

## School Newsletter 0219, 27 February 2019

### Coming Events



- Thursday 28 February – Triple P Parenting “Developing Good Bedtime Routines” 9am-11am in the Music Room ([click here](#) for full details)
- Monday 4 March – Labour Day public holiday
- Wednesday 13 March – Assembly 9am
- Thursday 14 March – Faction Swimming carnival (Years 4-6, plus invited Year 2 & 3 students)
- Thursday 14 March – Triple P Parenting “Managing Fighting & Aggression” 9am-11am in the Music Room
- Friday 15 March – P&C Movie Night on the oval – full details below

### Principal's Message



#### Census

Last week we completed the annual census which is used to calculate the funding we will receive. Unfortunately our population has declined (particularly in the early years) and so we now have 415 students, whereas at the start of last year we had 435 students. However, we have maintained the same number of classes, and classroom teachers, so we will not have a lot of discretionary funds this year as it will go toward covering the staffing. This means that, on the whole, class numbers are low, which does make for a nicer working environment for students. We are, though, all the more grateful for the funds that the P&C has raised.

#### Early Close 10<sup>th</sup> April

The School Board, this week, approved our usual early close for parent-teacher meetings to occur at the end of this term. In addition, the Executive Regional Education Director, Ms Sue Cuneo, has also approved this closure. We have now updated the Term Planner to show an early close (**12pm**) on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**. This is also the date of the ANZAC Day service which will be held in the morning. While we would prefer that all students leave the school at 12pm, we will make arrangements to supervise those students who cannot leave

until 3pm. Meetings will follow the usual process much like “speed dating” whereby 12 minute slots will be allocated to parents to meet with each of their children’s teachers and a bell will ring to let you know when the time is up. These meetings are held in the Senior Block. More information will follow, but please note this date in your diaries.

### **Roof/Ceiling**

You may be aware that we have had some ongoing issues with the ceilings and roof in the main block. We apologise for having to move some classes out of their classrooms and into spare classrooms for a day while their ceilings were replaced. This block is an old block (over 90 years old) and the department is keeping an eye on the maintenance.

### **National Day of Action-Bullying No Way!**



As part of our strong school policy on student’s well-being and safety, our school, along with more than 5000 schools, have signed on to The National Day of Action against bullying and Violence on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The theme for this year’s event is Bullying No Way! The National Day of Action is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It is a positive day of action, bringing school communities together to help find workable solutions on negative behaviour.

Key messages to students:

- Talking about bullying helps us understand
- Why bully someone when you can be their friend
- We have each others back and teachers help us
- It shows strength to stand up to someone
- Bullying is not accepted anywhere
- Let’s be strong together!
- At our school, we treat others how we want to be treated

Our students will be participating in a variety of classroom activities throughout the week and on the day, starting with our assembly this week which has a focus on every student has a right to feel safe.

On the National Day of Action, each student will receive a pocket card with key messages on tips and advice about bullying. We encourage you to talk to your child about what bullying is and what it is not. Talking about bullying with your child at home can make it easier for them to tell you if something happens.

## **Kiss and Drive**

For those of you who are new to our school, you may not be aware of how the kiss and drive area works. It is located on the school netball court and accessed from Fourth Avenue. The exit is on Banksia Tce. While there is no parking, this is an opportunity to quickly drop off or pick up your child from the school. Please keep circling if your child has not arrived for pick up and there is a queue of parents onto the road waiting to collect their children. This means that the system works more effectively as a queue on the road can quickly become gridlocked. In the event that gridlock should occur, you will need to exit by turning left. Please also note that you cannot over take someone while on school property. Please be aware that there is a gutter cutting under the driveway and if you decide to drive around someone you may end up damaging your car if you drive into it accidentally. So please stick to forming a queue and not overtaking. Please see [the attached](#) for more information on this.

## **Harmony Day – a cultural infusion**

Each year we celebrate Harmony Day. This year we have invited a number of performers to the school from a variety of cultures to work with the children for a day of celebration. Harmony Day is on **21<sup>st</sup> March**. Shortly all families of students from Pre-primary – Year 6 will be receiving a personal invitation through Consent 2 Go for each of their children to attend this event at a cost of \$14pp. The children will learn about Bollywood dance, Chinese dance and arts, Balinese traditional dance, Capoeira (an Afro-Brazilian martial art), African music and Japanese culture.

## **School Board – NOMINATIONS FOR 1 YEAR and 2 YEARS**

The School Board will be meeting twice a term – on the third and ninth Wednesday of each term at 5pm. Andrew Cody is the chair of the school board. There are some 1 year and some 2 year vacancies on the board this year for parents (this is an update from the last newsletter). If you are interested in nominating yourself, please complete the [attached nomination form](#) and return it to the school by Thursday 28th February. Attached is also an [information sheet](#) which gives potential nominees an overview of the board and how it runs. A list of functions of the board as outlined in the Department's policy is provided below. ***Please note – all Board members are now required to give consent for the Department of Education to undertake a National Police History Check into their backgrounds.***

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:

1. a) charges and contributions for the provision of certain materials, services and facilities;
2. b) extra cost optional components of educational programmes;
3. c) items to be supplied by a student for use in an educational programme; and
4. 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:

1. 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
2. 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:

1. 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](mailto: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/>

## **Updating App and Lunch Order Subscriptions**

Just a reminder that you will need to update your child(ren)'s classes on the School App and the School Lunches Online site. On the Smartlink app, go into settings and unselect the old classes and select the new classes. If you order your child's lunch from School Lunches Online, please ensure that you update his/her classroom details on their website so that their lunch can be delivered to them.

## **Consent 2 Go**

To ensure the safety of your child/ren, it is vital that the school has correct contact, health care and emergency details for students and parents/guardians. I would ask that all parents who have not yet done so, to please check/update your details. Please ensure that you have responded to the 'invitation' to update your child's information on the new Consent 2 Go platform. If you need a new email 'invitation' to be sent to you, please contact the front office on 6436 8448 and we will be happy to send that to you. It will be a requirement that you update/confirm your child's information on Consent 2 Go prior to any class excursion.

## **P&C office bearers**

We welcome the new P&C committee for 2019:

President: Vanya Taylor  
Vice President: Tash Tavani  
Secretary: Jennifer Young  
Treasurer: Shannon Kynaston  
Bookclub and Library: Susan Henwood  
Fundraising: Camille Jeppesen  
Grounds & Facilities: vacant  
Memorabilia: Sharon Szczecinski  
Music: Claire McFerran  
DUCKs: Dave Mundy  
School Banking: Mel Bowden  
Uniforms: Fiona Patten  
Sport: Leanne Hill  
Year 6 Fundraising: Leanne Hill

*Bronwyn Jones*  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Virtue & Honour Awards



### Respect

Being respectful is reflected in the courtesy with which we treat one another, the way we speak and the way we treat other people's belongings. Respect is valuing ourselves and others.

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

### Virtue Awards 27/2/2019

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	Aiden	2	Max
3	Caspian	4	Harper
5	Caitlin	7	Grace
8	Lincoln	9	Marcus
10	Lily	S1	Noah
S2	Hannah	S3	Kailan
S4	Laila		

### Honour Awards 27/2/2019

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P1	Vivienne & Luca	P3	Zoe & Santiago
1	Xavier	2	Penny
3	Sarah	4	Ahmed
5	Amberlee	7	Katya
8	Lawson & Connor	9	Nicole
10	Ebony	S1	Poppy
S2	Jaymen	S3	Lia
S4	Daniel	Music	Marcus

## Sports News



### Swimming Carnival

The Faction Swimming Carnival is in Week 6. Invited Year 2 and 3 students who have passed Stage 5 and all Year 4 to 6 students will attend. Permission notes and nomination forms will be sent home soon.

### Circus Skills

This term, we will begin participating in our circus skills program. The sessions will be spread across all four terms for Years 1-6. Pre-primary will have their sessions in Terms 3 and 4.

### Running club

Running club will commence in Week 7 after the Faction Swimming Carnival.

## Classroom News



### Visual Art with Mrs Carpenter & Mrs Bennett

All Year 1-6 students have an art lesson once a week in the purpose-built art room located in the Senior Block of Kensington Primary School.

We aim to design purposeful projects for the students that inspire creativity and foster enjoyment and appreciation of Visual Arts. Our focus for Visual Art learning will be guided by both the state and national curriculum for the arts (Visual Art).

Throughout the year, the students will investigate the visual elements of art (line and pattern, space, texture, form, shape, colour and value) as well as the qualities and properties of different materials. They will explore both traditional and experimental approaches to drawing, painting, print-making, collage, sculpture, textiles and ceramics and learn to work safely with various tools and materials in their art making.

Students will also learn to respond to their own work and the work of others using visual arts terminology to reflect on purpose and meaning.

Artwork will be displayed within the school throughout the year in the art room, some classrooms, the school library and other suitable areas.

## General Information



Tickets are now on sale!! Book your early bird tickets online now!  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BBAZZ>

**KPS MOVIE NIGHT**  
**FRIDAY**  
**15 MARCH 2019**  
on the KPS oval

**ONLINE TICKETS \$11**

**Popcorn Lolly & Ice-cream STORE**

**FOOD STALLS!**  
Burgers, Hotdogs & Nachos  
(Gluten free and Vege options)

**Dragon: THE HIDDEN WORLD**

Gates Open at 5pm  
Movie begins at 7pm  
**BOOK ONLINE**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BBAZZ>  
BYO Rugs, low chairs, mozzie spray  
no glass please

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Please note that all tickets purchased at the gate will be \$15 so book now!

If you don't feel like lining up in the popcorn line on the night, then you must enter our competition! You will be in the running to win a Movie Pack which will include popcorn, lolly bag, your choice of food from the BBQ and a "How to Train Your Dragon" board game.

To enter, please fill in the entry form that will be available from your classroom teacher.

Make a booking online using the **Trybooking** link : <https://www.trybooking.com/BBAZZ> and write your Trybooking ID on the form, crack the code on the entry form and then place it in the box outside the staffroom door.

There will be two draws, one on Tuesday 5 March and one on Tuesday 12 March.

Get booking and get your entries in!

If you need to clarify anything, please call Jo on 0431 129 518.



Greetings to all the lovely families and staff members of Kensington Primary School!

At OSHClub, we have been working on a very special community project in Partnership with Tiny Sparks WA. As we know, premature babies are born very tiny. Not to mention they are born ahead of schedule so families may not be prepared for their arrival yet. This means that families could be struggling to find clothing for their little ones.

Kensington OSHClub children and staff have started sewing clothes for premature babies of WA hospitals. We will be posting the finished clothes next month (March 20, 2019). This will be an ongoing project for this term and we would love to invite the KPS community to get involved while in the comfort of their own homes. Please visit the link :

<http://www.tinysparkswa.org.au/knitting-sewing/>

to learn about the specific requirements for the babies' clothes and beanies. OSHClub is happy to save you the postage effort and fee. Just make sure to submit your craft donation at Kensington OSHClub **before 22/03/2019**. We are normally at the undercover area from 7am-8.30am and 3.00pm-6pm.



We are really looking forward to your participation in supporting these tiny babies and their families.

Our heartfelt gratitude to you.

Warmest regards,

**Leslie Estaniel**

Regional Operations Coordinator  
OSHClub and Helping Hands WA



The following (UK based) link has some good tips and posters for parents about apps and online platforms that some of our children are using.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>



Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been invited to attend a performance of the above show (free of charge) on 27 June, and Kent Street Senior High School would also like to invite the rest of the community to attend the other performances. Further information is available from Kent Street SHS.

## Community News



Learn new skills and improve your game! There is a 25% early booking discount on all ASC 3 days camps, which is available to all participants who book by Sunday 17 March 2019. After 17 March, siblings always receive a 15% discount. Please [click here](#) to view the flyer and get all of the details.



Please click on [this link](#) to view the flyer for an “Anxiety in Kids” seminar, being held on 6 March 2019, 7pm – 8.30pm at Lifestreams in Como.



Happy Feet Fitness will bring their fun and educational performance to the City's annual Children's Concert.



Enjoy a morning filled with fun and entertainment at the Manning Community Hall on Saturday 9 March 2019. This event is suitable for 18 months to 6 years. \$5 + online booking fee. Children aged between 18 months and 6 years are required to have a ticket. Each ticket includes, entry for one child and adult and a light morning tea. Morning tea will include tea, coffee, juice, muffins, biscuits and fruit. \*subject to change. Free basement parking is available off Bradshaw Crescent, Manning.

To book, visit <http://bit.ly/2DIszf7>

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