**Upcoming Events**

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**Did you know?**

*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 days lessons. The school day finishes at 3.30pm. While works are being completed with the new portables, families can enter the school grounds via the front office or the Epsom Rd gate, 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.

*CSEF forms are now available from the office or on our website.* If you hold a concession card you may be eligible for the $125 government payment which helps towards the cost of your child’s excursions and camps. Please complete the form and return to the school office **Tuesday 28th February**. When submitting your application, the office will need to see the original Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care card.
Nigel’s Natter

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. I trust that everyone had a safe and happy break with family and friends. It has been a joy greeting everyone at the front gate and seeing how quickly the children have settled into their new grades. I have a number of organisational matters to cover off in my Natter this week, so please be sure to read with care. This year, newsletters will be sent home **fortnightly** on a Thursday.

The front page of our school website is updated with school events and reminders regularly. Check in here often for the latest news.

**KENSINGTON KICK OFF**

All grades from Foundation to year 6 have spent this week engaged in the Kensington Kick Off program. I have visited a number of rooms and listened into some great conversations about our school vision, our school expectations, school and personal pride, being happy, being healthy and so much more.

**ASSEMBLY**

A reminder that our assemblies are now being held on Friday afternoons. Assembly will begin promptly at 3pm so children have time to return to their classrooms to be dismissed for the day. Parents are not to collect their child directly from assembly as this is far too difficult to monitor for classroom teachers. Please note that our Foundation students will not be attending assembly for a few weeks to give them time to settle into school life.
FOUNDATION STUDENTS
This week we welcomed 4 new grades of Foundation children and what a marvellous start they have made to their time here at Kensington primary school. In the next newsletter I will share some photos of their first moments at school. Welcome to our new families and a sincere thanks to the Foundation teachers for all the work they put in over the break to prepare classrooms as a result of the portables not arriving.

UNIFORM SHOP
Next Monday the 6th of February will be the final time our school uniform shop will be open on site. We have spoken at length to DCS Clothing and have arranged for the uniform that is currently stored onsite to be relocated to their shop in Laverton. There are a number of options available to families to purchase uniform shop items

OPTION 1:
- Purchase direct from the shop at 2 Aviation Road, Laverton.
  o 9am – 6pm Monday – Friday.
  o 9am – 5:30pm Saturday.
  o 10am – 5pm Sunday.

OPTION 2:
- Purchase Online and have items delivered to your home address for $10 or delivered to school on a Friday for free. You will receive a text message to say your uniform is ready to be collected from school.

OPTION 3:
- Complete a paper order form and pay at the school office at any time. Order forms are available from the school office or can be printed off the DCS website.

Samples of uniform items and sizes will be available at school for families to look at before purchasing.

Returns and exchanges are most welcome. All you need to do is call DCS clothing and they will be more than happy to assist. You can then drop off items here at school and they will be exchanged.

A 'pop up' uniform shop will be onsite at school during Foundation Transition days and at the start of each school term.

PORTABLE UPDATE
As I’m sure everyone is well aware, the portable classrooms are not yet here at school. There were complications with transport permits that were beyond our control. I have spoken to the Project manager again today who has assured me that they are continuing to follow up the transport permit. I will continue to keep you informed as I know more and have firm delivery dates. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

OSHC CONSULTATION UPDATE
As noted in the newsletter last year we are running a consultation process this year to gather your feedback and input around the provision of Out Side School Hours care here at KPS. School Council has now engaged Howard Kelly, a former principal and senior member of the department of education with a wealth of experience in community consultation across a range of topics in diverse communities. Howard is running a consultation process that will provide information to School Council that will be used to make a decision about what OSHC looks like at Kensington Primary School in 2018.

Howard will write and publish an initial summary of the situation by the 16th of February and this will be published to the school community. He will be seeking feedback and input from the school community at this time. Howard will then present a final paper to School Council by the end of this school term for consideration.

If you would like to speak with Howard about OSHC at KPS prior to the initial paper being released, you are welcome to contact him on either of the following.
Email: hrkelly2@bigpond.com

Mobile: 0417 723 947

NO LINING UP
In 2017, our children are making their way directly to their classrooms after recess and lunch times. All classes have spoken about how to move inside sensibly and I have been really impressed. This change came about to increase learning time. Rather than waiting in line, the children move directly to their classrooms.

Looking forward to seeing you at the front gate.

Nigel Holloway
Principal

Art Room News

Dear parents of our new foundation students.

Can you help in the HOF art room?

I warmly welcome you to the KPS visual arts program. Your child will have an art lesson one hour a week with me, Linda Weisser.

I would like to invite you to join in with this lesson and support these children transition from day-care and kindergarten to school. No artistic skill or experience needed. There are many small ways you can assist, for example, writing names on artwork; setting out materials and equipment and helping children learn how to pack up after themselves.

The main thing needed is a listening ear as young children love to talk about their art work and tell the story of their creations.

Your pre-schooler or baby is welcome in the art room. Come for one lesson; come now and then when you can or make it a regular commitment. All assistance great and small is welcomed and appreciated.

Foundation art lessons are timetabled as followed:

Foundation Claire. Tuesday at 12.25
Foundation Ellie. Tuesday at 2.15
Foundation Elise. Thursday at 2.15
Foundation Louise. Friday at 12.25

Please note.

Parents assisting at school are required to have a Working with Children Check card. You can apply for one online at: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. You will need to provide a copy of this to the Office so it can be kept on file.

Linda Weisser
weisser.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
New Asthma Plans

Our new form for Asthma Action plans is shown below. The Asthma Foundation of Victoria in consultation with the Dept of Education, have developed children’s service and school specific Asthma Action Plans. This is to meet the needs of the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007 and the Schools Policy Advisory Guide. A copy is available at the school office.
Kensington Primary School’s Main Fundraising Event for 2017

is on Saturday March 18th
Gates open @ 4:30pm

With only 41 days until this important event (that will include food, live entertainment, silent auctions/raffles & kid’s activities) we need your help to make it a fantastic evening for the whole family. And it’s an excellent opportunity for new & current families to contribute to the biggest fundraising event on the school calendar.

WHAT WE NEED:

DONATIONS
- Soft drink cans, juice boxes, water bottles
- Packaged lollies (including jelly beans, snakes), lollipops & chocolates
- Zooper doopers (ice tubes)
- Prizes for raffles & silent auctions
- Lucky dip prizes (new/next to new only)
- Grooming bar items - nail polish/ remover, hair spray, coloured hair spray, temporary tattoos, henna & face paints
- Mystery bottles (anything sold in a bottle/jar, or fill an empty bottle/jar with sweets or small items such as novelty pen/pencils, rubbers, balls, hairclips, cars, notepads etc)

AND YOU!
- To assist before the event:
  → with donations of raffle/silent auction items (or a service if you have a unique talent). Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.
  → baking of individual items (i.e. slices, sweet muffins, cupcakes, biscuits) for the dessert bar – more info to follow
- To assist on the day:
  → set-up & pack-up crew
  → stall assistance – BBQ, grooming bar, drink/zooper dooper stall, dessert bar, candy bar, coffee, kid’s activities, lucky dip & mystery bottles, and raffles/silent auction
Please place donations in the boxes located in front of the office.

Please drop one of us a message if you can help, we would love to hear from you;
Mara – 0412 743 593,
Mary – 0418 313 719 or
Nicole – 0406 996 872

Please get involved to help make this school community event as successful and memorable as possible.
Be part of the magic for this inaugural moonlight event!

Library Help

We are looking for parents who may be interested in making our library a fun and fantastic learning space for all of the students who use it.

We need help to do jobs such as tidying shelves, covering books and making our space a workable and enjoyable area.

If you have any spare time to help make our library the best that it can be, please leave your name and a contact number at the office and I will be in touch to get you on board.

Thanking you, Tracey McKay
Community News

The 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 Primary School.

Oh no school is back! So let us help you blow away the cobwebs with our Sensational Summer 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 1 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, Crazy Games, Cricket 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 4, 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

Free Open Day at Royal Park Tennis Club. Sunday 12th of February 2pm - 7pm.

Tennis, hot shots, giveaways, acoustic music and more. RPTC is your local community family friendly club. For more information visit https://www.royalparktennis.com.au/ or phone 93801259.
Kensington Primary School Newsletter

KIDS CLASSES
Free Trial Lesson!

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CARDIO TENNIS
Free Trial Lesson!
- High-energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
- Drill-based and play-based activities
- Lose weight, get fit and have fun
- Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

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Cost: $12.50 a session

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Library
Thursdays
Prep to Yr 2 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Yrs 3 to 5 – 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Yrs 5 & 6 – 5:30 to 6:30 pm

kids upfront
DRAMA ACADEMY

“I was concerned my daughter was doing too many after-school activities, so suggested we stop one. She replied that she definitely couldn’t stop drama classes. When I asked why not, she said ‘Because drama classes make me feel brave.’ We’ll definitely be continuing!” - Lisa Alty, Mosman

www.kidsupfront.com.au • 1300 821 828
As we know, the new school year can be a stressful time with a lot going on. That's why we've teamed up with ABC Radio to create some brand new back to school meditations.

These short 2-minute meditations are tailored for students, teachers and parents.

You can find them in our app under the 'Mindfully Back to School Program' or you can visit the ABC website.

New back to school meditations:

- Primary School: Sea Creatures and Noticing Emotions
- Primary School: Mindful Movement
- High School: Thoughts
- High School: The 5-count Breath
- University: Coping with Change
- University: Compassion
- Teachers: Responding to Stress
- Parents: Gratitude

Happy meditating!
FLEMINGTON JNR BOYS & GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB ALONG WITH KENSINGTON JNR GIRLS SOCCER CLUB INVITE NEW & CURRENT PLAYERS TO OUR JOINT

Come & Try / Family Fun Day
SUNDAY FEB 19TH
J.J HOLLAND PARK
KENSINGTON

AFL Training from 10.30am - 12pm
Soccer Training 10am-12pm
Followed by free BBQ and fun activities for the kids.
Club uniforms will be available to purchase and new players can register for the 2017 season.
Mouthguard Man will be fitting mouthguards on the day.

Any queries please contact
AFL - 0428 003 897
Soccer - 0421 030 456