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Reminder: School Photos are next Tuesday 22nd March. Please can you return all photo order envelopes by Monday 21st March. Credit cards can only be used for online orders. Sibling photo envelopes are available from the school office.

Principals Report

Farewell Chris

Happy retirement to Chris Angus. Chris has worked at the school for twenty years and is ready to have a break. We wish her well and thank her for her considerable efforts in all she has done for the school. She has worked across the school taking many different grade levels and in more recent times has worked with children who needed extra assistance with literacy. She has had a real impact on these students due to her persistence and great skills in this area. When we look at the data and compare ourselves to other schools our literacy is excellent. So even though we have many students who are classified English as an Additional Language, these children learn quickly and outperform students across the State. This is largely due to the hard work that is done in these literacy programs. Chris has served on School Council and has been a member of numerous sub-committees. She has always gone the extra yard and been a real contributor to the success of Kensington Primary School. She will be missed.
Annual Report

There has been a late change and so the Annual Reporting meeting will begin at 6:00 pm on Monday evening. We will meet in the library. Plenty of delicious food will be available from the ladies in the canteen. There will be lots to talk about. Lots of graphs to consider.

School Council

It was tremendous that we had to go to a vote for School Council. That hasn’t happened for such a long time. Normally we are out coercing people to join!!! Thanks to all the candidates who put their hand up. There were a lot of people who voted, which again is an excellent sign that there is an interest in the Council. And it’s important role.

Congratulations to Stewart Brook and Michael Uren who were successful. All candidates received a good number of votes. It is a process but a worthwhile one.

Ride To School Day

It was great to see so many people riding to school last week. It was a fantastic and many thanks go to the parents and teachers who organised the event. It was great to see so many parents and children come along on wheels or foot.

Road Safety

I have just received a complaint from a neighbour of the school who is very frustrated by the parents not taking road rules into consideration. Another neighbour complained last year about the dangerous manner in which parents were letting children out of the car-while double parking and parking on the crossing and numerous other dangerous practices-not using the crossing correctly and parking illegally. This disregard for safety is an accident waiting to occur. Epsom Rd is extremely busy and cars do speed. Children need good role models to ensure their safety. Mc Cracken St sees similar behaviour and the Melbourne City Council will again be asked to come out to ensure the safety of the children. Val from the Melbourne City Council traffic division will come to assembly on Monday. Please use the roads and footpaths carefully.
Crossings part 2

School Crossings Victoria regarding “School Crossing Supervisor of the Year” awards which are held every 2 years. Any of your Crossing Supervisors can be nominated via the nomination form on School Crossings Victoria’s website www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au. On the left hand side of their homepage you will find “Latest News” and a link to the nomination form. Anyone can nominate their favourite Supervisor including students, parents and teachers. Your Crossing Supervisors are Jose Pineda (cnr Epsom and Macaulay Rd), Vinod Dutta (Epsom Rd) and Abdullahi Omar (McCracken St). Nominations close on May 6. To acknowledge the contribution and spirit of the work undertaken by school crossing supervisors throughout Victoria an award will be given to a selected School Crossing Supervisor for their commitment and dedication to the supervision of school crossings.

The recipient of the award should model enthusiasm and successful outcomes.

This award is open to all school crossing supervisors employed in this role stationed at a permanent crossing or a relief school crossing supervisor.

Nominations for the award must be employed as a school crossing supervisor at any Victorian Council who should demonstrate –

- Professional demeanour and presentation (uniform and equipment)
- Working knowledge of road rules relating to school crossings
- Welcoming, caring, supportive and encouraging to all users of the school crossing
- Helpful – Informative and clear on correct use of the crossing
- Involvement in the school community
- Attendance – no time off (other than illness)
- Punctuality

Municipalities and members of the community will be invited to forward nominations for the award. Nominations will close on Friday May 6, 2016.

Nomination Form

Name of Nominated person …………………………………………

Municipality they are employed by……………………………………

School ………………………………………

Person/Organisation nominating……………………………………

Contact email……………………………………………………

Contact phone number……………………………………………

Contact address……………………………………………………
The following template must be used for nominations. In 25 words or more please tell us:

Why you believe the nominated person should be awarded the School Crossings Victoria “School Crossing Supervisor of the Year” award.

**Harmony Picnic**

What a tremendous evening it was for a picnic. And the crowd turned out in force. There was plenty of food to share and lots of entertainment for all.

Mark Ryan
Principal
Bounce Back acronym – BOUNCE ….BACK

We are nearly there – the last two statements in the Bounce Back acronym!

Catstrophising is one of my favourites, once you know you are doing it, it is quite amusing to see where our thinking can take us. This type of thinking keeps us stuck in an ‘all or nothing’ pattern where we stop looking for alternatives. When you notice thinking in yourself or your children that starts with ‘if’ (if I get to school / work late) and is followed by a ‘then’ (everyone will look at me, I’ll be so embarrassed, etc), you can often pick up some catastrophizing!

Catastrophising exaggerates your worries

Catastrophising is very common and includes over stating every day experiences, for example saying ‘what a disaster’ when something relatively minor has happened, as well as convincing yourself that something terrible will happen when it is at best an outside possibility. We tend to catastrophise because we lack experience to know what something is really like; we don’t get a reality check to find out how likely something is; or are not thinking about a problem as something we can solve if we try. In these situations we become flooded with emotions and are not able to access our reasoning skills. When we actively calm our emotions, and tune in to our own language, exchanging emotive comments for low key language (for example is the situation unbearable or very difficult) we can overcome the problems associated with catastrophising.

Keep things in perspective. Bad times usually only happen in one part of your life. They don’t have to spoil other things.

Keeping things in perspective is another element of optimistic thinking. There are two parts to this: one is that things that go wrong are usually confined to one part of our lives and we can concentrate on the other parts that are still going well to help us cope. The second part is using the perspective that things could be worse – although situations may be difficult to manage, with perspective we can see that there will be a way to cope.

Melissa
Student Wellbeing

Art Request

Wanted for the 1/2 Art Room

If you have any of the things below lying around at home we’d love them for making art in the 1/2 Art room (located between the 1/2M classroom and the prep rooms).

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<td>Cardboard rolls</td>
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And anything else you think may be useful... We are currently doing printmaking and will begin weaving next term. If you are able to donate any of these things please leave in the 1/2 Art room.

Thanks 😊 Jessie Palmer 1/2 Art teacher

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Bounce Back Parent Evening

Thursday 17th March, 7pm

• How do emotions impact on learning?
• What helps children cope with life’s ups and downs?
• What do I do if my child is worried?

Please join us to learn more about Bounce Back and the skills needed for resilience and emotional intelligence.

Kensington Primary meets Mount Alexander College.

Are you curious to find out about what is happening at your local secondary school?

Have you heard about the Revolution at Mt Alexander College??

Tuesday March 22nd, 7pm.

Come and meet the Principal and chat to current students and parents from Mount Alexander College – find out what is really going on! This is a great opportunity to ask questions in an informal environment. Many former KPS students and parents will be there to share their experience of your local school, Mount Alexander College. Kensington Primary School Hall Foyer. RSVP Melissa 0412773942.

Drinks and nibbles provided!
The term has flown and there’s been so many sporting events planned. Last week 16 swimmers travelled to St Alban’s Leisure Centre to compete in the Division Swim Championships. They were pumped after our bus ride and performed their best. 2 relay teams came second, 1 relay team came 4th, Liam S came 3rd & 4th in freestyle & breaststroke respectively; Ned swam for the first time at both district & division level; Genevieve G swam so well in butterfly and has qualified to swim at Regional level. Dylan came 4th in backstroke and Dylan O came 5th in backstroke. Congratulations to all the students and thank you to the continued parental support. Days like today make it all worthwhile and so enjoyable.

Grade 5/6’s have had Brad and Rebecca teach them Volleyball skills preparing them for their SEPEP Volleyball tournament later in the year.

Alex taught a handful of grade 5/6’s, 3/4’s & 1/2’s Athletics skills. Students learnt how to run, work a shotput and so on.

Some grades were lucky to have Hockey players from Essendon Hockey Club teach them some hockey skills and drills.

Finally we are preparing for Cross Country and the 9/10, 11 & 12 year olds have been trialling down at Holland Park.

Be sure to check the PE Noticeboard in the HOF foyer for Sporting notices such as events students are currently trialling for.

Keep active.

Nuccia
Ordering Grade 6 Hoodies 2016

The 2016 Grade 6 Hoodie design is complete. Please return your order form to school along with the payment of $45.00 no later than Thursday 24th, 2016.

Please note we cannot accept your order without payment.
Care Program

Hello families,

This week we are all becoming a little bit Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Gaelic Football, Shamrock collages, potato and spoon race and leprechaun themed face masks are just some of the activities in line to get us ready for the big day!

In other news the holidays are fast approaching and with it the exciting OSHClub Holiday Program. The program will be jam-packed with exciting activities and awesome excursions. Be sure to enrol as soon as possible at www.oshclub.com.au. For more information on the events and activities on offer look for the leaflet at the sign in desk.

From Gavin, Judy, Ryan, Mel, Jack, Joanne and the team: Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Daoibh!! (Happy St. Patrick's Day!)

Email: Oshclub.kensington@gmail.com
Phone: 0478 155 322

Art News

During Planning week the grade 1-2 classes had an incursion learning parkour skills. We used the gathering space and the playground. We had to use our bounce back skills to think about taking safe risks and use positive and helpful thinking to help us meet the challenges.

Students also constructed their ideal parkour park. Some of these are on display outside the staffroom.

Thank so much to Jo Liddy for her contribution to this wonderful experience.

Linda Weisser
Hello community,

The year 1-2 classes will be learning about our local history next term.

We would love any opportunities for the students to speak to past students of KPS, members of the community who were raised in Kensington (or neighbouring suburbs) or anyone who may have a wealth of information about the history of the area.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences and knowledge, could you please contact Fleur (1-2F) in person or via the school email: kensington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Many thanks

1-2 teaching team
String Ensemble

The String Ensemble will be presenting their first performance for 2016 in the final assembly for term 1 at 2:00pm on Thursday 24th March.
We will play Cha Cha Bowing and Chicken in the Kitchen.
Thursday is not usually a Strings day so students may need to be reminded to bring their instruments. We would appreciate it if these could be dropped off in the music room in the morning when students arrive for school so that they can be tuned. Please don't forget to pick instruments up after assembly!
Many thanks for all of your support with this ensemble.

Brooke and Edwina
Plantmania

Last year interested grade 5 and 6 children undertook a large mosaic project during cooking and gardening time to adorn the pizza oven bench top. The mosaic was designed to symbolise gathering, connecting and sharing. Children and parents have spent many hours working on the project. A big thank you to Luke; Abigail and Emily’s dad and Stacey McCall, Hazel’s mum for their artistic and tiling skills. We had a lot of fun and the mosaic is looking fantastic.

Sharon Inkster
Yvonne and Eliza’s mum

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 denists 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.

Treatment is provided at: 6 Gower Street, Kensington Ph: 8378 1670 or 3-15 Matthews Avenue, Niddrie Ph: 8378 3566. Please call to make an appointment.
Community News

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A TASTE OF KENSINGTON

To celebrate Cultural Diversity Week 2016, Kensington Neighbourhood House will host a free lunch featuring a selection of diverse recipes from our cookbook.

The social enterprise 'STREAT' will cater the recipes for the day and members of our Elderly Vietnamese Social Group, Wednesdays Social Group and students from the adult education classes will assist in serving the lunch.

After each course, diners will be given the opportunity to "meet the maker", where those that submitted the recipes will talk about the dish and their culture.

Students from the adult education classes will also bring along an object or artefact and present a talk on their country of origin and culture.

The lunch will be open to all members of the community and will provide an opportunity for everyone to come together to share and celebrate the many different cultures of Kensington.

No Cost. Bookings Essential. R.S.V.P Friday 11/03/16.

Where: Kensington Neighbourhood House (downstairs)
REGISTER NOW

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AFTER THE BELL!

A FUN, PROFESSIONALLY RUN AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AFL PROGRAM FOR BOYS & GIRLS OF ALL AGES.

WHERE: AT YOUR SCHOOL (Go to After School Care)
WHEN: EVERY MONDAY STARTING: 16 APRIL

Play On Footy powered by NAB AFL Auskick provides every school AFL-licensed
staff to ensure your child is given the greatest opportunity to develop their
AFL skills and enjoy active sports participation.

The cost of the program for each family may reduce depending on your Child
Care Rebate (CCR) and Child Care Benefit (CCB) entitlements.

Register now at: playonfooty.com.au/register

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The weather is cooling off so now it’s time to turn up the heat with our **Awesome Autumn Sports Program**. Not only will you have a great time with your friends, our experienced coaches will help you learn some great new skills.

Term 2 will see children experience popular sports and try some new ones as well! They will learn some new games that will improve their hand eye co ordination. This term we are focusing on **Soccer, Ball Skills, AFL, Hockey and Basketball**. Kelly sports is a wonderful opportunity for your child to develop key sporting skills and inspire them to give sport a go as they improve their catching, throwing, striking, running and jumping.

**So if you are in Prep to grade 2**, come and see what 40 000 thousand Australian kids do at the end of their school day.

So what are you waiting for! Look out for our fliers and come out and join us.
For more information call Kelly Sports Essendon on 93842204 or email [sonya@kellysports.com.au](mailto:sonya@kellysports.com.au) or checkout our website [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au)
FREE
NORTH MELBOURNE
SUPER FOOTY CLINIC

For all NAB AFL Auskick centres and schools within North Melbourne and Craigieburn.

- **DATE:** Tuesday April 5th, 2016
- **TIME:** 1:00pm - 2:30pm
- **WHERE:** 204-206 Arden St, North Melbourne

**PLUS:**
Giveaways and a special appearance from NMFC's mascot 'Kanga'.

**REGISTER VIA:**
NMFC.com.au/superclinics

OVER 20 NMFC PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE
4YO Integrated Kindergarten Vacancies

There are vacancies in our 4 year old integrated kindergarten and long day care program.

KCCC is a not for profit community organisation that values and supports children and their families. We provide a quality education and care that help children grow, develop and learn in a safe and stimulating environment. Our natural setting is an integral part of our program and we encourage and foster sustainable practices.

For further information about our vacancies and our enrolment process, please contact:
Megan Newton, Enrolment Officer on 9376 4565 or by email at enrolmentofficer@kccc.org.au

KIDS CLASSES

Free Trial Lesson!

Suitable for all, KIDS CLASSES are fun and affordable classes that focus on basic motor skills. Fish week featuring tennis lessons for primary school-aged children. This means that your kids can have fun and enjoy being part of the action!

Cost: $9.00 a session

CARDIO TENNIS

Free Trial Lesson!

- High energy workout and fun
- Drill-based and play-based activities
- Lose weight, get fit and have fun
- Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use four compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

Cost: $12.50 a session
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2017 Year 7 Talent Identification Process

For Entry to 2017 Football (Soccer) Program

About the Maribyrnong Sports Academy Football Program

Maribyrnong Sports Academy Football Program has built a reputation for assisting its student-athletes in achieving success in football, both domestically and internationally. The program aims to develop each student-athlete within an integrated learning environment. Young players refine technical skills, decision-making skills and game strategies whilst accessing athlete services from a team of professionals including high profile coaches, conditioning experts, performance analysts, physiotherapists, and dieticians.

Application Details: This is a select entry program. Applicants for Year 7 in 2017 are required to submit Application Form by 4pm, Monday 18th April 2016, including academic reports and sporting information to address specific selection criteria in both areas.

The Sports Academy Application Form can be downloaded from the Maribyrnong College website at: http://www.maribsc.vic.edu.au/

The deadline for Year 7 2017 applications is: 4pm, Monday 18th April 2016

2017 Trial Process Information

Trials for entry at Year 7 level in 2017 Football (Soccer) program will take place at Maribyrnong Sports Academy, Maribyrnong College (River Street, Maribyrnong) on:

1) Monday 25th April from 7am – 8am
2) Monday 2nd May from 7am – 8am

Enquiries to Admissions Officer: Ms. Maureen Spencer-Gardner
Email: spencer-gardner.maureen.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Phone: (03) 9091 8150

River St Maribyrnong Victoria 3032
T: 03 9091 8150
F: 03 9381 5008
www.maribsc.vic.edu.au
Moonee Ponds West Primary School

would like to invite your
Year 5 and Year 6 students (along with their parents)
to the

Secondary School Expo

It will be held in the School Gym

On

Thursday 14 April 2016

From 4-7pm.

Moonee Ponds West main entrance

is situated at

61 Athol Street

Moonee Ponds.

Phone Number 9370 6875

For more information.

Secondary schools that have confirmed that they will attend are:


Hopefully more schools will accept the invitation in the near future.

This is an excellent opportunity to speak to staff and students from the secondary colleges in your area.