



Newsletter

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Principal's message

Dear parents and carers of Kensington Primary,



I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful morning tea organized by our parents to acknowledge our amazing staff. Your thoughtful gesture brought us all together and created a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Your effort and kindness in arranging such a lovely event are deeply appreciated.

I also want to express my gratitude to our incredible teachers. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering support for our students make a profound difference every day. Your commitment to nurturing and educating our children is invaluable, and it doesn't go unnoticed.

Last week's gathering served as a reminder of the strong community we have here. It's through everyone's collaborative efforts that we create a nurturing environment for our students to learn and grow.

Staff News

I would like to recognize Therese, Nadia and Steve, who have made a significant impact to the students at KPS.

Therese will be undertaking travelling overseas and working in a UK school. We are looking forward to welcoming Therese back to Kensington after her travels, hopefully she isn't bitten too hard by the travel bug.

Nadia will be taking up a position closer to home and is welcomed back at KPS anytime.

Steve will be retiring from the Department of Education; we wish him all the very best for his retirement and if boredom sets in he is very welcomed to return.

Shani Davies will be taking 2024 as a year of leave. We look forward to welcoming Shani back to KPS in 2025.

A very big thank you for your dedication and commitment to the students at Kensington Primary.

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We look forward to welcoming Chelsea Crouser, Amber Solemani, Steven Thomas and Shaun Mansfield, who will commence in Term 1, 2024.

Step Up Day

A very big thank you to Luke for organizing and coordinating a series of opportunities for year levels to be involved in activities to support teachers observe students in different combinations so that the grade combination for 2024 can be organised. Our teachers know our students. The organization for the 2024 grades was very complex with our staff putting in many hours to understand the needs of all students and work towards organizing well thought out grades for 2024.

Creativity from Our Year 2 Team



This week the Year 2 children became published authors and illustrators. Back in Term 2 our Big Question was *'How has the Land I'm Connected to Changed?'* As part of *taking action* we decided to publish a book for the school to teach others about some of the important places in Kensington and how they have changed over time.

Every Year 2 student who was here in Term 2 has contributed to the book. The book was generously put together by graphic designer, Teresa Ventura and was printed by The Printroom.

On Wednesday the children got to take their own copies home. 4 copies have been purchased for the school and are being added to the library collection.

Year 6 Graduation

What a great time celebrating the Year 6 Graduation. Our students shared poems and sang a magnificent song. The evening was full of sharing wonderful memories and looking forward to new beginnings. A very big thank you to the Quah family for providing a delicious treat of gelato. A very big thank you to Sophia and Priyanka for the organization of a highly successful evening.

We wish our graduating students all the very best for their next adventure.

Last Day of Term 4 and Assembly

Our last day of Term 4 is tomorrow, Wednesday 20th December. Students are encouraged to wear casual clothes for a Gold Coin donation. We are raising funds for Timor Leste for educational supplies.

We will also celebrate the last day of school with a whole school assembly (weather permitting). The assembly will commence at 12.45 – 1.15pm. Teachers will dismiss students from the classroom to ensure all belongings have been taken home at 1.30pm.

Farewell and good luck to all our students who are moving on to other schools. Wishing all our families a safe and happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024 for another great year.

Bridget

Enrolments for 2024

We would ask that any families **who will not** be returning to Kensington Primary for 2024 to inform the Office asap.

KPS Community End of Year Picnic

Our picnic has been rescheduled to tonight and we're looking forward to catching up with everyone. As a reminder, the details are:

Date: Tuesday 19 December

Time: 5 – 7.30pm

Where: Kensington Primary School grounds

Entry: Via McCracken Street gate

Bring: A picnic, nibbles, rug, reusable cutlery and plates etc (we're aiming for a low-waste event and kindly ask that families take any rubbish home). The oval may be a little bit wet so please bring a waterproof backed rug.

The school choir will be performing a few songs from 6:00 pm, plus there'll be some craft activities for the kids (including face / body crayons for anyone that's feeling creative!).

Please note: This is an alcohol-free event and children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. The usual policy of no dogs / bikes / skateboards etc will still apply.



OSHC - TeamKids

Dear Families of Kensington

TeamKids will be our Before, After and Holiday Care providers from Monday 8th January 2024. Please see the flier below to further support our families to make bookings for 2024.

WELCOME ABOARD Team Kids

We strive to support families and add VALUE to every day. Our child-centred programs excite, engage and entertain children before school, after school and throughout the school holidays.

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To make a booking, we require the entire registration process to be completed, this includes all emergency contacts, payment details and medical forms.

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3. Click "Next".
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Calendar of events

Dec	Tue 19 th		Yr 6 Big Day Out Class Parties Yr 3 – Yr 5
	Tue 19 th	5:00 – 7:30pm	KPS End of Year Picnic
	Wed 20 th	12:45pm – 1:15pm	Whole School Assembly (Weather Permitted)
	Wed 20 th		End of Term 4 – Casual Clothes Day for Gold Coin donation School finishes for students at 1.30pm
2024			
Jan	Mon 29 th		Curriculum Day - No students attend school
	Tues 30 th		Curriculum Day - No students attend school
Jan	Wed 31 st		Year 1-6 Students Commence School
Feb	Thur 1 st		Foundation Students Commence School
	Frid 2 nd	2:45pm	Welcome To Country Ceremony
	Thurs 29 th		Whole School Photos
March	Fri 8 th		Curriculum Day - No students attend school
	Thurs 28 th		End of Term 1

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April	Mon 15 th		Start of Term 2
May	Thur 30 th		Curriculum Day - No students attend school
June	Frid 28 th		End of Term 2
July	Mon 15 th		Start of Term 3
Sept	Frid 20 th		End of Term 3
Oct	Mon 7 th		Start of Term 4
Nov	Mon 4 th		Professional Practice Day – Student Free Day
Dec	Frid 20 th Dec		End of Term 4

Community News



CODECAMP

Summer FREEbies Week!

This summer we are hosting a week of **FREE** activities for Aussie kids!

Working from home with the kids around? Or just need an hour of entertainment to start the day? Sign up for Summer FREEbies Week!

Starting Monday 15 January, we will have a different hosted activity every day, including: **Guided coding lessons, Trivia Sessions, Treasure Hunts, and more!**

Join the fun via Zoom and **win awesome prizes** such as movie tickets, gift vouchers, and cool merch. All welcome, so tell your friends!

[REGISTER NOW!](#)