

School Newsletter 0120, 12 February 2020

Coming Events



- Friday 14 February – Pre-primary parent breakfast 9am-10am in the PP1 classroom
- Wednesday 19 February – Board meeting, 5.30pm
- Wednesday 26 February – Assembly
- Monday 2 March – Labour Day public holiday
- Tuesday 3 March – P&C AGM, 7.30pm

Principal's Message



Welcome to New Arrivals

We welcome all those families new to the school this year. We hope you enjoy being part of this wonderful community. We also have new staff this year. We welcome the following teachers:

K3, Kindy	Vicki Van Dongen
K4, Kindy	Emma Williams
P3, Pre-primary	Katherine Herne
Japanese Language R6	Margo Whittle
R8, Year 3	Karen Bernic
S1, Year 4/5	Callen Toner
S3, Year 5/6	Jack Powers

We also have Sue Shaw in the office and several new Education Assistants: Tegan Fox, Ramona Monteiro, Emmalise Johnston, Tayla Van and Marie D'Souza. We have also had Genet Girmay working as a cleaner. Maureen Du Preez is our new Chaplain – please see her introduction in the Chaplain News section below.

Year 6 Elected Leaders

All students in Year 6 will be offered leadership opportunities. However, some students have been elected as either faction leaders or Student Councillors. Congratulations to the following students on their election.

Head Boy	Ryan
Head Girl	Ella
Student Councillors	1. Hannah 2. Edward 3. Harper 4. Beau 5. Hannah 6. Campbell
Cygnets Captain	1. Annabel 2. Tom
Cygnets Vice-Captain	1. Samuel 2. Viraj
Endeavour Captain	1. Laila 2. Jacob
Endeavour Vice-Captain	1. Neave 2. Cooper
Investigator	1. Madeline 2. Andy
Investigator Vice-Captain	1. Anna 2. Alec
Parmelia Captain	1. Felice 2. Kyle
Parmelia Vice-Captain	1. Lily 2. Lucas

To be eligible for election, these students had to show good behaviour and leadership skills in Year 5. The Student Councillors lead today's assembly and introduced themselves and the faction leaders to the school.

Term Events

You should have received information on EduDance lessons that have already begun. Please check your emails from Consent 2 Go to ensure you have given your child permission to attend and to find out the costs involved. There will be beach swimming lessons for Year 6 this term as well as events like Harmony Day and ANZAC Day (8th April). In the last week of term, we hope to run our usual parent –teacher interviews, and this will include an Early Close proposed for 8th April. Please keep an eye on the Term Planner. We have two public holidays this term – Monday 2nd March (Labour Day) and the final day of term (Good Friday – 10th April).

Our School Board – NOMINATIONS OPEN

The School Board will be meeting twice a term – on the third and ninth Wednesday of each term at 5:30pm. Andrew Cody is the outgoing chair of the school board. There are some vacancies on the board this year. 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. Below is a list of functions of the board as outlined in the Department's policy. ***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

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 online School Lunches Online site. On the Smartlink app you 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

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.

Attendance

School attendance is vital for a good education. Every day missed equates to a drop in test scores. We aim to get everyone to attend over 90% of the time. We will be monitoring this and rewarding good attendance. Please ensure you provide a reason for each absence to your child's teacher. This is a legal requirement. Please also inform the principal if you intend to take any vacations outside school holiday times. The principal will not be able to approve this vacation period if it means your child's attendance will drop below 90%. It will be recorded as an unauthorised vacation.

Golden Class Award

This year we are not going to be giving out icy poles for merit certificates or values certificates. Instead we will be giving them out to the class with the best attendance record. This means every student needs to ensure they attend school as much as possible and, when they do have to miss school because of things like sickness, please remember to tell the teacher why your child was away. If we don't have a good reason, then it counts against their

Virtue & Honour Awards



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

Honour Awards 12/02/2020

Room	Name	Room	Name
P1	Imogen & Tom	P3	Catherine & Rafan
1	Michelle & Daniel	2	Lara & Delphi
3	Bella & Lily	4	Lewis & Anna
5	Amelie & Morgan	8	Maya & Connor
9	Joe & Caitlin	10	Elizabeth & Evita
S1	Alice & Oscar	S2	Dhruvi & Jude
S3	Maddie & Andy	S4	Kyle & Annabel

Sports News



Edu Dance sessions commenced last Friday for some classes, but for most classes, it will commence tomorrow. The sessions continue all term and will culminate with two concerts at the end of term. All students will perform in one concert. *Parents, please check you have completed the Consent2Go permission.*

All School Fitness will start next Monday, led by our Year 6 students.

Senior Sport will be on this Friday. This year, the Year 4s will join in Senior Sport. Sports being played are AFL, soccer, netball, tennis, volleyball, newcomb ball and basketball.

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 on Consent2Go soon.

We have received funding from **Sporting Schools** this term and the sports chosen are volleyball and tennis.

Running Club will not start until after the swimming carnival. The first sessions will be on Tuesday and Friday in Week 7.

Please see the attachments below for information about a free **tennis** day and an opportunity for Girls in Year 3 – 6 to sign up for a short **cricket** program.



2020 Festival of Tennis – a festival for the whole family! [Click here](#) to see the flyer for further details.



Calling all girls to play in the Master Blast program at the South Perth Junior Cricket Club. The flyer is available by [clicking here](#).

Japanese News



JOIN IN THE FUN!

Families needed to host Japanese students:

Sunday 29 March to Thursday 2 April (4 nights)

Students from an English school in Japan are coming to Kensington Primary School.

We are looking for friendly supportive families who are willing to host one of 7 primary school aged students during their stay in Perth.

Host families need to provide a bed (mattress with linen is okay) and meals for the students. There will be support offered to students and families during the stay in both English and Japanese.

Families will be given a payment to support the expenses occurring over the 4 nights. The Japanese students will also travel down south and participate in a day excursion off site from school.

Please consider hosting and register your interest by sending an email to Margo.Whittle1@education.wa.edu.au

Chaplain News



My name is Maureen Du Preez, I am the School Chaplain employed by YouthCARE, and my role here at Kensington Primary School is to provide social and emotional support, not only for the students but for the entire school community.

I am available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30am to 3:30pm. You can contact me on 6436 8448 and my email address is maureen.dupreez@youthcare.org.au.

In my role I:

- Provide pastoral care for the whole school community, respecting the rights of the individual and their beliefs and values
- Support children and families who might be dealing with crisis or grief and loss in their lives
- Mediate in conflict situations at school and to encourage development of strong relationship skills
- Interact informally with students to develop trust and confidence and to be an independent person to whom students can turn

I am employed by YouthCARE and this service is made available through Federal and State funding.

P&C News



The P&C advises that the next P&C meeting is the Annual General Meeting – to be held on Tuesday 3 March at 7:30pm. Please come along and learn about the P&C, ask questions and get to know a few faces (if you don't already!)

The P&C **desperately** needs you; the parent, the caregiver or community member to take part in its P&C. The roles of President and Vice-President have been vacated and must be filled in order for the P&C to continue operating.

No previous experience is required. You will have support and guidance from other P&C members and the Principal. Being part of the P&C gives you a voice in your child's education and an insight into how the school operates.

If you would like more information please email kensingtonpandc@gmail.com

General Information



School Health Nurse



Welcome to the new school year. My name is Nyria Brinkhoff and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

A Community Health Nurse works in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on 0419424087 or email me: nyria.brinkhoff@health.wa.gov.au



Towards Inclusive Education: Workshop on engaging with the Royal Commission

DDWA, Kalparrin and Children & Young People with Disability Australia, are delighted to co-host this workshop for people with disability and their families interested to learn more about the Disability Royal Commission and how to have your say on the issue of inclusive education.

The workshop will include practical tips and support to begin preparing your own submission if you would like to do so.

Frequently asked questions about the Royal Commission will be addressed, and you will have an opportunity to hear about other work being undertaken to promote inclusive education through engagement with the Royal Commission.

Event details: Friday 21 February, 9:30am to 12:30pm, Mount Claremont

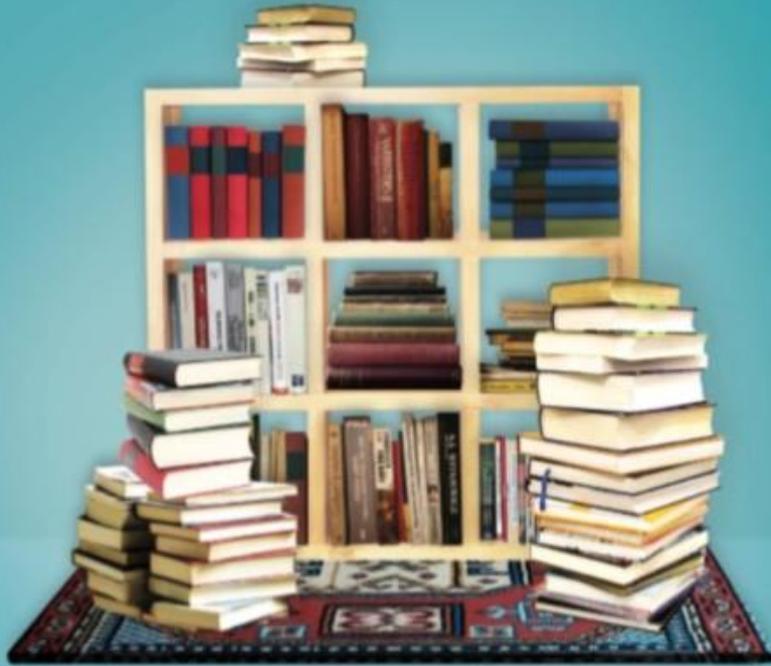
RSVP here: <https://towardsinclusiveeducationworkshopwa.eventbrite.com.au>



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Save the Children

TIME AND DATE:

Saturday 8th Feb 10-4pm
Sunday 9th Feb 10-4pm

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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 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



West Coast Health and High Performance empowers and enables people to take control of their health. [Click here](#) to view the flyer with more details on kids classes, which are suitable for kids of all levels of ability.



About ASC: Australian Sports Camps have run camps for over 36 years in sports such as football, netball, cricket, soccer, hockey, basketball, rugby union, rugby league and tennis, and are dedicated to providing the best sports coaching for boys and girls of all standards.

Specialist coaches or guest professional sports stars attend daily to run specific skills sessions. We are delighted to have paired up with other providers to offer even more options including futsal, rock climbing, golf and more!

We are currently offering a 30% early booking discount on all ASC 3-day camps which is available to all participants who book by Sunday 15 March 2020. After 15 March, siblings always receive a 20% discount and other discounts are available for groups depending on the number of participants. Further information can be found on our website <https://australiansportscamps.com.au> or by contacting the office.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer.



George Burnett Leisure Centre (GBLC) Junior Programs are due to start Week 2 of Term 1. For further details, please [click here](#) to view the flyer.

Calm Kids, Calm Families – Kids Yoga will also be running at George Burnett Leisure Centre on Thursdays. Please [click here](#) for full details.



Spikezone is a modified version of volleyball designed for primary school students in Years 3-6, where they can learn volleyball in a fun, game oriented learning environment with accredited coaches. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

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