

# School Newsletter 1317, 23 August 2017

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## Coming Events



- Monday 21 - Friday 25 August - Book Week
- Friday 25 August - Book Week dress-up day (gold coin donation)
- Friday 25 August – P1 and Year 1’s Bunnings incursion
- Monday 28 August – Faction Carnival Week Jumps & Throws
- Tuesday 29 August – Faction Carnival Week 400m @ 2pm
- Wednesday 30 August – Vista Street Kindy photos
- Thursday 31 August – PP, Year 1 and Year 2 Faction Carnival Week games @ 9-11am and Tug of War @ 2pm
- Thursday 31 August - Uniform shop open 8.20-8.50am (please see Uniform shop opening hours for Term 3, under the P&C header)
- Friday 1 September – Faction Athletics Carnival
- Monday 4 September – Friday 8 September – School photos (class specific days to be advised)
- Tuesday 5 September – Friday 8 September – Art Exhibition in the Senior Block

## Principal’s Message



### Book Week

There are a number of activities celebrating Children’s Book week occurring at school. This year’s theme “Escape to Everywhere” reminds us that books, whether shared or read by ourselves, can lead us to develop and use our imagination. Continue to read to your child every day and expose them to different genres. Encourage your older children to read for some part of their time when they are away from school.

This Friday 25 August, the children have an opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character for a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to the Story Dog program.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Mrs Stanford and the class teachers are busily helping the students with the team games for our athletics carnival next week. The jumps and throws will take place on Monday 28 August, with the PP/Yr1/Yr2 games on Thursday 31 August in the morning, followed by the Tug of War at 2 pm. On Friday 1 September, we will have the Faction Athletics carnival. Come along and support your child and add to the great atmosphere at Kensington Primary. The DUCKs will be cooking up a sausage sizzle for lunch at 12.30-1.00pm.

### **School App**

Thanks to 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. Once downloaded, if you click on the "school" button on the bottom menu and then select "School Term", you will see the current term planner. *Please note that there are regular amendments/alterations to the term planner so it's a good idea to check it regularly.* Also, individual calendar events are added to the "Calendar" section of the app. If you wish to add them to your own calendar, you can just click on the event (make sure you allow this in the settings option of your phone for Smartlink). Currently, you can view upcoming events for the DUCKs in the calendar section of the app.

### **Parking**

It has come to my attention that the local rangers are monitoring parking around the school so please ensure that you observe and adhere to the parking signs.

### **School Review**

My thanks and congratulations on a job well done with the DES review. The reviewers were very impressed with the programs and staff knowledge and understanding, as well as enthusiasm. Thank you to all the school board members, the P&C and the students and parents who spoke to the reviewers. Thank you all for your time and effort.

*Terence Pestana*  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

## Virtue & Honour Awards



### Confidence

Confidence is being certain and feeling assurance. Self-confidence means you trust yourself. You can do things without doubt holding you back. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and trust them. Confidence means that you don't allow fear or doubt to keep you from doing what you really want to do.

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

### Virtue Awards 23/8/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1 Skyla	1 Rebecca
2 Noah	3 Emily
4 James	5 Ava
6 Zac	7 Atenea
8 Hannah	9 Bianca
10 Leo	S1 Aiden
S2 Keira	S3 Davin
S4 Ella	

### Honour Certificates 23/8/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1 Liam	P2 Yaalini
P3 Hayley	1 Samuel
2 Inari	3 Sophia
4 Marcus	5 Lucy
6 Olivia	7 Aidan & Mitchell
8 Annabel	9 Laylah
10 Griffin	S1 Hinna
S2 Sadie & Joshua	S3 Ashleigh
S4 Matilda	

### Interschool Cross Country



A team of 48 runners went to Harold Rossiter Reserve to compete in the VPASSA Cross Country. It was a perfect day after a very wet week. Congratulations to our team on an excellent effort. Each team member ran their best on the day with most teams finishing in the top half of the competitors. Special mention to our Year 3 Boys where all 5 runners came in the top 7 (of 30 runners), closely followed by the Year 6 Boys in the top 9 and Year 6 Girls in the top 10. Congratulations to our place winners.

Year 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Beau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy, 4<sup>th</sup> Aiden

2<sup>nd</sup> Lily

Year 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Baxter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liam

2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah

Year 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ava

Year 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Ben, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack, 4<sup>th</sup> Billy

1<sup>st</sup> Bailey, 4<sup>th</sup> Indie

The final results were:-

1<sup>st</sup> Kensington 915 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Millen 694 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Lathlain 673 points

4<sup>th</sup> Victoria Park 648 points

5<sup>th</sup> East Vic Park 486 points

6<sup>th</sup> Bentley 289 points

### **SSWA Cross Country**



Congratulations to Bailey, Ben, Lachlan, Xavier and Baxter for representing Kensington in the State Primary School Cross Country. Congratulations to Bailey for placing 10<sup>th</sup> and Ben 25<sup>th</sup>. These races have 200+ competitors so our runners did very well.

### **Eagle Cup Presentation**



In

Term 2, our football team went undefeated and won the Eagle Cup. The Cup was presented by Simon Tunbridge and Francis Watson.

### **Faction Carnival Week**

Faction carnival week is next week. [Click here](#) to see the proposed program: please note that there may be some changes due to weather conditions. The competitor list will be on the sport noticeboard this week.

*Just a reminder that there will be no online lunch orders due to the DUCKs sausage sizzle.*

### **Running Club**

Running Club continues on Tuesdays and Fridays, 8am start. Please note that there will be **NO** running club on Friday 1 September 2017 due to the Faction Athletics Carnival.

## **Classroom News**



### **Author in Residence - Cameron Stelzer**

From Monday 11 September to Wednesday 13 September, we have a special visit from author and illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is in residence at Kensington Primary School to run workshops with our students. Room P/1, P2, P3, K1, K3, Room 1 and Room 5 will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading and follow-along drawing activity with Cameron. Room 2 students will be inventing creatures and characters which can be used in their own stories. Cameron will be working with Room 3, Room 4 and Room 8 students on drawing and illustration techniques. Room 6 and Room 7 students will participate in a writing workshop focusing on idea formation and inspirations for narratives. S1-S4, Room 9 and Room 10 students will be exploring techniques to create blockbuster action stories – think

gripping suspense scenes, epic action encounters and hold-on-to-your-seat cliffhangers. Students and teachers are looking forward to a fantastic three days!

In conjunction with the author visit, Kensington Primary School families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron's books at special prices. Individual items are \$15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned the following day to the **Library**. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child's name and a message), and students will receive their books early next term.

### **Recycling Program: Coffee Grounds from The Little Banksia**

In the past, students have collected the used coffee grounds from the coffee shop across the street. We have composted them through our garden, which assists our composting program/garden and provides another recycling service to the community.

It has become problematic having students leave the grounds to do this task. I am seeking the support of a parent or group of parents who come into the school to collect their child/ren in the afternoons. We need someone who would be happy to collect them on our behalf and leave them at a mutually agreed place in the school grounds. Please contact me if you are in a position to assist us with this task.

### **Recycling Program: Collecting Toothcare Items, Packaging and Used Toothbrushes**

Further to the announcement at an assembly earlier in the month, S1 will be running a recycling program. Colgate will donate 2c for every item we return to them and offer a prize for the school that recycles the most items.

## Recycling tooth care waste

Program accepted waste: **Any brand** of used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, plastic toothbrush packaging, interdental brushes, wispis, pumps, stand up toothpaste bottles and any kind of non-electric toothbrush or toothpaste tube and all affiliated non-recyclable packaging.



Year 5 students from S1 will oversee this project, so please send items in with your child. The program runs until November.

Each classroom's contribution will be tallied separately, as the class that collects the most items during the program will be acknowledged and receive a reward.

Whilst it is a great community program that also provides a small monetary return, the aim is for my students to gain an understanding of the magnitude of waste and consider the issues and solutions. I think they are going to be shocked to discover how many packaging items we consume and how much room they take up.

Rhonda Skinner  
Year 4/5 Teacher







**LION  
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**A children's bereavement program supporting  
grieving children following the death of a  
parent, primary caregiver or sibling**

**October 3 & 4, 2017**

8.30am – 3:00pm

**Location**

Tuart Hill, WA

**Cost**

Free

**Age group**

5-12 years

- Connecting children with other children experiencing the death of a family member
- Strengthening parents knowledge of supporting children in their grief
  - Having HUGE amounts of fun
  - Educating parents/adults on children's grief

**To enquire please contact:**

Program Facilitators Claire Hickey on 0400 534 345  
or Shelly Skinner 0416 344 024 or email  
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Please also [click here](#) for information about CYPRESS (Children and Young People REsponsive Suicide Support).

**P&C News**



Our next P&C meeting is on **Tuesday 5 September** in the school staff room (access is via the doors to the foyer behind the office). Doors open at 7.15pm, enabling us to welcome new attendees before we kick-off at 7.30pm.

In this session we are looking for community event and fundraising ideas for 2018. If you have an idea but are unable to make the meeting, please share it with us by:

- Letting your class rep know
- Sending an email to [kensingtonpandc@gmail.com](mailto:kensingtonpandc@gmail.com)
- Dropping a note in the P&C box in the school office

Samantha Thompson  
P&C President

### **Uniform Shop**

If you would like fleece jackets for the colder weather, there are more available in the shop. You can order easily by using the online order form and emailing it (EFTPOS) or dropping it into the P&C box in the office. There has also been another delivery of school polos if you would like a polo for school photos.

The uniform shop is only open every second week this term, but orders are still processed even if the shop is not open. If you would like faction shirts before the carnival, please place an order. The athletics carnival is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September and the shop will be open on Thursday 31 August.



**DUCKs – Dads United for the Children of Kensington Primary School**

If you 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](http://ducks.net.au)

***Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Como Bowls - Last reminder for the DUCKs Q&A***

**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 Bibbulmun 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](mailto:j.nicholls@live.com)) so we have an idea of numbers.

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2.30pm-3.30pm, DUCKs Pottery workshop**

This is a Kensington Primary School DUCK's workshop especially for Kensington dads to spend some creative time with their children. Your child(ren) will make a very cute polar bear with your assistance.

It is suitable for school aged children.

Learn how to make this polar bear with Melanie from Eucalypt Homewares. Melanie has children at Kensington Primary School and has run a number of clay community projects at the school, including two tile murals and was the Artist in Residence in 2016.

You can book in for this event via the link below

<https://www.eucalypthomewares.com.au/product-page/kensington-ducks-polar-bears>

Look out for the reminder and further details of all events by email/school app and on the DUCKs website [ducks.net.au](http://ducks.net.au)

**Community News**



Please [click here](#) to view the Spring School Holiday Sports Camp flyer.



## TRIPLE P – the **POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM**

This world-renowned program is being offered to parents/carers of children aged 3-8 years, absolutely free of charge.

The program will be run at Leisurelife Recreation Centre in East Victoria Park on Tuesday mornings (9.30 – 11.30am), starting on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The program runs over eight weeks, and there is a FREE crèche available on site.

If you wish to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please contact Rhonda Wallman (Triple P Key Contact, South Metropolitan Education Region) on 0478 319 391 to register.



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



Please see the attached parenting courses on offer by Relationships Australia.

Upcoming courses include:

- [Parent Teen Connection](#)
- [Dads Raising Boys](#)
- [Mums Raising Boys](#)
- [Dads Raising Girls](#)
- [Successful Single Parenting](#)

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