

School Newsletter 1217, 9 August 2017

Video

Coming Events



- Thursday 10 August – Interschool cross country (by invitation)
- Wednesday 16 August – Yr 3 excursion to Whiteman Park
- Thursday 17 August – Uniform shop open 8.20-8.50am (please see new Uniform shop opening hours for Term 3, under the P&C header)
- Monday 21 – Friday 25 August – Book Week
- Tuesday 22 August – Story Dog incursion (selected students to be invited)
- Wednesday 23 August – Assembly
- Friday 25 August – Book Week dress-up day

Principal's Message



The School Review

As many of you know, we have our School Review visit next week. At the end of each Business Plan Independent Public Schools are reviewed by external reviewers. We send them our self-review which is completed in tandem with the School Board. Then the reviewers visit the school for a couple of days to verify the analysis and to provide constructive feedback, commendations and recommendations. They will be meeting with a group of parents, staff, students and School Board members as well as the school leadership team. We will then be given a report to finalise this Business Plan and to support the next phase of work as we begin to develop a new Business Plan. Thank you to the School Board and the following parents for committing to being involved in this process: Alison Wallace, Tanya Steers and Susan Henwood (all having been involved in P&C) as well as Abby Lukes, Justine Ntirandekula and Evelyn McKay (representing the general parent community). Kensington Primary School (KPS) is an institution focused on learning so we are happy to get constructive feedback from the whole community and the external reviewers to continue on our path of lifelong learning and continuous school improvement. We look upon this as a real opportunity for growth and development – which will be reflected in the 2018-2020 Business Plan.

School App

Thanks to all those people who have downloaded the new school app. For those who haven't, please follow the [instructions attached](#) for downloading, allowing notifications and

subscribing to particular classrooms too. We have added a welcome message from the school and, if you click on the “school” button on the bottom menu and then select School Term, you will find the Term 3 planner. The “home” section also now has a Term Planner. Also, individual calendar events are added to the calendar section of the app. If you wish then to add them to your own calendar, you can just click on the event (make sure you allow this in the Settings options of your phone for Smartlink).

2018 enrolments

Please return the 2018 enrolment survey (slips that went home last week) for each of your children – whether you are returning to KPS or not (except current Year 6 students). This is vital for our planning and budgeting. If you have misplaced the original slip, please download the [form attached](#) with this newsletter.

Please also note, that if you are intending to return to KPS next year, but will be on an extended holiday and, therefore, will not start back on the first day of the 2018 school year, you must inform the school in writing. We are only funded on how many students are enrolled and at the school in the first couple of weeks of the school year. Returning late could mean the school will not receive money for your child’s education.

Absentee Notifications

There are now two ways that you can notify the school of your child/rens’ absence – either by clicking on the ‘sick bee’ on the school website, or via the new school app. Please ensure that you notify the school by **9.30am** on the day if your child is not going to be at school.

Long Service Leave

As many of you know, the government now requires staff to use their long service leave within two years of accruing it. As I have accrued long service leave, I have been working on reducing it since my arrival at the school. Many of you will know that I have taken one day a week as long service leave for a good portion of the time I have been at this school to whittle down this leave without impacting too much on the school. That has meant that I have been trying to do five days of work in four days each week. This has enabled me time to work on my professional doctorate. However, at the end of next week I will take four and a half weeks in a large chunk and head to the east side of Canada, finishing up in New York. So, during this period Mr Pestana will take on the role of principal and Mrs Harris and Miss Taylor will share his deputy role. This will mean that they will be part-time in their classrooms and part-time in the deputy role for the next month. I wish them all the very best in these professionally challenging and rewarding roles, as I know they will do a great job. Please do not email me directly during this time, but please send all emails to Kensington.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL

Foyer Display

The Year 6 students have put up a display of some photos from their recent camp experience – it looks like a wonderful time was had by all!



Virtue & Honour Awards



Tolerance

Tolerance is being able to accept things that you wish were different. If you are practising tolerance and someone annoys you, you just go on and don't pay too much attention. When you practice tolerance, you don't expect others to think, look or act just like you. You accept differences. When you are practising tolerance, you are able to sort out what is important from what is not. You show patience and forgiveness when people make mistakes.

Congratulations to the following award winners from today's assembly.

Virtue Awards 9/8/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1	Monique1 Isabel
2	Laura 3 Jonty
4	Milly 5 April
6	Matilda 7 Miwako
8	Ava 9 Gemma
10	Wesley S1 Lily
S2	Ruby S3 Ava & Ashleigh
S4	—

Honour Certificates 9/8/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1	Mokshada & SarahP2 Sienna
P3	Jack 1 Abby
2	Charles 3 Sebastian
4	William 5 Matilda
6	Jack 7 Ella
8	Isobel 9 Jordan
10	Bella S1 Georgia
S2	Monique S3 Ava & Anjelique
S4	—

Sports News



Faction cross country results

Well done to all runners in the cross country. Thanks to our many helpers on the day: staff, parents and students leaders. Congratulations to our medallion winners.



Years 3 – 6 will compete in the Inter School cross country tomorrow.

Year	Champion	Faction	Runner Up	Faction
PP Girl	<u>Lani</u>	C	Ruby	I
Boy	James	I	William	I
1 Girl	Ava	I	<u>Tenura</u>	E
Boy	<u>Zakaria</u>	C	William	P
2 Girl	Emily	P	Isla	P
Boy	Riley	I	Jackson	C
3 Girl	Lily	P	Hannah	I
Boy	Beau	E	Aiden	E
4 Girl	Hannah	P	Kayla	I
Boy	Baxter	C	Liam	I
5 Girl	Amelia	E	Ava	C
Boy	Xavier	I	Charlie	I
6 Girl	Bailey	C	Indie	E
Boy	Ben	I	Jack	E

Place	Faction	Points
1 st	Investigator	1272
2 nd	Endeavour	1232
3 rd	Parmelia	1032
4 th	Cygnets	877

Auskick at Domain Stadium

10 Kensington 'Auskickers' from Year 1 and 2 played at Domain Stadium at half time of the Eagles vs Brisbane AFL match.



We had an amazing experience. Thanks to the parents for supporting the event, to Miss Taylor and Riccardo for goal umpiring and Marcus for taking some great photos.





Running Club

Running continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings on the oval from 8.00am – 8.30am. New runners welcome.

General Information



Book Week 2017

Book Week is 21 August to 25 August 2017. We will celebrate Book Week this year with a Fancy Dress Day on Friday 25 August. All students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to the Story Dog Program.



Please [click here](#) to view the Story Dogs brochure.

Lost mobile phone

A mobile phone was handed into the office last week – if you think it might be yours, please come to the office to identify it.



Kensington Primary School is once again participating in the Woolworth's Earn and Learn promotion.

When anyone from our community – staff, parents and friends – shops at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets provided. Once your sticker sheet is completed, place them in the collection box located outside the staffroom.

Thank you for your support!

P&C News



DUCKs – Dads United for the Children of Kensington Primary School

If you have heard about the DUCKs and either haven't had the chance to come to an activity or if you'd just like to find out more please come along! Check out the website at ducks.net.au

Thursday 24th August – Como Bowls Club 6.30pm

Ducks Dads Q&A with ABC radio's Mornings presenter **Geoff Hutchison**.

This is a great chance for first timers and regulars to come down and find out what the DUCKs and The Fathering Project are all about. We welcome any fathering figure – dads, granddads, uncles or brothers to come along.

Come and find out why dads (and fathering figures) are so important in kids' lives. Have a laugh and a chat and maybe pick up some tips. Most of all help build the DUCKs and the Kensington community.

RSVP to Dave Mundy on hnmst1@westnet.com.au or via the DUCKs website ducks.net.au



Saturday 26th August – Kalamunda Bushwalk 2.00pm

Join us for a bush walk in the Perth Hills near Kalamunda, on Saturday 26 August. We'll follow a good trail to Rocky Pool, which is a very scenic spot in the Piesse Brook valley. Returning, we'll have the option of the Bibbulman Track for those keen to tackle some steeper trail. The overall distance will be 3.5 or 4.5 km, easily manageable by most kids.

The start point will be the car park on Schipp Road, near the junction with Hummerston Road, by Kalamunda. Please share transport as parking is limited, and be ready to walk at 2 pm.

Please RSVP to Justin (j.nicholls@live.com) so we have an idea of numbers.

Look out for the reminder and further details of both events by email, and on the DUCKS website ducks.net.au

Community News



The City of South Perth invites parents and carers to a free community safety workshop presented by the WA Child Protection Society. [Click here](#) to view a flyer for the Protective Behaviours Workshop..

CLOVERDALE COMETS

Cloverdale Comets would like to invite kids to register for our upcoming 2017-18 Teeball season. We are a non-profit sporting club, run by parents, offering a great experience for boys and girls aged from kindy through to 12 years old to learn fundamental skills through fun and family involvement with a strong emphasis on fair play. It really is a fantastic opportunity for kids to learn new skills, increase their fitness, make new friends and develop teamwork. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



Canning Cougars Tee-Ball Club runs a summer tee-ball competition for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 at Centenary Park in Wilson. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



Hensman Street Kindy are celebrating their 40th anniversary on Sunday 17 September 2017, 9am-12 noon. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



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