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Parents wishing to help in class or attend camps/excursions must have a current Working with Children Check. Applications can be made online at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au). Please can you provide a copy to the school office once you have received your card.

There is a large amount of Lost Property at the front of the canteen. Please can you check if your child has lost any items of clothing, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc. Any items that are not named and unclaimed by the end of term will be given to the Second hand uniform shop.

Principals Report

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday. I will be taking Long service Leave and I have just recently decided that I will retire. I would like to wish everyone well. I will miss the kids, the cheery good mornings and their smiling faces. I will miss all the supportive parents who over the years have been great contributors to the school.

The school has really come along from the year 2000 when Debbie Peynenborg took on the challenge of turning Kensington Primary school around. Numbers were falling and things were pretty tough. It was a hard day at the office! A group of parents joined in and were determined to get things done. A Promotions committee was formed and the school was to undergo significant change over time. Well done to Peter O'Donoghue and Peter Mc Millan, Julia Selzer for their work as Council presidents during this difficult time. There were even discussions that the school would be divided up as the numbers were low and the school unviable. We underwent a Master Plan process and things were shaky for a while there. Fortunately this did not occur and now the school is bursting at the seams. There were lots of
visits to the politicians in Spring. Thanks Neil for your determination. We did get some assistance, which was critical and things continued to change. Thanks also to Angela Weir for all her efforts across so many years.

Lots of programs were started and the ICT program was resourced and became a positive feature of the school. Well done Jenny. The staff worked extremely hard in concert with parents and things began to change. Lots of work with the Code of Conduct and clearly articulated expectations saw slow but discernable change. Early in the piece the teacher of the century, Kay, came to Kensington with her irrepressible smiling face, whirlwind energy and can do attitude and she really sparked things up. Numbers began increasing and have done ever since. Another wonderful achievement has been the Arts. Thanks to Linda and Brooke and Sally Butzkeuven for their amazing efforts in bringing the arts to life at KPS. As a promotion for KPS - immeasurable. To see the children develop skills and confidence was a real treat. I loved it when small troupes of musicians would pop over to the office to perform. An absolute highlight.

The new building and other great designs that have been added to the school. Thanks Tania-you have done so much.

The school wouldn’t have the number computers and IT equipment, without the generosity of the parent population and gigantic thanks to the Fund Raising Wonder Women Wizz, Fleur, Bron and Kerry and also the large contingent of workers who supported the big fundraisers. Amazing and great turnouts.

Well done Julie for her enormous efforts and masterful organisational skills. Simply outstanding and thanks for taking over the reins.

Thanks to all the parents who have assisted in so many ways over the years. Your efforts have seen the school grow and thrive. Enormous thanks to all the parents who attended Working Bees, attended excursions, organised things, provided expertise and so much more. I have never been at a school where so many people have given their time so freely and achieved so much.

Big hugs to the office staff for putting up with my various mood swings and unfunny jokes!! You have been wonderful. I will have to drink my coffee alone-sad!! Thanks to all the ES staff and Care Program staff who are wonderful operators and provide so much support for the kids. Just the best.

I could thank so many more people but I would be writing a small booklet that would go well into the Easter break and the chocolates would melt.

And lastly thanks to all the teachers who have been outstanding. The extra work you do late at nights, attending meetings, etc has really paid off for the children in this school. The care shown for the well-being of the children is always evident. Thank you for your professionalism and friendship. And for always wanting to do your best and do what’s best for the children.

I can honestly say that when I attend regional meetings where data is shared and unpacked that my principal colleagues often remark about this school and its high level of achievement. I have enjoyed coming back from these meetings and sharing this with the staff. People are wanting to come from beyond our zone and have to be turned away. The Promotions committee has become the Welcome and Transitions committee-a good sign indeed.

I have enjoyed my time here. I will miss you all.

Mark Ryan
The Annual Harmony Picnic

Friday 11th of March was a perfect balmy evening for families to picnic on the oval. And that’s exactly what they did, coming in large numbers and bearing a delicious array of international desserts for the buffet - three trestles absolutely laden with exotic treats! Thanks so much to everyone who contributed. Your efforts were truly astounding and very much appreciated!

There were also several performances to entertain the picnic-goers. Embracing their Maori heritage, grade three student Rukia Abdi and her wonderful whanua (family) performed two traditional items. Following a stirring introduction from Rukia’s grandfather, Matthew Murray, the group sang a waiata (traditional song) and finished with a haka (ancestral war dance). They were dressed in beautiful Maori garments and their faces were decorated with moko patterns. KPS would like to extend a very warm thank you to the whanau - Deshahn, Rukia, Andrea, Denise and Matthew - for their fabulous contribution to the picnic, allowing us all to join in the celebration of their culture.

Following this, the grade 3-4 choir sang a traditional Jamaican song entitled “Peace and Love”. They sang a cappella, their voices rising and falling in two-part harmony. And last, but certainly not least, the 1-2 choir sang “Down on the Corner” by Creedance Clearwater Revival. They were accompanied by their conductor Andrew Warmington, who played the guitar. It was a joy to watch all of the children singing clearly and confidently, with smiles on their faces.

The Harmony Picnic is a wonderful opportunity for families to get together and celebrate the diversity of Kensington Primary School and Australia as a whole. Thanks again to everyone who came and helped spread this positive and important message. A special thanks to all the staff and parents who helped to run the event. Our fundraising on the night raised nearly $1000 which will go towards improving our school grounds in accordance with the KPS Master Plan.
Plantmania’s Cooking & Gardening Term 1 2016

Well the year’s off to a wonderful start! We’ve had so much fun in the kitchen and garden, working with all the grade 1/2 classes. Firstly, I want to thank all the parents and community members, for their wonderful support for these programs. It’s been pleasing to see so many new faces come along and contribute their time and energy. A huge thank-you to our wonderful Grubbies’ mums: Tania, Melissa Sharyn and their partners and kids for their amazing work painting the kitchen last weekend. Their tireless efforts around the school are just incredible. This community spirit is what makes KPS such a great place.

Our weekly Wednesday sessions have run smoothly, breakfast club is always popular, while the sessions are a highlight for many students. As you our goals for students attending these sessions are want students to become more aware of good practices, as well as the importance of healthy habits. But we’re also hoping the kitchen & garden resource that is utilised and enjoyed by teachers, community members. We want the kitchen to be seen welcoming place for students to start their day. the kitchen with smiles on their faces, after enjoying a a warm drink, or a friendly conversation, have been witness. Melissa’s open cooking sessions on Thursday, have been extremely popular. Lots of delicious baking takes place and the cross-age nature of the students attending fosters independence and leadership, across the ages.

I would like to say a big thank-you to all Grade 1/2 teachers and students for their efforts this term. The garden’s thriving and our pizza oven’s been running hot all term. Students have chosen their own menus and continue to meet any challenges given to them. ‘Hands-on learning’ at its best!

Coming up next term: Prep classes followed by 3/4 classes. Happy Easter!

Kay Headland
Student of the Week

Ewan 1/2R
For a great oral presentation on health

Class of 1/2F
For cleaning the gathering space ready for the Harmony Picnic

Claudia 1/2K
For bouncing back when she’s feeling worried

Keziah 1/2L
For always being an enthusiastic class member

Jacob 1/2J
For making huge progress with his writing by trying hard to write the sounds he hears

Matilda Prep L
For using Fishy Lips to predict words

Kai Prep L
Sounding out words using Tappy Turtle

Jasper Prep D
For supporting a friend through tricky moments

Jessica Prep H
For her great sounding out

Gabriel Prep H
For his excellent rocket counting

Violet 3/4C
For doing a fabulous job in revising and editing her writing

Bonnie 3/4D
For her fabulously descriptive narrative story about Maui and the Sun

Alex R 3/4M
For his insightful contributions to literacy group discussions

Juliet 3/4M
For writing a great humorous narrative

Ava 5/6R
For completing great summaries of leadership from pieces written about the Young Australian of the Year

Athan 5/6V
For writing a very persuasive text about why Essendon is better than Collingwood
Art Request

Wanted for the 1/2 Art Room

If you have any of the things below lying around at home we’d love them for making art in the 1/2 Art room (located between the 1/2M classroom and the prep rooms).

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And anything else you think may be useful... We are currently doing printmaking and will begin weaving next term. If you are able to donate any of these things please leave in the 1/2 Art room.

Thanks ☺ Jessie Palmer 1/2 Art teacher

Care Program

Hello families,

This week is comedy and drama week. Our activities are focusing on these two art forms and will include jokes competitions, comic book strip making, funny face masks, puppet antics and many more!

With the AFL season set to start this week OSHClub have joined forces with AusKick to bring ‘PLAY ON After the Bell’ to Kensington Primary School. This AFL training Program, which caters for boys and girls of all ages, will run alongside aftercare every Mondays starting from 18th April. You can register at playonsports.com.au/register. Promotional leaflets can be found at the sign in desk in the OSHClub room.

From Gavin, Judy, Ryan, Mel, Jack, Joanne and the team: We wish you a happy Easter!

Library Thank You

A BIG thank you to all the parents and students who have helped this term in our Library with covering books, re-shelving books and lots of other jobs. Your help is really appreciated. A Happy Easter to you all.

Sylvia

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Monday Maths and Science

Term 1 has seen lots of students come into the library at Monday lunchtime to do some maths and science exploration.

This lunchtime activity will continue in Term 2.

Here is some of the fun learning that has been going on:
We need you!

Hello community,

The year 1-2 classes will be learning about our local history next term.

We would love any opportunities for the students to speak to past students of KPS, members of the community who were raised in Kensington (or neighbouring suburbs) or anyone who may have a wealth of information about the history of the area.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences and knowledge, could you please contact Fleur (1-2F) in person or via the school email:
kensington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Many thanks

1-2 teaching team
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.

“At Mount Alexander College, we empower students with their learning.”

“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.
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**A TASTE OF KENSINGTON**

To celebrate Cultural Diversity Week 2016, Kensington Neighbourhood House will host a free lunch featuring a selection of diverse recipes from our cookbook.

The social enterprise ‘STREAT’ will cater the recipes for the day and members of our Elderly Vietnamese Social Group, Wednesday Social Group and students from the adult education classes will assist in serving the lunch.

After each course, diners will be given the opportunity to “meet the maker”, where those that submitted the recipes will talk about the dish and their culture.

Students from the adult education classes will also bring along an object or artefact and present a talk on their country of origin and culture.

The lunch will be open to all members of the community and will provide an opportunity for everyone to come together to share and celebrate the many different cultures of Kensington.

No Cost. Bookings Essential. R.S.V.P Friday 11/03/16.

Where: Kensington Neighbourhood House (ground floor)

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Kensington Neighbourhood House | A R. McCracken St | P 9376 6355 | E info@knhhouse.org.au | W www.kensingtonneighbourhoodhouse.com
Kidz Crew Dance Classes

Classes commence Monday 11th April - 30th May
Kensington Community Rec Center
Cnr Kensington Rd & Altona St, Kensington VIC 3031
4 - 4:40 Ages 5-7  4:40-5:20 Ages 8+
rebelstepz@gmail.com  0410045643
Book Now!

Do you love soccer?
Come and join the Moonee Valley Knights FC at Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale.

We are still looking for a couple of players for our Under 10 Joeys and Wallabies boys teams (born in 2006 or after).
Training: Thursday 6pm-7:30pm
Games: Sunday morning
It is a great community club with the focus on developing skills while having fun!
Please contact Peter on 0468 817 715 if you are interested and want to know more.

Inclusive
Investigative
Collaborative

A revolution is happening here
We are empowering young people and enabling them to take control of their learning.

Student led tours at 9.30am, 12 noon, 2pm
Information presentation to be held at 7pm

R.S.V.P.
mount alexander.712@edumail.vic.gov.au
or call us directly on 03 9376 1622

we also offer school tours at any time during school hours
167-175 Mount Alexander Rd, Flemington VIC 3031
SEAL testing on May 7th 2016
# Kensington Primary School Newsletter

## 6+ Club at Flemington
Mondays 4pm – 5pm

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FREE, no bookings required.
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
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FREE NORTH MELBOURNE SUPER FOOTY CLINIC

For all NAB AFL Auskick centres and schools within North Melbourne and Craigieburn.

- **DATE:** Tuesday April 5th, 2016
- **TIME:** 1:00pm - 2:30pm
- **WHERE:** 204-206 Arden St, North Melbourne

**PLUS:**
Giveaways and a special appearance from NMFC’s mascot ‘Kanga’.

**REGISTER VIA:**
NMFC.com.au/superclinics

OVER 20 NMFC PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE
Long Day Care Vacancies
1-3 year old Rooms

Limited vacancies available Mondays and Fridays for 1-3 year olds.

KCCC is a not for profit community organisation that values and supports children and their families. We provide a quality education and care that help children grow, develop and learn in a safe and stimulating environment. Our natural setting is an integral part of our program and we encourage and foster sustainable practices.

For further information about our vacancies and our enrolment process, please contact: Megan Newton, Enrolment Officer on 9376 4565 or by email at enrolmentofficer@kccc.org.au
Order an Entertainment™ Membership and support Kensington Primary School

We’re fundraising with entertainment™

We’re very excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. Order your NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our next Major Project.

Order your new Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership before 26 April 2016 and you will receive over $160 worth of additional offers that you can use right away!

Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, café, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more!

Available as a traditional Entertainment Book - or - Digital Membership on your smartphone, your Membership gives you over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2017!
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
T: 03 9091 8150
F: 03 9381 5008
www.maribsc.vic.edu.au
Holiday Program – Term 1 Holidays 2016

PaddlePower
Come and try kayaking

An exciting Paddlesport program for young people with awards, fun games and activities! Parents and advanced sessions also available.

Go Ahead. Give it a Go!

Sessions:
90 minutes – 3pm – 4:30pm

Week 1:
West 30th March
Thurs 31st
Friday 1st April
Session 1 – PaddlePower
Session 2 – PaddlePower
Session 3 – PaddlePower

Location:
Esendon Canoe Club - Fairbairn Park, Woods Street, Ascot Vale

Cost:
$25 per session. Book in for 1, 2 or all 3 sessions! All equipment provided
Discount for Club Members

Contact:
Canning Victoria: office@canoevic.org.au / 0439 312 252
(Bookings essential)
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:


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.