

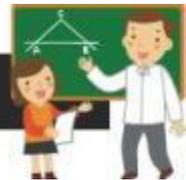
School Newsletter 1618, 31 October 2018

Coming Events



- Thursday 1 November - Year 5 sleepover
- Saturday 3 November - P & C family movie night on the oval (see information below)
- Monday 5 November - PP-Yr 5 swimming lessons commence
- Saturday 10 November - PP Busy Bee 9am-12 noon
- Friday 19 November - DUCKs camp out on the oval 4.30pm start (see information below)
- Wednesday 21 November - Assembly (please note change to regular assembly date)

Principal's Message



Leadership

This week the Pre-primary to Year 5 students will elect their faction captains and vice captains. Later in the term the Year 4 and 5 students will elect their student councillors and head boy and girl. The Year 5 students have put forward their nominations and worked on their speeches. Leadership isn't just a position though. We offer all Year 6 students the opportunity to find a leadership role but it is up to them as to what they do with that opportunity and whether or not they choose to lead. Leadership is about setting an example and taking action to serve and help improve things. There are many famous quotes about leadership and just as many books written on leadership: the purpose, the skill and the characteristics of good leaders. And there are certainly many skills and qualities required. However, what is required to be a good student leader is the desire to make a difference and help others, and to lead by example. I have seen many students, without a formal leadership role, show more leadership, and achieve more for the community, than those with a formal

leadership role. When people feel passionate about something, inspire others through their passion, then seek and find a way forward, they can make a real difference. We expect great things from our student leaders and they rarely fail to deliver.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current Year 6 leaders for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment. I would also like to thank Ms Millar and Mr Griffiths for their work with the Year 6 leaders.



Email Expectations

As we all know, our lives are very busy so we all need to take some 'me' time and find a work/life balance. A teacher could spend 100% of their time on their work, but would never get 100% of the things they wish to do done. It is not a job that gets markedly easier or that you ever finish learning about or improving at. As it is a service industry, and a teacher is responsible for 20-30 beautiful little people (at least) and their learning and development, we find it hard to set limits and boundaries. With this in mind, I have been encouraging the staff to ensure they work on their health and wellbeing and to set boundaries and priorities. The students are our priority and ensuring we provide the best and most effective learning experiences and a safe and supportive learning environment for them.

While emails are a great way of communicating with staff and for them to communicate with you, I would ask for your support and understanding with regard to expectations about how often staff should check and respond to emails. If a matter is urgent, please phone the school, if not, please allow time for the staff to acknowledge your email and to respond to it. You will notice that staff will begin to attach automatic replies to their email accounts. These replies do not diminish the importance we place on responding to your needs, or your child's needs, but just that they are prioritising teaching and learning. However, they will get to your email.

The automatic message will be something like:

Thank you for your email. My working hours are: Mon-Fri 8:30 – 3pm. Please be aware that, as teaching is my priority, I cannot check my emails regularly throughout

the day. As per school guidelines, I will aim to acknowledge emails within five days and address any issues within 14 days. If the matter is urgent or you wish to make an appointment to speak with me, please contact the office on 6436 8448.

We thank you in anticipation of your understanding and support.

2019 Contributions & Charges and Booklists (Personal Use Items)

These will be coming out to you within the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye out for them.

National School Opinion Survey

Last year the school asked parents, staff and students to complete this survey. This should have meant we didn't need to complete it again until next year, however, the Department have decided that all schools will now complete them every **even** year (2018, 2020 etc). So we are encouraging every parent to complete this online survey, by following the link below. All students whose families complete the survey will earn an icy pole so please have these completed and submitted by **Friday 30th November**. To show you have completed the survey, print out the thank you page (last page) and give a copy to your child to take to their teacher. Students in Years 4-6 will also complete a student version at school. Please note that this year we are also using this survey to get your opinions on what **values** we should adopt as a school. This is very important information as these values will drive our decision making and our work with the children.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/MDsupaSX>

Outdoor Learning Day – tomorrow

While most of us will be enjoying Outdoor Learning Day tomorrow (the official day), K3 had their day yesterday as they don't attend on Thursdays. We hope our day tomorrow will be as fun filled and enjoyable as their account below shows theirs was.

“We watched the clouds, sketched trees, made cubbies, and created massive box constructions, engineered tunnels with flowing water, made treasure maps, washed babies, painted murals and investigated textures in nature. That was just the first half of the day!”



Classroom Placements 2019

We will be working on class placements for 2019 this term. Parents who wish to raise particular student needs are invited to write to the principal expressing their request. It should be noted that this expression must focus on legitimate educational reasons and that there are no guarantees that requests will be met. It does, however, allow for consideration of parent views regarding class placement. Parents are asked to present **written requests no later than Friday 9 November 2018** (Week 5, Term 4). If requests are not in writing, they will not be taken into account when placing students.

Responsibility for the placement of students rests with the principal.

Clean Our Rivers

Earlier this month, the community newspaper published an article about a new initiative on the South Perth foreshore, started by our very own Veronica McPhail (Pre-primary education assistant). As a result of the death of a duck she had photographed earlier in the day, due to a plastic ring caught around its neck, you will now notice she has organised the installation of Clean our River boards with litter grabbers and bags for people to use when they are down at the river and see rubbish.

The idea is that if we all do a little, we can make a big difference to our environment and the lives of the wildlife that share it with us. Veronica has shown great leadership and active citizenship – a role model for our students.

Communicating effectively with your children

It is important to discuss bullying with your children on a regular basis. Regular communication with a person they trust and respect will help them form their own opinions and beliefs about bullying. Your children will also feel more comfortable telling you if they are being bullied.

Consider trying some of these ideas to improve the way you talk with your children about tricky issues.

Sit shoulder-to-shoulder or walk with your child as you talk

- Talking face-to-face can be quite confrontational, particularly for boys. Sitting or walking side by side will encourage both you and your child to talk freely.

Use open-ended questions

- It is easy to ask your child if they had a good day or if they would like toast for breakfast; however these questions only require a yes or no answer.
- Try asking questions such as “What did you do today?” or “What would you like for breakfast?” These types of questions encourage discussion between you and your child.

Talk with your children about what to do rather than what not to do

- It is common for us to focus on negative behaviour, such as “don’t step in that puddle” or “stop swinging on your chair”.
- Try telling your children what you would like them to do rather than what you don’t want them to do.
- You can do this by using positive statements such as “please step over the puddle” or “please put the chair legs on the floor”. (Item from the Friendly Schools Plus toolkit)

Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL

Virtue & Honour Awards



Obedience

The purpose of obedience is to guide you and protect you. You need to think for yourself and to feel sure that when you are obeying someone, even in your own family, that doing so is for your own good and will not hurt you or others.

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

Virtue Awards 31/10/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Aila	1	Caspian
2	Hayley	3	Ahmed & Charlotte
4	Charles	5	Samuel
7	Blaise	8	Marcus
9	Aleks	10	Ava
S1	Maddie	S2	Daniel
S3	Isobelle	S4	Savannah

Honour Awards 31/10/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Aila & Jonah	P3	Dhendub
1	Sara	2	Sophia & James
3	Kayla	4	Patrick
5	Mackenzi & Lily	7	Xaysana
8	Oliver	9	Anna
10	Zac	S1	Hannah
S2	Jordan	S3	Soham
S4	Nate		
Chaplain	Laylah	Japanese	S2



Jump Jam



On the 18th of October, the founder of the Jump Jam program, Brett, came to do a session with the Jump Jam team. We learnt a whole new routine, which was awesome, and had to perform it in front of him. We also learnt how to make our moves really big and enthusiastic. Brett taught us a lot about performing and it was a great experience. We hope he can come back in the future for the other Jump Jam teams.

Running Club

Come and join us on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.00am - 8.30am for running fun on the oval.

Chaplain News

Friendship Bracelet Making Continues and Completion of French Knitting Scarf

Students continue to complete their friendship bracelets and return the looms. This allows even more to join in the fun. Below are photographs of those who persevered in completing the project.



Isabella started French knitting her scarf with the tissue box loom in Term 2. She continued to work on it quietly, independently and steadfastly throughout Term 3. This term, she brought it back for some help in removing it from the loom. It was a lovely surprise to see her work. Completing such a long scarf attests to her strong determination and patience. She used the whole ball of wool and will certainly not have any problem keeping herself warm next winter. Isabella deserves to be very proud indeed!



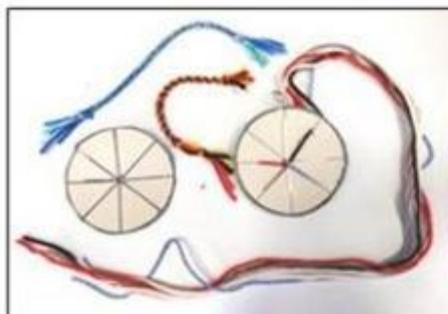
I will be on long service leave from Mon 12 Nov to the end of the year. If your child needs help to remove their friendship bracelets and/or French knit scarfs from the cardboard looms, please check out the websites below to see how it is done. The website for the scarf is in Mandarin but language is not a barrier because the process is demonstrated in the website.

How to make a friendship bracelet with a cardboard loom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAQhiYI48y4>

How To Knit a With Scarf the Box

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPzeOrxiC5Y>





DUCK's DADS AND KIDS CAMP

It's always a popular event - now is your chance to come along to the KPS Dads and Kids camp - Friday 16 November from 4.30pm on the KPS oval.

Come along and pitch a tent or swag with your kids. Spend a night enjoying some fun dad and kids activities. BBQ dinner and breakfast included.

The kids always love this event, so lock it in the diary and we'll see you there!!

\$35 per family (regardless of how many children). Includes BBQ dinner and breakfast, morning coffee for dads, marshmallows and fun and games for the kids. It should be great night for both dads and kids!

We will be wrapped up by 8am Saturday morning, so that the oval can be used for cricket and the kids can get off to weekend sport etc.

We're running the bookings through Trybooking to try and keep it nice and simple. It's a flat rate per family - the different options on the booking site are just to give us an idea of numbers.

Please use the following link to book: <https://www.trybooking.com/YTGH>

Hope we'll see you there! If you have any queries, please let me know.

Dave Mundy
0433 095 416

If a dad can't make it, mums are welcome too! If you're interested/unsure/or just don't know, please feel free to contact Dave Mundy on 0433 095 416 or email hmmst1@westnet.com.au to be added to the DUCKs email list. Check out the website at ducks.net.au

LAST CALL FOR "MOVIE UNDER THE STARS" ON-LINE TICKET SALES!!

K.P.S. P&C presents the 2018
Movie Under the Stars
Sat Nov 3rd on the K.P.S. oval



**On-line tickets sales close 5pm Friday
Tickets at gate will be \$15 each**

Gates Open 5.00pm
For Food, Catch Up and Set up.
7pm - Movie Begins....

Cost \$11 per ticket (under 3 years free)

Please order your tickets online at TryBooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/YVQC>

BYO chairs, rugs and mozzie spray

No Glass Please

DUCKs' famous
BBQ Burgers will be
for sale from
5.30pm

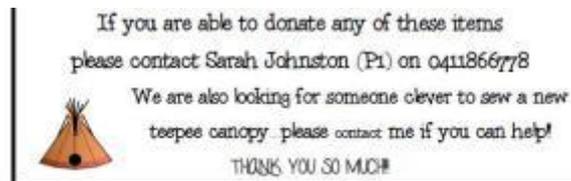
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Lolly Stall
Popcorn &
Icy Poles

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- White exterior paint
- Paintbrushes/rollers
- Ice cream containers
- Decking oil
- Garden bags
- Sanding pads



We are still looking for helpers for the day. If you have an hour or two to spare, please contact Sarah on the number above.

General Information



Hi Team,

My name is Shibani Chakraborti, I am the new Coordinator at Kensington OSH Club. I am an Early Childhood Teacher with an educational and health and safety career background. I have worked in childcare, family daycare and school care settings as well. I am very excited and looking forward to working with you all.

Kind regards,

Shibani Chakraborti

Coordinator, Kensington PS OSHClub



VacSwim summer holiday swimming lessons

Enrolments for the December / January programs are now open. For details on how to enrol, venues and closing dates etc, please view the [attached flyer](#).

Community News



City of South Perth Community Safety Forum

The City of South Perth will be hosting a Community Safety Forum at 6:00pm on 15 November 2018 at the Manning Community Hall.

There will be presentations by:

- Michelle Baker (City of South Perth Acting Infrastructure Planning Coordinator) on the City's CCTV Strategy;
- Alex Chao (WA Police Community Engagement Officer from the Crime Prevention & Community Liaison Unit) on Motor Vehicle theft ;
- Megan Lehaney (WA Police Community Engagement Officer from the Crime Prevention & Community Liaison Unit) on Cyber Safety; and
- Glen Beros (Officer in Charge at Kensington Police Station) on community safety tips and the new policing model that came into effect in July this year.

Please [click here](#) to view the flyer providing further details for the event, as well as the link below to the City's website where people can register. (The event is free, but registrations are essential.)

<https://southperth.wa.gov.au/discover/whats-on/Events/events-detail/2018/11/15/default-calendar/community-safety-forum>



Art of Resilience is an art-based business that provides school holiday and after school classes. To find out more details, please view the [attached](#) poster or visit their website www.artofresilience.com.au

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