

School Newsletter 1517, 20 September 2017

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Coming Events



- Wednesday 20 September – Parent Information Session – OSH Club, 6pm in the Music Room
- Thursday 21 September – Pizza in the Park Yr 3 – Yr 6 (invitations have been sent home)
- Friday 22 September – Last day for Term 3
- **Tuesday 10 October – Students return for Term 4**
- Tuesday 17 October – P&C meeting, 7.30pm start in the staffroom
- Thursday 19 October – Year 5 sleepover
- Friday 20 October – P&C Parents silent disco/pop-up bar 7pm-11pm
- *ADVANCE NOTICE : Year 6 graduation Tuesday 12 December, 9.15am-10.45am*

Principal's Message



Another busy term has finished and the children were able to experience and enjoy a number of varied and interesting activities, including the Story Dog reading incursion for Book Week. We thank the P&C for their generous sponsorship of the Author in Residence, Dr Cameron Stelzer, who spent three days conducting workshops with all classes and as can be seen by the photos below, the children were fully engaged in the experience.



Our fabulous art exhibition was held in the senior block area and the finalists are now on display in the library.



Once again, the school's choir excelled in their performance with the Massed Choir Festival at the Concert Hall and our students displayed the important attributes that the staff have worked hard to develop. Please see the report and photos in the Music section below.

The students' abilities at the Interschool Athletics Carnival were well rewarded and these achievements are reported in the Sports section below.

Our thanks go to all of the members of the parent community who helped with the various activities that were held at Kensington. Your assistance is invaluable to the work of our teachers. A big thank you to all of the staff who have worked with tremendous dedication to deliver challenging and enriching programmes for all of our students.

A big welcome back to our principal, Bronwyn Jones, from her long service leave and Miss Lisa will be away during Term 4 on a well deserved long service leave.

Keep Our School Safe

During the holiday period, school premises are more vulnerable than usual and can become targets to a small number of offenders.

If you live near the school or are just passing by, I ask that you keep an eye on the grounds for us. Listen for unusual noises; look for suspicious vehicles parked at the school and notice if groups of children or teenagers are congregating around the school. Your involvement can really make a difference in preventing damage to our school. I urge you to report any suspicious activity immediately to;

SCHOOL WATCH – 1800 177 777

POLICE – 131 444

Happy Holidays

The last day of term is **Friday 22 September**. School starts again for students on **Tuesday 10 October**. We hope you and your family have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to your child's return for our final term. Next term will be just as busy, so have a great break – I know that is what the staff intend to do too.

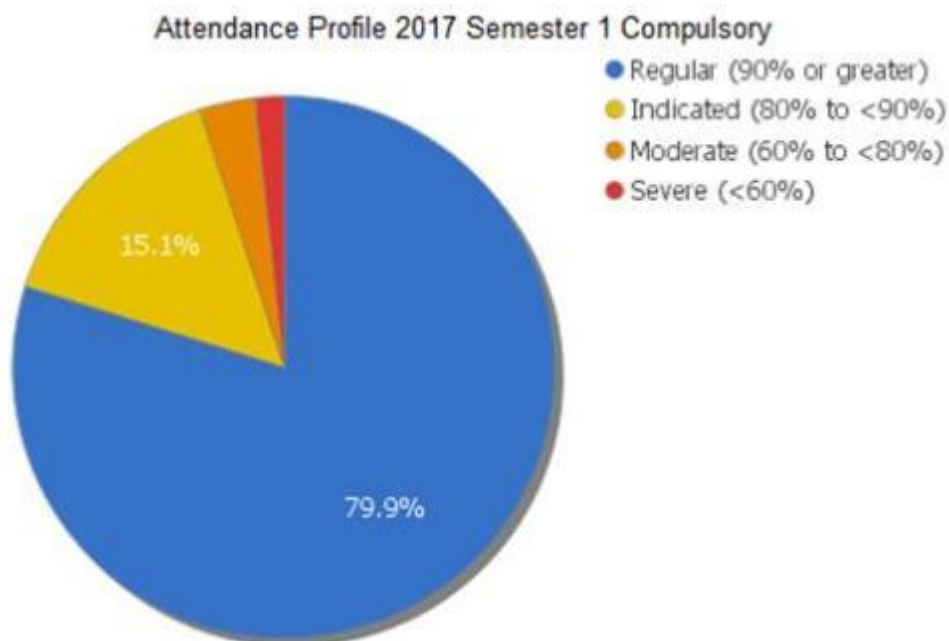
Terence Pestana
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Attendance

Recently, I attended a presentation by the South Metro Education Regional Office on attendance. Attendance is a focus of the current business plan as, predominately in the K-Yr 2 area, KPS is not meeting a like-school standard of student attendance. The Department of Education has set the following parameters of attendance percentages:

Regular attendance: 90% or greater
Indicated at risk attendance: 80-90%
Moderate at risk attendance: 60-80%
Severe at risk attendance: less than 60%

This is Kensington Primary School's current profile of student's attendance:



In 2013, the University of Western Australia and the Telethon Institute completed a research project on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Labour Relations, titled *Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every Day Counts*. This report found a consistent link between attendance and school achievement. In all analyses, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absences from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased.

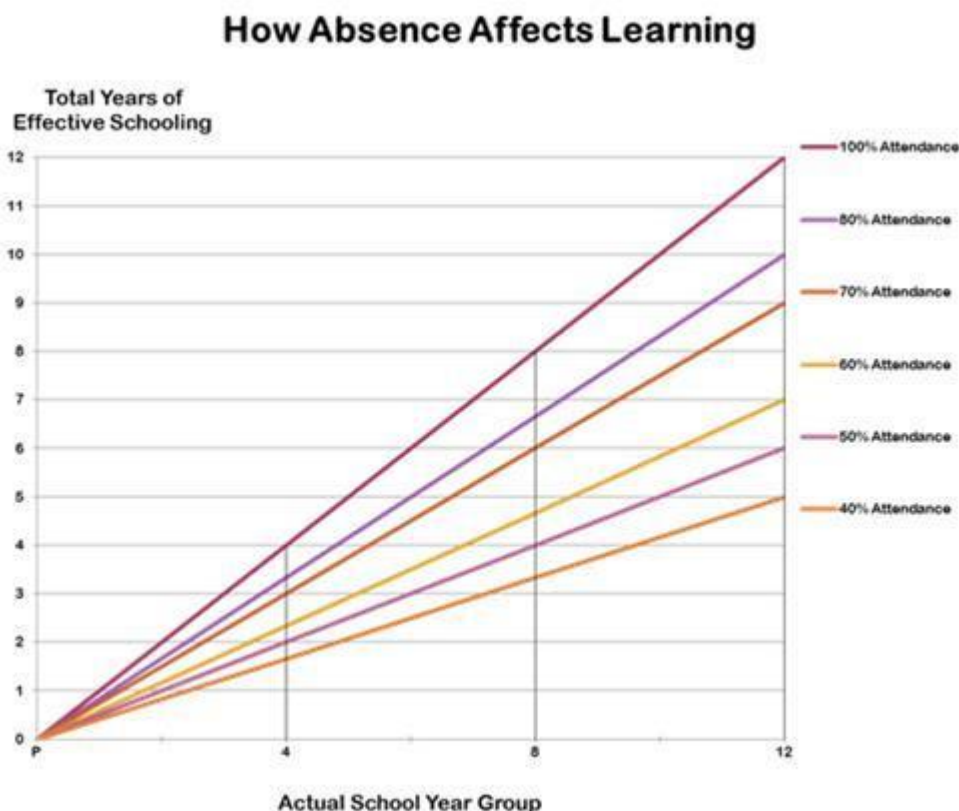
The nature of the relationship between absences from school and achievement strongly suggests that **every day** of attendance in school contributes towards a child’s learning and that academic outcomes are enhanced by maximising attendance at school.

Attendance matters for achievement and every day counts.

There is no “safe” threshold level of school absences, as these effects accumulate over time.

Student absences include both types: *authorised* such as genuine absences through illness or family bereavement and *unauthorised* such as extended long weekends, holidaying in school time or being absent with no cause.

The research project found that sustained poor attendance has the following cumulative effects over time on the total years of effective schooling a child receives.



Last term, your child received their report of academic progress and included was their Semester 1 percentage attendance figure. If your child’s attendance was less than 90% for authorised or unauthorised absences, please reflect on the reasons why. I understand that

managing illness can be difficult, but we need to remember that every day of school attendance counts.

Ms Lisa Williamson
Deputy Principal & Learning Support Coordinator

Foyer Display

The kindy students from K1 and K2 have created a beautifully blue sea display, and have been learning about what is natural and what is man-made in the sea. They would like everyone to remember to put their rubbish in the bin to keep the land and sea animals safe!



Virtue & Honour Awards



Modesty

Modesty is having a sense of self-respect. When you practice modesty, you are not showy or boastful. Modesty means to accept praise without getting conceited. You don't brag or boast or show off.

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

Virtue Awards 20/9/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1	1
2	3 Harper

4	Austin	5	Meg
6	Eddie	7	Harper
8	Austin	9	Nick
10	Kayla	S1	Debora
S2	Georgia	S3	Josie
S4	Eliza		

Honour Certificates 20/9/17

RoomName	RoomName	RoomName	RoomName
P1	Seth & the whole class	P2	Virat
P3	Lahari & Laila	1	Louise & Bridget
2	Alice & Christopher	3	Jack
4	Mohammad	5	Ashlee
6	Novak	7	Laila
8	Julian	9	Tessa
10	Daniel	S1	Samuel
S2	Nikola	S3	Emily & Flynn
S4	Jigme		

Sport awards from Mrs Stanford : Ruby, Anjelique and Ava

Sports News



Interschool Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all competitors in our team who competed over two days in jumps, throws, running events and team games. The team was amazing!



Thanks to our team managers Ruby, Ava and Anjelique who did a great job of organising our competitors. Thanks to Martine for her assistance with measuring on Tuesday and marshalling on Thursday and to Ms Neil for judging at the carnival on Thursday. Thanks to the school staff for their assistance at the carnival and at school. The table below shows our overall number of place winners in the individual events and team games.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Individual Events	39	23	11	12
Team Games	14	5	3	7

Congratulations to our individual medallion winners:

Bailey – Year 6 Champion Girl
 Charlie – Year 5 Runner Up Champion Boy
 Baxter – Year 4 Champion Boy
 Beau – Year 3 Champion Boy
 Harper – Year 3 Runner Up Champion Girl

The final results were:

Place	School	Points
1 st	Kensington	730
2 nd	Victoria Park	508
3 rd	Lathlain	426
4 th	East Victoria Park	328
5 th	Millen	297
6 th	Bentley	219

Community Sport

Congratulations to students from Kensington who have competed in finals in netball, basketball, football and soccer over recent weekends.

Summer Sport

See the sport noticeboard for details on how to register.

Running Club

We had our final run for the term yesterday. Running Club will re-commence in Week 2, Term 4. Keep running over the holidays!

Music News



Massed Choir

On Friday 15 September, the Senior Choir performed at the Concert Hall as part of the Massed Choir Festival. The children performed brilliantly on the night at this magnificent showcase of excellence in primary choral music. Ruby compered the concert like a professional with clarity and confidence. Lily performed her two solos beautifully with her 500 voice backing choir.



It was a fantastic night of entertainment and a great experience for our students. A special thank you to the staff and parents who assisted and helped to make this concert a success.

P&C News

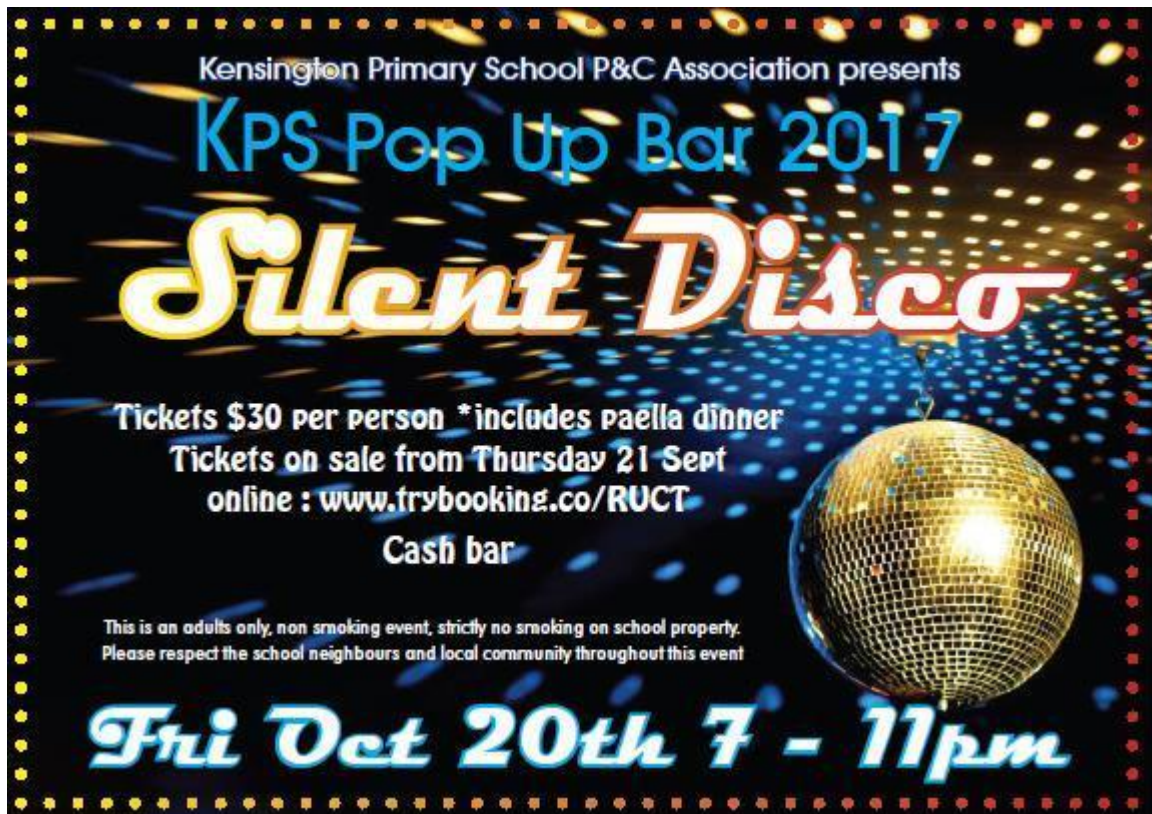


P&C Parents only Pop-up Bar and Silent Disco

P&C Fundraising presents the annual Parents Only event “Pop-up Bar / Silent Disco”, Friday 20 October 2017 from 7pm – 11pm in the Undercover Area.

Tickets will be \$30 each (includes a serve of paella, made on-site) and there will also be a cash bar on the night.

Tickets go on sale this Thursday via TryBooking.



P&C Wishlist

The 2018 “P&C Wishlist” is currently being compiled and we are seeking suggestions from all members of the community (parents, students and staff).

If you have suggestions for items or programs you would like to see funded by the KPS P&C, please let us know! Every suggestion is considered!

You can:

- email your idea to the P&C at kensingtonpandc@gmail.com
- let your class teacher know (they can add it to the staffroom list)
- write it down and submit it to the P&C Box in reception

All submissions should be received by the **beginning of Week 6, Term 4 (Monday 13 November)**. A guide for the information that we require is available by [clicking here](#) and a request form is available by [clicking here](#).



DUCKS DADS AND KIDS CAMP – Bookings open

Last year was a raging success so now’s your chance to come along to the KPS Dads and Kids camp!

Date: Friday 27th October from 4.30pm on the KPS oval.

All fathers and father figures (granddads, uncles, etc) are welcome. Come along and pitch a tent or swag with your kids. Spend a night enjoying some fun dad and kids activities. BBQ dinner and breakfast are included – burnt marshmallows will definitely be on the menu.

The kids loved this event last year, so lock it in the diary and we'll see you there!

\$35 per family (regardless of how many children) including BBQ dinner and breakfast, morning coffee for Dads, marshmallows and fun and games for the kids.

It should be great night for both dads and kids!

We will be wrapped up by 8am Saturday morning, so the oval can be used for cricket and the kids can get off to weekend sport etc.

We're running the bookings through TryBooking to keep it nice and simple. It's a flat rate per family – the different options on the booking site are just to give us an idea of numbers. Please use the link below to book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/SDHT>

Hope we'll see you there!

If you have any queries, let me know or check the website ducks.net.au.

Dave Mundy
0433 095 416

Community News



Marshall's Tennis Academy Tennis Coaching Term 4 at Kensington Primary School – commencing Monday 16 October 2017.

Please click here for the [Kensington Primary School form](#).

See brochure downloads at: marshallstennis.com.au



Lifestreamers Childcare are running a school holiday Vacation Care programme. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



Watkins Southside Swimming runs swimming lessons and squads at the Wesley Pool. Lessons are available from 4 years of age and we run up to squad training level that operates year round. Please email nickandlee@inet.net.au to register your interest. We are currently taking enrolments for Term 4, 2017 and January Vacation Swimming 2018 (see online enrolment forms on the website).

For more information, visit the website www.watkinssouthsideswimming.com.au or phone 0407 564 370.



The Telethon Kids Institute's Discover Day is on again and this year it's bigger and better than ever. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

Join the finest child health and development researchers in the State on October 5 — the school holidays — from 9:30am-3pm and learn about our research, participate in loads of science activities and see inside a real life working lab (age restrictions apply).

For the first time ever, Discover Day will spread to Hamilton Street and Mueller Park – with more activities, more researchers and more fun than ever before.

As well as activities, you can look forward to science shows from SciTech, face painting, food trucks, Fat Cat and more.

Discover Day is a free family-friendly event designed for primary school aged kids and their families. To find out more and register your attendance please visit

www.telethonkids.org.au/discoverday



Do you have kids aged 7-13 years old? Are you worried about their weight? The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



Breakpoint Tennis is running school holiday and Term 4 programmes – please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



SDERA is presenting a parent information session, “Talking Drugs with Paul Dillon”, on Thursday 21 September, from 6.30-8.00pm at Applecross Senior High School. More details are available in the [flyer attached](#).



Please [click here](#) to view information on new Term 4 programmes at the George Burnett Leisure Centre. To register your child, please complete the [enrolment form](#) and send back to leisurecentre@southperth.wa.gov.au.

The City of South Perth is also holding a Pop-Up Cinema on Saturday 14 October at Windsor Park, starting at 5pm. The movie being shown is “The Starfish Throwers”. [Click here](#) for further information.

The City of South Perth and Skateboarding WA will be hosting free skateboarding clinics at Manning Skate Park. Please [click here](#) for further information.



Send your kids to UWA these school holidays! Spring Program: Tue 26 Sept – Fri 6 Oct 2017. The UWA Kids Sports Holiday Programs are fun and exciting, multi-sport day camps for children aged 5–13 that run during the school holidays. With a focus on participation and having a good time, this program is excellent at introducing kids to new sports in a friendly, non-competitive environment and for keeping them active and happy during the school holidays. The program is run by an experienced team of enthusiastic and friendly leaders, trained in a variety of sports. Each holds a first aid qualification and a Working With Children check, so you know your little ones are in safe hands. **The UWA Kids Sports Holiday Program is a registered child care program and parents/guardians are eligible for the Child Care Benefit (CCB).**

[Enrol now](#)

Bring home a big brother or sister and bring French, Italian or Spanish culture to life!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France, Italy or Spain next year? We have a small group of delightful students coming to Australia for 11 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All these international students are around 15 or 16 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term cultural immersion stay. It's fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you would like to know more, please email your interest to ICM on info@icm-education.com.au or call Georgie or Anja on 1800 500 501, or visit our website www.icm-education.com.

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