If your child is sick with vomiting or diarrhoea please keep them at home for a 24hour period following the last symptoms. This will help prevent the spread of infection within the school.

There have been several cases of headlice reported to the school throughout the grades. Early detection is the best way to avoid an outbreak so it is important for parent to regularly check your child’s hair and treat when necessary to help prevent the spread of headlice in the school. For more information please visit www2.health.vic.gov.au.
Naplan - National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 students will be held next **Tuesday May 10th, Wednesday May 11th and Thursday May 12th.** This is a national test, which gives a snapshot of each student’s ability in Literature and Numeracy compared to all other students in the same year level around Australia. We encourage parents to ensure their children have a good night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast and arrive at school on time to give them every opportunity to do the best they can.

Naplan will assess the students’ skills in four areas - reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy. These are the skills every child needs to help them progress through school and succeed with future work and study opportunities.

These national test results provide information on how your child is progressing and performing in the key areas of literacy and numeracy and also help to support improvements in teaching to benefit your child.

For more information on NAPLAN, including guidelines, sample tests and material for parents, see: NAPLAN
For more information on what your child will learn at different stage of school, see Stages of Learning

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| 2. **Know that stress is your body’s way of getting ready to take on a challenge and perform at your best.**
  “Stress can help us to perform at high levels - as long as we know how to keep it in check” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist. |
| 3. **Write down your concerns about the upcoming test as questions – and then write answers to those questions.**
  “Just writing out your fears, getting them out of your head and onto some paper helps you to gain some perspective” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist. |
| 4. **Focus on doing your best with the questions in front of you, rather than thinking about how you did in past tests.**
  “Performance in any area requires presence- focus on what you have to do right now” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist. |
| 5. **If you breathe out and count silently, “one thousand, two thousand, three thousand”, you will start to feel calmer.**
  “The part of our calming system is activated when we breathe out slowly” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist. |
| 6. **Maintaining a powerful posture sends a signal to your brain that tells it you are feeling in charge of things.**
  “Your brain is extremely clever but it can also be pretty stupid. It believes what you tell it. If you hold a power posture your brain notices and decides that you’re feeling fine and lowers the levels of stress” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist. |
| 7. **Eat breakfast – a mix of protein (like eggs) and carbohydrates (like toast).**
  “Usually a higher protein, lower carbohydrate mix increases memory, concentration and energy” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist. |
| 8. **Drink water. Avoid energy drinks, which may interfere with your levels of concentration.**
  “Energy drinks increase your levels of adrenaline making you feel wired. If you are feeling stressed you are better to drink water as it reduces your levels of cortisol- the stress hormone” Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist. |
Building Cubbies

It’s been a busy and fun time in the yard for this group boys who have spent a number of recess breaks and lunchtimes constructing this fabulous cubby/shelter using off cuts from the tree that was recently removed. Lots of planning, talking, negotiating, problem solving and team work was required during the construction phase. They are very proud of their efforts and of course, the final result.

Working Bee Saturday May 14th 9:00am – 12noon **We Need Your Help**

We will be having a working bee on Saturday May 14th between 9-12midday to spruce up the school in preparation for Education Week 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 garden beds along Epsom Rd and McCracken St school entrance
- Weed, sweep and trim shrubs in the carpark
- Spread mulch on the garden beds
- Top up the softfall in each of the playgrounds
- Move rubbish from around the dumper
- generally tidy up.

**Bring along tools such as wheelbarrows, brooms, rakes, snippers and gardening gloves etc…**

Education Week OPEN DAY

We are currently preparing for the school’s Education Week Open Day, which will take place on Tuesday 17 May. There will be two sessions for prospective parents to tour the school – at 9.15 am and again at 7 pm. If you would like to help out on one of the tours, please contact the Office or speak to Danni or Julie directly.

Boards are up in prominent places around Kensington advertising the day and committee members have also distributed posters and flyers around local businesses and kindergartens.

**Julie Stephens**
**Acting Principal**
Lunchtime activities and clubs run weekly at KPS. Teachers use their lunchtimes to organize and implement a wide range of extra curricula activities for the students. Activities provide wonderful opportunities for students across grade levels to interact with each other and form new friendships.

I visited the construction club run by Kay in the library to find many students busily in the throes of building and design. The lunch time clubs are taken from suggestions by the students themselves through the SRC and class meetings, and then facilitated by teachers over lunch breaks. I spoke to a few who attended who had this to say:

_“I loved how the blocks actually stuck together!”_ Kaidin 1-2R

_“It’s full of games, I’m using this...I’m not sure what it is?!”_ Sophie 1-2K

_“You get to build stuff with other people, you meet new people. I met Aliyah today when I played with the Lego.”_ Cindy 3-4A

_“You can let your imagination build anything you want. Never stop imagining! You can thank Albert Einstein for that!”_ Teah 5-6H

**Cubby Building**
Arts Week 2016
Term 3 - July 25-29

Save the date.

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.

During arts week, art will be investigated and made by every class every day for a week. At the end of the week whatever has been worked on will be exhibited in each classroom alongside some work made in the art program this year. Family, friends and community members will be invited to an open afternoon to come and see what’s been happening - Friday afternoon 29th July

Mark this date, tell grandparents, family & friends!

Stay posted for more details.

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

Now in exhibition- Colour theory.

The preps have been learning that colours have opposites. When you put them next to each other it makes the strongest contrast.

We studied the Russian painter and musician Kandinsky. Come and in enjoy our work in exhibition on the walls near the prep rooms and our side the staff room.
Transition to Grade 7 for 2017

By now you would have received your child’s information pack and application form for Secondary school. This is a very important document which requires your attention. The application form must be completed and returned to KPS by Friday 13th May 2016.

Thanks
Kim

TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 6, 2016

A significant part of the secondary school transition process relies on student address and contact information being accurate. Please contact the school office on 9376 6013 if/when details need updating throughout the year.

Kim, Hayley, Rachel and Vivienne.
HAWAIIAN LAU CELEBRATION IN THE MUSIC ROOM

Last term all 6 grade 3/4 students had a Lau celebration in the music room. Students came dressed in Hawaiian clothes and many brought along tropical themed food. Each class had the opportunity to sing islander music, practice the moves of the Hula, make Hawaiian Leis, play the ukulele, make palm trees and use the Hula hoops. Each class was treated to a platter of tropical fruit to try.

Music Teacher Brooke was also very impressed with the classes skills on the ukulele. Students have learned to play the chords G, C, A7 and D7 as a group which are all in the Hawaiian song 'Pearly Shells'. Students also learned that Hawaii is a state of American and that it's islands were formed because of Volcanic activity.
Hello families,

Last weeks pirate theme was a great success with some amazing parrots and other pirate paraphernalia being made by the children.

This week we are going footy mad! We will be making banners, footy pitches and ladders to compliment the AusKick footy training which has started at OSHClub on Mondays.

Now here’s Jenna Fraser for our weekly joke:

‘What did the mama corn say to the baby corn?........Where’s popcorn!?’

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

LIBRARY HELPERS NEEDED

The school has purchased many new books for the school library and classroom libraries. They have been catalogued.

I am now seeking some help for book covering and stamping of books, so that these great books can be put on the shelves for borrowing.

At the moment I have one wonderful parent who helps in the library on Wednesday afternoon with shelving, covering, stamping etc.

If you are able to help in any way please come and see me at the school office or email me on: kensington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone on: 9376 6013

Thanks

Sylvia Tollit
Library Technician

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Tasim 1/2R
Trying really hard with his recount writing

Juliette 1/2D
Exceptional story writing

Nathan 1/2F
For excellent participation during discussions in music class. Well done!

Shakira
Excellent head chef role in Thursday cooking

Tahlia 3/4D
Being kind, caring, thoughtful class member

Kayla 3/4A
Helping to find library books for our inquiry

Charlie 3/4S
Being a cheerful and considerate self

Sen 5/6V
Creating a very long list of words when brainstorming

Hussein 3/4C
Working like a mathematician by making a diagram of calendar when solving problems. Well done.

Hazem 5/6H
Being a respectful team member who listens to other people’s ideas and acts as a leader instead of a boss

Conor 5/6V
Showing great leadership through peer support

Nyanker 1/2L
Creating a thoughtful class meeting question about friendship for discussion.

Tyler 5/6R
Showing persistence and fantastic problem solving skills when using bidmas
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Grubbies

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!!

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 17th May. We alternate each fortnight between the Thursday and the Tuesday. 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
Prep L get-together

Come along and catch up with parents and children from Prep L.

Join us in the park for a play and a chat. Bring some food or drink to share if you can.

Siblings very welcome! We will reschedule if it is raining.

Please call Verity (Isadora’s mum) on 0417 346 430 if you have any questions.

J J Holland park playground, Altona Street Kensington

Sunday 8 May 2016       3.00 – 4.30pm

Community Announcement

Moonee Valley is offering a FREE Food Handling Course next Tuesday 10 May between 12pm-5pm at the Flemington Community Centre.

If you are interested in running a fundraising or community event and don't currently have the relevant food handling requirements then this course is for!

Contact Connie on 8325 1815 or cd'souza@mvcc.vic.gov.au for more information.
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!
Muffin and Fruit Morning Tea
Monday 16th May 2016

The Funraising Committee are organising a morning tea fundraiser on
Monday 16th May

For just $4.00 children can order a muffin and a piece of fruit

Order forms on paper bags have been sent home today

Please indicate your preference of fruit and muffin on the paper bag

Orders need to be returned with payment to class teachers by

Wednesday 11th May.

Don’t miss out

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KPS 2nd Hand Uniforms

Need more uniform items this winter for only $5.00 each? (proceeds to KPS)

The 2nd hand uniform shop is bursting at the seams with good quality items. Lots of jumpers, tops, pants, skirts and dresses

SPECIAL OPENINGS:

Monday 16th May 2016 8.45 – 9.45 am
Tuesday 17th May 2016 2.45-3.45 pm
Wednesday 18th May 2016 8.45 – 9.45 am

(in the Gathering Space)

For other times contact Sue 0418549612 or contact the KPS office
The Department of Education & Kensington Primary School do not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by the Department of Education or Kensington.
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.

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Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

Kensington Neighbourhood House is currently working toward creating a Reconciliation Action Plan.

An essential first step in this journey is to recognise and consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our community.

If you would like to be involved in a working group to help us begin our journey toward reconciliation, please contact us before May 27th 2016 to express your interest.
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Dear community of children and families,
City of Melbourne Council has ended the 37 year tenure of The Venny.

Council has selected the large international development and aid organisation 'Save the Children' to be the new operations managers.

Our co-created community run and managed place will no longer be able to operate. The Venny has to wind up on June 30th and many staff leaving.

We are so very sad. This was not our choice or decision. It is solely that of The City of Melbourne.

The Venny will wind up on June 30

We will be around until then and making the most of our final weeks with the kids.

In order to come to grips with this decision and to honour the need to express how we feel we will host a Community Day at The Venny on Sunday May 15th from 1pm for a BBQ and to have support.

We will also have a Winter Solstice Lantern Vigil to say goodbye and light up The Venny for the last time on Tuesday June 21. Kids can make lanterns at The Venny over the coming weeks.

Please join us.

Vale The Venny.