The Funrai$ing Committee needs some parent helpers for the End of Year Picnic to set up, sell sausages, drinks and icy poles, and pack up at the end. If you can spare a half hour to complete any of these tasks please see the office where a roster will be available for you to pick your time. It’s a great way to become involved in your school and to meet other parents.

KPS Fundraiser Tea Towels have arrived and will be available from the office on Friday. Thank you for your support with this fundraising event.
Yes it was a little messy, but it was a great deal of fun and with lots hands on learning. The grade 1/2s were investigating fractions and were given a challenge of halving the ingredients of a recipe for making scones. There was lots of flour and lots of maths. There was rich discussion around measuring cups and grams, temperature, time and of course fractions. But best of all was the fact after the ovens had done their work we all got to eat the delicious scones and biscuits. A very memorable morning of maths.

Coding for Kids

There is a push across the world for children to learn coding and simple programming. I have been having a lot of fun learning java script and making some animations. It gets easier as you learn the language of computing. There is an Hour of Coding that children can do free online. There is a big week coming up from December 7th to the 13th.

https://hourofcode.com/au

Have a look at this You tube clip and go skating with the characters from Frozen. It’s great fun

https://studio.code.org/s/frozen/stage/1/puzzle/1
**Code.org** – This nonprofit foundation website is a great starting point for coding novices. It shares lots of useful online resources, apps for learning coding. Be sure to watch the inspirational video on the main page which features tech legends like Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg who insist that “anyone can code,” not just computer geeks.

**Scratch** – Designed by MIT students and aimed at children ages 8 to 16, this easy-to-use programming language lets kids build almost anything they can dream up. No crazy lines of code here. Instead you arrange and snap together Scratch blocks.

**Stencyl** – Inspired by Scratch's snapping blocks system, this software lets users create simple games for iOS, Android, Flash, Windows, Linux and Mac. If your kid is serious about it, there are paid pro plans that come with advanced functionality.

**Khan Academy** – Known for its extensive and challenging math games, Khan Academy also has basic programming tutorials like how to build graphics, animations and interactive visualizations.

**Code Monster** – Particularly good for kids, Code Monster features two adjacent boxes. One displays code, the other shows what the code does. As you play around with the code with some help from a prompt, you learn what each command does.

Looking to teach your kids code on the go? Coding apps **Daisy the Dinosaur**, **Hopscotch** and **Kodable** are all FREE for iPad

https://studio.code.org/flappy/3  Good for  Preps to 3

Mark Ryan
Principal

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**Swimming Program**

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**Aquatic Education Program**

Monday, November 30th - Friday, December 11th

The children are all looking forward to the commencement of our Intensive Swimming Program which begins on Monday. Students will need bathers, towel, comb or brush each day of the program. Please make sure that your child has a plastic bag to carry their belongings in and that all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name. Students will wear their bathers to the pool under their school uniform, as this helps to reduce preparation time for the swimming lessons at the pool.

The students will walk to the pool leaving school approximately 20 minutes before the scheduled lesson commencement time. A sunsmart hat must be worn to and from the pool. Where possible senior classes have been paired with younger classes and the children will buddy up to walk to and from the pool. Below is a table outlining the times the classes will depart school and lesson commencement times.

If parents are able to assist the class teacher with walking the students to and from the pool on one or more days, please let your child’s class teacher know so a roster can be developed. Parents are also most welcome to come along and observe the swimming lessons.

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Outstanding School Fees

There are still a number of families who have school fees and swimming fees outstanding for this year. Please could you arrange for payment to be made by the end of this week or contact the school office if you would like to discuss payment options.

Many thanks
New Friends Friday

The second New Friends Friday was as great a success as the first. There was a sense of excitement in the air, as music echoed through the playground to signal the end of lunch. Students hurried to see who would be in their grade for this week’s session. The rain did not deter Kim’s class, who braved the elements and played a fast and furious game of kickball outside. Creativity was shared and celebrated in Rachel C’s grade. In Kay’s class, students practised their resilience and patience as they built card houses. The construction of paper towers saw students problem solving and working together with Amanda.

“New Friends Friday makes me feel better about going into grade 3 next year because it’s a little bit of a sneak preview” – Sema

“I felt a little bit shy and worried about next year before New Friends Friday” – Fiona

“Today has been the best New Friends Friday because I felt confident enough to have a go” – Sam

“I’m now feeling so excited about next year” – Jack

With only one more New Friends Friday (27th Nov) to look forward to, it is important to make the most of this opportunity!

Try something new, take risks and have a go!

Forging new relationships can be difficult and make you feel many different feelings but remember that we all start off as strangers.
Bounce Back

Bounce Back 2016

As we come to the last few weeks of 2016, I’d like to quickly recap on the Bounce Back journey students have been on during the year. In this program, developed by Helen McGrath and Toni Noble, there are ten units to cover over the year. These evidence-based units focus on building skills to promote resilience, that is the ability to overcome the inevitable challenges that life will throw at all of us, and enhance wellbeing.

We start the year looking at the VALUES that underpin all the decisions we make about how to treat each other, ourselves and the world we live in. We then look at the BOUNCE BACK ACRONYM (see below) that provides an easy way to learn and remember all the skills that we need to be more resilient. A unit on COURAGE supports students to learn how to take risks, manage anxiety and not be foolhardy. We then move on to learn the skills of OPTIMISTIC THINKING and looking on the bright side. These skills continue to be shown in research to greatly improve wellbeing and learning outcomes. Units on EMOTIONS and RELATIONSHIPS again look at developing the skills we need to be more emotionally intelligent, how to get on with others and solve problems when they arise in friendships. There is a unit on NO BULLYING, in which students explore stereotypes, power issues, the importance of helping to develop a school climate that does not tolerate put downs or derogatory words or behaviour and skills in responding to bullying when it occurs. We finish the year looking at units on HUMOUR and SUCCESS. These units also support transition to next year by supporting students to focus on and use their strengths and to set goals for themselves using a growth mindset.

This year we have strengthened the Bounce Back program by introducing a focus on emotion coaching and further developing emotional intelligence in the classroom. This has included a focus on mindfulness strategies, learning about emotion recognition and regulation and teachers have embraced these strategies throughout the day in the classroom. Bounce Back is not just a lesson, although it is explicitly taught for a lesson each week across the school. It is a language and an approach to ensuring students at this school have the skills, attitudes and awareness they need to achieve their best in learning and in life and to maximise their wellbeing. I know teachers and parents also learn a lot from the program, so hopefully the skills are not just being used at school, but are part of the way of life in many families.

If you have any questions about the program or would like more information, do not hesitate to contact me.
Martin.melissa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grade 6 News

Grade 6 Fundraiser

This Friday after school the grade 6 students will be selling icy poles at 3.30pm from the old canteen window. The cost will be $1. We would appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you on tomorrow.

Tobie & Cluny
Grade 6 Diary Dates - December 2015

Government School 6-7 Orientation Day - December 8

As part of the transition from Year 6 to Year 7, students in government secondary schools participate in an orientation day. All government schools hold this orientation day on the same day - **Tuesday 8 December 2015**.

At the orientation day, students may:

- tour the school
- meet teachers and ask questions
- find out about the dress code
- learn what they will be doing in their first year
- meet other students.

For more information about your orientation day, contact your 2016 new school.

Non-government schools also run orientation programs contact the 2016 schools for details.

Grade 6 Day Out – Monday December 14

On Monday December 14th all grade 6 students will be walking to and from the Flemington & Kensington Bowling Club on the corner of Smithfield & Racecourse Roads, Flemington VIC 3031.


Students will receive coaching and play a barefoot bowls tournament.

**Time:** Leaving at 11:00am  
Returning by 3:00pm

There will be a note sent home shortly outlining the food arrangements and activities and asking parents to contact Fiona if they are able to assist on the day.

Grade 6 Farewell – Tuesday December 15

The Grade 6 Farewell will be held on Tuesday December 15, 2015. The student dress code for the night is neat, casual.

Students will be expected to arrive at 6:15p.m. The Farewell will start at 6:30p.m. It will be in the school hall. We expect it will finish at about 7:45p.m.

There will be a note sent home shortly asking for approximate number of people/ family attending (excluding Grade 6 students) for planning purposes.

Fiona McIntosh  
6-7 Transition Coordinator
Bat-Tennis

Last Friday we played bat tennis away, against North Melbourne P.S. They were a challenging opponent and they played fairly. We used new doubles pairs and that worked well. Their coach Tom was very friendly. At the end of the match Tom congratulated us on our effort and behaviour.

Well done bat tennis team and good luck for our final game on Friday at home.

Lawrence

Care Program

Vacation Care Amendment

Dear parents, in my first attempt at planning the holiday program, I have put incorrect times down for excursions. I have amended this and printed new booking sheets, please refer to the booking sheets online and in the care room for correct times and please disregard the information sent out with last week’s newsletter.

Apologies for any confusion.

Hat Reminder

Please be aware that students are expected to bring and wear hats during After School Care. If a student has misplaced their hat during the day we do our best to cater for them however we are having many arrive at school with no hat. As per the school policy this results in students being restricted to indoor or under cover outside play.

Tess

Class Get Together

PREP D CATCH UP

Sunday December 5th

JJ Holland Park

3-5pm

Bring some food to share

Siblings welcome

Contact Eve (Keziah's mum) 0431 345 156
Kensington Primary School Newsletter

Student of the Week

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Eli Prep E
For using the reading strategy of “Skippy Kangaroo” to self correct, not just on a word, not just on the sentence...but the whole book!

Stephanie Prep H
Working towards her writing goal

Zakaria Prep H
Being a clever risk taker

Flynn Prep E
For confidently using commas in his information report of hats.

Sarim Prep D
Working hard to present his “I Wonder” to the grade

Harvey Prep J
Being a curious and inquiring learner
Aster Prep J
Using colourful and descriptive language in her writing

Freya 1/2F
For writing a convincing acceptance speech for her Word of the Year!

Meth 1/2H
Committing to creating an impressive persuasive letter

Tulloch 1/2H
Being a risk taker by performing in KPS idol. Fantastic!

India 1/2K
Using creative thinking during maths

Elissa 1/2K
Trying hard to Bounce Back when she is upset

Genevieve 3/4A
For thoughtful insights in her reading and writing responses

Emily 3/4A
For showing leadership in writing words for our assembly song.

Adem 3/4D
For working hard in class to make excellent progress in literacy

Dylan 3/4D
Showing maturity, leadership and kindness, always supporting others and acting as mediator

Cooper 3/4S
Excellent leadership demonstrated in his group in Drama class

Aiden 5/6V
Showing fantastic courage during the reading of your monologue.
End of Year Family Picnic

When:  Friday, December 4th
Time:  6pm – 8pm
Where: Kensington Primary School

Over the past few years, it has become a tradition for the Kensington Primary School Community to celebrate the end of the school year with a family picnic in the school grounds. The evening is a wonderful opportunity for families to catch up informally. BYO Everything! Picnic rug, chairs, food and drinks.

What Will Be Happening?

The Funrai$ing Committee will be running a SAUSAGE SIZZLE.
Drinks and Icy Poles will also be sold.

The school choirs will be performing.

PICNIC PROGRAM / Entertainment

Performances on Gathering Space Stage

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For the safety of everyone, bikes, scooters and skateboards are not permitted on school grounds.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Hope to see you all there!
Community News

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Christmas Tree Sale

10-2pm 5th, 12th & 19th Dec. Trees $60. Stands $45. Order Online

order online www.6thMelbourneScouts.org.au

6th MELBOURNE SCOUT GROUP, 55 McCracken Street Kensington

The City of Melbourne's last remaining Scout Group

FRENCH CLUB @ KPS!

MONDAYS 3:45-4:30 in the library

All ages welcome - Contact Marie for a free trial!

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS!

FOR KIDS AGED 9+
10AM-3:30PM $240

MAKE A STOP MOTION MOVIE IN 3 DAYS!

HAWTHORN LIBRARY, JAN 11TH-13TH
KENSINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE. JAN 18TH-20TH
SPAN COMMUNITY HOUSE (Thornbury) JAN 14TH-16TH

0400 058 604 alex@animachin.com

www.animachin.com

Contact Marie Niclair for more information;
0422 557 076
marie.niclair@lcfclubs.com.au
www.lcfclubs.com.au
BIG BOOK SALE

(A bag of books for $5!)

Saturday 5th December,

9.30am-12.30pm

Christ Church Opportunity Shop,
cnr Mt. Alexander Rd & Marco Polo St. North Essendon.
CHAOS TO CALM LIVE SEMINAR WORKSHOP

OUR LIVE PARENTING SEMINAR IS UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE AVAILABLE IN THE PARENTING COMMUNITY. THIS EVENT IS NOT ABOUT HOW TO CONTROL YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR. IT’S ABOUT HOW TO CONTROL YOURS!

JOIN US TO LEARN HOW TO GET TO THE CORE OF YOUR PARENTAL STRESS, CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS AND FIND YOUR INNER CALM.

PRESENTED BY: MOTHER, COUNSELOR AND AUTHOR JACKIE HALL WITH MC: 91.9 SEA FM BREAKFAST RADIO HOST JESS EVA

MELBOURNE
SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 2015
VENUE: RYDGE'S ON SWANSTON, CARLTON
TIME: 9:00AM - 5:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 8AM)

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