We will be implementing a new sign in/sign out book for students and visitors next week. An iPad and printer will be located in the school foyer to electronically record your presence in the school. All students arriving after 9.10am must come to the office to collect their late slip. We also remind parents to sign in when visiting the school to help with reading or classroom activities.

**Excursion to the 100 Story Building**
Throughout the past week all the students in Year1/2 have visited the 100 Story Building in Footscray where they have participated in narrative writing workshops. The students have really enjoyed using their illustration and imagination skills to create settings, characters and ideas for their story writing. The excursion has really complimented the writing program being implemented in the ½ classrooms this term.
**Curriculum Day**
The staff engaged in a day of professional learning on Tuesday. A good part of the day was devoted to discussing, planning and actioning the key improvement strategies in our 2016 Annual Implementation Plan. In particular the focus was on further developing the teachers’ competencies in using the e5 model to strengthen their teaching and learning in Inquiry; the implementation and analysis of a new spelling assessment; preparation for a staff presentation to further develop knowledge and skills on emotional coaching and teaching students to develop the skills of persistence, determination and ability to take risks and learn from mistakes through having a growth mindset. There was a session on Occupational Health & Safety as well as report writing. The day concluded with all staff successfully completing a 90-minute practical CPR assessment.

**Working Bee Saturday May 14th**
We will be having a working bee on **Saturday May 14th** between 9-12 midday to spruce up the school in preparation for Education Week and our Open Day Tours for prospective families on Tuesday May 17th.

Come along and lend a hand if you have a spare hour or two! We need your help to sweep paths, weed and trim some of the garden beds and generally tidy up.

**Cooking and Gardening Program**
Prep D very much enjoying the wonderful opportunity to be involved in the cooking and gardening program this week. Thanks to all the parent helpers who came to assist and join in the fun.
EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary School Attendance
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. An attendance rate of more than 95% is the most beneficial for your child. This means no more than 10 days absence per year, preferably less. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

If your child is sick
Home is the best place for a really sick child. A child who is ill cannot cope with school activities and may infect others. We ask you NOT to send sick children to school because we do not have staff to look after them. If your child is ill at school, you, or your emergency contact will be informed to come and collect your child and take them home.

Julie Stephens
Acting Principal
Nurture and Nourish – Supporting Wellbeing in the Kitchen

Most people in the school community know about our kitchen garden program that happens each Wednesday. Each week one grade releases their creative spirit to cook and garden together, learning about where food comes from, how to prepare and share nourishing meals and how productive communities can be.

Lesser known are the Tuesday and Thursday breakfast sessions and Thursday cooking. The breakfast sessions are open to all students and are very popular. There is extensive research about the importance of a healthy breakfast to support learning and there are many reasons why breakfast becomes a hard meal to have – busy lives, rushed mornings, sleep ins happen to us all. More than this, however, a quick stop in the Plantmania kitchen on the way to class, also allows a moment to settle into the day, to regulate emotions and to build connections. I really value this opportunity to check in with students and share their stories. A big thankyou to parents who provide support for this program. This is what enables connections to occur in amongst the busy tasks of preparing food.

Thursday cooking sessions are also open to EVERYONE. They happen before school, at recess and lunch time each Thursday. This program started several years ago with a grant from the City of Melbourne and has become an important part of the school’s wellbeing program. Students come before school to knead dough, chop vegetables and prepare drinks. At recess time we form the dough into whatever type of bread we are making that day and continue to prepare the soup, pizza toppings, scones, curry or cake that we will share together at lunchtime. This term we have made enough food each week for about one hundred students to share. It is busy and fun in the kitchen on Thursdays with a warm feeling of working together to make food for each other. Everyone is welcome, everyone belongs. If you would like to know more, please contact me martin.melissa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Melissa
Student Wellbeing
Hello families,

Last week saw our first session of Play On Footy. The coach, Louise, was great and those that took part really enjoyed it. The sessions will run every Monday for the next 7 weeks. There are some places available! If you would like your child to take part please go to playonsports.com.au/register and save your place!

This week we will be focusing on Pirates for our theme. Arrrrghhh matey! The children will be designing and making their own pirate ships. Also, what would a pirate be without his trusty parrot!? Once we’re ready we’ll start looking for that treasure I left somewhere around here.

” Has anyone seen my map? It has a big X on it?”

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

We had a wonderful day at the Cross Country Championships last Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April. The students were buzzing with nervousness and excitement leading up to the venue. Most of the team needed a toilet stop before we made our way down to the assembly area. We were prepared for the new Cross Country track and we were lucky enough to get a bird’s eye view of the track, from where we were dropped off. Everyone was supportive of each other and there was some real team work happening.

Juliet TS started our winning streak by coming first in her race, Hazel following 6\textsuperscript{th} in the same race. Eve, Molly & Jiaxin running at their own pace and finishing the race. An achievement in itself. Everyone completed their race and congratulations to Finn C, Michael K, Will R, Ruby W, Genevieve G, Noah H, Stacy C, Yoav, Yvonne M, Mohamed F, Julian, Yuuki & Osman who came in the top 15\textsuperscript{th} places. KPS came 3\textsuperscript{rd} overall in the Cross Country Championships.

Good luck to Hazel, Juliet, Finn, Genevieve, Stacy, Mohamed, Julian, Yuuki & Osman who will be competing at the Division Cross Country on Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} May @ Brimbank Park.

Here are some of the student’s thoughts.

“Before the race I felt nervous, a bit tempted to turn back, but I went on.

Couple of times I felt like stopping but kept on running.

During the race I felt adrenaline rush through my body and I was proud of myself for doing the race...I was proud of myself for coming 13 out of 60 people.
During the race I focused on what I trained and kept my pace. At the end I gave it all I had.

I felt proud of myself for pushing my hardest. It was a great experience for me.

I was very tired during it but at the end I was tired and very proud of what I had achieved.

After the race I felt like jelly.

After the race, I felt a sense of achievement because I finished 3km, I was disappointed because I was 1 off from going to the next round and surprised that I did so well.

After the race, I felt disappointed because I didn’t get in but I was happy that my friends did.”

Thank you to Hayley who assisted us on the day.

Yours in Sport,

Nuccia
ARTS WEEK 2016

TERM 3 - JULY 25-29

Save the date.

Last year we enjoyed the whole school performance. This year we are treated to the KPS Whole School Arts Week. This happens every three years. In previous years it has taken the form of a visual arts exhibition or show.

2016 has a whole new approach…. a week of art making and community connectedness.

Planning is well underway, more news to follow so stay posted!

Do you make art? Let your classroom teacher know of your skills and interests. Later in the term teachers will be thinking and planning a week of classroom art making. We would love you to share your experiences with our students. They might even be able arrange a visit to the place where you make art, or perhaps you could bring some of it to us, or some photos?

Linda Weisser
Coordinator of Arts Week
weisser.linda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due back today. We will accept orders until tomorrow so please make sure your child brings their order to the teacher or the office before recess on Friday 29th April. Happy reading

Thanks
Bron & Sue
ADULT GARDENING MORNINGS

Did you know that every 2 weeks we have a morning of adult gardening to support the school’s kitchen/gardening program?

We meet after drop off in the Plantmania garden and enjoy a social and productive couple of hours followed by a coffee. It is a great way to meet other parents and you don’t need to be a gardening expert. Also, don’t worry if you can’t stay for the full 2 hrs, whatever time you can give is appreciated.

The next gardening session is on Thursday 5th May. We alternate each fortnight between the Thursday and the Tuesday so the one after that will be Tuesday 17th May.

If you have any queries or would like to be added to the email reminder list then send me your details, or just turn up.

sharynolive@gmail.com

I hope to see you there

Class Catch Ups

It’s happening, better late than never....

Please come to the

1/2D Class Catch Up

This Saturday April 30th  1.30pm – 3.30pm

Ron Barassi Park at the end of Docklands Drive

Bring some food or drink to share

Lets hope for some nice weather or we will have to postpone

See you there

Sophie (Elena’s Mum)  0415 258 139
Assembly Roster

Next Monday 2nd May, 1/2M will be leading assembly. This is a change due to the Anzac public holiday on Monday.
3/4C are rostered on for the following Monday.
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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
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Do you or someone you know need a short term house rental?

Our 4 bedroom home in McConnell Street, Kensington is available between 30 July – 15 November 2016 (minimum 4 week stay)

The house is renovated and comes fully furnished with all utilities included.

If interested please call Tanya on 0424 488 294 for further information.
KIDS CLASSES

Free Trial Lesson!

All kids enjoy hitting a ball and are keen to learn basic tennis skills. This course is suitable for children who are new to tennis. This course allows them to learn the basics.

Cost: $9.00 a session

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

Cost: $12.50 a session