## Upcoming Events

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We have numerous items of clothing, drink bottles, etc handed into lost property with no names so we are unable to return them. Please check all uniform and students personal items be clearly labelled with your child’s name. If you missing any items our lost property is located in front of the canteen.

**Winter Solstice Celebration is tonight**, Thursday 9th June from 5.30pm – 8pm in the KPS Gathering Space – All welcome

## Principals Report

**MMT Concerts**

It may have been a wet and miserable day last Sunday but inside the KPS hall the musical talents of our students were on display and being celebrated by an enthusiastic audience of proud parents, grandparents and families members. Five concerts were organized throughout the day showcasing the musical skills of students who learn an instrument at school through Melbourne Music Tuition (MMT). Entertainment consisted mostly
of solo student performances on violins, violas, cellos, guitars, drums, keyboards, flute and voice. Congratulations to the many students who performed so competently and confidently!

In two years MMT has grown from 2 teachers to 8 teachers from 39 students to over 150 students (and a waiting list!). With such numbers the MMT music program is now able create not only solo performance opportunities for students but also the opportunity to join future ensembles, orchestras and bands.
ICAS Mathematics Competition
A reminder to parents that students have the opportunity to be involved in the ICAS Mathematics competition. To enrol your child in ICAS please complete the registration form included in this newsletter and return it, with your entry fee, to the school office no later than **Thursday, June 16th**

**PLEASE NOTE: NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Students entering the ICAS Mathematics competition will be eligible to go into the draw for a participation prize. Prizes will be awarded to a boy and one to a girl at each unit level.

Playground Resurfacing … Starts next week!
The installation of the new astro turf surface commences next Tuesday and will take approximately three weeks to complete. Although areas of the playground will be restricted during the installation phase both the McCracken St entrance and Epsom Rd entrance will be open as usual until 9:15am and from 3:15 – 3:45pm.

Student Semester 1 Reports June17th
On **Friday June 17th** your child will bring home a large white envelope containing their Semester 1 Report. All government schools in Victoria report against the same state-wide standards in Years Prep to 10, giving parent’s a clear picture of their child’s progress.

Physically children grow and develop at different rates. This is also true of children’s progress academically. Sometimes children show periods of rapid development with their learning followed by periods of consolidation. During the consolidation phase children learn to apply their newly acquired skills and knowledge to a wide range of situations, deepening their understanding and enabling them to demonstrate this in a variety of ways.

It is important for parents to consider this when reading your child’s report, as your child may have spent some time in the consolidation phase of learning. As the reports are only programmed to reflect a standard six months growth, your child’s report may appear to indicate that he/she has not made any progress this semester. However, the reality is your child has continued to learn and consolidate their understandings but may have just fallen short of the standard six month’s growth.

Understanding the graphic section of the student reports (located on the inside cover of your child’s report)
What do the A-E ratings mean?
In every school:
‘C’ rating means that a student is at the expected standard at the time of reporting and that their learning is on track
‘B’ rating means that a student is above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
‘A’ rating means that a student is well above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
‘D’ rating means a student is below the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
‘E’ rating means a student is well below the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting

What do the dots and lines on the graphic show?
- The solid dot shows your child’s achievement for **June 2015**.
- The shaded vertical bar shows the expected level of achievement for your child’s year level for this time of the year.
3-way Conferences - Pupil Free Day
Monday, June 20th 8:30am - 6:00pm

Monday June 20th is a pupil-free day enabling teachers to conduct 3-way conferences throughout the day from 8:30am – 6:00pm. All students are expected to attend a 3-way conference with their parents and are active participants in the discussion, sharing their understandings about themselves as a learner and evaluating and reflecting on their learning and goals set at the beginning of the year. Goals for Semester 2 will also be negotiated during this time.

Please note: Fiona McIntosh (Yr 1/2M) and Luba Bojczuk (3/4L) will be holding their conferences with parents on Monday, July 18th, as both teachers will be on leave at the end of term 2.

Julie Stephens
Acting Principal

How to Book a Conference Time

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.
2. Enter the school Event Code Event Code: vjnvh
3. Then follow three simple steps

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close on Thursday, June 16th.

Interpreters will be booked if requested. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you require an interpreter.

Please contact the school if you have any queries.
Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

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

Would you like to take part in this program in term 3? Please contact Melissa if you are interested. Program will run in the evening for 6 weeks in term 3 at a cost of $80, if there is enough interest. Previous participants have said that as a result of attending the course: “I found I could see more clearly what was happening in my kids’ heads and hearts and have more tools to help with this.” “This is both a short term and a long term investment in a parenting style that have a life time of benefits while also having immediate gains in the positive effect it has had on our family.”

Email: martin.melissa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au and let me know the day / time that suits you best.

Sports News

KPS sent 9 students to the Division Cross Country Championships and the students were pleased with their achievements and totally surprised by the talent they met at the next level.

Juliet TS performed exceptionally well and came 4th in her Division Cross Country. She was our only student who proceeded to the Regional Cross Country. Juliet RACED on Wednesday and came ‘middle of the pack’. What a tremendous effort!

Good luck with your long distance running.

Nuccia
P.E. Co-ordinator”
Music News

Melbourne Music Tuition - Mid Year Concert

On Sunday June 5th Melbourne Music Tuition held five concerts in the K.P.S hall. Over 100 students performed at the concerts on instruments including guitar, piano, drums, violin, viola, cello, flute and voice. The performances highlighted the wonderful skills the students had gained during their musical tuition with MMT and how much each child had advanced since their last performance. Highlights included the guitar ensemble with their talented new teacher Eamon Roy who is a member of ‘Windari’ and the 'Eamon and Dudi' project, Tahlia Knaggs presenting MMT’s first flute performance and two family numbers with Marcella and Bess Martin on viola and violin followed by Cory and Genevieve Boardman performing 'The Rainbow Connection'.

Brooke Johnson
Performing Arts Coordinator

Strings News

STRINGS PERFORMANCES

Dear Parents,
Thank you for all of the support you have given to the String Ensemble this term. We really appreciate students regularly attending especially as the weather is becoming chillier!

We are preparing for 3 concerts! 😊😊😊
Concert One will be a Breakfast concert at 8:30 on Friday 17th June in the Hall. Please arrive at 8:20 to tune. Croissants and chocolate cake will be provided but please contact Brooke or Edwina if you would like to bring anything else to share.

There will be no rehearsal on the last day of term Friday 24th June.

Concert Two: next term we have been invited to perform at GREOGORY LODGE on Friday 5th August (week 4) at 2:00. We will rehearse as usual in the morning and then meet in the music room at the start of lunch to walk down to Gregory Lodge.

Concert Three: the String Ensemble will be part of a very exciting music concert featuring ensembles from KPS at the Clocktower Theatre on Friday 2nd September. More details to follow – save the date!

Brooke and Edwina

Master Plan News

Update on the resurfacing and a new garden bed.

Members of the masterplanning group requested an audience at the last school council meeting held Monday evening, as the astro turf company has been instructed to lay the resurfacing flat with no cut out for the garden bed in the design. We put the case for the garden to edge and define the play spaces, provide shade and a windbreak. We told the story of the history of the developments over the last 3/4 of a year and the investigations made, the people we have had conversations with and the process we have worked through to get to this current version.

School council majority were in agreement with having the garden bed but would like the design to be adjusted. When the new design has been agreed upon, then work will begin, we hope term 3 or 4 this year. The trivia night monies raised this year will contribute to the cost of the garden.

Other good news is that finance and facilities is discussing setting aside a green budget each year to continue to improve greening the school.

And so the garden plan designing continues.....

Linda Weissner Master planning group.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Cormac  Prep D
Showing persistence and working hard to improve his writing
Mia 5/6R
Showing school values of being fair, caring about others and responsibility being the KPS girls soccer captain.
Cindy 3/4A
Showing confidence and persistence when reading announcements at assembly
Olivia 3/4D
Showing kindness and initiative by supporting a friend who was struggling.
Elissa 1/2F
For persevering with some tricky maths problems
Khadija  Prep H
Demonstrating confidence when presenting her Inquiry.
Shona 1/2R
Demonstrating our school values by making sure everyone is lining up safely.
Maryama 1/2R
Demonstrating our school values by being kind to others.
Mohamad Prep L
Making excellent progress with his handwriting.
Imogen 1/2K
For being a proactive member of the Student Representative Council (SRC).
Kiki 5/6H
For co-operating extremely well with her group when exploring subtraction mental strategies.
Cooper 1/2D
For being more positive in his approach to maths challenges.
Riley 5/6V
For making a greater effort in his learning.
Aanya 3/4M
For always putting 100% effort in to everything she does at school
Rules for school and student Challengers

All Kensington Primary School students are registered for the 2016 PRC students received their passwords and logins from their teachers this week.

1. You must register as a Challenger and keep a record of your reading on the Challenge website.  
   http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx

2. You must be a student in a year level from Prep to Year 10.

3. Before the closing date of the challenge:

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4. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.

5. Your online books must be verified as read by a coordinator.

6. All your information must be completed online before the KPS closing date of the challenge September 2nd 2016.
ICAS Mathematics Competition

Dear Parents,

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS Maths gives you broad insights into your child’s performance in Mathematics. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

Each student receives:
• an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
• an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
• login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
• a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
• the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

To learn more about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to the school no later than Thursday, June 16th. PLEASE NOTE NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Julie Stephens

ICAS PERMISSION FOR
2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Permission Form

Please return this form with payment to your child’s school no later than Thursday, June 16th.

I give permission for my child, _______________________________ of __________________________
Child’s name Class

to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Please complete if you would like your child to enter.

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Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

Please find enclosed total entry fee of $__________________

__________________________________________
Name of Parent/Guardian

__________________________________________
Date:

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Signature of Parent/ Guardian
WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

TONIGHT - 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!!

Hello families,

This week's theme is ‘Artful Antics’. We will be creating loads ofarty creations such as fantasy landscapes, funky sheep, flower pencil toppers and straw marble mazes! This was the last week for Auskick Play on Footy. I think it was a great success and the children seemed to really enjoy it. However, I would love to get the parents perspective! So if you have any feedback please feel free to drop in for a chat or email/text (details below).

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Now here’s Adrian Bonifacio for our weekly Riddle:

“What has 4 wings but cannot fly?........(See answer below)!”

**Molly Rawson also has a riddle she wanted to add:**

“Ten people are meeting at a restraint, they are all coming from 3 different directions and only one of them has an umbrella. Somehow they all get to the restraint at the same time but none of them get wet. How did they manage it?”

.....(See answer below)

From Gavin, Judy, Ryan, Claudia, Mel, Jack, Joanne and the team: We hope you have a good week!

Email: Oshclub.kensington@gmail.com

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**Community News**

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You are invited to:

**Winter Solstice Lantern Lighting Celebration...** Hosted by The Venny Inc.

The Venny kids and community will be lighting lanterns they have made as a beacon of hope for the future.

Celebrate The Venny’s future and the coming together of the local community. BYO candle/lantern. Food provided. If you are fasting for Ramadan you can break your fast with us.

5:30-8:00pm - Tuesday 21st June 2016

JJ Holland Park, 85 Kensington Rd Kensington
KICKIN’ GOALS

A 10 Week Program for 4-12 Yr Old Boys & Girls.
Incorporating FFA’s Small-Sided Games

Date: 16th July - 17th September 2016
Day: Saturday
Time: 9.30 - 11am
Venue: Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale (Mel Ref#: 28 C9)
Program: $180 (10 Weeks)
Gear: $100 (Inc. Uniform, Ball, Bag, Shin Pads, Water Bottle and Certificate)

CONTACT DINO: 0414 930 421 | www.kickinggoals.com.au

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