

School Newsletter 0118, 7 February 2018

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Coming Events



- Thursday 8 February and Friday 9 February – Edudance starts
- Tuesday 20 February – P&C AGM, 7.30pm in the staffroom
- Wednesday 21 February – assembly

Principal's Message



Welcome

Welcome to the 2018 school year at Kensington Primary School. I hope you all enjoyed the school holidays and that your children have come back to school eager to learn. Please be aware that it will take a little time for everyone to settle into their new classrooms. We had 66 class placement requests. This constitutes requests for 15% of the student population. In one year level a third of the students had requests. While we have done our best to comply with requests, we were not always able to do so, despite our best efforts. We had to make decisions based on the best interests of the whole class as well on educational grounds. These are not easy decisions but we made them with the best intentions and with professional integrity.

"Dear Principial, I am writing to ensure you have considered all 35 educational, social and medical reasons why Hugh cannot possibly be in Mrs. Blakely's class next year. Please note I have also attached a list of the boys who should and should not be in Hugh's class."



(Image from Cottesloe Barbie's Facebook page)

We encourage everyone to help their children settle into their new classes by focusing on the positives and the opportunities. Dealing with different personalities and situations is a part of life and learning. Facing difficult or uncomfortable situations positively builds resilience – a key aim for a child's development. One way to help your child is to frame your questions about their day positively and ask them about the good things rather than problems. When dealing with problems it is best to focus on solutions. Check out 25 Ways to Ask Your Kids "So How Was School Today?" from the Huffington Post (https://www.huffingtonpost.com/liz-evans/25-ways-to-ask-your-kids-so-how-was-school-today-without-asking-them-so-how-was-school-today_b_5738338.html)

25 Ways To Ask Your Kids "So How Was School Today?"

(Without asking "So How
Was School Today?")

Simple Simon and Company

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today? (What was the worst thing that happened at school today?)
2. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
3. If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? (Who would you NOT want to sit by in class? Why?)
4. Where is the coolest place at the school?
5. Tell me a weird word that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.)
6. If I called your teacher tonight, what would she tell me about you?
7. How did you help somebody today?
8. How did somebody help you today?
9. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
10. When were you the happiest today?
11. When were you bored today?
12. If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed someone up, who would you want them to take?
13. Who would you like to play with at recess that you've never played with before?
14. Tell me something good that happened today.
15. What word did your teacher say most today?
16. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
17. What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
18. Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to?
19. Where do you play the most at recess?
20. Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
21. What was your favorite part of lunch?
22. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?
23. Is there anyone in your class who needs a time-out?
24. If you could switch seats with anyone in the class, who would you trade with? Why?
25. Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school.

Welcome to New Arrivals

We welcome all those families new to the school this year. We hope you enjoy being part of this wonderful community. We also welcome Ms Claire Backhouse to the team. She is our

new deputy in charge of ICT. Additionally, Marie Gultiano is taking Japanese at the school this year while Mrs Yazawa is on leave. She will have Room 6 as her classroom now that our numbers have dropped slightly, allowing us a couple of spare rooms. However, our numbers have gone up a little over the holidays so we are closely monitoring class sizes as we are hoping not to need to restructure the school mid-year if our numbers grow.

Faction Captains

Last year we announced the new faction captains and vice captains. For clarity, the process involves all the students from Years 4 and 5 voting for the student councillors and faction leaders in one ballot for the girls and one for the boys. The first four girls and the first four boys are given the student councillor positions (the top boy and girl winning the head boy and girl). Then the next two girls and two boys from each faction are given the faction captain and vice-captain roles.

Unfortunately we have found that a couple of errors were made in the girls' results. When the results were questioned we went back to the Electoral Education Centre and asked them to re-do the count and to portion out all preferences until they had expired (for both boys and girls). I need to make it clear that this mistake was the school's mistake and not that of the Centre. We, therefore, need to announce the corrected 2018 girl captains and vice captains.

We apologise unreservedly for the mistake and for the distress that this mistake has caused. We have now put in place further safeguards so that this never occurs again.

Faction	Captain	Vice-Captain
Cygnets	Kayla S	Maddy P
Endeavour	Amelia T	Ellie G
Investigator	Sashana B	Aria T
Parmelia	Eliza R	Ashleigh M

Updating App and Lunch Order Subscriptions

Just a reminder that you will need to update your child(ren)'s classes on the School App and the online School Lunches Online site. On the Smartlink app you go into settings and unselect the old classes and select the new classes. If you order your child's lunch from School Lunches Online, please ensure that you update his/her classroom details on their website so that their lunch can be delivered to them.

Our School Board – NOMINATIONS OPEN

The School Board will be meeting twice a term – on the third and ninth Wednesday of each term at 5pm. Belinda Moharich is the chair of the school board. There are some vacancies on the board this year. If you are interested in nominating yourself, please complete the attached [nomination form](#) and return it to the school by Thursday 22nd February. Attached is also an [information sheet](#) prepared by Belinda to give potential nominees an overview of the board and how it runs. Below is a list of functions of the board as outlined in the Department's policy. ***Please note – all Board members are now required to give consent for the Department of Education to undertake a National Police History Check into their backgrounds.***

This year is an important year for the KPS School Board. This is the first year of our new Business Plan which is currently being written.

The functions of the school board are:

1 to take part in:

1. a) establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
2. b) the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions;
3. c) evaluating the school's performance in achieving them; and
4. d) formulating codes of conduct for students at the school;

2 to determine in consultation with students, their parents and staff a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school;

3 to promote the school in the community;

4 to approve:

1. a) charges and contributions for the provision of certain materials, services and facilities;
2. b) extra cost optional components of educational programmes;
3. c) items to be supplied by a student for use in an educational programme; and
4. d) any agreements or arrangements for advertising or sponsorship in relation to the school;

5 to provide advice to the principal of the school on:

1. a) a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual or moral values being used in a school activity as part of religious education; and
2. b) the implementation of special religious education;

6 with the approval of the Minister, or the Minister's delegate the Director General, or sub-delegates the Deputy Director General, Schools or Regional Executive Directors for government schools in their regions to:

1. a) take part in the selection of, but not the appointment of, the school principal or any other member of the teaching staff.

The board cannot:

- 1 intervene in the educational instruction of students;
- 2 exercise authority over teaching staff or other persons employed at the school;
- 3 control or manage the school unless the intervention is by way of performing a function prescribed for incorporated councils or boards (see section 3.3- Incorporated councils or boards); or
- 4 intervene in the management or operation of a school fund.

The council or board must comply with any conditions imposed on it by the Minister pursuant to section 130(3)(c) of the *School Education Act 1999*, and any directions issued by the Minister pursuant to section 135(1) of the *School Education Act*.

An induction process is provided for all new members. If you have any questions about the function of the board or what is expected, please email the principal at Kensington.ps@education.wa.edu.au

You may wish to check out our website <https://kensingtonps.wa.edu.au/school-board/> or see the profiles of the current board members: <https://kensingtonps.wa.edu.au/school-board-profiles/>

Gifted and Talented (GATE) Secondary Selective Entrance Programs : applications are now open for entry into Year 7 in 2019

If you have a child entering Year 7 in 2019, this is a reminder that applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs close on **Sunday 11 February**.

Children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent thrive in Gifted and Talented Programs. These unique academic, arts and languages programs provide a challenging curriculum designed to bring out the very best in students.

Available at 18 select secondary schools, including a fully selective academic school, an arts college, an online option and a regional school, children learn alongside like-minded peers and are taught by teachers with expert skills and knowledge.

Your child can apply for these programs no matter where you live in Western Australia and, once selected, are guaranteed places at these schools. Successful country applicants may be eligible to board at City Beach Residential College and receive the Gifted and Talented Boarding Allowance.

The Gifted and Talented Selection Unit will be holding information sessions regarding the application, selection and placement processes.

To find out dates and locations of the information sessions and to submit an online application, please visit education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented. Alternatively, you can contact the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit on 9264 4307 or by email at gtsu@education.wa.edu.au.

Applications close Sunday, 11 February 2018. Late applications are not accepted.

Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL

Virtue & Honour Awards



Trust

Trust is having faith. It is relying and believing in someone or something..

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

Virtue Awards 7/2/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	---	1	Caitlin
2	Hayley	3	Ava
4	Lawson	5	Harry
7	Tamsin	8	Niamh
9	Mia	10	Jade
S1	Samuel	S2	Beatrice
S3	Elani	S4	Kayla

Honour Awards 7/2/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Jack & Amelie	P3	Aiden & Eliza
1	Sebastian	2	William
3	Hugo	4	Audrie
5	Jude	7	Sophia
8	William	9	Tahlia & Jack
10	Jacob & Laila	S1	Jaymen
S2	Monet	S3	Ella & Elliot
S4	Maddy		

Sports News



Running Club

Running Club will commence in Week 7 (Tuesday 13 March) at 8am – all are welcome!

Girls' Cricket

The Perth Scorchers love playing cricket and we hope you do too! If you're a girl aged 8-12 years old and would like to play like your favourite Scorchers player, why not try MILO T20 Blast? There is a program on Wednesdays 4:30-6pm at Laurie Packham Oval starting 14th Feb (week 3). Find out more information or register now at

<http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?Id=30412>



The advertisement features a vibrant orange background with a large white 'S' logo for the Perth Scorchers in the top left. The main title 'MILO T20 BLAST GIRLS CENTRES' is prominently displayed in white. Below the title, text describes the program: 'We're running a number of 6 session MILO T20 Blast Centres for Girls to learn how to play. If you're 7-12, we've got a centre near you to have some fun in Term One.' It also mentions that there are centres for boys and girls and provides the website 'playcricket.com.au'. A black box on the left contains contact information: 'FOR MORE INFO: For more information visit playcricket.com.au or contact Corey O'Brien call 0419 938 669 or email corey.obrien@waca.com.au'. At the bottom, logos for sponsors are listed: Homeloans (Principal Partner), rework.com, BOLMOM, and Kleenheat. On the right, three young girls are smiling, wearing orange cricket jerseys with 'SCORCHERS CRICKET' and 'Homeloan.com.au' visible. The MILO T20 Blast logo is in the top right corner.

This Friday, 9 February, the WACA are running a girls' clinic (Years 3-6) on the oval at 1.40pm (during the lunch break). Please come to the oval if you want to participate.

P&C News



It's Your P&C – This is how you get involved...

The aim of the P&C is to assist in the provision of resources and facilities that enhance the education and enjoyment of school life for our kids. We also role model 'giving back' to our children, and help to create a sense of community.

There are a number of ways you can contribute to our P&C:

- [Nominate for a committee position](#) (all roles now open)
- Attend meetings to have your say (2 per term)
- [Become a Class Rep](#)
- Participate in fundraising activities (each year group is assigned one activity to manage per year)
- Pay your P&C voluntary contribution

Whichever option(s) you choose we would love to have you involved. Please join us for our first meeting of the year on **Tuesday 20 February @ 7.30pm** (Week 4).

More information on the P&C including roles, our constitution, meeting minutes and our 2018 budget can be found on the [school website](#). If you have any questions please email kensingtonpandc@gmail.com.

Samantha Thompson
P&C President

The P&C needs new members for 2018

The P&C AGM is on Tuesday 20 February, at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

This meeting has deliberately been deferred this year to give everybody time to settle into their new school routines, and have time to chat with your friends about what roles you might like to take on together for the P&C.

To give you plenty of advance notice, the current P&C Executive will not be re-nominating for their roles, and as such, we are looking for a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please review the attached list of all [P&C Committee positions](#) and if you are interested in nominating for a role, complete and return the [attached nomination form](#).

Being involved in the P&C is an extremely rewarding and fun opportunity, and we hope to see many new faces at the AGM.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Samantha Thompson (President) on 0419 122 006 or Nicole Austin (Secretary) on 0414 673 868.





Greetings Kensington families and staff!

The first few days of Kensington OSHClub have been such a delight. The children have enjoyed several activities such as painting, team games and board games as well as building and construction. In the mornings, children have been enjoying breakfast and have been having a variety of fruits, veggies and various snacks for afternoon tea. We are so happy to be welcoming more and more children in our care each day. Our OSHClub family is growing quickly!

For enrolments and booking changes, please go to www.oshclub.com.au .

See you around!

Warm regards,

Leslie Estaniel
Coordinator
Kensington OSHClub

Baha'i is back in 2018

The Baha'i classes are back and in full swing starting Week 4. They run once a week and are open to all ages from Pre-primary to Year 6.

You will receive a yellow flyer this week that has more information about the classes and their purpose. There are contact details included if you would like further information. At the bottom of the flyer there is a permission slip, so if you would like your child to be involved, please fill out the slip and return it to your child's class teacher by the due date.

We would love to see your child there!

Community News



Marshalls Tennis Academy Tennis Coaching Term 1 at Kensington Primary.

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

See brochure downloads at: marshallstennis.com.au



KIDS LOVE DRAMA – PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

Why drama? Drama helps develop so many important life skills for our children, such as social skills, confidence, self-esteem, verbal communication skills, self-expression and lots more!

Classes include speech, creative movement, improvisations, dance dramas, dressing up, dialogue development, stage skills and so much more!

ACT NOW and reserve a place today! Contact Justin Lowson, on 9402 5849, or Justin.Lowson@helenogrady.net.au



Please [click here](#) to view the current term program for Breakpoint Tennis.



Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes in your local area.

A special offer for the school's students – 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons.

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment. We also teach classes for teens and adults in the local area at night and they are fantastic for fitness, wellbeing and of course, self-defense.

Classes continue over the school holidays (with a short break over the Christmas period) which makes it perfect for the kids who are looking to try something on the holidays.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

Sensei Johnny Moran – 0402 830 402



Join us for our term 1 painting and drawing bonanza! Fun filled art classes for children from 4 to 14 yrs. All materials and art aprons provided. Visit our website www.creativekidsartclub.com.au for more information or to book online.

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