

# School Newsletter 0318, 7 March 2018

## Coming Events



- Thursday 8 March – Faction swimming carnival, 9.30am start at Aqualife
- Wednesday 14 March – Harmony Day family picnic and games, 1.30pm
- Tuesday 20 March – P&C Meeting, 7.30pm in the staffroom
- Wednesday 21 March – Assembly
- Wednesday 21 March – Harmony Day – for a gold coin donation, wear a national costume from around the world or wear free dress representing Aussie culture
- Thursday 22 March – Interschool swimming carnival (by invitation only)
- Friday 30 March – Good Friday – **students do not attend**
- Monday 2 April – Easter Monday – **students do not attend**
- Tuesday 3 April – Easter Tuesday – **students do not attend**

## Principal's Message



### School Board

Thank you for nominating and congratulations to the following parents who are our newest members of the School Board: Mr Mark Thompson, Mr Brendan Joss and Mr Andrew Cody. Congratulations and thanks to Ms Claire Backhouse and Ms Sue Millar for nominating and being elected to the position of staff representatives on the School Board too. The Board will meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> March to elect a new Chair and to identify a new Community representative. We thank Mrs Belinda Moharich and Mrs Karen Mahar for their contribution to the school and the School Board during their terms as parent representatives. Likewise, we thank Mrs Rhonda Skinner and Ms Alicia Taylor for representing the staff on the Board over the past couple of years

### Harmony Day – Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day celebrations officially start nationally on the **15<sup>th</sup> March**, culminating on 21<sup>st</sup> March (the actual Harmony Day). Our school will kick off celebrations on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March with a family picnic starting at 1:30pm followed by an afternoon of games. Please bring your picnic hampers and blankets to eat with your children and their friends' families. We will finish off the week with a special free dress day on Wednesday **21<sup>st</sup> March** (assembly day) where for a gold coin donation (funds raised go to Save the Children fund) your children are encouraged to wear either a national costume from around the world or free dress (representing the Aussie culture). We also have other special events throughout the week organised by staff and the Year 6 leaders. This morning, at assembly, I also encouraged

everyone to let their teachers and class know about any cultural or religious days celebrated by you and your family – so we can all be aware and celebrate with you and your family.

### **Kiss and Drive**

Following some feedback from community members we have attached the Kiss and Drive information – please [click here](#). We encourage families to use the Kiss and Drive to drop off and pick up their children from school. However, it is not a place to park and we ask that you keep moving if there is a queue behind you or if cars behind you have already picked up their children. We also encourage you to turn left onto Banksia Tce when leaving as this helps the flow of traffic.

We have also been asked by some residents from Fifth Ave to ask parents to be aware of the issues involved in stopping on Fifth Ave to drop your children at school. Before and after school can be a busy and chaotic time around the school. Please be safety conscious.

### **Mathletics**

We encourage all parents to purchase Mathletics membership this year as the classes are planning to use Mathletics (an online maths program which can be set to meet individual student learning needs). The school rate is much cheaper than the parent rate but once we agree to purchase it the school is locked into that contract. This year, we removed the maths workbooks so that we could use programs such as Mathletics to better cater for individual learning needs of the children within our classes. This has reduced the cost to parents of Maths education. We hope you will support this initiative as, without your support, we cannot continue this program.

### **Easter Raffle**



# Easter Raffle

The Year 6 students are preparing an Easter Raffle for KPS students.

Ticket Prices: 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5

Tickets will be sold on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8.30am, second break and 3pm in the Junior & Senior Blocks.

Prizes will be drawn on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Year 6 Fundraising Committee

*Bronwyn Jones*  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Foyer Display



## Virtue & Honour Awards



### Self Discipline

Self discipline means taking control of yourself when you are upset or angry. You may not be able to control your thoughts and feelings but you can control what you do with them. With self discipline, you take charge of yourself.

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

### Virtue Awards 7/3/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Cooper	1	Grace
2	Seth	3	Kayla
4	Malaika	5	Jack
7	Hector	8	Anna
9	Jessica	10	Harper
S1	Daniel	S2	Jack
S3	Jay	S4	Zoe

### Honour Awards 7/3/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Elliana	P3	Charlotte & Finn
1	Jack	2	Zakaria
3	Deacon	4	Stella
5	Harper	7	Yumi
8	Jonty	9	Alec
10	Rachel	S1	Lily
S2	Kayla, Bella & Akina	S3	Aliah
S4	Benji	Japanese	Room 8

## Sports News



### **Faction Swimming Carnival**

The faction swimming carnival will take place this Thursday, 8 March at Aqualife, commencing at 9.30am. [Click here](#) to view the program for the day.

### **Sporting Schools Funding**

We have now completed the volleyball sessions, which were made available by Sporting Schools funding. Tennis will be the next series of sessions run using this funding.

### **Running Club**

Due to Mrs Stanford's foot injury, the commencement of Running Club will be postponed until Term 2. It will be announced in an upcoming newsletter once we know the start date.

## Classroom News



Welcome to Josephine – she is our newest Ed Connect volunteer and will be working in Room 10. Please make her feel welcome.





Miss Gultiano would like to let everyone know about the Perth Japan Festival 2018 – please see details below.

Bring the family along for some matsuri (festival) fun. The Perth Japan Festival is an annual event that brings a little taste of Japan to Perth and is an excellent opportunity to celebrate Perth's multiculturalism. This year promises to be bigger and better, with a range of performances, activities and stalls that the whole family can enjoy, not to mention lots of delicious food. For more information, including event programs, visit the Perth Japan Festival Facebook page or [website](#).

Date: Saturday 10 March 2018

Time: 11am – 6pm

Location : Forrest Place, Perth CBD

Cost: Free

## P&C News



### 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](http://ducks.net.au)

## **DUCKS Wacky Winter Olympics 2pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

It's the first kids' event for the year, lets make it a big one.

Everyone is welcome to the first DUCKS Wacky Winter Olympics at **Morris Mundy Reserve** on Saturday arvo 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm start.

Expect a series of Winter Olympic events with a twist. BBQ to follow

The whole family is welcome.

RSVPs please to Dave Mundy on [hlmst1@westnet.com.au](mailto:hlmst1@westnet.com.au) or 0433 095 416.

*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](mailto:hlmst1@westnet.com.au) to be added to the DUCKS email list. Check out the website at [ducks.net.au](http://ducks.net.au)*

### **Uniform Shop**

The uniform committee are happy to announce the launch of our new online ordering system. You can either order through an app on your phone/tablet or on a computer from the Team App website.

We have placed a "How to order online" document on the school's Smartlink app under School Documents. There will also be a photocopy of this in the office and a link on the Uniform page of the school website.

Please read the FAQ page as many of your questions may be answered there. If you have any other queries, please email Fiona Patten (Uniform Coordinator) at [kensingtonpspc@gmail.com](mailto:kensingtonpspc@gmail.com).

There will still be paper copies of the uniform order form in reception if you prefer. We are trialling a continual ordering system rather than cut-off dates for parents and will see how this goes for Terms 1 and 2. So please place an order as needed and we will aim to fill it as soon as possible, given items are in stock at the shop.

Please remember we are volunteers and do the best we can with what is available. The other important thing to know is that if you would like to order a faction shirt and you are unsure of your child's faction, please ask at reception for this information. Younger siblings will always be in the same faction as older siblings. For children that need a new faction shirt, especially with sports carnivals in mind, please order one now. We have varying sizes but if we don't have your child's correct size it allows us time to get shirts ordered and printing done as this takes some time. There are also second hand faction shirts available.

Many thanks,

Uniform Committee

## General Information



A bereavement program supporting grieving children following the death of a parent, sibling or significant family member.

Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19,

April 2018

8.30am – 3:30pm

Venue

Sorrento, WA

Cost

Free

Age group

5-12 years

- Connecting children with other children experiencing the death of a family member
- Educating adult family members on children's grief
- Having HUGE amounts of fun

For more information and to register contact

Shelly or Claire on 0481 199 758 or register online at

[www.lionheartcampforkids.com.au](http://www.lionheartcampforkids.com.au)



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Please [click here](#) to view the flyer for the autumn school holidays from Australian Sports Camps.



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 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



Please [click here](#) to view the flyer for a Year 6 parent information evening at Fremantle College, to be held on Tuesday 20 March 2018.

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