

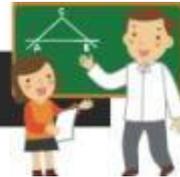
School Newsletter 0218, 21 February 2018

Coming Events



- Monday 26 February to Friday 2 March – Yr 6 beach swimming lessons
- Monday 5 March – Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 7 March – Assembly
- Thursday 8 March – Faction swimming carnival

Principal's Message



Electric shock information

A recent incident involving our staff highlighted a misconception that many of us have about how circuit breakers protect us. All our power points at school are protected with Residual Current Devices (RCD) and all our electrical equipment is checked (and tagged as checked) on a regular basis. However, one of our staff accidentally plugged a damaged cable into the electricity (the damage must have occurred after the August 2017 electrical check) and received a shock. Although the wires were exposed, the circuit breaker was not triggered as the cable did not short out. The RCD didn't trigger because there was no difference in potential between active earth and neutral earth (in this case the staff member's body completed the circuit). It is, therefore, important to check all cables before use and not to rely on a circuit breaker to protect you. Fortunately the staff member is alright. However, we are sharing this information to raise awareness as the same issues can occur in the home.

Trees

Earlier in the term a tree branch came down and so we asked for an inspection of our trees to be completed to ensure safety. We have been informed that there are three trees that have all but reached the end of their life and will be removed in the near future. A number of trees will also be trimmed. We will continue to monitor all other trees as there are a few others that are also reaching the end of their lifespan and will need, eventually, to be removed too. We will try to manage this so that these trees are replaced.

Today we were also informed that a couple of peppermint trees at the front of the school on Banksia Terrace will also be removed for the same reason by the City of South Perth next Tuesday. They too will be replaced.

Student Councillor Responsibilities

Apart from their liaison role between staff and students, representing students' perspectives, the student councillors lead and promote events across the school: leading assemblies, special activities and events. They work with Ms Millar and aim to ensure that Kensington PS is an enjoyable and safe place for all students. They also run events that promote community spirit and philanthropic endeavour whether that be by raising funds for those less fortunate or in need, or whether through service in the community. Their leadership role takes in both leading from the front and serving their community at the grass roots. They will be attending a leadership conference next month to gain a better understanding of leadership and how they can promote initiative and community involvement across the school.

Faction Leader Responsibilities

We have expanded the faction leader responsibilities to provide opportunities for ongoing roles, rather than sporadic roles at times of sports carnivals. They are now in charge of all sporting initiatives such as fitness and senior sports as well as Jump Jam. They are also looking to host break time sporting events and get involved in whole school events such as Harmony Day, along with the student councillors. Mrs Stanford is their staff liaison person.

Easter Tuesday (3rd April)

As in previous years when Easter falls within a school term, the Tuesday following Easter is also a school holiday. So, you will have an extra-long weekend as school will be closed from (and including) Friday 30th March to (and including) Tuesday 3rd April.

Growth Mindset

Our school is aiming to develop a growth mindset in students. Di Filmer recently sent the [attached document](#) to her class to explain what a growth mindset is and how to foster it in your child.

Water Bottles

There are a number of unclaimed water bottles in the lost property box. We will dispose of any that are not claimed by next Friday.

Annual Reminders

We are required to provide everyone with some annual reminders.

While **school starts** at 8:50am each morning, we are happy for students to arrive at 8:30am when classroom doors open to allow students time to setup for the day and participate in before school sessions such as reading. This enables everyone to be ready for the start of the day. Students who arrive before this time must be seated in the quadrangle area and must not interrupt the teachers' preparations for the school day. We can only guarantee supervision at 8:15am onwards. Students should not arrive at school before 8:15am. All students who arrive after 9am must report to the office so that we can report attendance without interrupting the classroom teachers' lessons.

All students who must wait at the end of the day for **pickup** must wait with Miss Jones at the kiss and wave. Any students who have not been collected by 3:15pm will be taken to the office for collection. Only students who are being directly supervised by the parents can play on **playground** equipment after school. No equipment can be used by anyone before school and the oval is out of bounds before and after school.

All **visitors** to the school must report to the office first. This includes parents who are attending the school after the start of the school day. Students will not be released from their classroom without a slip from the office. This is a safety precaution to ensure only people who have the right to access students do so.

We have completed a deed of licence with OSHClub and so they now have **the undercover area before and after school** each day so we must avoid this area altogether to allow them to run their program uninterrupted. Please access the quadrangle via the gate near the library rather than through the undercover area. I have asked them to close the access points and put up signs to remind us during this transition period – it is hard to break old habits!

For safety reasons students are not allowed to ride their **scooters, skateboard or bikes** on the school grounds. Students are asked to walk these items instead. We also ask that parents follow the same rules as good role models.

A reminder that all **student absences** must be explained either in writing or by phoning the school or speaking to the class teacher (who will record the explanation in writing). All families taking vacation leave outside of school holidays must also write to the principal seeking authorisation. In the absence of this request, these absences will be recorded as unauthorised. It is important to note that authorisation for absence due to vacations is also dependent on past attendance, length of absence and plans for maintaining your child's education. Australia has mandatory school attendance, so authorisation is important.

The **staff car park is not available** for dropping off students in the mornings or picking up students at the end of the day. It is a small car park and our staff can't all park there because it is so small. It is also difficult getting out during peak times (especially if others are trying to get in) so please do not use the car park. While I realise that often people think that when they do it there is no harm, but if everyone did it there would be chaos. It is also not safe for children to be in this area as backing cars don't always see small children and children can move quickly and unpredictably. Thanks for your support on this.

On Entry Testing for Pre-primary students

Our annual assessment regime for Pre-primary students has begun. This is mandated by the Department of Education. If you wish to know more about this you are welcome to visit the following website or speak with the Pre-primary staff or administrators.

<http://det.wa.edu.au/educationalmeasurement/detcms/navigation/on-entry/>

Year 6 Swimming Lessons

The Year 6 students will commence their swimming lessons on 26th February for a week (Week 5). These will be conducted at Cottesloe Beach. All other year levels will have their lessons at Aqualife in Term 4. The faction swimming carnival will be run in Week 6 this term though.

Upfront charges

Please see or phone the ladies in the office to pay the upfront charges for excursions and the like. Paying upfront charges means that you will no longer receive the yellow money envelopes and have to rummage around for spare change! Any remaining credit from 2017 will be deducted from this year's charges.

Our School Board – **NOMINATIONS CLOSING TOMORROW**

The School Board will be meeting twice a term – on the third and ninth Wednesday of each term at 5pm. Belinda Moharich is currently 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 (**tomorrow**). 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 consent to the Department of Education undertaking 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:

- a) charges and contributions for the provision of certain materials, services and facilities;
- b) extra cost optional components of educational programmes;
- c) items to be supplied by a student for use in an educational programme; and
- 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:

- 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
- 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:

- 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/>

NAPLAN Online

This year our school will access NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) online. This means the Year 3 and Year 5 students will complete their assessment on computers, except for the Year 3 Writing (which will remain as a paper and pencil). Testing will occur from 15th – 25th May.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Endorsement has been received from the School Board and our Regional Executive Director to close the school at 12:00 noon on Wednesday 11th April to undertake a *Reporting to Parents* afternoon in the form of individual *Parent Teacher Interviews*. The interview will focus on literacy and numeracy, and attitude, effort and behaviour. Teachers will use information collected from tasks completed as part of the usual classroom teaching and learning program to support the discussion. Parents will be informed if any students are experiencing difficulties with learning and provided with information about supporting their child at home.

The early close means no lessons will occur after 12 noon. Supervision will be provided *only* for those students who cannot be collected, but it is strongly requested that parents make alternative arrangements for their child(ren)'s care. Supervision will only be undertaken until 3:00pm; the normal school close time.

As in previous years all interviews (K-Yr 6) will be held in the Senior Block and will be timed for 12 minutes with a 3 minute changeover. A bell will be rung to ensure timings are kept under control. A half hour break for staff will also be scheduled into the afternoon. Sign-up sheets will be placed on class notice boards and/or class emails for your convenience in the near future. Some interviews will need to occur before or after the scheduled day, please communicate with your child's teacher as to a suitable time and day.

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 21/2/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Samuele	1	Joe
2	Elliot	3	Sabrina
4	Eloise	5	Laura
7	Ava	8	Oliver
9	Alicia	10	Isobel
S1	Matilda	S2	Cruz
S3	Sadie	S4	Nikola

Honour Awards 21/2/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Daniel	P3	Thomas & Ayanna
1	Harriet	2	India
3	Noah	4	Ethan
5	Samuel	7	Poppy
8	Meg	9	Thibault
10	Maxim	S1	Maddison
S2	Elizabeth	S3	Georgia
S4	Willem & Eliza	Japanese	Room 9
Special awards from Ms Millar	Matthew & Jamie		



Coles Sports for Schools

Yes, we are collecting the vouchers from Coles. They can be placed in the box outside the staffroom or the box in the Senior Block. In previous years we have been very successful in collecting thousands of vouchers and were able to get lots of new sports equipment. So don't forget to bring in the vouchers!

Faction Swimming Carnival

The faction swimming carnival is in 2 weeks' time (Thursday 8 March). Notes will be sent home next week to all Year 4 -6 students and those invited Year 2 and 3 students who have passed Stage 5.

Beach Swimming Lessons

Year 6 beach swimming lessons commence next week. We are sure the Year 6s will have a lot of fun learning how to swim in surf conditions.

All School Fitness

Well done to the Year 6 leaders on a great start to all school fitness. They have been well organised and have led their groups confidently.

Volleyball

Year 3 – 6 students have had Dylan from Volleyball WA assisting Mrs Stanford with volleyball sessions. The funding for this comes from the Federal Governments Sporting for Schools program. If you are interested in playing volleyball, there is information on the Volleyball WA website under Spike Zone or you can [click here](#) to see the flyer. We will have some tennis sessions later in the term.

Senior Sport

Senior sport has commenced and we are playing volleyball, netball, basketball, football and continuous cricket. Thanks to parents Mel, Janet and Rowena who are assisting.

Sport Noticeboard

Check the sport noticeboard outside the staffroom for winter sport sign up details.



Thank you to the outgoing members and office bearers for the wonderful job they have done to benefit the school. Congratulations to the new office bearers and for the great turn out at last night's P&C meeting. The names of the new office bearers are as shown below:

President : Vanya Taylor
Vice President : Kelly Lang
Secretary : Jennifer Young
Treasurer : Dave Thompson

Fundraising : Shannon Kynaston
P&C Board Rep : Lara Parsons
Uniforms: Fiona Patten
Music : Nicole Austin
Grounds & Facilities : Chris Muir
Sport : Leanne Hill
DUCKS : David Mundy
School Banking : Shannon Kynaston & Kelly Lang
Bookclub & Library : Susan Henwood
Memorabilia : Karen Mahar & Sharon Szczecinski
Year 6 Fundraising : Rowena Mills

Both the Memorabilia and School Banking ladies are looking for some new mums/dads to take over these roles next year. They are happy to start the transition process now with a view to them stepping down by Term 4 (or earlier) this year.



Dads **U**nited for **C**hildren of **K**ensington Primary

DUCKs is a group of dads that meets for social events with their kids to encourage a closer bond between them and their children.

Stay updated on upcoming events by registering on our website.

DUCKS

ducks.net.au

DUCKS EVENTS Term 1 2018

DUCKs events are open to any KPS dads, father figures, brothers, uncles, grandads and their kids. Anyone can come along! If you're interested/unsure/or just don't know, please feel free to contact Dave Mundy on 0433 095 416 or email hlmst1@westnet.com.au to be added to the DUCKs email list. Check out the website at ducks.net.au

DUCKS World Championship Lawn Bowls Friday 23rd February

If you haven't already started, there's still time to stretch the hamstrings and roll over the bowling arm in preparation for the KPS DUCKS World Championship Lawn Bowls this Friday night.

All dads, stepdads, grandads, uncles and father figures are more than welcome. This is a low stress, fun night out.

Just turn up on the night and we'll slot you into a team. If you have a team of 4 organised then that's great as well.

Anyone who has been before will testify it's a fun night under lights at Como bowls – within easy walking or riding distance home

We'd love to get as many new people along as possible – try and drag someone along who hasn't been to a DUCKs event before.

Friday 23rd February from 5.30pm
Como Bowls Club
Hensman St, Como

\$10 / head for bowling
\$10 /head for food – please RSVP or you might miss out!

RSVP Dave Mundy at hlmst1@westnet.com.au

We realise that people will have varying commitments – just turn up when you can. Aiming to eat around 8pm.

Wacky Winter Olympics 2pm Saturday 24th March 2018

Everyone is welcome to the first DUCKS Wacky Winter Olympics at Morris Mundy Reserve on Saturday arvo 24th March.

Leave your speed skating, aerial stunts and half pipe tricks at home – just bring a sense of humour and a vivid imagination!

The whole family is welcome.

Lock in the date – details will follow in due course.

General Information



Greetings of good health and joy!

A friendly reminder from your friends at Kensington WA OSHClub:

At OSHClub we have top priorities: FUN and SAFETY. In line with our policy and passion to give quality care, we request for the cooperation of parents regarding the following.

There are several children with health and allergy requirements at the service. We ask all Parents/Guardians to please make sure updated action plans are given to the Coordinator (Leslie Estaniel) to copy. If your child requires an Epipen, please make sure the Epipen is stored at the service.

Thank you for your continuing support in our mission to deliver quality care and education for the children of Kensington Primary School.

Kindest regards,

Leslie Estaniel
Coordinator
Kensington WA OSHClub

Mt Henry Dental Clinic

Please [click here](#) to read an information letter from the Mt Henry Dental Clinic regarding free dental treatment available to all students from Pre-primary to the end of Year 11.

Community News



Choirs4kids is community singing groups for children from ages 3-13. We already have 50 children singing in Baldivis and Melville and have just opened a new venue in South Perth this year. We have two age groups: Singing Joeys and Singing Roos. Joeys learn the basics of singing and songs based on a theme whilst finding their voices and boosting confidence. Roos learn modern and some older songs, work together on harmonies and general singing skills to boost volume and quality of their voice. We also work a lot on confidence and belief creating a safe environment for these young people to find their voice or extend it.

Classes are at the new John McGrath Hall on Hensman Street on Wednesdays. Singing Joeys (ages 3-5) at 3.30-4.00pm costing \$12 per session and Singing Roos (ages 6-13) at 4.10-5pm costing \$15 per session. Payments are pro rata for the term and you can find out more info and current term prices at choirs4kids.com.au.

Contact Sue for more info on 0414 205 919 or visit the website.



Come And Join In The Fun....

South Perth Junior Football Club has been a part of our community since 1926. We are a non-for-profit community club run by volunteers and each year we provide a fun based football program to Pre-primary to Year 2's for both boys and girls within the Auskick format.

Fitness, skills and movement within our younger children is an important part of growing and learning. Our program down at the club aids in this growing and learning process and in addition allows our members to create new friendships, grow in confidence and work as teams all under the guidance of our coaching team. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer or email Steve on auskick.spjfc@gmail.com.

Walk for Women's Cancer

On Saturday 5 May, a team of ladies called The Boobie Battlers will be participating in the Hawaiian Walk for Women's Cancer 2018. This event not only helps raise funds for medical research to find treatments and cures for breast cancers and ovarian cancer, but it also raises awareness for the cause.

To participate in the event, each team member must raise a minimum of \$1,000. Last year the nine members of the The Boobie Battlers raised \$12,420 and completed the 30km walk. This year, the Boobie Battlers consists of a group of seven ladies completing either the 30km or 42km walk and they hope to beat their fundraising effort from last year. Six of the seven members of this team are mums of students from Kensington Primary School.



- Caroline Hill
- Camille Jeppesen
- Loretta Keane
- Kendal Percival
- Ashlea Rushton
- Claire Stone

If this is a cause you support, The Boobie Battlers would be grateful for your donations to help them reach their goal, no matter how small. A link to their team page can be found below.

<https://hawaiian-walk-2018.everydayhero.com/au/the-boobie-battlers>

For those interested in supporting a Boobie Battler fundraising event, a quiz night is being planned for Friday 6 April 2018 and a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Cannington on Sunday 18 March 2018. Please speak to a member of the team if you'd like more information or contact the team via their Facebook page.

OUTSIDE THE LOCKER ROOM

TACKLING SUICIDE



CELEBRITY & COMMUNITY MATCH

DATE: SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2018

TIME: 6:00PM BOUNCE DOWN

VENUE: LATHLAIN PARK

youthfocus
Curtain Raiser

@ 4pm



V's



TICKETS AT GATE

\$10 for Adults

Gold coin for Under 16s

Proceeds will fund Suicide & Mental Health Education Programs within the Perth community.

FEATURING



Peter Bell

Andrew Embley

Paul Haselby

Troy Cook

Ashleigh Nelson



Jake Edwards

Sam Butler

Daniel Kerr

Shaun McManus

David Wirrapunda

+ MANY MORE



City Toyota



Queries please contact Kristi Annear 0428 811 279



Please [click here](#) to view the flyer on the Triple P free parenting seminars being held in March.



Please [click here](#) to view the flyer for “The Brain Architecture Game” and [click here](#) to view the flyer for “Languages of Love and Children”.



Please [click here](#) to view a flyer on Workshops for Parents and Carers and [click here](#) to view another.

**The above community advertisements are for your information only and should not be taken as endorsement by Kensington Primary School.*