

KPS Office Update – 30th November 2017

ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Please note we will **NOT** be having a school assembly on **Friday 8th and 15th December**, this is due to our Swimming Program being held over the next two weeks.

Our final assembly for the year will be on **Friday 22nd December** beginning at 12:00 noon. The students will return to their classrooms following assembly and will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

OPEN CLASSROOMS & END OF YEAR FAMILY PICNIC – THIS FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Dear Parents Friends and Community members,

During the open afternoon on December 1st you are invited to tour the school and visit classrooms between 3.45 and 5.45: this includes the specialist programs.

- Performances around the school can be enjoyed from the performing arts program.
- Visual displays on interactive white boards from the Physical Education and Indonesian programs.
- Please note: although we have two art teaching spaces, *only the HOF art room will be open*. The grade 1-2 artwork, along with the grade 3-6 classes can be viewed in HOF art room that day. (Parents of Foundation students are welcome to visit; however, their children's work is on display in the Foundation classrooms.)

Special event

Come with your child to the HOF art room during the open afternoon 3.45- 5.45pm and experience art making for yourself. Paint a rock to take home. Families' welcome. (Children must be accompanied by an adult) NOTE this activity will close at 6.00pm.

Picnic

From 6pm – 8pm families are invited to attend our annual end of the year family picnic on the school oval. This is a wonderful occasion for the KPS community to catch up with or meet other parents in an informal relaxed environment to celebrate the end of 2017. Bring your picnic rug and pack picnic dinner. A sausage sizzle, drinks and icy poles will be on sale throughout the evening. Please note that this is an **ALCOHOL FREE EVENT**.

The weather forecast for tomorrow is unfortunately for rain and thunderstorms. However, we do know the weather bureau are not always accurate with their forecast and timing. An email will be sent to parents at 1.30pm tomorrow if the picnic is to be cancelled. The Open Classrooms will proceed as planned between 3.45pm and 5.45pm.

HELP NEEDED: PARENT HELPERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME DOWN AT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO HELP.

Performances at the End of Year Picnic

Dear Families,

There will be a number of musical performances at the end of year picnic on Friday 1st December. These will take place in the school hall. Please read on to find out if/when your child will take to the stage. *All those involved are requested to arrive in the school hall 15 minutes prior to their performance time.*

6pm: FL, FF and the Grade 6s will perform an encore of their assembly item 'ABCya Later.'

6:15pm: All grade 1-2 students will perform a massed number.

6:30pm: The Junior Choir will sing two songs.

6:45pm: The 3-4 Choir will sing two songs.

7:00pm: The Early Birds Choir will perform two original pieces, written by the students themselves.

Thank you in advance for attending and supporting some of the many talented performers at our school!

WHOLE SCHOOL INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

The children are all looking forward to the commencement of the swimming Program, which begins this coming Monday, December 4th. 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. 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.

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. Please be aware that teachers are on duty and need to focus on supervising students at all times.

Group	Grades	Depart School	Lesson Time	Return to School
Group 1	6M & FC	9:10	9:30	10:30
Group 2	6R & FE	9:40	10:00	11:00
Group 3	5F & FL	10:10	10:30	11:30
Group 4	5H & FF	10:40	11:00	12:00
Scheduled break for pool staff		11:30		
Group 5	5T & 4J	11:40	12:00	1:00
Group 6	4N & 12D	12:10	12:30	1:30
Group 7	4E & 12H	12:40	1:00	2:00
Group 8	3K & 12A	1:10	1:30	2:30
Group 9	3J & 12B & 12R	1:40	2:00	3:00
Group 10	3F & 12L & 12X	2:10	2:30	3:30

KPS BOOK FAIR

Don't forget that the Book Fair is running this week in our library until Friday 1st December.

The times are:

Mornings: Thursday & Friday 8:30 – 9:30am

Afternoons: Thursday 3:00 – 4:00pm and Friday 3:00 – 5:00pm

In conjunction with our Rainforest themed Book Fair, we are collecting old, broken, outdated mobile phones for recycling.

Recycling old mobile phones can help reduce mining in vulnerable rainforest areas and preserve habitat in parts of Africa.

A collection box is in the library this week at the Book Fair and in the office next week if you have any old phones to recycle.

2018 SCHOOL FEES

Coming soon to Kensington Primary School. Please look out for further information attached to your school fee invoice.

Qkr!

Pronounced “Quicker” is a payment application developed by Mastercard and will be our preferred payment method.

To put it simply, it is online shopping for school fees, school events, excursions, textbooks etc.



Book Pack Collection and Payment of School Fees

Families are asked to collect their child’s book pack and pay their school fees in the library on one of the bookselling days below. Please send your child’s book pack to school with your child on the first day of school Tuesday January 30th 2018 for Year 1 to Year 6 students. The Foundation students bring their book packs on Wednesday January 31st.

Payment letters will be sent home to parents on Tuesday 19th December 2017.

Bookselling / Collection Days 2018

- Tuesday 23rd January 2018 **9:00am – 1:00pm & 4:00 – 7:00pm**
- OR, Monday 29th January 2018. **11:30am - 4:00pm**

KPS IDOL

The Foundation children will be performing KPS Idol this Friday at lunchtime.

BIG CHILDCARE

As we transition to our new out of school care provider, parents are reminded that they need to complete a Big Childcare Enrolment Form before your child can be booked into the program. Enrolment Forms can be completed online. www.bigchildcare.com/enrol/

The Vacation Care program will operate for 3 weeks in January from Monday January 8th – Thursday January 25th. Friday January 26th is Australia Day (Public Holiday) Bookings are essential.

Monday January 29th is a curriculum day (pupil free). Please enrol your child in Big Childcare if you require childcare on the day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
December	Fri 1 st	9:00am 9:00 -11:00am 3:45 – 5:45pm 6:00 – 8:00pm	Adult Gardening Session Interschool Sport – Ascot Vale Home Game Open Classrooms Whole School Picnic
	Mon 4 th – Fri 15 th	6:00 – 7:00pm	Whole School Intensive Swimming Program School Council and dinner
	Tue 5 th		Year 6/7 Transition Day for students attending Government Schools in 2018
	Wed 6 th	9:00 – 11:00am	Year 6 Baking Fundraiser
	Mon 18 th	9:00am – 3:00pm	Year 6 Big Day Out
	Tue 19 th	11:30am – 1:00pm	Moving Up Day Reports sent home
	Wed 20 th	6:00 – 7:30pm	Year 6 Farewell
	Fri 22nd	12.00 noon 1:30pm	Final Assembly Term 4 Ends – children dismissed from classrooms.
January 2018	Tue 23 rd	9:00am – 1:00pm 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Book Pack Collection
	Mon 29 th	8:30am – 11:30am 11:30am – 4:00pm	DCS Uniform Shop open at KPS Book Pack Collection
	Tue 30 th		Term 1 commences – all students excluding Foundation students.
	Wed 31 st		All Foundation students commence Term 1