

# School Newsletter 1617, 18 October 2017

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## Coming Events



- Thursday 19 October – Year 5 sleepover
- Friday 20 October – P&C Parents silent disco/pop-up bar 7pm-11pm
- Saturday 21 October – Baha’i Kensington Community Festival of Unity 4pm – 7.30pm
- Wednesday 25 October – Board meeting
- Friday 27 October – DUCKs dads/kids sleepover on the oval, 4.30pm start

## Principal’s Message



### **Congratulations!**

We wish to congratulate the 21 teachers who received nominations for the “A Day Made Better” award run by OfficeMax. We had over 100 nominations written for our teachers. We particularly wish to congratulate Miss Alicia Taylor who won this award this year. She is an outstanding, dedicated and caring teacher – a worthy winner. Kensington Primary School is the first school to have two teachers win this award. Miss Shannon May won this in 2014 (see <http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au/winners/2014> for a YouTube clip ). It is worth looking through the nomination citations published on the “A Day Made Better” website as they detailed why our teachers are so appreciated by our community (<http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au>). It shows how involved our community is in the school and the support they show for our staff. The school is very grateful for this support. Alicia won a prize pack valued at over \$6000 including an Apple iPad.



## **Welcome & Farewell**

It has been very sad to say farewell to Mrs Leanne Daniels. She has been a breath of fresh air in the library. We will be welcoming Mrs Vanessa Rankin-Hume who is actually a trained teacher librarian but will be taking on the library officer role from now on. Please make her welcome.

As you know, Lisa Williamson has gone on long service leave for the term. Instead of disrupting classes we decided to appoint someone from outside the school to the role. Dr Deborah Wake comes from North Cottesloe PS with experience as an acting deputy. She has settled in well to the role. She is supported by very capably and professionally by our staff. By the way, we will be using the Doctor title to teach the children about doctorates other than medical doctors and to promote life-long and further education – which seems appropriate as we are an educational institution.

Thank you to both Lesley Harris and Alicia Taylor who did a marvellous job as acting deputies while I was away. Lesley Harris worked on auditing our progress in the National Quality Standards for K-2 and drew up a proposal for Curtin University practicums at our school. Alicia Taylor worked on reviewing our phonics program – Decode/Encode and worked on some of our spelling data. She also supported Mr Pestana with the ICT.

## **IPS Review**

While I cannot say much about the results of the IPS Review, I can say that both Belinda Moharich, Board Chair, and I have seen the draft report and were very pleased with the outcome. They highlighted our strengths, and the areas for improvement that they identified were as a result of what we had also identified. The staff have already started preliminary work on the Business Plan which we will share with the School Board next week.

## **School App and Website**

You will soon see a new look website. We are finalising some photos to go on the banner and then we hope to migrate the new one across to the school's address. This will then link well with the app.

## **Re-subscribing to the school app**

The Smartlink app will be updated today. All current subscribed users ***must re-subscribe to Kensington Primary School and turn on the relevant sub-group*** in the Settings tab. This re-subscribing will be a once-off task. Although you may have "Auto Update" turned on, unless you 're-subscribe', you will not get the messages, newsletters or notifications etc.

A specific group has also been set up within the Smartlink app for you to subscribe to. The group is called "Smartlink Member". You can access this group by opening the Smartlink app and searching for Smartlink Member as you would have done when you searched for Kensington Primary School. The password is [Smartlink17](#).

This Smartlink Member platform will be used to send push notifications about various developments, new features within the app, calendar events etc. The Smartlink Member platform is only for Smartlink clients.

Please refer to the [attached PDF](#) for full instructions.

## **Enclosing the Undercover Area & OSHClub**

Unfortunately the installation of a new roller door and exit door in the undercover area in preparation for OSHClub using this area, has hit some road bumps, due to issues beyond our control. However, it is planned to have them installed by mid-term. Stay tuned!

## **Classroom Planning**

It appears our enrolments are down for next year as again we only have 40 kindergarten students (with an additional 20 spill over from Vic Park which will not continue into pre-primary the following year). So we believe we will drop a class. We have also been told we will no longer get \$38,000 in admin assistance which IPS schools used to get. So we believe our budget will be reduced by \$170,000. We are now in the process of working out our staffing for this.

In order for us to effectively plan and budget for 2018, if your circumstances have changed since the "return questionnaire" was completed several months ago and your child is not returning next year, please ensure that you let the office know *as soon as possible*.

## **Classroom Placements 2018**

We will be working on class placements for 2018 this term. Parents who wish to raise particular student needs are invited to write to the principal expressing their request. It should be noted that this expression must focus on legitimate educational reasons and that there are no guarantees that requests will be met. It does, however, allow for consideration of parent views regarding class placement. Parents are asked to present **written requests no later than Friday 10 November 2017** (Week 5, Term 4). If requests are not in writing, they will not be taken into account when placing students.

**Responsibility for the placement of students rests with the principal.**

## **Community Surveys**

We will be surveying the community again this year as we begin planning for the new Business Plan. We feel this data will be a useful tool for identifying needs as well as tracking progress. We may also have a parent survey on social emotional learning as we plan to develop a whole school approach to social emotional learning, taking over from BUZ.

## **Choir**

The Senior Choir were invited to perform at the Australian Council of Educational Leaders' symposium on Monday. They were outstanding. They brought a tear to my eye and a lot of complements from attendees. You could understand every word clearly and they sang in perfect unison and in harmony with the soloists. It was the best primary school choir performance I have seen. Their performance at this event was special for me as I missed their Massed Choir performance last term as I was on long service leave.



*Bronwyn Jones*  
**PRINCIPAL**

## 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 18/10/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1	—
2	—
4	William5
6	Issa
8	Lily
10	Olivia
S2	Bailey
S4	Kayla
1	—
3	Grace
5	Niamh
7	Kyle
9	Baxter
S1	Mietta
S3	—

#### Honour Certificates 18/10/17

RoomName	RoomName
P1	Deacon
P3	Ethan & Amberlee
2	Joshua & Grace
4	Anna
6	Harper
8	Ethan
10	Olivia
S2	Zoe & Rory
S4	Elizabeth & Hamish
P2	Alannah
1	William & Jaxyn
3	Leela & Oliver
5	Juanita
7	Hannah & Jessie
9	Edward
S1	Marc
S3	Meg

## Sports News



### Social Dance

Year 5 and 6 students have commenced their social dance lessons. The lessons culminate at the end of term with the Year 5/6 social. The rest of the school enjoyed one session of dance provided by Humphreys Dance studio last Tuesday.

### **Running Club**

Term 4 Running Club started yesterday with 52 runners coming to our first session. Running Club continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.00am – 8.30am on the oval. New runners from Kindy to Year 6 are welcome. We will continue until Tuesday Week 8 when we will finish with a breakfast.

### **Sporting Schools**

We have received funding from the Sporting Schools program and this term we are utilising it with basketball and cricket sessions.

### **Volleyball**

Volleyball sessions after school are available for Years 4 – 6 students at Manning Primary School. Please see the sport noticeboard or Mrs Stanford for details.

## **Classroom News**



On Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 3 students in Room 6 and 7 were treated to a STEM lesson conducted by Tanya Ellis from Woodside, called 'Reservoir Sandwich'. In this lesson, the students learned how fossil fuels are naturally created over millions of years and the processes which engineers have to go through to find and extract them for human use. They also had some hands-on experience in making their own oil reservoir out of bread, vegemite, sprinkles and M&Ms, to gain an understanding of drilling for oil and gas. Rooms 6 & 7 would like to sincerely thank Tanya and her colleague, Sonya, for their time and their knowledge. The students absolutely loved it!



## P&C News



### 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](mailto: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 – don't miss out!!!**

**You know your kids are dying to come and camp at the school overnight. Time to give in to the pleading and come along to the KPS Dads and Kids camp!**

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

**All fathers and father figures (granddads, uncles etc.) welcome. Come along and pitch a tent or swag with your kids. Spend a night enjoying some fun dad and kids activities. Look out for the inflatable obstacle course! BBQ dinner and breakfast 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). This includes BBQ dinner and breakfast, morning coffee for dads, marshmallows and fun and games for the kids.

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 try and keep it nice and simple. It's a flat rate per family – book in ASAP so we can make sure there is enough food!



Please use the link below to book:

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

Hope we'll see you there!

Any queries let me know or check the website [ducks.net.au](https://ducks.net.au)

Dave Mundy  
0433 095 416

## **Uniform Shop News**

[Uniform orders forms](#) have gone out this week. Please order your child's summer uniform for 2018. Kindy parents have received a note re: ordering for Pre-primary next year and Year 5 parents re: graduation polos. Please put down what you would like to order and the size/s. For the graduation polos, if your child requires larger than size 16, they can order a S, M or L adult size polo. Thanks to Katrina Rees for co-ordinating the graduation polo. She will be in contact with Year 5 parents re: printing of name on the polos.

If your child has not received an order form, a copy is available on the website, under "Uniforms", in the school office and on the school app (Home – School Documents). If you order, you will get what your child needs and it's less of a rush in Term 1 organising uniforms for back to school. There is a new tracksuit (zip up jacket and pants – unisex) and photos will be available on the website and Facebook page. We have a small size for try ons (size 6) and a larger size (around a 14).

Also, Fiona Patten will be taking over the role of Uniform Co-ordinator in 2018 and will be in the shop this term to help out, so thank you very much Fiona. The uniform volunteers (Gemma, Marie, Mel, Ana) have worked together in the past two years to come up with some changes to the uniform and how the shop is run. Thank you, as your contributions have all made a difference. It takes time to make improvements, but they are gradually being made so it is easier for those who volunteer their time to help run the shop and you, as parents, to order. Also thanks to Sharon Mignacca in the office who has loaded photos of the uniform/redesigned the Uniforms page on the school website, included newsletter notes, redirected enquiries/helped parents, put our order form online and paper copies in the office and made things run smoothly.

## **School Banking**

# ***Lets Get Banking...***

**it's the KPS Term 4**

## **School Banking Competition**

Win one of 3 Coles/Myer \$20 vouchers!

***Every time you bank - it's an entry!!!***

The competitions shall be draw in week 8 and awarded at the Xmas Assembly.

So get banking!!!! Tues from 8.30 outside the staff room.



**Get ready for the *Future Savers* app**

As part of the Future Games competition, students can download and play the new Future Savers app from the App Store or Google Play from Monday 16 October 2017. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer for more information.



*To mark the 200 year Birth of Baha'u'llah, we invite everyone to a*

## KENSINGTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OF UNITY

On the weekend of 20-22 October 2017, millions of people in over 100,000 localities worldwide will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith.

Baha'u'llah's teachings on love, unity and peace have infused Kensington for at least 15 years with over a thousand children, junior youth, youth and adults participating in the community building efforts underway in the neighbourhood.

To mark this special occasion we thought it is a wonderful opportunity to come together, as a neighbourhood, on that weekend to strengthen the bonds of friendship.

### Details of the Festival

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2017  
4pm to 7:30pm

Kensington Primary School (Undercover Area)  
73 Banksia Tce, Kensington

### Activities include

- Face Painting
- Community BBQ & Pizza
- Live Music
- Games
- Fresh Juice Bar
- Canvas Bag Art
- Tea & Scones
- & much, much more!

The weekend will end with a community service project.  
This will be confirmed shortly.



*Everyone is invited!*

For regular updates, please email [kensingtonbahai@gmail.com](mailto:kensingtonbahai@gmail.com) or visit our facebook group at

 KENSINGTON BAHAI ACTIVITIES



\* SAGE KIDS \* Yoga For Bright Young Beings

Returns to Sage Yoga for Term 4 on October 26...

For more information and bookings please follow the link-

<https://sageyoga.com.au/sage-classes/sage-kids/>



Beginners programs starting now – four weeks free! Please [click here](#) to view the flyer.



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Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim in lessons run at pools and open water venues across the State. VacSwim is for all children – from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

Your children can learn to swim for just:

- \$7.00 per child for a five day short program
- \$13.00 per child for all other programs.

It's even cheaper if you have three or more children:

- \$18.00 a family for a five day short program
- \$35.00 a family for all other programs.

To find out more about VacSwim and to enrol online please visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming).



The research team at the UWA Neurocognitive Development Unit is running a children's activity program on weekends throughout October and November. Please [click here](#) for further details.



The City of South Perth, City of Canning and the Town of Victoria Park would like your input on ways to reduce the impact of alcohol and other drugs on users and their families in culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities. [Click here](#) for more details.

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