

KPS Office Update – 27th February 2020

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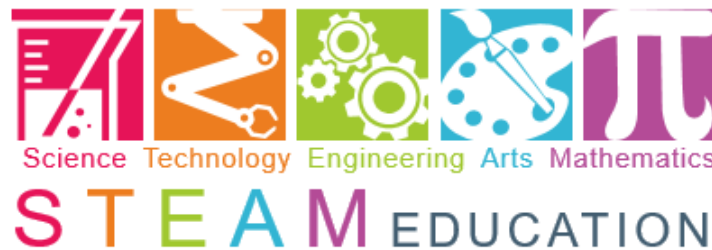
Thank you to the overwhelming number of parents for their positive reinforcement of our approach to payment and electronic permission for excursions and incursions. The feedback has been the streamlining of communication and the ease in our busy lives. Any parent not wishing to use QKR for electronic payments or excursion notes are able to collect a paper copy from their child/ children's teacher or the office. As a school working towards practises of sustainability, we are again grateful for the support and positive feedback from our parent community.

Introducing S.T.E.A.M.

2020 will see students beginning the brand new topic of S.T.E.A.M. Also known as STEM, this subject is about developing students' problem solving abilities, collaboration skills and engaging deeply with the world around them to better understand its systems, mechanics and complexities.

S.T.E.A.M stands for:

Science
Technology
Engineering
Arts
and
Maths



S.T.E.A.M is about providing students opportunities for deep learning in the disciplines of Science and Engineering which are interpreted through the language of mathematics. S.T.E.A.M develops students' capabilities to use, design and create technology. Finally, S.T.E.A.M is an excellent arena for students to trial different ways to express their understandings through artistic expressions and presentations.

The year has kicked off with Year three to sixes participating in S.T.E.A.M classes and showing great enthusiasm for the learning we have been doing. The Foundation to year two students will be beginning S.T.E.A.M classes in term three and continue on to the end of the school year.

This term in S.T.E.A.M, students are being challenged to solve problems by working their way through the engineering design process. This is a systematic approach to design and product creation that is used worldwide by independent and global businesses alike. Students will be reflecting on how the process supports them to solve tasks independently and improve on their own work to better meet the challenges they face.

In term two, students will begin to learn about and apply the scientific method, to help them discover facts about the natural and material worlds. Again, the focus will be on how a systemised approach to learning provides us with a consistent method of discovery that ensures accuracy and can help us to discover knowledge for ourselves.

As we move into the second semester, the F-2 students can expect to receive a similarly structured program. Engineering and science will be key foci, driving the content of learning, with mathematical, technological and artistic skills being developed alongside.

I am very excited about teaching S.T.E.A.M at KPS and am looking forward to sharing my passion for all that it encompasses with the students and KPS community.

Chris Kloester (S.T.E.A.M Teacher)

Cooking and Gardening Week 4/5

During weeks 4 and 5 3B, 4C and 3C had their turn in our cooking and gardening program.

Reflections from 3B

While the weather was a little gloomy, the rain held off for most of the morning and 3B were able to get through lots of important jobs in the garden.

Emira – I liked cooking the best because the food was so good.

Kingsley – I loved the pita pocket, it was the best. I tried the carrots, I really liked them.

Mia – I really loved the pita pockets. I did not really like the oranges in the fruit salad. And I always love holding the chickens. I planted carrot, sweet peas and chives. I always love cooking and gardening.

Yasin – My favourite thing I did in the kitchen was helping with the fruit salad. It was so fun cutting up the pita bread.

Millie – I loved the food that we made it was delicious, home-made is the best! We also made it by ourselves, amazing!

Isla – I chopped lettuce for the first time. We picked up rubbish. I tried hummus. It was yummy.

Sophie – What I enjoyed most in cooking and gardening is the pita breads and the fruit salad and vanilla ice cream.

Alana – I grated carrot in the kitchen. I picked up rubbish with the tongs in the garden. I tried pita with olive oil from the oven for the first time.

Andy – I enjoyed cutting up the food. I planted broccoli.

Advik – My favourite thing I did in cooking was the pita pockets opening and cutting it. I also liked putting the pita pockets in the oven.

Liam – I tried beetroot dip and I liked it a bit. Cooking and gardening was awesome because of the pita pockets, the ice cream and fruit salad and the chicken coop.

Natalya – The potato salad is always my favourite to put in the pita pockets. The chicken coop is where many children like to be because of the chickens.

Kush – We were planting rainbow lettuce in the garden. You had to get the lettuce and dig a hole for the roots then bury the roots and water it.

Charlotte – Today we done cooking. I have never cooked lunch before. I loved the cheese.

Georgie – In the kitchen I enjoyed cutting the tomato. In the garden I enjoyed the chickens. For the first time I tasted guacamole. I didn't like the spice in the hummus.

Micah – My favourite food was the pita chips with dips. For the first time I had beetroot dip, I wasn't a big fan of it though.

Henry – I was in there for like ten minutes. All I did was plant a seed and eat none of the food because I was sick.

Amari – We made a salad and I did the carrot. I planted something that looked like beetroot. It went well but I didn't like the hummus.

Alix – We planted three things; chives, sweet peas and carrot. I chose carrot because it is all season.

Fred – In the kitchen I served fruit salad it was yum. I loved working with my friends. I loved playing with the chickens. I got to hold one.

Cherry – in the kitchen I made guacamole. All the food was delicious. The thing I did for the first time was making guacamole. It was so much fun. I loved it!

Reflections from 4C

4C had some wonderful parent helpers and some of our Grubbies members to guide them in the garden. They got through many important jobs in the garden and left it looking incredible.

Moetasim – I made the hummus and we got to use the blender and we got a taste test.

Adele – I liked making beetroot dip because it was fun and some people really liked it!

Ethan – In the garden we were getting some soil and putting it in other pots because some of the other planters didn't have enough.

Lila – I liked gardening because me and Ivy found slaters. We called them Boogie and Buddy.

Madison – I liked cooking when I cut the beetroot.

Orla – At cooking I chopped up the carrot sticks and opened the pitas.

Keira – Making pita pockets because I got that job for the session.

Ivy – In gardening I enjoyed seeing the chickens.

Tiana – I liked making potato salad and giving things a go because if I didn't give it a go and take a risk I would not have known if I liked doing something.

Michael – I planted seeds.

Reflections from 3C

On Tuesday 25/2 3C worked very hard in both the kitchen and garden. They planted many seeds which they are excited to watch grow. They also tidied up in the gathering space in preparation for their shared meal.

Sudays – It was fun in the kitchen. The crackers and dippers and the carrot it was sooo delicious to eat!!!

Olive – After I finished planting my seed I saw the chickens. I stroked the white chicken. Then I picked up rubbish with tongs. It was so fun! I wat to do it again!

Abbie – I have never ever made passionfruit slice. We cooked a lot of food. I enjoyed eating the guacamole.

Sam – I really liked chopping with the knife. I liked sweeping the floor outside. I loved eating the pita pocket because I decided what was in it.

Mohamed – I liked making the potato salad and I liked eating the guacamole with crackers.

Gabriel – I liked cutting eggs and the lettuce. I like cutting it's fun. I planted a sunflower seed.

Rhys – The kitchen had lots of stuff such as knives, lemon squeezers and chopping boards. The garden was fresh and had a lot of plants.

Sunny – The kitchen had a lot of cool stuff but I liked chopping the carrots the most. I really liked the pita pocket because of the amazing taste of potato salad and guacamole.

Stewart – It was amazing and fun in the kitchen. I did try something new. I tried celery. It tasted nice.

Jack P – At first when I entered the kitchen it was very neat. I enjoyed eating all the food because it was really yummy and I was surprise by that the class made such yummy food.

Delilah – I liked how I go to make things in the kitchen because at home I don't get to make things like that. It was my first time eating hummus I actually liked it, it was good.

Maddie – In the kitchen I liked how I got to make passionfruit slice. In the garden I was happy that I got to clean up rubbish. It was very new to me that I was using a bucket and tongs.

Chiara – I liked when I got to cut tomatoes and the garden was beautiful. I tried pitas today and it went great.

Bonny – I liked the dip and the carrots. In the garden we planted flowers and seeds, I planted broccoli.

Sofia – I liked petting the chickens and planting the plants and I planted sweet pea. I tried cutting the cheese, it was fun!

Isobel – The kitchen was a very good environment for me and I had fun in the kitchen. I tried guacamole and it was delicious!

Taha – I liked the cooking it was fun cutting the food and boiling the eggs and I liked going in the garden. I learnt something new. It was when you're feeding the hens you put your fingers down not up.

Kaliyah – It was fun in the kitchen because I got to make something I never made before, passionfruit slice. I used the lemon squeezer it was fun and cool.

Emma – This morning my class went into the kitchen and we made some food for example me and Olive and my mum we made some hummus to go with the crackers.

Jacob – I liked cutting the carrots because cutting carrots is enjoyable. I had carrot sticks and I had grated carrots in my pita.

Tom – I really liked feeding the chickens. It was also fun using the knife. The best food was the pita chips.

Jack B – I liked how we got to choose if we cleaned or panted a plant. I chose cleaning because it's fun. I swept the floor with a broom.

A huge thank you to all of our amazing parent volunteers. Your time and assistance really helps our program to run smoothly and is greatly appreciated.

Here's our timetable for the rest of the term. All are welcome to come along, it's a great morning!

3/3	Tuesday	1A
4/3	Wednesday	2B
10/3	Tuesday	1B
11/3	Wednesday	2C
17/3	Tuesday	1C
18/3	Wednesday	2D
24/3	Tuesday	1D



Kate (Cooking and Gardening Teacher)

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Don't forget, we are hosting a **Family BBQ and Bowls** to welcome new families, catch up with old friends and have a casual family day out.

When: Saturday **29th February**
Where: Kensington Flemington Bowls Club, Smithfield Rd.
What time: 3:00pm till 7:00pm, BBQ from 4:30pm.
Who: Mums, Dads, Kids, Grandparents....
How much: **\$15 for adults, \$5 kids or \$40 family ticket.**
What do I get: BBQ dinner, Bowls, games and fun!



Have a casual bowl or make a **'Team of 4'** to compete for the title of **KPS Bowls Champion**

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE VIA THE QKR! APP



Do you have a passion for running? Fitness? Getting kids active?

If you answered YES to any of the above, the Fundraising Team needs your help with the **KPS Fun Run**, including: logistics, planning an obstacle course / warm-ups, admin, advertising in the school community and volunteering on the day.

The Fun Run is currently planned for a Friday in late April, and we will need your help from now (March) until the event (end of April).

If you can assist in any way, please leave your details at the school office or email fundraising.kps@gmail.com

Together, we can make the Fun Run happen.

Thanks, Annie, Marta, Mary and Rachael

SECOND HAND UNIFORM



COMMUNICATION

To ensure that communication is clear and responded to in a timely manner families are asked to email ***kensington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au*** with the teacher's name in the subject box. Emails will be responded to in 24 hours. If the matter is of an urgent nature please ring the office. In the case of further action being required in relation to student well-being and learning parents/guardians are asked to contact the learning specialist overseeing the team to assist with the rectification of any concerns with students and learning. If the matter is of a sensitive nature in relation to student well-being and learning a meeting is to be scheduled with the assistant principal or principal.

Staff members participate in 2 official weekly meetings, professional learning takes place on a Tuesday after school and team collaborative planning occurs on a Wednesday after school. Staff must attend these meetings so we ask that any parent meetings be organised on another evening or in the morning.

CLASSROOM CUISINE – LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available from Classroom Cuisine on Wednesday's and Friday's. Please order register and order online via the following link: www.classroomcuisine.com.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February	Fri 28 th	9:30 – 11:00am	Yr 6 Interschool Sport – KPS V Ascot Vale PS - away
	Sat 29 th	3:00 – 7:00pm	KPS Family Lawn Bowls afternoon
March	Tue 3 rd	9:00 – 11:00am	Cooking & Gardening 1A
	Wed 4 th	9:00 – 11:00am	Cooking & Gardening 2B
	Fri 6 th	9:30 – 11:00am 3:00 – 3:20pm	Yr 6 Interschool Sport – KPS V MPW Gold PS – home Assembly 1A & 1B
	Mon 9 th		Labour Day Public Holiday – no students to attend school
	Tue 10 th	9:00 – 11:00am 3:40 – 6:30pm	Cooking & Gardening 1B Meet the teacher
	Wed 11 th	9:00 – 11:00am 3:40 – 6:30pm	Cooking & Gardening 2C Meet the teacher
	Fri 13 th	9:30 – 11:00am	Yr 6 Interschool Sport – KPS V Ascot Vale West PS - home
	Tue 17 th	9:00 – 11:00am	Cooking & Gardening 1C
	Wed 18 th	9:00 – 11:00am	Cooking & Gardening 2D
	Fri 20 th	9:30 – 11:00am 3:00 – 3:20pm	Yr 6 Interschool Sport – KPS V Avondale Heights PS – away Assembly 1C & 1D
	Mon 23 rd	6.00 – 7.00pm 7.00 – 8.00pm	Annual General Meeting School Council Meeting
	Tue 24 th	9:00 – 11:00am	Cooking & Gardening 1D
	Fri 27 th	9:30 – 11:00am	Yr 6 Interschool Sport – KPS V Flemington PS - home End of Term 1 End of term assembly
April	Tue 14 th		Start of Term 2
	Thu 30 th		School Photos (please note there is no extra makeup day)
May	Fri 1 st	3:00 – 3:20pm	Assembly 3A
	Fri 15 th	3:00 - 3:20pm	Assembly 3B
	Fri 29 th	3:00 – 3:30pm	Assembly 3C
June	Fri 12 th	3:00 – 3:30pm	Assembly 4A
	Wed 17 th		Yr 4-6 Athletics
	Fri 26 th		End of Term 2 End of term Assembly
July	Mon 13 th		Start of Term 3
	Fri 24 th	3:00 – 3:20pm	Assembly 4B
	Wed 29 th		Year 5/6 Camp
	Thu 30 th		Year 5/6 Camp
	Fri 31 st		Year 5/6 Camp
August	Fri 7 th	3:00 – 3:20pm	Assembly 4B
September	Mon 14 th		Year 3/4 Camp – Lady Northcote Recreation Camp YMCA
	Tue 15 th		Year 3/4 Camp – Lady Northcote Recreation Camp YMCA
	Fri 18 th		End of Term 3