with vegetable or Pizza with Meat   $5 each meal

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (all four days)
  a) Mandasi or piece of fruit   $1 each
  b) Wholemeal or white baguettes   $5.00
     Options: Hotdog with mustard
              Or tomato sauce
  c) Cupcake and Honey biscuit   $2.00
  d) Fruit waffle with Ice cream   $2.00
  e) Apple Juice and Orange juice   $1.00
  f) Small water   $1.00
  g) Icy pole (Term 1 & 4 only)   $1.00
  h) Yogurt ice cream (Term 1 & 4 only)   $2.00

Warning – Bakery products may contain traces of sesame/nuts

HAPPY EATING
Harmony Picnic

KENSINGTON PRIMARY HARMONY PICNIC
CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA’S DIVERSITY

“Together We Stand in Harmony”

FRIDAY 11th MARCH  6-8PM

➢ Sausage Sizzle
➢ Icy poles/ drinks
➢ Vegetarian pasta

We need your help please:
Please bring one plate with a dessert/snack from your culture which then can be shared amongst those who attend the picnic. We need the desserts to be in finger food style (ie: requiring no cutlery) with no nuts, cream and which doesn’t need to be refrigerated.

Please note the proceeds from the sausage sizzle, icy poles and drinks are part of our fundraising initiative.

If you would like to help on the evening please contact the Office or fill your name in on the list displayed outside the Office

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Cultural Performances - A Request for the Harmony Picnic

Dear Parents/Community Members,

As you may know, the KPS Harmony Picnic is coming up on Friday 11th March. It is always a special occasion, designed to celebrate diversity across Australia and within our school. This year, some families have expressed interest in performing cultural items as part of the festivities. We would like to encourage others to get involved.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in performing either a cultural dance or song at the Harmony Day Picnic, please email Louise Grace (nee Louise Donn) at donn.louise.m@edumail.vic.gov.au. Thank you
Lost Property

Isadora Hartley from Prep L has lost her special tiger toy. She brought it to school for show and tell this Monday, and last saw it in the prep bag area. If anyone has seen tiger, please let Isadora's mum know (verity.shepherdson@hsf.com) or return it to the Prep L classroom. Tiger is a soft toy, about 25cm tall, and is the character from the book The Tiger Who Came to Tea.

Care Program

Hello families 😊

Next week we are letting our musical skills run wild in a music themed week! Can you play the ukulele? Or sing karaoke? What other musical talents do you have? Let’s find out!

Gavin will be away for the next two weeks but will be returning excited and full of stories 😊

In the meantime Ryan and Mel will be stepping into the Coordinating shoes with the support of our Area Coordinators and Managers. If you have any enquiries or late bookings please call, text or email the program and we will be in contact as soon as possible.

It is important to book 24 hours in advance where possible to ensure we cater for the correct amount of children and have the correct amount of staff working. Similarly if your child is booked in and you are able to collect them please send us a message so we know your child is safe and accounted for.

From Judy, Ryan, Mel, Joanne and the team!

Oshclub.kensington@gmail.com
0478 155 322

Muffin and Fruit Morning Tea

Monday 7th March

The FunRaising Committee are organising a morning tea fundraiser on Monday 7th March. For just $4.00 children can order a muffin and a piece of fruit. Please indicate your preference below.

Orders need to be returned with payment to class teachers by Wednesday 2nd March

Don’t miss out!

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Introduction to Bounce Back! Parent information Evening

Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} March 7.00 – 8.00pm

What are the skills we need to be more resilient ourselves and to better support our children?

Learn about the skills taught in classroom and specialist lessons and ways you can support these resilience skills at home.

We warmly welcome parents who are new to the program and those who would like a refresher!

Music

Grade 3-4 Students have been learning about all things Hawaiian in their music class. The room is now decorated with lots of palm branches thanks to Tim and Will Richter who dropped them in on Tuesday. On Wednesday Grade 3/4A were lucky enough to watch a science experiment which involved an exploding volcano. Many thanks to Daniel and John Morris for coming in to show the students how it worked.

Pic One and Pic Two - John Morris and his son Daniel showing the class how to make an exploding volcano

Pic Three – Jaimie, Sienna, Analise, and Molly getting into the hawaiian spirit with their ukuleles and Leis.

Pic Four - Students from 3/4S learning the Hula in the music classroom

Pic Five and Pic Six - Lo-arna, Aiden and Callan showing off their new ukuleles in their grade 5/6 Blues music Lesson.

Pic Seven and Eight - Grade 1-2R Students learning about how to work in a group during their music class. Students have been discussing the best ways to share instruments and what you can say to yourself when you don't get the instrument that you really want. Students have been composing pieces of music using a range of dynamics including loud, very loud, soft and very soft.
Art News

What’s been going in in the Grade 3-4 art classes this term so far?

**Big idea**
People’s cultural and historical heritage is reflected in their landscapes.

**Key understandings**
Landscapes can have different points of view.
Culture affects/ informs/ influences how landscapes are painted.

**Key questions**
How is the Australian indigenous understanding of country reflected in their art works?

**Painting skills** investigating and exploring which tools make what kind of marks. Selecting tools for particular effects.

How to mix secondary and tertiary colours? Learning to use the colour wheel.

Controlling colour mixing.

Painting from the background to the foreground. Laying up colour.

Making a landscape after a virtual tour, discussion and study of the South Australian art gallery’s collection of indigenous dessert art.

We are painting the important places, people and feelings (our sense of country) in our life from a bird’s eye view.
CONFIRMATION at HOLY ROSARY PARISH 2016

Holy Rosary Parish will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday the 15th of May at 2:30pm. A number of sessions leading up to this celebration are planned for early in Term 2.

If your child has received the sacrament of First Eucharist (Communion) and is interested in participating in this program, please contact Yvette Oswald at the parish house on 9376 6148 or yvetteosw@gmail.com in the next few weeks.
MAKE MY STREET A PLAY STREET
Imagine if your street was a great place to play, meet neighbours and be a bit more active. As a Play Street it could be! By closing it off to through traffic at quiet times for a few hours or an afternoon - just like a street party - kids and parents can play outside.

Your street could be a Play Street in 2016!
Based on the successful Play Streets pilots in Kensington in 2015, CoDesign Studio has developed the step-by-step Play Street Kit to make it easy for residents to make their own street into a Play Street.
We're looking for two lucky streets to help make into Play Streets in 2016.

What would my street get?
All the support, tools and materials needed to make your street a Play Street, including major costs, such as public liability insurance, and a Play Box of fun stuff to get your street playing.

What do I need to do?
• A street local to you that would make a great Play Street for a few hours or an afternoon.
• At least two people willing to make it happen. Your Play Street will have more success if you have team of like-minded and enthusiastic ‘Play Makers’.
• You're able to hold 1-2 Play Streets before the end of March 2016.

How do I get involved?
If this sounds like your street, we want to hear from you. Sign up to run a Play Street here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/playstreets
First in best dressed, so get in quick!
If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact us: playstreets@codesignstudio.com.au
You are invited to the
Kensington CommUNITY Festival
Free family activities & entertainment, treasure hunt, animal farm, live local music, face painting, community stalls, AFL footy activities and more!

Sunday March 20
9am to 5pm
JJ Holland Park

www.kencommfest.org  @KenCommFest
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FLEMINGTON JUNIORS FOOTBALL INVITE ALL NEW AND OLD PLAYERS TO OUR - COME AND TRY / REGISTRATION DAY
SUN FEB 28TH TRAINING FROM 11AM-12PM FREE BBQ FROM 12 - 2PM
UNDER 8,9,10,11,12,14 GIRLS AND BOYS NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
For more information go to Facebook.com/flemingtonjuniors or email Flemingtonjuniors@gmail.com

J J HOLLAND PARK KENSINGTON FLEMINGTON JUNIOR COLTS

NORTH MELBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB
FAMILY DAY 2016

WHEN? Sunday March 6, 2016
From 10:30am – 10:30pm
WHERE? North Melbourne Football Club
294-305 Arden Street
North Melbourne VIC 3051
Free entry
Player autographs
Jumping castle
Face painting
Arts & crafts
Food vans
Peninsula Ladies’ BBQ

Please use public transport due to extremely limited parking around the Arden Street venue.

Gilmore College for Girls
OPEN DAY
WED 9th March 10 - 11.30 am
THURS 10th March 5 - 6.30 pm
‘Her Future - Our Passion’
2016
KENSINGTON WOMEN'S DINNER
CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
#PLEDGEFORPARITY

8th March 7PM
FLEMINGTON/KENSINGTON BOWLS CLUB
$5 cover charge at the door
SUPPER AND DJ
FREE BAREFOOT BOWLS
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES
KEEP CALM ❤ WEAR PURPLE

Gather at 6.30pm at the Women's Peace Garden for our traditional “Reclaim the Night” walk. Daughters most welcome.

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KENSINGTONWOMENSDINNER