Did you know??

The school gates will be locked on Epsom Road and McCracken Street between the hours of 9.15am and 3.15pm on school days to ensure the safety of our students. Parents wishing to collect children outside of these hours can enter the school via the main entrance and report to the office.
Welcome Back
I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. Everyone looked rested and happy on Monday which is great as we have a busy term ahead.

Staff – Comings and Goings
We welcome the return of Jenny Walker from family leave. Jenny will be taking on the role of class teacher in 1/2J. We also welcome back Rachel Ryan from family leave. Rachel will be working two days a week, taking on some PE classes and other roles as Ngaire Smith is on long service leave for most of the term. Amanda May will be stepping into the Literacy Support position during term 2 replacing Chris Angus who retired at the end of term 1.
Mark is on long service leave this term and will retire from the beginning of term 3. I will be Acting Principal while Mark is on leave.

School Crossing Coordinator
The School Crossing Coordinator from Melbourne City Council, Val Gorecki, spoke at assembly on Monday. The students were very keen to answer the many questions about road safety, particularly around the correct use of the school crossings.
Val reminded parents to adhere to the parking signs when dropping off or picking up their children. Signs are there to protect everyone’s safety. When a school crossing is in operation and the flags are displayed parents must not stop a vehicle within 20 meters before the crossing or within 10 meters after the crossing. These are the safest minimum distances from crossings as determined by Vic Roads and they are clearly marked with “No Stopping Signs”.
To avoid stopping illegally or dangerously parents need to park their vehicle further away from the school and walk with your child to the school entrance when dropping them off or walk from your vehicle to the school when picking them up. This is also a way to avoid a Parking Infringement Notice for stopping/parking illegally.
The staff car park is an area that should not to be used by parents to drop off or pick up their children. Parents who drive in and out of the staff carpark seriously compromise the safety of students, parents and other pedestrians who are not expecting vehicles to be exiting the car park at busy drop off and pick up times.

Care Program Curriculum Day
Tuesday, April 26th is a Curriculum Day. This is a child free day. For parents requiring child care OSCHclub will be operating if there is sufficient interest. An email was sent out to all parents on Monday outlining the cost and process for booking OSCHclub childcare.
OSCHclub operating times: 7:00am to 6:00pm
Cost: $13.56 - $39.00per child (depending on your CCB/CCR entitlements)
How to book: Please log in to your account online at www.oshclub.com.au and book in under the After School Care bookings tab.

Further Important Information for this Day:
- Once you have booked there are no refunds for cancellations.
- A $10 late booking fee applies for any casual attendances on the day.
- All regular Before and After Care bookings have been removed.

School Council Sub Committees
Parents are welcomed and encouraged to join school council subcommittees. It is a great way of getting involved in, contributing to and supporting various aspects of school life. Meeting dates and times are advertised in the School Calendar of the newsletter.

Hats
Hats don’t need to be worn during term 2 and term 3 but I would encourage students to have a hat at school as we are still having the odd warm sunny day.
Canteen
A reminder to everyone that the canteen operates for lunch on 4 days a week (not Wednesday). The menu provides lots of healthy choices. We need families to support the canteen from time to time to ensure it’s ability to survive.

Preps Cooking and Gardening
Prep E had their first experience of the cooking and gardening program this week. In the Kids Kitchen, Kay had the children preparing a feast, grating cheese and carrot, chopping cabbage for coleslaw and the most exciting aspect for the children was preparing the potatoes in their jackets and damper to be cooked in the fire pits. With the preparations complete and tables set everyone set down to enjoy a delicious and healthy banquet. It was great to see such a large group of parents coming to assist.

Julie Stephens
Acting Principal

School Council & Subcommittee Meeting Schedule for Term 2

Term 2

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Monday June 20th

Curriculum Day – Reporting to Parents Day 8:30am – 6pm

5:30pm  Finance & Facilities

Tuesday, June 21st

5:00pm Funraising

Please note: Masterplan Committee and Grubbies Committee will include meeting dates as required.

New Care Program Review Committee

KPS school council has approved the establishment of a new committee dedicated to reviewing and planning for the future of out of school hours care at Kensington Primary School. The committee will be investigating and seeking feedback such as:

- What do parents and students consider important aspects of a care program?
- What are reasonable fee increases?
- What is a fair and reasonable financial return to the school?
- What different options are available for running the program and what will each option provide to the KPS community as a whole?

If you are interested in joining this committee, or hearing and contributing to the discussion, please email Kathryn Webb at katowebb@gmail.com or come along to the first meeting which will be held on Thursday April 21 at 6pm in the staff room.

Sports News

Below is the schedule for the Cross Country to be held on Friday 22nd April at Aberfeldie Park.

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Art News

Grades 3-4 have been studying how a person’s culture affects, informs and influences how landscapes are painted. They have compared and contrasted traditions in Indigenous and Asian landscapes.

They have studied the main elements of the Shan Shui (mountain water) traditional style of Chinese brushwork, the heart, threshold and pathways.

Grade 3-4 have been practicing using the Chinese calligraphy brushes and ink to draw trees waterfalls and clouds soon the 3-4’s will be planning their own Chinese Shan Shui style landscape bringing together all these elements.

Here are Ari, Ethan and Hazels’ practice efforts.

Linda Weisser

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Wanted for the 1/2 Art Room

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated materials to the 1/2 Art room.

We still require more wool for our weaving unit this term.

Also, parents are welcome to attend art with their child’s grade.

Please see below for Term 2 1/2 art lesson times...

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Thanks 😊

Jessie Palmer 1/2 Art teacher

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Open Day

Prospective Families

Tuesday 17th May 2016

Tours 9:15-11:00am and 7:00-8:30pm

We invite families to take a tour and see how we engage students with our progressive programs.

Enquiries welcome anytime
9376 6013
Our next Fundraising Meeting is next Tuesday 19th April at 5pm and we welcome new parents to attend and be a part of our Fundraising events.
The Venny is closed for drop-in this week and next week. We had a busy school holiday period, and loved it!

We will re-open Tuesday 26 April for drop-in

Girls Group and Dinner Night programs commence May 3 and 5 and will run for 8 weeks.

The office is still open so call us with any questions on the number above.

Thanks and see you when you come to play. It’s FREE

HOURS FOR DROP-IN
SCHOOL TERM TUE-FRI 3.30-5.30PM
SAT 1-5PM
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
TUE-SAT 1-5PM
EVENING SESSIONS GIRLS GROUP & DINNER NIGHT
CALL THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS
OFFICE OPEN MON-FRI
CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Free communal backyard for local kids
5 year olds and up
Under 5s must be with an adult
PLAY, TRAMPOLINES, ANIMALS, EAT & DRINK
ART PROJECTS, GARDEN, GAMES AND LOTS MORE!

Play Streets This Sunday!

Dear parents and students, we’re excited to announce that Play Streets will be returning to Kensington this Sunday 17th March! This time it will be held on Southey St. The entire street will be closed to traffic between 2-4pm. Toys and sports equipment will be made available for kids to enjoy - feel free to bring along some of our own as well! This is a great opportunity to meet other kids and adults in our wonderful Kensington community! Hope to see you there!

Hello families,
First of all I would like to thank everyone who attended the holiday program over the break. It was a great success and involved some amazing excursions to Werribee Zoo and Latitude as well as heaps of activities here at school such as kite making, bouncing castles, soap making and many more. I have included some pictures below.

This week is Myths and Mysteries week. Our activities will include art and craft around the themes of dragons, Vikings and Greek mythology! Outdoor activities will include epic games of cops and robbers, capture the flag and many more.

As we mentioned before the Easter break the AFL training session with Auskick will be starting next Monday the 18th so now is the time to get any last minute bookings in before the spaces fill up!

From Gavin, Judy, Ryan, Mel, Jack, Joanne and the team:  We hope you had a great Easter break and are looking forward to term 2!

Email: Oshclub.kensington@gmail.com

Phone: 0478 155 322

Kind regards
Gavin O’Looney
Coordinator  Kensington OSHClub
0478 155 322

It’s happening, better late than never....

Please come to the

1/2D Class Catch Up

Saturday April 30th  1.30pm – 3.30pm
Ron Barassi Park at the end of Docklands Drive
Bring some food or drink to share
Lets hope for some nice weather or we will have to postpone
See you there
Sophie (Elena’s Mum)  0415 258 139

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1/2 L Class Catch-Up

Sunday April 17th 3-5pm
JJ Holland Park (playground)
Bring some afternoon tea to share
Whole family welcome

Contact Eve (Keziah's mum)
eve_herachberg@hotmail.com
0431 345 156

Community News

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MOUNT ALEXANDER COLLEGE
A revolution is happening here

MOUNT Alexander College is at the brink of an educational revolution. Principal, Mr Wayne Haworth, has been joined by the new Assistant Principal, Ms Preeti Maharaj, to lead change in the way education is presented to students, to create authentic student empowerment.

Together, Wayne and Preeti share a vision of a student led college. “At Mount Alexander College, we empower students with their learning,” Wayne says.

Our current curriculum options are wider and more varied, creating enhanced learning opportunities for students. Traditional year levels have been removed allowing students to undertake subjects beyond their usual year level, but at their learning level.

We have removed the glass ceiling that exists with a traditional curriculum structure. Students deserve to be challenged, not just through the curriculum but also in other ways. We strive to build confidence and leadership capacity in young people. By putting students at the centre of their learning, we are preparing them for the challenges of the 21st Century.

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“Every child is important,” Preeti says. Schools are about students, and that is the core value that we have to remember. We are creating a school where students drive the teaching and learning by actively nominating subjects as well as the content that is taught. This semester we are offering a diversity of individual programs catering for the increasingly global attitudes and needs of our students. In addition to classroom and community participation, students can extend their learning through the Massive Online Open College, or as it is known, the MOOCs program. Through MOOCs, students are investigating: Hardware security; Ebola – Symptoms, History and Origins; Super Earth and Life; Introduction to Thermodynamics: Transferring Energy from Here to There; The Einstein Revolution and Introduction to Forensic Science just to name a few.
Open Morning

Wednesday April 27
Friday June 17, 2016
9.30am-11am

** bookings essential **

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E: enrolments@pcw.vic.edu.au
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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 or checkout our website www.kellysports.com.au
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
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F: 03 9381 5008
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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:

Strathmore Secondary College, Essendon, East Keilor Secondary College (both Junior Campuses),
Rosehill Secondary College, Buckley Park Secondary College, Mount Alexander Secondary College.

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.