



School Newsletter 0518, 4 April 2018

Coming Events



- Thursday 5 April – Edudance concert 2.15pm
- Monday 9 April – Edudance concert 2.15pm
- Wednesday 11 April – *12 noon early close* due to parent/teacher interviews
- Friday 13 April – ANZAC ceremony 10am
- Friday 13 April – Last day of Term 1
- Tuesday 1 May – Students return for Term 2

Principal's Message



Evacuation Drill

Today we had our first evacuation drill for the year. It went very smoothly and was very valuable to us for improving our processes. The fire brigade also attended and we thank Mr Broadbent for arranging this. So, if you saw the fire truck on site – it was nothing to worry about – just a drill. For your information, we have an off-site evacuation point, if we ever need to use it. It is Kensington Secondary School. Later in the year we will have a 'lockdown' drill which is where we all go inside the buildings in case the danger is outside.

Student Leadership

The Student Councillors attended the GRIP leadership conference on 20th March. They joined approximately 2000 students from many other schools from across WA at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre. They will be sharing their new learning in their classrooms with the rest of the Year 6 students as all students have leadership roles in Year 6. These leadership roles will be announced at the first assembly in Term 2 where students will also be presented with a student leader pin. The Year 4-6 classes will be learning about leadership so that by the time they get into Year 6 they know what leadership is and what is required of a leader. They will continue to develop their understanding throughout Year 6. We will also be developing an annual leadership program for all Year 6 students that includes team building and intensive leadership training. This will replace the conference in order to better meet the whole group's needs.



Harmony Day Fundraising

Thank you to all those who dressed up for Harmony Day on 21st March. As a result of the gold coin donations the school raised \$340 for the Save the Children Fund.

Reminders

- Edudance Concerts – Thursday 5th April (2:15pm) and Monday 9th April (2:15pm) – see last week’s newsletter to identify which concert your child will be performing in.
- Early Close – 12 noon on Wednesday 11th April – followed by Parent-Teacher interviews – please book a time with your child’s class teacher. Students who are not collected at 12 noon will be supervised until 3pm in the library. After 3pm, children can be collected at the Kiss & Wave.
- ANZAC ceremony – 10am in the undercover area on Friday 13th April
- Last day of this term – Friday 13th April
- First day of Term 2 – Tuesday 1st May

Friendly Schools Plus

Childhood anxiety appears to be on the rise. Certainly, from my perspective, I have noticed a big surge in students in primary school experiencing anxiety in the last 10 years. Bullying is also commonly in the media and, unfortunately, something that does occur in schools as well as in the workforce. It is something we all need to take action against. However, it is not a matter of punishing bullies but in re-educating them. It is also about educating everyone on how to deal proactively and assertively with this social issue. Check out our [Positive Behaviour Plan](#) if you want to know more about how we manage issues of bullying in the school.

This year every student in this school will participate in explicit instruction in their classrooms on social and emotional skills. We have adopted the *Friendly Schools Plus* program developed in WA universities under the supervision of Donna Cross, a world leader in tackling bullying. The program covers the curriculum areas of self-awareness, self-management, social management and social awareness. This term we have been focusing on self-awareness (recognising and understanding our feelings). We specifically chose the virtues this term (trust, self-discipline and perseverance) based on this topic and in preparation for next term’s topic – self management. Next term (specifically on 10th May) we will be providing parents with an opportunity to find out more about how to support their children in developing these skills, and in developing the important skill of resilience, when we invite an expert to the school to share some strategies. We will also include information on supporting your child’s development through regular newsletter items.

Why we should read aloud to children

I encourage you to check out a great TEDx talk. It will take you less than 10 minutes.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBuT2wdYtpM&feature=em-share_video_user

Why should we keep reading aloud to kids even when they can already “read on their own?” This talk demonstrates the magic of read aloud and reminds us all why reading aloud is so essential – at school and at home. This talk is for parents and teachers who want to teach comprehension and connect with kids in powerful ways.

Rebecca Bellingham is an Instructor in the Literacy Specialist Program at Columbia University Teachers College. She has been teaching in some capacity for 18 years. Rebecca draws upon her experience and love of theatre to help teachers and graduate students connect with their “inner artist” and teach in more effective, powerful, and joyful ways. Thanks to Mrs Carpenter for alerting me to this lovely TEDx talk.



**Year 6 fundraising will
be selling Icy Poles at
lunchtime on Friday
6th April in the
amphitheatre.
\$1 per icy pole**

**Pre-primary will have a
special delivery of Icy Poles
directly to the classroom**



Year 6 fundraising will be
selling Anzac biscuits
after the Anzac
ceremony on
Friday 13th April
\$1 per biscuit

Keep Our School Safe

During the holiday period, school premises are more vulnerable than usual and can become targets to a small number of offenders.

If you live near the school or are just passing by, I ask that you keep an eye on the grounds for us. Listen for unusual noises; look for suspicious vehicles parked at the school and notice if groups of children or teenagers are congregating around the school. Your involvement can really make a difference in preventing damage to our school. I urge you to report any suspicious activity immediately to;

SCHOOL WATCH – 1800 177 777

POLICE – 131 444

Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL



Interschool Swimming Carnival



On Thursday 22 March, 26 enthusiastic swimmers from Years 4, 5 and 6 represented Kensington in the Interschool swimming carnival at Aqualife.

Many of our swimmers swam well in the individual events but it was in the relays, where we placed 1st or 2nd in nearly every one, that we excelled.

Congratulations to Marc for his performances on the day winning the Open 100m freestyle medallion for boys and the Year 6 Champion Boy and to Sashana who won the Runner Up Year 6 Champion Girl.

Thanks to our excellent Year 6 student helpers (Nikola, Harper, Sadie, Tyde, Ashleigh and Maddy) who assisted at the carnival.

The final results on the day were: –

1 st	South Perth	368
2 nd	Kensington	326
3 rd	Millen	207
4 th	East Victoria Park	130
5 th	Victoria Park	122

Thanks to Martine for all her organisation for the day and to the many parents that volunteered their assistance on the day.

Well done team!

Coles Sports for Schools



The Coles Sports for Schools promotion has now finished. It's time to make sure you return any remaining vouchers to the school so that they can be sent in.

Please return all vouchers to the box outside the staffroom before Friday 13 April.

Thank you so much for the vouchers that have already been returned and for the community support!

Chaplain News

Project with Chaplain: Donation for 12 Ply and Chunky Wool

With the support of playground rangers starting in Term 2, I am planning some projects during the second break on Wednesdays.

Given that it will be turning cold in Term 2, I am hoping to invite students to learn french knitting and finger crocheting so as to make scarves and/or blankets. They will get to keep whatever they make for their own use or donate it to a charity, whichever is their preference, when done.

In order to get the project going, your donation of 12 ply and chunky wool will be much appreciated. Empty tissue boxes will be needed for french knitting the scarves, so it's time to keep them too, just in case your child is keen to join in.

Simply place your kind donation in the labelled box in the staffroom. Your children are most welcome to pass them to me in the playground too.

Thank you very much.



Kensington Primary School P & C Association

I have pleasure in detailing the Kensington Primary P&C's fundraising calendar for 2018. I hope this is a good way of letting all the parents know in advance what is coming up in the events calendar for this year, and also a heads up of what help the fundraising committee will need from the parents.

Your class reps will coordinate the class rooms when your help is required. Please rest assured the P&C fundraising committee provide support to all the events – we just need parents from classes to help organise and run the events. Shannon Kynaston, the Fundraising representative for the P&C, along with Kris Kotua, Louise Flaherty and Sarah Johnston make up your Fund raising team for this year. We will be in touch with class reps with more info as needed.

Kind regards

Shannon Kynaston - P&C Fundraising Representative

EVENT

Easter Raffle – Drawn!
Anzac Assembly Cookies
Mother Day Raffle Term 1&2 - Drawn 10th May
Lapathon - Color Run - Fri June 15th 2pm
Family Movie - Belmont Reading - Fri June 15th
End of term Ice cream arvo - Term 2
Athletics Carnival cake stall - Term 3
Athletics carnival sausage sizzle
Parent social Pop UP Bar - Term 3
End of term Ice cream arvo - Term 3
School Disco - term 4 early
Movie Night - Sat Nov 3rd (5pm-9pm)
End of year ice cream stall – Term 4

HELP REQUIRED FROM

Year 6 fundraising team
Year 6 fundraising team
Rm10
Rm 5, Rm 7 & S2 - PLUS volunteers
Year 6 fundraising team
P&C
PP1, PP3, Rm1
DUCKS
K1, K2, K3, S3, S4
P&C
Rm2, Rm3, Rm4
Rm 8, Rm 9, S1
P&C

Request for Mothers Day Raffle

Need an excuse to clean out your re-gifting cupboard over Easter? Any unused beauty products or uneaten chocolate (as if!) you might like to donate?

We are asking for donations to make up the Mothers Day Hamper that shall be raffled off and drawn on Thursday the 10th March. This is being organized by room 10, and a basket shall be placed outside room 10 in the weeks after Easter to collect all donations.

The raffle tickets shall be sent home with the kids early term 2.

Thank you in advance

General Information



While the Kensington Primary School OSHClub will not be running a school holiday program, parents are welcome to register their child/ren at another local school that may be offering care. Please go to the OSHClub website at www.oshclub.com.au for more information.

Community News



Marshalls Tennis Academy Tennis Coaching

Term 2 coaching held at Kensington Primary School.

Click here for the KPS enrolment form: [Kensington Primary School form](#)

See brochure downloads at: marshallstennis.com.au



Please note the *revised* times for the Triple P parenting sessions. [Click here](#) for the updated flyer.



Please [click here](#) to view the flyer for BLAST vacation care during the upcoming school holidays.



Please [click here](#) for information regarding holiday art classes, term art classes and art parties, available for kids from 4 to 12 years of age.



Child Australia presents a parenting workshop with Claire Orange – suitable for early childhood to early adolescence. Please [click here](#) for more details.



Leisurelife Junior Netball 2018 Winter Season

Team registrations are now open for the winter season (Yrs 1-10)! Please [click here](#) to view the flyer. Leisurelife will also be playing host to school holiday netball carnivals on 20, 23 and 26 April. More information can be found here – <http://vicpk.co/2AgLoGt>. Call our Junior Sports and Programs Officer on 9373 5450, or email tnathan@vicpark.wa.gov.au.



Keep your children happy, active and entertained during the school holidays! Please click on this link for further information: <https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/Around-town/Facilities/Leisure-centres/Leisurelife/School-Holiday-Program>

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