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Upcoming Events

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Our last day of term is Friday 24th June. School will finish at 2.30pm following an assembly at 2pm. This will not be a free dress day as we had our Pyjama Day last week to raise funds for the 3/4Camp.

When collecting your child from the Aftercare program after 3.45pm, please enter the school via the front entrance and ring the bell to access the Aftercare room. The side gate will be locked from 3.45pm to ensure the safety of the students. A member of the Care Program staff will open the front door for you.

Prep Enrolments for 2017 are now being taken. If you wish to enrol your child to start school next year, please pick up an enrolment form from the office or download one from our website and return to the school as soon as possible.
**Principals Report**

**Playground Resurfacing**

It’s very exciting that playground resurfacing works are finally underway and are expected to be completed in approximately three weeks. Playground restrictions are now in force and apply to all students, parents and community users. For the safety of everyone, areas behind the temporary wire fencing are orange webbing (this includes the two areas with playground equipment) are strictly out of bounds at all times including weekends, while the resurfacing is in progress.

**Winter Solstice Celebration**

The weather was chilly but this did not deter a bumper crowd from attending the winter solstice celebration last Thursday evening. The Kensington PS community came in record numbers dressed in pyjamas, dressing gowns, beanies and jackets. The Gathering Space was the hub and the pizza oven the focal point. The crowd mingled and chatted around the open fires and enjoyed a seemingly endless supply of freshly cooked wood-fired pizzas, toasted marshmallows, non-alcoholic mulled grape juice and cups of hot chocolate. Thankyou to the key organizers, Tania, Duncan, Sharon, Melissa and Kay, the Grubbies Committee, our pizza chefs Jonathan and Tania, and volunteers who assisted with the setting up and packing away. Thanks also to the students who worked with Melissa and Kay during recess and lunchtime to make mounds of pizza dough. The night was a resounding success and a wonderful opportunity for our school community to celebrate together.
Student Semester 1 Reports
Friday, June 17th
Semester 1 Student Reports will be sent home with the students tomorrow, Friday June 17th. Please make sure that you have read your child’s report before the 3-way conferences on Monday, so any queries can be discussed.

3-Way Conferences
Pupil – Free Day
The 3-way conferences will be held on Monday June 20th and are an integral part of our reporting process. The student-led conferences provide an opportunity for your child to share their understandings about themselves as a learner and to discuss and celebrate their progress during semester one. Learning goals developed at the beginning of the year will be reviewed and new goals will be negotiated for future learning.

Generally speaking, the first part of the conference will be student-led and teacher facilitated. Students will present work samples and talk about their selections in terms of their learning and the skills and strategies required and developed during the learning process. If parents have queries about their child’s report or if other matters need to be discussed, there will be time for this in the second part of the conference, after the student presentations.

We ask that parents please be prompt for their 3-way conferences. This will ensure that other conferences run to schedule throughout the day. Conferences that run overtime or start late can have a rippling effect not just for one class but for other classes across the school.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle Volunteers Required
Saturday July 2nd
Kensington Primary School hall will be used by the electoral commission as a voting site for the Federal Elections which will be held on Saturday July 2nd. As has become a tradition on election days, the Fundraising Committee will be running a sausage sizzle. We are looking for volunteers to assist throughout the day, starting with set up around 7:30am and packing up around 2:30pm. If you can pop in for an hour or so during that time to assist with cooking or serving please leave your name and phone contact at the office with the time/s you are available. Alternatively email your details matt.brown@aapt.net.au by next Thursday, June 23rd so a roster can be developed and communicated before the end of term.

Cold Weather-Is it asthma?
Does your child have a wheeze, shortness of breath, cough or a tight chest:
- With a cold or chest infection?
- Early in the morning or late at night?
- During or after exercise?
- During the winter season when it is cold?
- If the temperature suddenly changes?
- Near cats or other animals?
- Around cigarette smoke?
- Around pollens or moulds?
- During the burn-off season?

If your answer is “yes” to any one of these questions it could be a sign that your child may have asthma. For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or visit your GP. www.asthma.org.au
If you do find out that your child’s medical condition has changed please notify the school, provide us with Asthma Plan (a blank copy is available on the Kensington Primary School website), medication and a spacer to ensure that your child’s medical needs are addressed as prescribed by your GP.

Julie Stephens
Acting Principal

Student Reports

Semester 1 Student Reports

On Friday June 17th your child will bring home a large white envelope containing their Semester 1 Report. All government schools in Victoria report against the same state-wide standards in Years Prep to 10, giving parent’s a clear picture of their child’s progress.

Physically children grow and develop at different rates. This is also true of children’s progress academically. Sometimes children show periods of rapid development with their learning followed by periods of consolidation. During the consolidation phase children learn to apply their newly acquired skills and knowledge to a wide range of situations, deepening their understanding and enabling them to demonstrate this in a variety of ways.

It is important for parents to consider this when reading your child’s report, as your child may have spent some time in the consolidation phase of learning. As the reports are only programmed to reflect a standard six months growth, your child’s report may appear to indicate that he/she has not made any progress this semester. However, the reality is your child has continued to learn and consolidate their understandings but may have just fallen short of the standard six month’s growth.

Understanding the graphic section of the student reports

What do the A-E ratings mean?
‘C’ rating means that a student is at the expected standard at the time of reporting and that their learning is on track
‘B’ rating means that a student is above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
‘A’ rating means that a student is well above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
‘D’ rating means a student is below the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
‘E’ rating means a student is well below the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting

What do the dots and lines on the graphic show?
- The hollow dot shows where your child was achieving 12 months ago in June 2015.
- The solid dot shows your child’s achievement for June 2016.
- The shaded vertical bar shows the expected level of achievement for your child’s year level for this time of the year.
School Council Report

The Kensington Primary School Council met on Monday 6 June and there were a number of important outcomes from the meeting to report.

Representatives from the Master Planning Committee gave a presentation on the plans for a proposed garden to be constructed as part of the oval re-surfacing. Members of the School Council had the opportunity to discuss the garden proposal and the purpose and impact that the garden would have, particularly its location. After considerable discussion the Council agreed that the garden would proceed but would be constructed later in the year after the oval re-surfacing had taken place.

Council was updated on the ongoing process for the recruitment of the new Principal for Kensington Primary School. Applications closed on Thursday 9 June and the shortlisting of candidates would be undertaken on Monday 14 June with interviews planned for Tuesday 21 June. I can report that all applications were of a very high quality.

Reports were tabled and discussed from the various Council sub-committees and the following outcomes were of interest.

Plans were well underway for the Trivia Night to be held at the School on Saturday 27 August. The Trivia Night is an important part of the KPS Calendar not just from a social aspect but from the much needed fundraising opportunities the event provides. The School will again be the site for a polling booth for the upcoming Federal election to be held on 2 July and a group of dedicated volunteers will sell sausages to voters on the day. Plans were well in hand for the Winter Solstice event to be held on Thursday 9 June. I can report that the event was very successful with a great number of parents, staff and students in attendance. I wish to thank Tania Provan and her team for all their organisation and hard work.

The ongoing success of Kensington Primary School is only possible through the dedication and commitment of the staff at the School and through the enormous efforts of the key parent volunteers. The Council and the various sub-committees would welcome new members and encourage parents to become involved where they can. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Stewart Brook
President KPS Council
Congratulations to Tori and Dylan R who performed at the Ringwood Eisteddfod over the long weekend. Tori competed in the Under 12, under 14 and under 16 vocal sections gaining a first and two seconds. Dylan competed in the Under 12 and under 14 vocal sections gaining a second place. Both girls performed with confidence and musicality and were given encouraging feedback from the adjudicator.

**Music News**

**Strings News**

**STRINGS PERFORMANCES**

We are preparing for 3 concerts! 😊😊😊

**Concert One** will be a Breakfast concert at 8:30 on **Friday 17th June** in the Hall. Please arrive at 8:20 to tune. Croissants and chocolate cake will be provided but please contact Brooke or Edwina if you would like to bring anything else to share.

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Email: martin.melissa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au and let me know the day / time that suits you best.

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Tuning in to Kids

**Emotionally Intelligent Parenting**

**A six session** parenting program for parents of primary school aged children

Would you like to take part in this program in term 3? Please contact Melissa if you are interested. Program will run in the evening for 6 weeks in term 3 at a cost of $80, if there is enough interest. Previous participants have said that as a result of attending the course: “I found I could see more clearly what was happening in my kids’ heads and hearts and have more tools to help with this.” “This is both a short term and a long term investment in a parenting style that have a life time of benefits while also having immediate gains in the positive effect it has had on our family.”

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Kensington Primary School Newsletter
There will be no rehearsal on the last day of term Friday 24th June.

**Concert Two:** next term we have been invited to perform at GREOGORY LODGE on Friday 5th August (week 4) at 2:00. We will rehearse as usual in the morning and then meet in the music room at the start of lunch to walk down to Gregory Lodge.

**Concert Three:** the String Ensemble will be part of a very exciting music concert featuring ensembles from KPS at the Clocktower Theatre on Friday 2nd September. More details to follow – save the date!

Brooke and Edwina

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**Student Work**

By Rocco in 5/6V

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If you don’t want this to happen, then you can start by walking/riding to more places because cars are bad for the environment and they also cause pollution! You can also help by convincing other people to walk/ride more.
ELECTION DAY
SATURDAY 2\textsuperscript{nd} JULY
EGG & BACON ROLLS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Kensington Primary School

Bring some $$$ and come and vote at KPS.

All money raised goes towards ‘greening’ the playground.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE.

Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} of July, we are having a sausage/egg \& bacon bbq stall at the upcoming Federal Election.

In previous years we have sold out in record time and we would like some enthusiastic and fun people to help us raise some funds for ‘Greening’ our playground.

We need helpers from 8am (for the BBQ) and probably finish around 2pm (or when we run out of goodies).

If you are keen to help out with and hour or 2 please leave your name and phone number at the office or email: matt.bron@aapt.net.au
WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our gorgeous Winter Solstice Celebration such a fabulous evening. We were overwhelmed by the number of families happy to brave a cold night in June to chat around the fire and share pizza’s made by many hands. This night is one on the KPS calendar that has grown each year and we are so pleased that the spirit of sharing within our ever-growing community is alive and well.

Here are two recipes from the evening that you might like to try at home. The pizza dough is used most weeks in the Plantmania kitchen, get your kids to show you how…

Pizza Dough

1 ½ cups water
2 tsp. dry yeast
Pinch of sugar
4 cups plain flour
1 tsp. salt
¼ cup olive oil

Combine the water, yeast and sugar in a small bowl, set aside for 5 min or until foamy. Combine the flour and salt in a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Add the yeast mixture and the oil. Combine until the mixture starts to come together. Use your hands to bring the dough together and turn it onto a lightly floured surface, knead for 10 min or until smooth and elastic. Brush a large bowl with oil and place the dough into the bowl, cover with plastic wrap and set aside in a warm draught-free place to rise and double in size (30-60 min)

Punch down the dough, divide into large handfuls and roll flat into pizza bases, cover with your favourite toppings and bake in a very hot oven.

Non-alcoholic Mulled Grape Juice

2L grape juice
2 cups water
1 cup sugar
2 doz whole cloves
2 cinnamon sticks
1 orange, peel of
1 lemon, peel of
crushed nutmeg seed
2 cups lemon juice or lime juice

Heat the water and add the sugar, cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg and peel. Boil for 5 min and leave to simmer for 5 min more. Strain the syrup into a large pot and add the citrus juice, heat until it is gently bubbling. Add the 2L of grape juice and keep the mixture on a low heat, serve with a slice of lemon.
This week 3/4S enjoyed a wonderful morning in the KPS garden and kitchen, hand feeding and learning interesting facts about the chickens, planting seedlings and making yummy pizzas, cakes and dips.
Rules for school and student Challengers

All Kensington Primary School students are registered for the 2016 PRC students received their passwords and logins from their teachers this week.

1. You must register as a Challenger and keep a record of your reading on the Challenge website.
   http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx

2. You must be a student in a year level from Prep to Year 10.

3. Before the closing date of the challenge*: 

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4. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.

5. Your online books must be verified as read by a coordinator.

6. All your information must be completed online before the KPS closing date of the challenge September 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2016.
2016 K.P.S MUSIC CONCERT

CLOCK TOWER THEATRE

SEPTEMBER 2ND – KENSINGTON PRIMARY MUSIC CONCERT

On the evening of September 2nd this year students involved in all K.P.S music ensembles will have the wonderful opportunity to perform at the Clock Tower Theatre in Moonee Ponds. Children who are members of the following ensembles will perform at this event.

EARLY BIRDS CHOIR
SENIOR CHOIR
GRADE 3-4 CHOIR
JUNIOR CHOIR
STRING ENSEMBLE
K.P.S ROCK BAND
MMT ROCK BAND
GUITAR GROUP (ADVANCED)

All rehearsals held next term will work towards this exciting evening. More details about this event will be available early term three. Students who are involved in these ensembles will need to show commitment, dedication and excellent listening skills in their group as well as making sure they attend all scheduled rehearsals.

PARENT BAND – Would you be interested in performing in a parent band at the K.P.S music concert? If so, please send Brooke an email and let her know what instrument (voice included) you would feel confident to perform on. Maximum number of performers in the parent band is 7. Some instruments may not be suited.

Hello families,

This week’s theme is ‘Olympic Dreams’. We will be creating loads of arty creations such as Olympic paper plate rings, gold medals, paper wreath, torch scissors, winter collage, swimming goggles and our own Olympic banner! We’ll test out our soccer skills, long jump, running and a good old egg & spoon race. Any Olympic suggestions, please feel free to drop in for a chat or email/text (details below).

Now here’s Molly R for our weekly Riddle:
“A rider rides in on Friday and stays for three days. He rides back out on Friday again. How is this possible?” .....(See answer below)

From Gavin, Kylie, Judy, Ryan, Claudia, Mel, Jack, Joanne and the team: We hope you have a good week!

Email: Oshclub.kensington@gmail.com

Phone: 0478 155 322

Answer to Molly’s Riddle: His horse was named Friday!

You are invited to:

Winter Solstice Lantern Lighting Celebration... Hosted by The Venny Inc.

The Venny kids and community will be lighting lanterns they have made as a beacon of hope for the future.

Celebrate The Venny's future and the coming together of the local community. BYO candle/lantern. Food provided. If you are fasting for Ramadan you can break your fast with us.

5:30-8:00pm - Tuesday 21st June 2016

JJ Holland Park, 85 Kensington Rd Kensington

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OPEN STUDIO SUNDAYS

Come & try a Mat Class!

Aligned for Life Moonee Ponds is running complimentary mat classes one Sunday a month. It’s a great way to give Pilates a go, bring along a friend, or your teenage children and make it a family outing.

10am Progressive/Intermediate Level Class
11am Beginners Level Class

12 June, 10 July, 14 Aug, 11 Sept, 9 Oct, 13 Nov, 11 Dec

Numbers are limited so booking is essential.

Call Kath on 03 9326 0202 or go to our website
www.alignedforlife.com.au

We’re feeling passionate about our Teen Pilates classes and the benefits regular exercise offers adolescents – both physically and mentally – so we invite you to join us in our support of headspace, a national youth mental health foundation.

Make a donation after class to support the great work headspace does for our youth.
Inviting: Years 3 to 6

Would you like to be part of an ensemble to perform at the Williamstown Mechanics Institute Theatre in Term 4?

Register for a FREE trial Drama Class in term 3 on Thursdays at Kensington Primary School Library

Prep to Yr 2  3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Yrs 3 to 4    4:30 to 5:30 pm  
Yrs 5 to 6    5:30 to 6:30 pm

We offer FUN classes with the focus on developing children’s confidence through performing as well as developing their imagination and creativity. We cater for all levels and no experience is needed. Seniors will perform at The Williamstown Mechanics Institute Theatre in Term 4. Register your child for a free trial class on our website

www.kidsupfront.com.au

Phone 1300 821 828

kids up front
Drama Academy
KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

KICKIN’ GOALS

A 10 Week Program for 4-12 Yr Old Boys & Girls.
Incorporating FFA's Small-Sided Games

Date: 16th July - 17th September 2016
Day: Saturday
Time: 9:30 - 11am
Venue: Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale (Mel Ref#: 28 C9)
Program: $180 (10 Weeks)
Gear: $100 (Inc. Uniform, Ball, Bag, Shin Pads, Water Bottle and Certificate)

CONTACT DINO: 0414 930 421 | www.kickingoals.com.au

PROUDLY CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

FUN SKILLS FITNESS