

KPS Office Update – 1st March 2019

Arrive to school on time.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

As a school we are monitoring students who are arriving to school **after the 9:00am** bell has rung. All students are asked to enter the classrooms at **8:50am** to ensure teaching commences at **9:00am**. Students arriving late are impacting the focus of the class as well as the teacher who would have commenced the lesson for the day.

Students arriving late:

- interrupt the learning of others
- interrupt the class teacher from the delivery of the lesson
- may need the lesson repeated or are confused as to what to do to engage in the learning task

We have had 127 students arriving late since the beginning of the school year, this is 127 interruptions to the learning. Families who are consistently late will receive an email, discussing the number of times the student/students have been late and how we can collaborate between home and school to assist with being on time. It is vital that children are ready to learn and that the teaching can start promptly at 9:00am without interruption. I look forward to a decrease in the number of students arriving late to school and an increase in the time spent actively teaching and learning.

Bridget

DROPPING OFF ITEMS

When you need to drop off an item to your child /children during school hours, please come to the office and we will organise for the item to be given to your child at a convenient time as to not interrupt their learning.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher Meetings are taking place on Tuesday 5th March, please note Specialist Teachers – PE, Art, Music and Indonesian are available , please book via www.schoolinterviews.com.au.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Ballot Papers were handed out to all students yesterday to bring home. Thank you to all so far who have handed in the Ballot Papers for the school council election. Please remember to **cast your vote**, you must:

- Make a clear mark beside the name of the candidate.
- Place the completed ballot paper in the envelope supplied, marked '*Please place ballot paper in this envelope*'. Seal this envelope and either:
 - a) Place the sealed envelope inside another envelope with the voter's name and address (your name and address) on the back and deliver or arrange to deliver it to the person authorized to receive and register votes, or, post it to reach the Principal, before closure of the ballot at 4:00pm on **THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2019**.
 - b) Between 8:00am and 4:00pm on any school day, including the day of closure of the ballot, place the envelope containing the completed ballot paper in the ballot box at the school office and print the voter's name and address (your name and address) in the register of voters.



PLEASE NOTE: You are welcome to return your ballot paper to the school via your child. **ENSURE** your ballot paper is in a sealed envelope. This envelope **MUST** be placed **INSIDE** a second envelope marked with the voter's name and address.

We have communicated with all teachers as to the number of envelopes sent home. If you believe you have not received the correct number contact your child's teacher.

GRUBBIES

For all those new to the school community and as a reminder to those familiar with the school, Grubbies is the name for the group of parents who volunteer time and energy to provide an environment for the kids to be with chooks, grow plants including vegies, and learn to cook and eat well. The Grubbies work with the fabulous teachers in the garden, in the kitchen and in the chookyard. Grubbies also help to create and maintain the gardens in the playground and around the school buildings.



Everyone is welcome to join and you are encouraged to be involved. The Grubbies activities are many and your role can be big or small - whether it be when your child is involved in the kitchen, helping with the watering in summer, attending working bees throughout the year, offering to help with composting, advising on pruning, helping set up the school 'farmer's markets' or attending regular adult gardening sessions. Please come along at any time - you do not have to know anything about gardens, chooks or food! Stay tuned to the newsletter for announcements. If you would like to be on the Grubbies email address list, please send your details.

Currently waterers are needed to keep the garden moist in these warmer months. Please let me know if you can assist in February or March – either one day or a regular day. All helps.

If you would like to join the mailing list to find out about activities, please contact me.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Proposed Curriculum Days need to be discussed at School Council. Once the dates and days are confirmed we will communicate to the school community.

March	Fri 1 st		District Swim Carnival Assembly (CANCELLED)
	Mon 4 th	6:00 – 8:00pm	School Council
	Tue 5 th	2:30 – 7:00pm	Parent Teacher Meetings
	Fri 8 th		Year 6 Interschool Sport v Ascot Vale PS - away
	Mon 11 th		LABOUR DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Wed 13 th		Harmony Day Sausage Sizzle orders due
	Fri 15 th	9:00am	Year 6 Interschool Sport v MPW Blue PS - away Assembly
	Tue 19 th	7:45am 5:00pm	Finance Sub Committee Meeting Policy Sub Committee Meeting
	Wed 20 th	8:00am 5:00pm 5:30 – 7:30pm	Facilities Sub Committee Meeting Harmony Day Sausage Sizzle Lunch for students Fundraising Sub Committee Meeting Harmony Picnic
	Fri 22 nd	9:00am	Year 6 Interschool Sport v MPW Gold PS - home
	Fri 29 th	9:00am	Year 6 Interschool Sport v Avondale Heights – away Assembly
	Sat 30 th	6:00pm onwards	KPS Lawn Bowls @Flemington-Kensington Bowls Club
April	Mon 1 st	6:00 – 7:00pm 7:00 – 8:00pm	Annual General Meeting – All welcome School Council
	Fri 5 th	1:30pm	Assembly End of Term 1
	Tue 23 rd		Term 2 commences
	Thu 25 th		ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



**INAUGURAL
KPS LAWN BOWLS NIGHT**

Saturday, March 30
6pm until late
Flemington-Kensington Bowls Club

\$30 per person
\$10 Snacks and BBQ dinner
Tickets and pre-orders available via QKR or school office

Raffle | Gold Coin Games | Drinks at bar prices | Grown ups only



**Come one and all to the
Kensington Women's Dinner 2019!**

**Thursday 7 March
from 7pm**

Venue:
'The Third Day'
290 Macaulay Road, Kensington
(near Macaulay station)

Drinks at bar prices (no BYO)

Food trucks available to purchase
food on the night.

No entry fee but registration is essential at
**Trybooking [www.trybooking.com/book/
event?eid=470683](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=470683)**
Otherwise Google Trybooking, choose 'Buy Tickets',
then search Kensington Women's Dinner.

As usual, there will be a march from the
Women's Peace Garden to the venue
as Kensington women and girls **reclaim
the streets!**

Leaving the Peace Garden at **6.30pm**,
you can also join the group at Kensington
Station (Bellair street side) from about
6.40pm and at Macaulay Station from
about 6.55pm.

It is fun to arrive with the group so please
join in along the way!

*We particularly welcome
new women to this
community event now in
its **24th year!***

Kensington Women's Dinner 2019

#BalanceforBetter
#IWD2019

