We now have a new sign in/sign out procedure for students who arrive late or are collected early from school. Parents need to enter the student details on the iPad at the school office and sign, before a late slip is printed and approved by the office to give to the class teacher. A parent signature is required for all late arrivals and early departures during the school day.

Parents with concession cards may be eligible to apply for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) which provides $125 towards school excursions and camps. If you have not applied already this year, please see staff at the school office to complete the required form. A copy of a valid concession card or Health care card is required with the application. All forms need to be submitted before 24th June 2016.
Principals Report

Working Bee

A very big thankyou to all the families who came along and helped out at the working bee on Saturday. It was a case of ‘many hands make light work’ and such a lot was achieved including sweeping, trimming, moving mulch, weeding, cleaning windows and taps, chain sawing, moving sand, clearing drains and removing extraneous items from the yard. It was such a productive day and the grounds look fantastic.

Monday Assembly

A big crowd attended Assembly on Monday morning and were entertained by the students in 34D with a dance and song medley inspired by their program of Inquiry for this term, “Day Time / Night Time”. Another highlight of the assembly was the presentation of badges to the SRC Representatives. Kay Headland, who coordinates the SRC, spoke about the important role the SRC reps take on, not only showing leadership in a range of ways, but also in organizing and running lunchtime activities across the school. The SRC have been busily involved creating murals that display KPS Values. These murals were presented to the school at Assembly and then erected on the fence near the McCracken St school entrance. The murals are a reminder to everyone of the values and behaviours that are important and essential to being part of the KPS community. Kay also reminded everyone that leadership opportunities are everywhere within the school and the classrooms and encouraged all students to show leadership.

Education Week Open Day Tours

We had many prospective families attend the Open Day tours on Tuesday. Thankyou to the parents, teachers and School Council members who volunteered their time to be part of the welcoming and touring team. The year 5/6 students from the communication leadership team also played an important role on the day greeting families. Thanks particularly to those students who assisted with our evening tour. Tia, Liam S, Erin, Dylan P and Miranda all spoke so confidently, articulately and with such pride about their school programs, the supportive and collaborative learning environment and the many wonderful extra curricula opportunities enabling them to pursue their interests, learn new
skills and take on leadership roles across the school. As all their responses were impromptu, our visiting parents couldn’t help but be impressed. It was very humbling to hear the students speak and I know Mark would have been very proud of the students and the school he is leaving behind.

Thank you to the parent volunteers and teachers who assisted on Tuesday. Congratulations to Welcoming and Transition committee in particular Michelle Tonnissen and Danni Kelly for their planning, organization and hard work ensuring the success of our Open Day tours.

Julie Stephens
Acting Principal

Master Plan Report

Resurfacing of the play space underway.

Work is continuing with the resurfacing of the play space, the design has been sent to the factory and the workers have been booked. Work will commence during the last two weeks of the school term (term two) and some of the school holidays. A brand new surface will be laid down including....

A netball court

An extended running track

Hopscotch

Four square.

Bat tennis courts

It will also be covering over the rubberized basketball court.

A space for a big garden with 7 established trees that the city of Melbourne have offered us and will supply, install and look after for 2 years in an effort to develop a greener Melbourne.

We are very grateful for all the volunteer work from the fundraisers and master plan groups to enable this $80,000 project to come to fruition.

Linda Weisser
Art News

Arts Week 2016

Term 3 - July 25-29
Save the date.
A week of art making and community connectedness.

In Arts Week the regular timetable will be largely maintained. Parents, family, friends and community members are invited to attend art class with their child to make art together. Grade 1-2 with Jess in the art room near the prep classes and Preps and 3-6 with Linda in the HOF art room. Check the timetable with your class teacher or on the school website so you know when to come along and join in.

Linda Weisser
Coordinator of Arts Week  weisser.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
1/2 History Inquiry

Grade 1-2 Students and their families
We are hoping that when you are in the city you might find time to go and check out this exhibition...it matches our current history inquiry. The information below is from the City of Melbourne website.

A history of the future: Imagining Melbourne 12 May - 12 Aug 2016

A History of the Future: Imagining Melbourne looks back in order to look forward. For 180 years, city planners, architects, artists and writers have imagined a future Melbourne from the vantage point of their own time and place. The stories told here provide just a snapshot of the many plans, schemes and dreams that have been variously realised or shelved as Melbourne has considered its future self. They reveal changes in attitudes – towards heritage, the natural environment and modernity – that have shaped much of the city that we find ourselves in today.

Curated by Clare Williamson
Clare Williamson is an independent curator, arts writer and editor. She was previously the senior exhibitions curator at State Library Victoria.

City Gallery is located at Melbourne Town Hall, the City Gallery presents free, quarterly exhibitions on city life, past and present.

Ground Floor, 110 Swanston Street,
Melbourne, VIC, 3000

Opening hours

Monday: 10am to 2pm
Tuesday to Friday: 11am to 6pm
Saturday: 10am to 4pm

Closed Sunday and public holidays.

Thank you to Linda and the parents who let us know about this exhibition.

The 1-2 Team.

Funra$ing News

Muffin and Fruit Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone for participating in our Muffin Morning Tea last Monday.

With your help we raised $525 Thank you from the Fundrai$ing Committee

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Music News

Music Help - Sound Technician / Sound Engineer

Grade 5/6 students will be recording their musical compositions in week 10, beginning June 14. If you have any experience in sound recording we would love your help. We have located a room in the school that may be quite enough for this process to take place and we are now after some equipment to use for the recordings and a skilled person to help!

A Working with Children’s Check would also be beneficial.

10am and 2.30pm - Tuesday - June 14th

9am Wednesday - June 15th

9am Thursday - June 16th

If you are interested please email Brooke

johnson.brooke.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

Brooke Johnson
Performing Arts Coordinator

Student of the Week

Student of the Week

Harry 1/2L
Offering wise advice, friendship and respecting differences in our class meeting

Eliza 3/4A
Demonstrating positive team work at all times

Ari 3/4D
Demonstrating excellent problem solving in our recent open solving “marbles” Math task

Andrew 5/6H
Being caring by asking other people if they want to join in his group

Kaidin 1/2R
His great effort in reading and answering comprehension questions

Tenisha 1/2F
Working hard in maths and finding three solutions for domino trails that add 10

Abdiaziz Prep H
Working towards his reading goal

Bilal 5/6R
For showing great school values and making fantastic self evaluations and reflections
**WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION**
Thursday, 9th June, at dusk - 5.30pm onwards

Come and celebrate the shortest day of the year around a CRACKLING FIRE with the PIZZA OVEN ROARING. We will be cooking vegetarian pizzas to share with some of the produce from Plantmania. A great opportunity to enjoy a winters night with our school community around the warmth of the fire.

Bring a plate of nibbles or dessert to share.

**GUERRILLA KNITTING**
A winter tradition continuing this year is the KPS Winter Solstice Guerrilla Knitting. You may have noticed the 'pole socks' or the 'handrail patches' that pop up around our school in the middle of winter. Please feel free to start knitting and create any sort of joy you can with wool. Linda and Jess have plenty of spare wool in the Art rooms. Install your own creation wherever/whenever you like!!

**Book Club Issue 4**

Book Club brochures for issue 4 have been distributed to all classes. Orders are due back on Friday 27th May. The quickest and easiest way to order is online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Otherwise paper orders must be delivered to the office by 27th May. NO LATE ORDERS please. Thank you

Sue and Bron

Book Club Co-Ordinators
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2016

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is open and Kensington PS is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your child’s teacher.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Fiona McIntosh

If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your child’s teacher.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training. Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection
The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information
If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:
- Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent
The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/enquiries.aspx
Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child........................................................................................................ Grade

Parent Signature................................................................................................
Hello families,

This week’s theme is ‘Under the Sea’. We will be creating all sorts of sea creatures and aquatic beasts. We will be making seals and star fish and everything in between with our daily arts and crafts. We will also be playing ocean themed games outside such as Octopus and Sand, sea, shark, Surf!

Now here’s Jonah for our weekly joke:

“Why did Adele cross the road?....To say Hello from the other side”

From Gavin, 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
Community News

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Community Meeting

Kensington Adventure Playground

Sunday 22nd May 2.30pm – 4pm

Kensington Community Recreation Centre
Cr Kensington Rd and Altona St

Community members are invited to further discuss the future of Kensington Adventure Playground.

For more information, contact City of Melbourne Customer Service:
Ph: 9658 9658
Soul Parenting 2016

A unique opportunity for uninterrupted, thought provoking conversations about who we are as parents. It’s not yet another course about parenting strategies or child development.

Instead, we’ll explore the inner work that will help us to grow during the adventures of parenthood.

Each session will include input, discussion, stories, reflection and a cuppa and cake.

Clear the house, find a babysitter, make a booking and use this opportunity to care for yourself. Good to have, your kids!

May 23
Soul Parenting
How do children shape our needs? How do we deal with our children changing?

June 6
Simplicity Parenting
How can we be dessert parents while not losing our sense of self?

What does it mean to be a calm, loving, and secure parent?

June 10
Self-awareness Parenting
What does it mean to be an adult and what are our goals as we move forward?

What does it mean to be a lover?

July 11
Attentive Parenting
What do we do when our gratitude and grief?

Can we keep on top of the social Media?

August 8
Reflection Parenting
How do we assess how we “measure up” as parents?

How do we grow from our mistakes?

August 11
Comfortable Parenting
When can we end our parent “trip”?

Where is our place as parents on the journey?

7:30-9:30 pm
Christ Church Kensington
76 MacDonald Street, Kensington
$10 per session or $30 for all sessions
Minimum 10 participants, bookings early

Contact enfer@hotmail.com or 0497 707 015

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