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### Upcoming Events

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**Did you know??**

In Term 4 hats are compulsory – we do not have “spare” hats to give to the children who have forgotten their own.

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Welcome Back

Hope all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the more relaxed way of being. The children certainly enjoyed lots of experiences and were very happy to share what they’d done. Lots of the children said they had some exciting times with their grandparents which was lovely to hear.

Leaving the School

If you are aware that you will be leaving the school any time soon (not grade 6’s) can you please let Julie, myself or your class teacher know so that we can use this knowledge in constructing grades for next year.

Curriculum Day

The Curriculum Day for term 4 will be the Friday before Cup Day, October 30th. The Care program will run if there are sufficient numbers to do so. Please let Rebecca know asap so staffing can be arranged.

Sunsmart

Don’t forget that in terms 1 and 4 students must wear suitable broad brimmed hats when at play or during any outside activities. Children who don’t have hats will be asked to sit under the shade area outside the canteen. Children who do not have a hat will not be able to compete in interschool sports. Fortunately over the past couple of years the sunsmart message appears to have sunk in and the majority of children are wearing hats as a matter of course, which is great. It is far too dangerous not to be doing so. Please ensure names are clearly marked on hats as they are often misplaced. Decorating them with ribbon or something that quickly identifies the hat can be a good idea.

Air Pollution and Asthma: Time to Clear the Air!

Indoors:

Cigarette smoke, formaldehyde/resins (present in many building materials), volatile organic compounds (present in many paints, cleaning agents, floor coverings) are sources of indoor air pollution.

Choose building materials, paints, and furniture that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds. Leave windows open after new buildings are constructed and avoid using strong smelling cleaning products when people are at the school. For more information about air pollution and asthma, please contact

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria at

www.asthma.org.au or on 1800-ASTHMA (278 462).
Bounce Back Humour

A little light humour can lighten the mood. Children can use humour as a way to defuse a tense situation and create a positive mood for social interactions. We all enjoy a good chuckle.

Bounce Back – Success

The next few weeks in Bounce Back we focus on learning skills that are linked to being successful in learning and in life. Being successful is about learning to notice your strengths and work with them, planning and setting goals and being persistent. Developing good organisational skills and strategies and trying hard are all important aspects of success.

When we come to know our character strengths and use these in our daily lives, it helps us to increase our resilience and bring our ‘best selves’ with us. Character strengths are different from skills and talents, they have intrinsic value. For example, having good hand-eye coordination is a talent, persistence is a strength. When we notice and develop our children’s character strengths it increases wellbeing as these strengths are part of who we are. Research indicates that individuals who know and use their character strengths find more satisfaction in their relationships, have greater engagement in life and have better success at reaching their goals. If you are interested in finding out what your signature strengths are, try the survey at https://www.viacharacter.org/survey/account/register

Three acronyms – STAR (Prep – 2) and CHAMP (3-4) and WINNERS (5/6) are used to help students remember the skills needed for success.

Stick with it and don’t give up
Think about yourself – what are you good at? How do you know?
Always make a plan
Remember to try hard, work hard and have a go.

Challenge yourself, set a goal and make a plan
Have a go, take a risk
Always look for and use your strengths
Mistakes help you learn. Don’t be afraid to make them.
Persist and put in effort. Don’t give up.

What are your strengths? (And what is your evidence?)
Interesting mistakes will happen. (So don’t be afraid to make them and learn from them)
No effort, no results. (No one achieves anything important without hard work and self discipline)
Never give up (well hardly ever). See obstacles as problems to be solved.
Ethics and honesty must be the rule (or it’s not worth it)
Risk taking is sometimes necessary. (But think about it first and be prepared).
Smart goal setting helps you plan and succeed.

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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A six session parenting program for parents of primary school aged children

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Kensington Primary School

When: Term 4 2015.
Beginning Monday October 19th, 7pm.
Bookings essential - $80 for the six weeks

Facilitator: Melissa Martin (Wellbeing Officer)

Contact: martin.melissa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or 0412773942
Kensington Primary School Newsletter

Kensington Primary School
Program of Inquiry– Term 4, 2015

Prep

BIG IDEA:
Rules are made to keep us safe

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS:
• Members of a community have rules and responsibilities
• Rules can be improved
• Values are important to everyone

KEY QUESTIONS:
• Why do we need to be safe?
• Why do we need rules?
• What is a good risk and a bad risk?
• What sorts of rules keep us safe?

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BIG IDEA:
Observable changes occur in the sky and landscape

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS:
• The appearance of the moon and stars from earth changes over time.
• The occurrence of day and night is because of the behaviours of Earth in relation to the sun.
• The sun affects the movement of shadows throughout the day.
• Weather change is impacted by many factors, including the seasons of the year.

KEY QUESTIONS:
• What is in the sky above us?
• What causes day and night?
• What causes the seasons?
• Why does the moon’s appearance change?
• How does change in the climate affect us and our lives?

3–4

BIG IDEA:
Safety skills and strategies can keep us safe at home and in the community

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS:
• Family structures, roles and responsibilities determine how families show affection and care for each other
• Physical and social components in the local environment contribute to personal wellbeing and identify how health services and products address the health needs and concerns of people living in the local community
• Basic safety skills and strategies at home, school and in the community help individuals to recognise and avoid harmful situations

KEY QUESTIONS:
• How do understanding potential risks and harmful situations help us to use basic safety skills and strategies at home, school and in the community?
• How do the physical and social components in the local environment contribute to personal wellbeing?

5–6

BIG IDEA:
The human body changes over time

KEY UNDERSTANDINGS:
• Puberty is a time when people undergo many changes: physical, emotional and behavioural.
• The body’s reproductive system develops and matures.

KEY QUESTIONS:
• How do we grow and change throughout our lives?
• Why is it important to keep our body systems healthy?
• What things affect our bodies in positive or negative ways?
• How do our choices affect our health?
• Why do people sometimes make poor choices?
• How do we change during puberty?
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The City Of Melbourne, Kensington Primary School staff, students, parents and your School Crossing Supervisor have identified a number of safety issues at the school crossing in McCracken Street.

Your Principal, Mark Ryan, the School Council and I would like to remind you that if you drive children to and from school, it is very important that you adhere to the current signage in the street and in particular, “No Stopping Signs” that are on both sides of the school crossing.

When a school crossing is in operation and the flags are displayed you must not stop a vehicle within 20 meters before the crossing or within 10 meters after the crossing. These are the safest minimum distances from crossings as determined by Vic Roads and they are clearly marked with “No Stopping Signs”.

The signs also have times displayed on them.

“No Stopping”

8 – 9.30am 3 – 4.00pm

Mon – Fri

SCHOOL DAYS ONLY

It is an offence to stop in these areas between the stated times.

To avoid stopping illegally or dangerously you could park your vehicle further away from the school and walk with your child to the school entrance when dropping them off or walk from your vehicle to the school when picking them up. This is also a way to avoid a Parking Infringement Notice for stopping/parking illegally.

The City Of Melbourne will continue to work closely with Kensington Primary School to address parking and safety issues. After the school holidays, I will be sending parking officers to monitor the crossing. If the situation does not improve, the officers will use photographic evidence and an infringement notice may be issued to you “On-the-spot” or posted to you via Australia Post.

The safety of our children and their School Crossing Supervisor is paramount. Please be a responsible driver.

For more information about parking and road rules, call City Of Melbourne on 9658 9658 or visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/parking

Warm Regards,

Waldemar (Val) Gorecki | Acting School Crossing Assistant Coordinator | On-street Compliance Services | City Planning and Infrastructure

City of Melbourne | Council House 2, 240 Little Collins Street Melbourne 3000 | GPO Box 1603 Melbourne 3001
IMPORTANT NOTICE

AMENDMENTS TO THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR 2016

School Council have approved the collection of the school fees for 2016 to be paid THIS YEAR by the 20TH NOVEMBER 2015.

Library and Building Voluntary Contributions can be paid in 2016. More information will be provided to families in February next year.

Invoices will be sent out to families on the 8th October 2015. Book packs will be distributed to the children on the first day of school in 2016.

Fees for 2016 are now $330.00. The slight increase of $30.00 is the ICT (Information and communications technology) levy which has been set by School Council to upgrade and maintain ICT equipment such as laptops, computers, ipads, kindles and software. Having more access to ICT equipment enhances learning opportunities for our students and to be continually updated with the latest technology.

KPS String Ensemble

Dear String Ensemble students,

Thank you for your wonderful performances on the last day of term, and thank you to the parents for providing delicious treats for our breakfast concert!

This is just to let you know that Strings will start rehearsals in week 2 this term Friday 16th October at 8:20 as I am unable to be at school this Friday.

Research University: School Programs, Food and Families

Hi, I’m still looking for families to talk to about the food programs here at Kensington Primary School. The interviews will run for around 20/30 minutes and be voice recorded. I am happy to fit in around your schedule. We will also provide Mark with a report on our findings, so it would be great to give him some valuable feedback on the programs.

If you are interested you can contact me on 0409 745 453 or ask your child to let Kay know.

Thanks, Dr Fiona MacDonald
Research Manager
School Programs, Food and Families
Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Education
Monash University, Vic 3800

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Community News

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.
The Entertainment Book: You will find hundreds of ideas to keep everyone ‘Entertained’ during the school holidays with an Entertainment™ Membership. Packed with over $20,000 worth of valuable offers for hotels and resorts, travel, attractions, dining, shopping and more.

Plus, order before 30 September 2015 and you'll receive FREE postage!

Purchase your Entertainment™ Membership from Kensington Primary School again to support their fundraising efforts this year

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What: Soccer Tournament involving games and a round robin
Participants: Children aged 6-12 years from local primary schools and soccer clubs
Where: Ballarat Rd, Footscray VIC 3011 (Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus)
When: 24 October 2015, Saturday 10am - 12pm
Purpose: To promote sport, soccer specifically and promote and encourage being active and healthy

It's a free event including food. We will be providing snacks such as fruit and also lunch afterwards for the kids. Tea, Coffee, hot chocolate will also be provided for the parents/guardians. Prizes will also be given out to kids.
At the moment we targeting a few sponsors to help with the finances of the event and also help out with the food and prizes. Sponsors such as Subway, Coles, Aldi, IGA, AMF Bowling and Laser Skirmish, Kmart, Party Shack, Maples Cafe and Happy River Cafe.

If this event is something the primary school and the children would be interested in then we have registration forms and flyers to give out.

If you have any further questions please email me brayden.kimpton@live.vu.edu or contact me on 0411197751.
We look forward to hearing back from you.
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TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Saturday 10 October

Doors open 6:30pm for a 7:30pm start

$25 each (8 people per table)

FLEMINGTON & KENSINGTON BOWLING CLUB

BYO nibbles
Drinks available at bar prices

** Trivia hosted by Quiz Meisters
** Live and silent auction to raise $5 for KCCC
** And much, much more!

Purchase tickets online at
www.trybooking.com/155208
or contact KCCC - 9376 4565
Young Stars

Victoria – 7th & 8th November 2015

*Camping with your son in the bush
*Putting your tent up together
*Playing games, laughing, having fun together with other boys and dads
*Open fires, stars and stories
*Others doing the cooking and organizing
*Precious undistracted time to revel in the joy and exuberance of – your boy being a boy with you, his hero!

For boys aged 6 to 10 years old and their father or male mentor

How Much?
$300 per pair covers food, staff, venue & all materials

Accommodation?
Camping - BYO tent

Will there be Food?
Yes, it's all provided

Also...
Young Stars is a mobile phone and ‘work stuff’ free zone!

Testimonial
“My son and his grandfather have just returned home ... Nathaniel was filthy, smelly, exhausted and HAPPY! My dad on the other hand, had a tear in his eye ... He was moved by the whole experience and impressed that he and my son were not made to feel like the odd one out (not being father and son)... With so many thanks” Kelli G.

Pathways Foundation Ltd
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T: 1300 850 766  Fax: 02 8221 0474
E: admin@pathwaysfoundation.org.au
www.pathwaysfoundation.org.au
Gather your family & friends and get ready to test that noggin!

Get a table of 10 together.

Date: Saturday 17th October
Time: 6.30 (for a 7pm start) until 11pm
Place: Mount Alexander College

BVO Hamper. Drinks at bar prices. Leave the kids at home (18+).
Tickets $25 each.