

School Newsletter 1717, 1 November 2017

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Coming Events



- Wednesday 8 November – Board meeting, 5pm in the library
- Friday 10 November – student councillor elections
- Tuesday 14 November – OSHClub Information meeting, 6pm in the Music Room
- Wednesday 15 November – Assembly (art awards will be presented)
- Wednesday 15 November – K2 2018 open morning 9-11am
- Thursday 16 November – Summer Carnival (Yrs 4-6, by invitation)
- Friday 17 November – School swimming challenge in the evening (by invitation)
- Wednesday 22 November – K1/K3 2018 open morning 9-11am

Principal's Message



PEAC results

Each year the Year 4s sit a test for entry into the regional Primary Extension and Challenge program. The top 3.5% of students in the region are then offered places. This year we are very proud to announce that four of our students have been offered places. All parents of Year 4 students are able to access their child's results. Congratulations to Jordan, Emily, Leo and Samuel.

IPS Review

We have received a copy of the report on our recent review and will be presenting this to the Board at our meeting, which was delayed til Week 5 (next week). There are no surprises as the report supports our self-evaluation and intended direction. We thank all the staff, students and parents who contributed to our school review. We need to celebrate our strengths which were also identified. The report will be made available after the Board has a chance to review the report, when it will be placed on our website. We will give you the link when it is posted.

New Business Planning Cycle

The staff looked at the NAPLAN results and feedback from students, and will look at feedback from parents along with other assessment tools to help us plan for the future. We

have already begun preliminary work on our next Business Plan for 2018-2020. We still maintain our focus on:

- Successful students
- Excellence in teaching and learning
- Engaging parents and community partners.

At the Board's next meeting we will be looking at this data and preliminary work in order to develop our new plan.

Behaviour notifications

Our students are enrolled at the school to learn, obviously. So we shouldn't expect that their behaviour will be perfect and that they will never make a mistake. In fact, if that was the case, they would be wasting their time attending school. This learning is not just about academic subjects but includes social and emotional development. School is an ideal place to learn about social interaction: getting along with others and following social rules etc. We take an educative approach to behaviour management, and consequences are natural. While we often deal with issues at school, we know that working in cooperation with parents is vital for learning and development, so we like to keep parents informed about their children's learning, behaviour and social/emotional status. To this end, we use a system we call *Integris* to merge parent information and student information when sending letters, such as Behaviour Notifications, home to parents. If you receive a letter from this system it is by way of notification and documentation. If we have any major incidents or concerns we will phone you. If you receive a letter and do not receive a call it indicates that the incident was not a major concern and has been dealt with by the school. Please do not consider a letter such as this, without a call, any great cause for concern. It is just the easiest way for us to keep you informed. While we hope you can support us in teaching students about appropriate behaviour, we don't need you to punish your child at home for misbehaviour at school. We wish to work with you to find solutions to tricky issues, but most times students will not require intensive work to resolve issues, as they can be dealt with quickly and at a low level on the spot. However, we still feel it is important that you are made aware of any issues. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can work together to resolve them.

Numero

On 20 October, a team from Kensington participated in the annual AFG Numero competition at Manning Primary School. The team of Davin, Anjelique, Liam and Elliot worked well. Our best scores were from the challenges that were team based. This year, we were ranked 8th out of 18 teams.

A big thank you to the parents who assisted by ensuring that the children were early at school for their practices.

Band rehearsals each Friday

Just a reminder to all band members that band rehearsals start promptly at 8am so please ensure you are at the music room by 7:50am. The Christmas Concert is fast approaching so we want to be prepared for this wonderful event. We will have two Christmas concerts on 29 November this year – one in the morning and one at night. Keep time available in your diary for this.

Class Placements

A reminder that any requests for class placement in 2018 must be in writing and forwarded to the office in hard copy or by email by Friday 10th November. See the last newsletter for further details.

School App

The school app Smartlink has now been upgraded. There was a delay in the upgrade which was out of the school's control. The upgrade instructions, as previously communicated to all parents/carers, stated that you would have to re-subscribe to Kensington PS and then re-select the classrooms that you wanted to subscribe to (via the Settings tab, bottom right corner of the app). A number of us have found that in fact we did not need to re-subscribe to KPS but did need to alter the settings. Please ensure that you have checked the settings on your app to ensure that you continue to receive the notifications that are relevant to you.

Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL

Foyer Display

Spring has (finally!) sprung in the foyer. Stop by and see the beautiful collection of flowers and poems done by the students in Room 8.



Virtue & Honour Awards



Obedience

When you are obedient, you abide by the rules, even if you don't like them or it takes a lot of self-discipline to do so. You need to think for yourself and feel sure that when you are obeying someone, that doing so is for your own good and very importantly, will not harm you or others.

Virtue Awards 1/11/17

RoomName	RoomName	RoomName
P1	Mokshada1	Thomas
2	Lucian	3 Isla
4	—	5 Ethan
6	Aleks	7 Mitchell
8	Zayanne	9 Paria
10	AnnabelleS1	Georgia
S2	Xavier	S3 —
S4	Mary	

Honour Certificates 1/11/17

RoomName	RoomName	RoomName
P1	Zara	P2 Caitlin
P3	Syrus & Aila1	Abby & Abigail
2	Ternura	3 Ashleigh & Sachi
4	Milena	5 Ethan
6	Sam	7 Atenea & Thibault
8	Jessica	9 Liv
10	Xavier	S1 Aliah
S2	Elani	S3 —
S4	Jay	

Sports News



Running Club

We continue to run on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.00am – 8.30am on the oval. New runners welcome.



Sport Noticeboard (outside the staffroom)

See the Sport noticeboard for information about girls' cricket programs and volleyball programs.

Wheel Life Program

Notes have gone home to parents about the Wheel Life program for Year 4 – 6 students – please return permission slips to your classroom teacher.

Music News



It is tradition at Kensington to have a Christmas Assembly. At this assembly, the Junior Choir present a Christmas musical with a few support acts gleaned from the whole student body.

This year, we will be having two performances – one on Wednesday morning, 29 November and the second in the evening commencing at 7pm. The whole school (including kindy) is invited to the morning performance. Parents and family are welcome to attend either performance; however, there will be more seating available in the evening.

More details will be sent home with students who will be performing at the Christmas assembly in the next couple of weeks.

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
- 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](#).

Icy poles

Icy poles are back! Icy pole sales will take place each Friday at lunch time from November 3rd until Friday December 8th. Icy poles cost \$1 each and are 99% fruit juice!! Profits raised will contribute to Year 6 end of yearbook.

General Information





SOUTHCARE

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

2017

Southcare Hampers bring joy to families who cannot afford food at Christmas!

Support our Appeal by donating cans and non-perishable food items which are made up into hampers by our volunteers and distributed to families in our community before Christmas. Gifts and gift vouchers for children also welcomed



All goods can be placed in the box outside of the staffroom – we would appreciate donations of non-perishable food items (cans and dried food – **all “in date” please**) and **new** gifts and gift vouchers for children. Your support is very much appreciated!

For the attention of current Year 5 students



Department of
Education

Public education
A world of opportunities

**GIVE YOUR CHILD
THE CHALLENGES THEY
NEED TO THRIVE**

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs

APPLY NOW!

Applications close

Sunday 11 February 2018



RE: SECONDARY SCHOOLING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018 – NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Education coordinates a range of student scholarships, grants and prizes to meet some of the costs of secondary schooling. Scholarships for 2018 are now open for applications.

Eligibility criteria and information on how to apply can be found at: <http://www.education.wa.edu.au/home/detcms/navigation/education/secondary-school/additional-learning-opportunities/scholarships/> An online submission process is used for lodging most applications. Instructions are available on the website.

While many of the Department's scholarships support upper secondary studies, the two below target a broader range of applicants and students currently completing Year 6 at Kensington PS this year may be eligible:

- James and Rose Coombe Scholarships for rural and remote students. A number of these scholarships are available each year. The funding amount starts at \$1000.
- Maud Zervos Education Grants for students with a parent/caregiver who has a disability (a spinal injury with resulting paralysis or a significant limb loss or limb paralysis). A 'rollover clause' in these grants makes funding available for further years of study, subject to satisfactory attendance and progress. The funding amount starts at \$750 in lower secondary and rises to \$1000 for upper secondary studies.

Applications close at **5.30pm Thursday 9 December 2017**.

For further information, email the scholarship coordinators at: PathwaysandTransitions.Scholarships@education.wa.edu.au or call 9402 6304 or 6206 2010.



Year 6 Parent Information Evening for incoming Year 7 students at Kent Street SHS

Please view the [flyer attached](#) for further information.



EUCALYPT HOMEWARES Handcrafted Porcelain Tableware

Looking for something fun and crafty to do with your school aged kids? Come and make some super cute clay Christmas characters like an angel or a hand painted bowl or plate (designed by your child).



You participate by helping your child during the lesson – so nice to play together. And the finished creations will look so adorable decorating your house this year!

Head to the website for dates and more info.

<https://www.eucalyptomewares.com.au/classes>



Below, please view the flyer for a “Kids and Anxiety” course, aimed at parents and carers of children aged 3-12 years.



Kids and Anxiety Course for Parents & Carers of children aged 3-12 years

Whilst some feelings of anxiety can be a normal part of children's development, an increasing number of children are experiencing higher level of anxiety that are impacting on their everyday life. This course aims to assist parents and caregivers to understand anxiety and provides simple strategies for parents and caregivers to use at home.

Date: Tuesday
21 November 2017

Time: 9.30am - 11am

Where: Collier Primary School
17 Hobbs Ave, Como

To Register Contact:

T 92515777
E Parenting@communicare.org.au



Effective from October 2nd 2017 Clan WA has become part of Communicare Inc.



LAST CHANCE – DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY !

A Triple P Seminar – The Power of Positive Parenting – is being offered on THURSDAY 30TH November at Leisurelife Recreation Centre in East Victoria Park, starting at 9.30 am. The Seminar covers the overall principles of Triple P (The Positive Parenting Program) in a concise, two hour session. Those attending will receive a comprehensive handout to take away with them, and to refer to in the future.

Triple P is a world renowned parenting program which consistently receives accolades from those who take the time to attend a Seminar or Group Program. This Seminar provides information and strategies to help parents raise their children in a positive, practical manner.

The Seminar is free, but places are limited – call the Triple P hot line on 0478 319 391 to register for the Seminar. Some places are also available in an associated crèche (provided free of charge) and these places will be allocated on a first in, first served basis.

Take action NOW to reserve your place at this final Seminar for 2017.



Please [click here](#) to get further information on upcoming skateboarding events at Manning Skatepark.

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