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Did you know?

**Our website has lots of useful and interesting information for parents and students.** We are constantly updating so keep looking to find out what’s new at the school.

**Ride to School Day is on Friday 17th March.** We encourage our students to be active, so hop on your bikes, scooters or walk to school and be part of the fun. Remember if you are riding to school you need to wear your helmet and stay safe.

**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

Hello Everyone,
Welcome to the 2\textsuperscript{nd} edition of Nigel’s Natter for the 2017 school year. Our classrooms are now settled and have commenced the regular teaching and learning programs from Foundation to Year 6. It’s been great to catch up with many of you and hear all about your holiday adventures. I look forward to a really productive year of learning.

\textbf{DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME}
We are really proud of the Kitchen Garden Program we run here at KPS. Further, the morning ’Open Kitchen’ that many of our students enjoy visiting has been a great success. To ensure it continues on and gets bigger and better, we really need your support. If you are available to help out in the kitchen on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 8am – 9am, that would be wonderful. No special skills required.
If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kay Headland. headland.kathleen.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
The only condition is that we now require that all volunteers have their WWCC (Working with Children Check). These are free and you can apply online or at the post office. While you are waiting for your card to arrive, you can just bring your receipt into the office.

\textbf{KENSINGTON KICK OFF}
The 2 week Kensington Kick Off program is now all wrapped up, and what a great start to the school year it has been! Here is just a taste of some of the great things that were happening in classrooms over the two weeks.

\textbf{POSITIVE SELF TALK}

\textbf{A GREAT CLASSMATE}
SETTING UP LEARNING GOALS

BEING SAFE ONLINE

UNDERSTANDING RESPONSIBILITY

WHAT MAKES EACH OF US SPECIAL

COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

THINKING ABOUT HOW OUR SPACE HELPS US LEARN
PERSONAL PRIDE
UNDERSTANDING OUR SCHOOL VISION
MORE IDEAS ABOUT WHAT A GREAT CLASSMATE IS / DOES / SAYS and IS NOT
A POSTER FOR EVERY ROOM

BRAIN BREAKS HELP US FOCUS

MORE VISION WORK

WE ARE ALL UNIQUE

GROWTH MINDSET

CREATIVITY IS CRITICAL

CELEBRATING EACH OTHER

MORE WORK ON THE VALUES
OPEN AFTERNOON AND PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Last week a note went home with your child giving details of our Parent Information Sessions and open classrooms which will be held on Thursday 23rd February. Don’t forget that the Student Information page was due back today. If you have not yet returned this form, please do so ASAP.

We hope that this new format of providing an information session to all year levels, along side classrooms being open, will provide you with the information you need for the year, and also the opportunity to meet and speak with your children’s teachers.

This is the first time we have used this format, so we appreciate your patience if there are any hiccups! Please be aware that the classrooms are bound to be busy just before and just after the information sessions. Please also understand that teachers will have been at work from 8:45am and will be at work until 7pm. Each teacher will be closing their classroom at some point during the evening for a short break of 15 mins. We really appreciate your understanding with this matter.

REMEMBER: The aim of the night is for your child/ren to have an opportunity to reflect on themselves as learners. Being the start of the year, they may not have huge amounts of work in their books to share with you. Children and parents will be provided with a prompt sheet that might help to keep the learning conversation flowing.

The other aim of the night is for you to have the chance to meet your child/ren’s teachers. We encourage you to stop for a chat, to share about your child and to ask questions, but please be aware that there may be other parents waiting for a chat also. If you have something you feel will take more than 10 mins to speak about, please don’t hesitate to ask to make a time to catch up privately with the teacher.

Our specialists’ classrooms (Art, Music & Physical Education) will also be open and parents are encouraged to visit these rooms to meet your children’s specialist teachers.

The Parent Information sessions will be held in the Hall at the following times:

- 3:45 – 4:15pm Foundation
- 4:15 – 4:45 pm Yr 1/2
- 4:45 - 5:15 pm Yr 3
- 5:15 – 5:45 pm Yr 4
- 5:45 – 6:15 pm Yr 5
- 6:15 – 6:45 pm Yr 6

SECURITY
This Monday morning I spent time cleaning up a makeshift bed that had been set up on the balcony out the back of the Year 5 Learning Space, the week prior I spent one morning picking up rubbish that had been discarded in the school grounds by night time visitors and during the holiday I discovered a group of young people playing on the school roof. I am asking for you, as members of our community, to keep an eye out on our school grounds. If you see something that seems unusual or suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact the police. I really appreciate your support with this matter.

If you have any information about who may have been sleeping on the school grounds, please contact me so I can ensure they are connected with support services of some kind.

SCHOOL TIMES AND GATES
We work very hard to ensure the safety of our students. This is an ongoing endeavour! With that in mind I would like to clarify access to the school grounds before and after school from Monday 20th February. I have been made aware that a number of students are arriving at school very early and remaining on the school grounds, without adult supervision well after 3:45pm. To ensure I can say with certainty that we are providing adequate supervision to all students on school grounds before and after school, we are tightening up our processes around access to school grounds before and after school hours.
Before school:
✓ The school gates will be unlocked at 8:40am.
✓ The school yard will be supervised from 8:40 – 9am.
✓ Children who arrive at school prior to 8:40am without an adult will be booked into OSHClub at the expense of the family. There will be no exception to this rule, as we need to ensure that all students are supervised in the school grounds.
✓ All gates will be closed at 9:00am sharp and entry to school will be via the main entrance in McCracken St. Parents are asked to exit prior to the 9am bell.

After school
✓ The school yard will be supervised from 3:30 – 3:45pm.
✓ The gates will be locked at 3:45pm and entrance to the school will be via the main entrance in McCracken St.
✓ Children not collected by 3:45pm will be booked into OSHClub at the expense of the family. There will be no exception to this rule, as we need to ensure that all students are supervised in the school grounds.

I thank you in advance for your understanding and support with these arrangements. They mean we can be certain that all students are safe while at KPS. Please understand that if you arrive after 9am, you will need to come through the school office. The front security door will be closed at 9am. I understand that this may be seen by some as an inconvenience – however, ensuring the safety of our students is my number 1 priority.

FOOTBALL
Congratulations to a number of our students who made the paper for their football prowess. Check out the article here: http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-02-08/the-flemington-girls-who-love-aussie-rules/8249254

OSHC CONSULTATION UPDATE
After my Nigel’s Natter, I have included a letter from Howard Kelly, who is running our school’s OSHC consultation process. I urge everyone to read the letter. Everyone is most welcome to contact Howard on hrkelly2@bigpond.com or 0417223947 to share their thoughts about the future provision of Out of School Hours Care here at KPS. Howard will be at Kensington Primary School from 2:30 – 4:30 on the 24th of February should you wish to speak with him in person. He will be in meeting room 1, just outside the school office.

COMMUNICATION
Communication in schools can be challenging as there is so much information that needs to be communicated to so many people. I have outlined below the range of communication tools we rely on. I hope this is of use to you. Every day, the school office receives a huge number of phone calls with questions from families that have been answered numerous times in the school newsletter. I hope that by outlining the communication methods we have available and their purpose below, we may be able to ensure that everyone receives the information they need.

✓ NEWSLETTER: Published fortnightly with updates, events, reminders, calendar of events and advertising.
✓ OFFICE UPDATE: Published fortnightly with updates, events and reminders.
✓ WEBSITE: Updated daily with events and reminders. The front page has the most recent information.
✓ SCHOOL EMAIL: You can contact the school on kensington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
✓ STUDENT DIARIES: Checked EVERY DAY by teachers. Feel free to pop a note in your child’s diary.
✓ NOTES TO PARENTS: Notes are sent home to specific year levels / classes. Please be sure to check your child’s school bag for the notes that are at the bottom of the bag.

PORTABLE CLASSROOMS
The count down is on! We have now had confirmation that the portables will be delivered on Saturday 25th of February. Great to finally have a date. Can’t wait to see the trucks pull up!
The installation, fitting out and connection of services to the portables will take up to four weeks to complete so we are expecting that our Foundation students will be moving into their new rooms before the end of term.

SCHOOL UPGRADES - Ensuring We Have a Safe Environment.
Late last year a damp smell was noticed in one of our classrooms. As soon as this was noticed we requested that an air quality test be conducted at our school. The report recommended works to rectify the damp and any resulting mould. As soon as the report was received, Department of Education and Training (DET) engaged a contractor to complete works to ensure the two classrooms impacted (Kay’s 2016 room and Fiona’s 2016 room) were clean and safe for use before students returned to school. We have had all the relevant trade people engaged to inspect and make recommendations regarding required repairs to ensure there are no further issues with damp. As soon as their report is received, the Department of Education and Training will complete any works deemed necessary to fix the identified issues and ensure no future issues. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

AIR CONDITIONING
As stated last year, we are committed to ensuring a comfortable working environment for both our students and staff. Our Building Fund money is going towards making this happen. This week I have had air conditioning experts out to look at the school and to make recommendations about the best approach for our school. This is a huge and complex job for a number of reasons. Firstly, the power supply to the school may need upgrading to support air conditioning. The second issue is the height of our building. Installing air con units on the second story requires scaffolding or cherry pickers. I will update you once I hear back regarding recommendations.

Looking forward to seeing you at the front gate.

Nigel Holloway
Principal

Request for your input on Outside School Hours Care provision at Kensington Primary School.

Composed by Howard Kelly.

Tuesday 14th of February, 2017.

Dear members of the Kensington Primary School community,

I have been asked by the School Council of your school to undertake an exploration of the best way forward for 2018 and beyond to provide high quality care for children in the before and after school programme. You were introduced to me in a recent newsletter from your Principal, Nigel Holloway. I am pleased to be asked and want to say how good it is to visit your school. I visit lots of schools and your school clearly has a good sense of purpose, community and openness.

You may recall that School Council made a decision at the end of 2015 to outsource Out of School Hours Care, this having been an in school matter to that point. When Nigel commenced last year, it was decided by School Council that it would stay like that until there was a chance to reflect and make a decision as to the future direction of care provision as part of the overall life of the school.

My purpose in writing to you now is to ask you to find some time to look at some of the issues that the School Council needs to take into account as it moves to a decision later this term, or early next term as to the best way forward on this matter from 2018. This note to you wants to touch on these issues and ask you to reflect on a few key questions.

First, let me be clear what I think we are aiming for. We want Kensington Primary School to have an OSHC programme that is high quality, is consistent, reliable and safe. Allied to that we want one that is sustainable, affordable and contributes to the community.
These are not my personal thoughts, these are key ideas I have already gleaned from the parents who have already contacted me. They are also the views I have gathered from the key members of staff that I have met.

**The question is: How do we do that?**

The core question is clear. Is OSCH managed by an external provider as is the case currently, or is it brought back inside and managed through the School Council internally through relevant staff working with a School Council committee?

**Broadly speaking the ideas that have been put to me so far are as follows.**

In favour of In-house management are these thoughts:

- It would be more a part of the community and be more seamless than many see it as being now.
- It would generate increased income for the school, noting the costs of managing it internally.
- It is considered by some, to be more stable and more consistent for the children.

Those who advocate it being managed by an external provider, not necessarily the current one, argue that:

- Management outside through a properly constructed contract means there is no additional work for the school staff.
- The legal issues and liability relating to the matter are the responsibility of the contractor.
- A fee, based on a fair contract for the provision of the service brings a predictable stream of income into the school.

In broad terms these are the issues that I have found in some discussions internally and with members of your community. I am hoping to have further discussions in the next week with the groups that support Community Based Care and those that work with the private providers. I am planning on talking to Principals elsewhere who currently run both in-house and outsourced models in their schools.

**This note to you is to ask you to look at the issues raised and let me know what you think.**

**Are there questions you would like to see raised and addressed?**

**How do you wish to see the relationship between OSHC provision and the life of the school? Is it a service and you are happy for it to be outsourced, or do you want it more integrated than the current model?**

I know that the issue of cost is important and I haven’t mentioned that as such, take it as a given that it is a key issue.

Please feel free to email me on hrkelly2@bigpond.com or ring me on 0417223947. If I miss the call leave a message and I will get back to you. I will be at Kensington Primary School from 2:30 – 4:30 on the 24th of February should you wish to speak with me in person. I will be in the meeting room 1.

**Also, please understand what you say, or write to me stays with me.** My job is to take the input and draw it together. After your input, I will write a further note to you, and then I will report to the School Council.

Many thanks and best wishes.

Howard Kelly.

**Please get back to me by Close of Business on 28/2/17**
Art Room News

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

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

Learning Snapshots

Foundation Learning Snapshot

Foundation students have been participating in the Kensington Kick Off program, which has formed the foundations of our Inquiry, Learning to Learn. Students have been introduced to the concept of respect, and have been practising this skill through learning classroom routines and role playing with puppets. During our morning circle, Foundation students have been introduced to some phonics, focusing on s - a - t - p - i - n. Students have also been counting how many days they have been at school, working towards 100.

Year 1/2 Learning Snapshot
To prepare for a successful year in the 1-2 area, the teachers have been working with the children to set clear expectations. There have been many stimulating conversations about what makes a good classmate, teacher and classroom. We have discussed the keywords in our school vision and what they means to us. Visitors to the classroom have seen us acting out the importance of having a growth mindset. When you walk through the halls and classrooms, you will see our displays about the skills and behaviours of an effective learner at KPS.

**Year 3 Learning Snapshot**

The Year 3s have been discussing what great classrooms look like, sound like and feel like. Each grade have developed a strong understanding of the KPS Vision Statement. Grades have identified the qualities of good learners, teachers and classrooms. We explored how we are similar and different and the diversity in our classrooms and community. Students have considered the attributes of a wise and caring classmate. We have discussed and established the protocols for using the Home Reading Diaries and communicating in the diaries.

**Year 4 Learning Snapshot**

In the first couple of weeks, the Year 4 children have been getting to know each other as individuals and as learners. We have been setting up our classrooms and agreeing on a set of classroom expectations. We have revisited lots of quick maths warm up games that we will use during the year. Each child has set up their independent reading box with a selection of texts that are ‘Just Right’ for them. We have been really proud of the way the kids have remembered to bring their school diary each and every day. We have explored what Growth Mindset means, the power of positive self talk and reflection. Each grade has had their first Class Circle, an opportunity to talk as a group of learners.

**Year 5 Learning Snapshot**

During the Kensington Kick Off program, the Year 5s have been setting the tone for how they want the classroom to look, sound and feel. As a group they have developed a strong understanding of the KPS Vision Statement. They have identified the attributes of a good classmate, teacher and classroom. Together we have explored the things that make us similar to others and recognise how we are unique. Students have considered the attributes of a good learner. They have had the opportunity to be creative, take risks, take pride in their creations, solve problems, work independently and collaborate with others.

**Year 6 Learning Snapshot**

Year 6 has incorporated elements of the Kensington Kick Off Program into setting up productive learning routines and a positive classroom culture. In particular, we have explored how our responsibilities online and offline are similar and different. This exploration has naturally arisen through the process of Year 6 students logging into their school G Suite accounts. Students have generated ideas for potential leadership groups which will contribute positively school-wide.
Fundraising News

Kensington Primary School’s
CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Saturday March 18th
30 days to go!!
WE STILL NEED HELP WITH

DONATIONS OF:

- **DRINKS** (soft drink cans, juice boxes, water bottles)
- **LOLLIES** (including jelly beans, snakes, lollipops & chocolates)
- **ITEMS FOR MYSTERY BOTTLES AND LUCKY DIP** (i.e. sweets, novelty pens/pencils, rubbers, balls, hairclips, cars, notepads, jewellery etc)

Please place donations in the boxes located in front of the office.

**RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

Do you know of a business or a family that would like to donate an item, service or holiday home rental as an auction or raffle item?? If so, please let us know.

**FACE PAINTERS & OTHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST AT THE GROOMING SHACK... NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! PLEASE CONTACT NATALIE 0404 460 200**

Event Organisers: Mara – 0412 743 593, Mary – 0418 313 719 & Nicole – 0406 996 872

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MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZE INFORMATION

1ST PRIZE: Nintendo Switch

The latest gaming craze, scheduled for global launch in March 2017 and our raffle first prize!!

Home console gaming on the go – TV mode, tabletop mode or hand held mode so you can enjoy games anytime, anywhere with anyone, with flexible play modes.

Valued at $470
Kindly donated by the Vlachos, Russo/Siotas and Smith/Farina Families

2ND PRIZE: Nitro 720B BMX Bike & Helmet

Grab your helmet and hit the streets cruising around on this Nitro 720B BMX Bike

- Extra tough 4 bolt stem
- Single Speed Gearing
- Front and back axle pegs and cable detangler
- Suitable for ages 7 – 10 (height range 120cm - 145cm)

Valued at $220
Bike kindly donated by Amart Sports, Highpoint & helmet by Flemington Cycles

3rd PRIZE: ArtVo Family Pass (2 Ad, 2 Ch) & $100 Waterloo Hotel Dining Voucher

Over 100 3D, reality-defying artworks – featuring YOU!

ArtVo is a new immersive art gallery where visitors are encouraged to touch and interact with the artworks, photographing themselves and becoming part of the art.

Valued at $168
Kindly donated by ArtVo and Waterloo Hotel, Ascot Vale
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**Cooking and Gardening News**

### Cooking and Gardening Kick-Off for 2017

12X was lucky enough to be the first Cooking and Gardening class for 2017. It was a perfect sunny day to be outside, and we had an amazing time in the garden and practised our cooking skills in the kitchen. For Thu Anh it was a definite favourite activity: she commented “I wish we could do one million cooking and gardening sessions!” Angus’s favourite part was “planting, because beans are one of my favourite plants and I like green vegetables”. There were certainly plenty of those in the garden, with Nahtaan, Ava and Abdi harvesting a zucchini almost as big as themselves! We want to thank Kay for giving us such a great day to remember. We can’t wait for the next session!

### Canteen News

Thanks everyone who filled out the Canteen Survey in December. We had a great response, with 10% of the results coming from students and another 10% coming from school staff. The results show that the school community really wants:

- to order lunch from the canteen more frequently than they do now
- a wider range of healthier snack and lunch options
- lunch box packs and meal deals to be introduced
- sugary items and processed food limited
- an easier lunch ordering process, including the ability to order online and set recurring orders.

There were lots of great suggestions for menu additions and some lovely comments about the positive work of the To Live Is To Unite initiative, which provides food handling and hospitality training opportunities through the canteen for women in the local African community.
A school parent who is a paediatric dietician has also volunteered to be involved in developing suggestions to be put to School Council for consideration and we're very grateful to be able to benefit from her expertise.

Stay tuned as Halima and the team consider the feedback and provide input to School Council.

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**Plantmania News**

Welcome back to another year in the KPS garden. The summer weather has been favourable for growing food and I would like to thank all those who have helped with the watering of the garden and caring for the chooks during the holidays. I have had very positive feedback from several of the families involved, so if you didn’t get the chance this summer remember there will be more opportunities later in the year.

Thank you also to the parents who are watering for term 1. The plants thank you too! If you would like to help out please email me sharynolive@gmail.com and I will add you to our roster.

The adult gardening sessions will start up again next Tues 21st Feb at 9am. Come along and join us for a couple of hours or whatever you can spare. Pre school children are welcome. We meet in the garden near the chickens.

We garden together every second week, alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays and the dates are in the calendar on the front of the newsletter. It’s a good way to meet other parents who have a common interest and also helps to support the kitchen/garden program for the kids.

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**OSHClub News**

**What's on this week at OshClub:**

Activities like table tennis, face painting, hairdressing competition, heart shape dot paintings and handstand competition.

**It's 2017 the first term of the year**

Second week of term, and Oshclub would like to welcome all the new preps to OshClub, just like the school we will be setting up a buddy system to support your child during programe hours. Also the OshClub staff will be walking the preps to and from class for the first three terms. In regards, to the programme the most recent change that’s occurred is the sign procedure during after school care, from now on all the prep to one’s will be signed in at the main OshClub room, whereas, the grade 2-6 will be signed in at the hall.
A note from Kylie

As many of you know I have finished up with Osh Club as my husband and I are moving to Sydney. While the move will see us living closer to our family, I will dearly miss the Kensington family that I feel very fortunate to have been a part of. Thank you to all the children, families, staff and teachers at Kensington for your support of both myself as Coordinator and the program. Beth and Desiree will continue with running the program until a new Coordinator has been appointed.

Do you have any books that you can donate?

The children are always wanting new books to read and we would really appreciate it if you have any books that you have spare to donate.

A note from Beth

I have been working at Kensington OSHClub for about five months now as a permanent assistant and have recently accepted the position as assistant Coordinator.

Feel free to stop by for a chat if you have any concerns or to just get to know each other.

We also have a new permanent staff member in the afternoons Rebecca.

See you at OshClub!! From Beth, Maranda, Kathy, Jo, Desiree, Doyle, Georgia, Rebecca and Christine.

Ride to School Day

It’s very pleasing to see so many students (and parents) using active transport to come to school. People walking, many scooters and heaps of bikes, rain, hail or shine every morning (particularly the parents - well done!)

Just a heads-up that this year Ride2School Day is on Friday, 17th March. For those who currently walk/scoot/skate/ride, it’s a celebration. For those who don’t, it’s a chance to give it a go! Stick it in your diary - more details coming soon.
Library Help

**LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED**

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 a range of jobs, including tidying shelves and covering books.

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.

Thank you, Tracey McKay

Community News

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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 coordination. 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
Announcing the New Kensington Junior Netball Club (KJNC): Places available for new netballers!

The KPS netball programme has recently joined up with the Kensington Flemington Junior Sports Club as the new Kensington Junior Netball Club. Due to this expansion we currently have some (limited) spots available across our 5 netball teams, competing in 2017 in the Saturday juniors competition at the State Netball and Hockey Centre in Parkville.

We welcome inquiries from interested new players: no experience is necessary, just an interest in team sport and a willingness to commit to both training and competition games every week during the school term. The KPS netball programme is a volunteer parent-run initiative, established in 2013, which has already grown to over 40 girls across 5 teams. The girls are all students at KPS who had no previous netball experience. They have showed wonderful team spirit, enthusiasm and energy. Most importantly, they have lots of fun. Here are some comments about their netball experience:

‘Netball gives you courage’: Emma N

‘Netball is great exercise’ (Gen B) and ‘gives your great stamina’ (Genevieve G)

‘It is awesome’: Olivia M

Details

Training: 3.30-4.30 at KPS on Fridays

Games: Are at the same time and venue every Saturday morning (State Netball and Hockey Centre- just 3 kms from Kensington). Our allocated game times are 8am (8-10 year olds); 8.45am (U13s); 9.30 and 10.15 (U 11s).

Interested in joining?

If your daughter is in grade 2 or above and interested to join one of our teams, please get in touch with one of our current coaches: Naomi Fennell (0412 558 555); Michelle Foster (0424 262 309), Eve Binnie (0431 345 156), Andie Carr (0405 497 274) or Kerstin Wahlqvist (0402 088 303).

As we have only a few spots open we will need to allocate on a first come basis. We also give preference to girls whose parents are willing to contribute their time in some way. We maintain a waiting list for those who cannot be accommodated when they first inquire.
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**All New Enrolments Get a Free Tennis Racquet!**

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Free Trial Lessons!

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**Lesson Times**

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Yr 3 to 5 – 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Yr 5 & 6 – 5:30 to 6:30 pm

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**Mt. Alexander College Hall**

**First Session Free**

**When:**
- U8s – Thursday 4pm
- U10s – Thursday 5pm
- U12s – Thursday 6pm.

**Where:**

**Duration:**
- 1 hour per session.

**Cost:**
- $16.50 Per session GST Inc.
- Uniform Fee = $80 GST Inc.

(one time fee providing Adidas Soccer Pro Academy Uniform of Socks, Shorts, and Top.)

**Interested?**
Small groups of around 10 players, spots are limited, be Quick!!
Contact ex Soccero & Clytto Joe Spiteri 6422 087 191 or on the details above to secure your spot.
Apply Coupon code soccerproweek for discount.
Term 1 – 3 fabulous programs

Art Classes (3-12yo)
- Thursday 4pm – 5.30pm
- Saturday 10am – 11.30am
  Painting & drawing: building artistic confidence and techniques

Junior Scientists (6-12yo)
- Monday 4pm – 5pm
  Chemical Science: Yes, we are going to be exploding things, bubbling things up, whilst we are exploring chemical reactions!

Italian Language (6-12yo)
- Friday 4pm – 5.15pm
  Level 1: Suitable for beginners

Contact us for bookings and further information
learn@education121.com.au or Call 9372 8310

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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
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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