



School Newsletter 1118, 8 August 2018

Coming Events



- Thursday 9 August – Interschool Cross Country (Yrs 3-6, by invitation), Harold Rossiter Park (am)
- Thursday 9 August – Australian Maths Competition (pm)
- Monday 13 August – *Senior* after school soccer
- Thursday 16 August – Uniform shop will be open
- Monday 20 August – *Senior* after school soccer
- Monday 20 – Friday 24 August – Book Week all week
- Monday 20 – Wednesday 22 August – Book Fair in the library
- Wednesday 22 August – Book Week Dress Up Day
- Wednesday 22 August – Assembly
- Monday 3 September – School Board OPEN meeting – **all welcome** – 7pm in the Senior Block (followed by viewing of the Art Exhibition)

Principal's Message



School Board Open Meeting

Please put this important date in your diary. It is an opportunity to meet the members of the School Board, hear what they, the P&C and DUCKs have been doing, and see the students' art exhibition in the Senior Block. The date is **Monday 3rd September at 7pm**. The planned P&C meeting will be postponed a week. More details to follow in future newsletters and notices.

What is bullying? (We continue our series on bullying from our Friendly Schools Plus program at the school)

Bullying is when one or more of the following things happen **repeatedly** to someone who finds it **hard to stop** it from happening.

Bullying is when a person or a group of people **offline or online** (mobile phone or Internet):

- Make fun of / tease someone in a mean and hurtful way
- Tell lies or spread nasty rumours about someone to try to make others not like him/her
- Leave someone out on purpose or not allow him/her to join in
- Hit, kick or push someone around
- Deliberately damage, destroy or steal someone's things
- Threaten or make someone feel afraid of getting hurt

It is NOT bullying when:

- Teasing is done in a friendly, playful way.
- Two people who are as strong as each other argue or fight.

Parents taking photos of children at school events or on site

The school has developed a clear statement on the use of images of students/staff. We will be promoting this statement at each assembly or school event where students are present via a portable sign. For a full explanation of this statement, please click on [this link](#) to take you to our school website policy section. The important thing to know is the “rule” we have in place, a formal direction from the principal:

Photos or video recordings (film) of students or staff cannot be published in any form, including social media, without permission. Only parents or members of staff are permitted to take photos of children. Parents may only take photos which include their own child(ren). Any images that include other children should not be shared without permission from those children's parents.

NB – Sharing images of unidentifiable children/staff is permitted. i.e., if the image(s) of child(ren)/staff, for whom there is no permission to photograph, has/have been blurred or cropped so that they cannot be identified, the photo may be shared.

Australian Early Development Census

This year all our Pre-primary students were involved in the data collection for the Australian Early Development Census. This is where the government requires the Pre-primary teachers to provide data on their students in order so that resources can be targeted to the areas of most need. This census happens every three years. For example, the key findings from the 2015 census, where 96% of children (over 300,000 children) were assessed, included:

- 1 in 5 children are developmentally vulnerable
- 6 in 10 indigenous children are developmentally vulnerable (a steady decrease over the past couple of census)
- 553 communities have now been profiled.

Kensington sits within the South Perth community and a summary of its profile from the last census is available online at <https://www.aedc.gov.au/resources/community-profiles> or [click here](#). The full profile is available there too, or [click here](#). Between 2012 and 2015 the community had a significant increase in children who were developmentally at risk in the area of emotional maturity and a significant decrease in children who were developmentally at risk in the area of communication skills and general knowledge (physical health & wellbeing, social competence and language & cognitive skills had no significant change). We will let you know when this year's results are available and any significant changes identified.

For more information for families on the AEDC, please click here for the [families booklet](#).

Cutlery for lunches

If your child brings food that requires the use of a fork or spoon, could parents please ensure that one is packed in their lunchbox.

Vandalism

We have had a number of incidents of vandalism this year. Each weekend people congregate on the verandah of the onsite kindergarten (last year they did the same in PP1). They appear to be using drugs and have burnt the carpet and the café blinds as well as left rubbish and moved equipment.

Additionally, last weekend we had the gate in the undercover area broken off its hinges. We thank the family that informed both me and School Watch. School Watch was able to organise someone to attend the school on the weekend and put a temporary fix in place to secure the site. We encourage you all to inform School Watch if you notice anything suspicious or any damage. Please call the police if you see anyone damaging the property. Please do not approach the people yourself – your wellbeing is more important than school property.

SCHOOL WATCH – 1800 177 777 or

POLICE – 131 444

Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL

Virtue & Honour Awards



Patience

Patience means waiting. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means having self-control because you can't control the way someone else is acting or when things don't go as you'd like.

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

Virtue Awards 8/8/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Samuele	1	Raffi
2	---	3	Katya
4	Bronte	5	Amelie
7	Sophia	8	Hamish
9	Madeline	10	Kyle
S1	Holly	S2	Kai
S3	William	S4	Eliza

Honour Awards 8/8/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Darcy & Isla	P3	Freddie & Thalia
1	Clara	2	---
3	Harry	4	Isabel
5	Ethan	7	Isabel
8	Xavier	9	Ryan
10	Miwako	S1	Daniel & Hannah
S2	Lizzy & Leeha	S3	Riley
S4	Ellie & Jordan	Sport	Amy



Faction Cross Country



Congratulations to all runners for competing and doing your best. It was great to see many runners pushing through the pain barrier and completing the course.

Well done to our place winners.

	1	F	2		3		4		5		6	
PP Girls	Isabel	E	Sabine	E	Isla	E	Chloe	P	Penelope	I		
PP Boys	Edward	E	Finn	E	Jonah	P	Jett	C	Frederick	P		
Yr 1 Girls	Hayley	E	Grace	E	Sara	P	Lani	C	Sabrina	P		
Yr 1 Boys	James	I	William	I	Joe	E	Angus	P	Cooper	E		
Yr 2 Girls	Ava	I	Laura	I	Katherine	P	Grace	C	Isabella	I		
Yr 2 Boys	Zakaria	C	William	P	Lawson	I	Lincoln	E	Noah	P		
Yr 3 Girls	Isla	P	Tamsin	E	Matilda	E	Ava	C	Bridget	E	Sophia	I
Yr 3 Boys	Marcus	I	Jackson	C	Riley	I	Max	E	Luke	E	William	C
Yr 4 Girls	Anna	I	Bonny	E	Hannah	C	Hannah	I	Jessica	E	Cassia	E
Yr 4 Boys	Beau	E	Andrew	I	Ethan	P	Alec	I	Mitchell	I	Aidan	E
Yr 5 Girls	Kayla	I	Maddison	E	Leeha	I	Ruby	C	Olivia	E	Akina	C
Yr 5 Boys	Liam	I	Baxter	C	Xavier	E	Owen	P	Rhynn	I	Karol	P
Yr 6 Girls	Amelia	E	Ava	C	Zoe	P	Lilly	E	Aria	I	Eliza	P
Yr 6 Boys	Xavier	I	Harper	P	Hugo	I	Matthew	E	Cameron	I	Lachlan	E

The place winners in Year 3 to 6 will represent Kensington in the VPASSA Cross Country on August 9 at Harold Rossiter Reserve.

The final results for the champion faction are:

Place	Faction	Points
1	Endeavour	1583
2	Parmelia	1519
3	Investigator	1497
4	Cygnets	1425

Congratulations to Endeavour on an excellent team win.

Running Club

Running Club continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.00am – 8.30am on the oval. New runners are always welcome.

Faction Carnival

Week 7 (27-31 August) is Faction Carnival Week. Friday 31 August is Faction Carnival Day (running and team games). The preliminary programme for the day is [attached here](#) – please note that changes may occur and the confirmed version will be included in the next newsletter.



Pink and grey visitors fly in from above

Hip hip, hooray for Kensington! Two galahs (currently known as Bob and Jerry) have found a home outside S1 and S2!

Last term, Mr Muir visited the school with some exciting business. He brought in bird boxes, so that we could encourage birds to come to our school and breed! Students from S1 and S2 painted the boxes and then they were hung up all around the school. A huge thank you to the Kensington and Vic Park Men's Shed for designing and building the bird boxes for the students to put together.



Now, finally, our first visitors have arrived outside S1 and S2 to make themselves comfortable in a nest that will never blow away (hopefully)! There are currently five bird boxes around the school. Who can find them all? Please treat Bob and Jerry with respect, so that they don't fly away.

Matilda C (S1)

2018 Kensington Primary School Art Exhibition

Roll up, roll up!



The annual Kensington Primary School Art Exhibition is looming! Come and see the stunning pieces of artwork created by the talented students of Kensington Primary School. This year's exhibition runs all of *Week 8 of Term 3* between 8.00am and 3.30pm.

The Kensington Primary School art exhibition has been running for many years now, so please come and support the Kensington Primary School community.

We look forward to seeing you!

Written by Liam N.



BOOKWEEK 2018

Book Week will be held in week 6 of this term, which is the 20th - 24th August.

One of the events will be a **Book Fair** which will be held on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd of August. Families will be able to peruse and purchase books before and after school. Opening times will be 8.15am to 9.15am each morning and 2.30pm to 3.30pm after school.



Book Week



Dress-Up Day

Wednesday 22nd August, 2018

**Join in the fun of Book Week and
come dressed as your favourite book
character or support this year's
theme and come dressed
as a pirate!**



VISITING AUTHOR : Deb Fitzpatrick

About me



Deb Fitzpatrick lives and works in Fremantle, WA. She has a Master of Arts (Creative Writing) from UWA and occasionally teaches professional writing and editing at Curtin University.

Deb will be running two workshops and one author talk on Monday 13th August. Due to limited student numbers, selection criteria was used to decide which year levels and students would be involved.

We will be having an illustrator visit our school during Book Week. Selection criteria will also be used to select year levels and students for this event.

These visits have been kindly funded by the South Perth Library. We appreciate the support of the South Perth Library, for providing our school with this amazing opportunity.



Happy Reading,

Mrs Vanessa Rankin-Hume
School Librarian

I hope to provide the KPS community with information about what is happening in our school library and also about the many benefits of reading, so stay tuned!

I work in the library every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you have any queries or questions regarding the school library, please don't hesitate to drop in and say hi!

Chaplain News

Update on Progress of French-Knitting Scarves Project



Matilda (left) from Yr 4 completed her scarf before the July school holidays. She got to enjoy the fruit of her labour at the end of last term. She is even making more for her family. I am sure her handmade scarves will not only keep them warm this winter but more importantly warm their hearts as well.

Evita (right) from Yr 2 has been working hard on her scarf with some help from her mum during the holidays. You can see her scarf lengthening and some of it popping out of the tissue box loom. Keep going, Evita. You can do it. You will get your scarf done too with perseverance.



Olivia (left) from Yr 4 has certainly been working on her scarf over the holidays. Look how long it has 'grown'! She would like it to be longer still. Olivia has taken the initiative and creatively used popsticks to reinforce the tissue box loom. It certainly needed more support to keep up with Olivia. 😊



If your child is struggling with completing the project, it could be because the loom is no longer holding up. Please remind them to bring their work to me in the library on Wednesdays at second break. I will be there to support them in completing their scarves. Thank you. Hopefully having a group working together will be more fun and motivate them to complete their scarves.

Congratulations



High School Scholarships

We announced a number of scholarships at this morning's assembly. Congratulations!

Jamie – Visual Arts, Applecross Senior High School
Jamie – EMITS, Como Secondary College
Jack – EMITS, Como Secondary College
Taleisha – Hockey, Como Secondary College
Jimmy – EMITS, Como Secondary College
Eliza – EMITS, Como Secondary College
Tyde – EMITS, Como Secondary College
Tyde – Hockey, Como Secondary College
Nate – EMITS, Como Secondary College
Josie – EMITS, Como Secondary College
Sadie – EMITS, Como Secondary College

P&C News



P & C Book Fair



Book Week is coming!

To help celebrate books and reading, the P&C is holding a book fair in conjunction with Westbooks. It will be held in the school library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 20th, 21st and 22nd August. It will be an opportunity for parents and children to purchase quality books for home or donate a book to the library. Why not come and see Mrs Rankin-Hume's new 'parent collection' at the same time?

All purchases earn rewards for the library to redeem at Westbooks. The more we sell, the more new books the library gets!

The book fair will be operating each day: 8.15 – 9.15am and 2.30 – 3.30pm. EFTPOS will be available.

I have a few spots left for parent helpers during the book fair. I need a parent for each session to help take payments. It is an enjoyable job and only requires an hour of your time! If you are interested, please contact me at hennys@iinet.net.au or 0414 915 169.

Susan Henwood



DUCKs Astronomy Night

The stars aligned for the DUCKs Astronomy Night on 24 July! Over 170 budding astronomers were greeted by clear skies, five giant telescopes and the aroma of the DUCKs' homemade hot pot on the KPS oval.

With expert guidance from Greg and his awesome team from the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR), we saw four planets up close, our moon with its crags and craters, and interesting star constellations. Special highlights were the views of Saturn and its rings, and Jupiter and its moons – definitely wow moments.

Cooking up and serving 70 litres of hot pot and 40 loaves of crusty bread was a fun challenge for the DUCKs team, who always make sure no-one goes hungry at the DUCKs events.

A special thanks to James Miller-Jones (Year 1 dad) and the ICRAR Outreach Team for making this event possible, and to all who attended (despite the terrible weather forecast) to make this a truly star-studded evening!



DUCKs events are open to any KPS dads, father figures, brothers, uncles, grandads and their kids. If a dad can't make it, mums are always welcome. To be added to the DUCKS email list or to attend one of our relaxed coordination meetings, contact Dave Mundy – hhmst1@westnet.com.au. Also check out our website at ducks.net.au and join our Facebook Group 'Kensington PS DUCKs'. We'd love new ideas for future events!

SAVE THE DATE for the very popular DUCKs Camp-Out on the Oval – Friday 16 November.



Year 12 Perspectives at the WA Art Gallery

Year 12 Perspectives showcases art by some of the best, brightest and most talented graduating high school artists in the state. The following paintings were done by Kitman, a former student of Kensington PS. Kitman won the P&C Art Prize in 2012 and is truly a talented artist.



Meet our KPS board members

Lara Parsons – P&C Representative



Commenced in 2017

Lara Parson – P&C Representative

I'm a mother of two boys attending Kensington Primary School, one in Year 3 and one in Pre-primary.

I believe that good education gives people choices and that the motivation to be educated is having a life-long love for learning. The love of learning, questioning and enquiry needs to be encouraged from the earliest stages in our children's lives. I enjoy being part of the KPS Community and believe that 'you get out what you put in' when it comes to supporting our local school and community.

After 13 years working as an Infrastructure Engineer, I am now a local small business owner in a completely different industry! I am involved in Waterpolo and Gaelic Football teams and I participate in the odd adventure race. I am also a volunteer Surf Life Saver at North Cottesloe Surf Club and have previously been involved with educating and assessing Bronze Medallion and Advanced Lifesaving Skills.

I look forward to learning more about how the school operates in my position on the board and assisting both the Board and the P&C to continue their close alignment in support of the teachers and support staff at KPS.

Community News



Tee-Ball is an exciting summer sport for boys and girls aged 5-12. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Centenary Park in Wilson. Register online NOW for an early bird discount – the first 50 new members will get a FREE starter kit. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.



Were you inspired by the World Cup? Drop in after school for a social game of street football. [Click here](#) for further details.



Creating inclusive school environments for LGBTI+ students, staff and families.

[Click here](#) to read the July newsletter of the IEWA.

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