



School Newsletter 0320, 11 March 2020

Coming Events



- Friday 13 March : Faction swimming carnival, Yrs 4-6 and invited Yrs 2-3 (see details under Sport heading below).
- Tuesday 17 March : DUCKs “re-launch” event (see details under P&C heading below)
- Wednesday 18 March : Harmony Day celebrations – national costume parade or you can wear the colour orange.
- Wednesday 25 March : Assembly
- Friday 27 March : Interschool swimming carnival (by invitation)
- Friday 27 March : P&C Movie Night on the oval (see details under P&C heading below)

Principal's Message



Early Close 8th April for Parent Teacher Interviews

As in previous years, all interviews (K-Yr 6) will be held in the Senior Block and will be timed for 12 minutes with a 3 minute changeover. A bell will be rung to ensure timings are kept under control. A half hour break for staff will also be scheduled into the afternoon. Sign-up sheets will be placed on class noticeboards and/or class emails for your convenience in the near future. Some interviews will need to occur before or after the scheduled day – please communicate with your child’s teacher as to a suitable time and day. Please contact your child’s teacher if you haven’t heard from them about this by the end of next week.

P&C Executive

On 3rd March, the P&C held their AGM. There was a very pleasing number of parents attending this event and I congratulate and thank the following people for joining the P&C

executive. Other positions were also filled and we thank those people too. A big thank you goes to the outgoing executive members and parents involved in the P&C last year. We look forward to working closely with our new P&C.

The P&C office bearers for 2020 are:

President – Ed McLarty
Vice President – Drew Dunn
Secretary – Jen Young
Treasurer – Shannon Kynaston

In addition to the above office bearers, three additional committee members comprise the rest of the P&C Executive:

Sports – Adam Goodwin
Book Club – Susan Henwood
Fundraising – Camille Jeppesen

School Board

We also have a new School Board team. I will delay announcing all the new members until the next newsletter as we are awaiting some formalities to be completed. Our next School Board meeting will be on 1st April. This will be followed by a School Board dinner where we farewell our past board members and welcome our new, along with getting to know the P&C executive.

NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5

Parents of students in Year 3 and 5 should receive an information sheet entitled NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers. If you do not receive one, please let the school know so we can get one to you. Students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN online in May this year. If you have any concerns or believe your child should not participate in this national literacy and numeracy assessment program, please let the office or your child's class teacher know ASAP.

Harmony Day 18th March

While Harmony Day is officially celebrated on 21st March to coincide with the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we will be celebrating it on 18th March. To celebrate our country's cultural diversity, we ask students to either dress in their national costume (or another country's national costume) or to wear the Harmony Day colour of orange. We will have a short assembly first thing in the morning which will include a parade of our costumes. The children will then work with their buddy class in the morning on special Harmony Day activities. The children have worked on a collaborative art piece for Harmony Day and will be having a photo taken with it as part of Harmony Week celebrations too.

In addition to Harmony Day, that week is also the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence (officially on 20th March), however, we will also include this recognition with

the Harmony Day celebrations. The Student Councillors will run the assembly and introduce both days.

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 20th March (we will recognise it on 18th March though). The theme for this year's event is Take Action Together. 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 other's 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

For tips in dealing with bullying [click here](#).

Attendance & Holidays

One of our school targets is to improve attendance (at least 85% of students will attend regularly – 90% of the time). In order to achieve this, we have introduced a Golden Class award each term. This was outlined in a previous newsletter.

At school, many concepts (such as in literacy and numeracy) are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.

The *School Education Act 1999* does not allow principals to give permission for families to take holidays during the school term. As students are required to attend school every day, time off for holidays is recorded as an absence.

While it can be tempting to take advantage of discount offers for accommodation and flights, we strongly encourage you to organise holidays during school holiday periods to make sure your child doesn't miss out on school.

Please contact the principal if you have been considering taking a holiday during the school term. You should explain why the holiday must be taken during school time and provide the dates. Your child's teacher will be able to tell you what learning your child would be missing out on.

Childhood Mental Health

I recently saw a translation of an article from an Argentinian website, written by a psychiatrist, on childhood mental health. While I can't verify the statistics, it certainly made some very good points. In discussing this topic with educators in WA schools, the prevalence of mental health concerns such as depression and anxiety in primary school aged children does seem to have increased markedly over the past 10 years. In this time, the world has changed markedly too, and we have all become much busier and overwhelmed as adults (experiencing mental health issues too), so it is no wonder that children are experiencing similar issues.

As CREATIVITY is one of our school values, and having seen other articles recently about how to develop creativity and the link to experiencing 'boredom', I found the ideas on over-stimulation being a hindrance to creativity fascinating. He also suggests children are being given too much say but not enough responsibility. The role of outdoor play as opposed to online games, social/emotional interaction and physical needs such as sleep, activity and healthy eating are also discussed. [Click here](#) to read his tips.

Bronwyn Jones
PRINCIPAL

Foyer Display

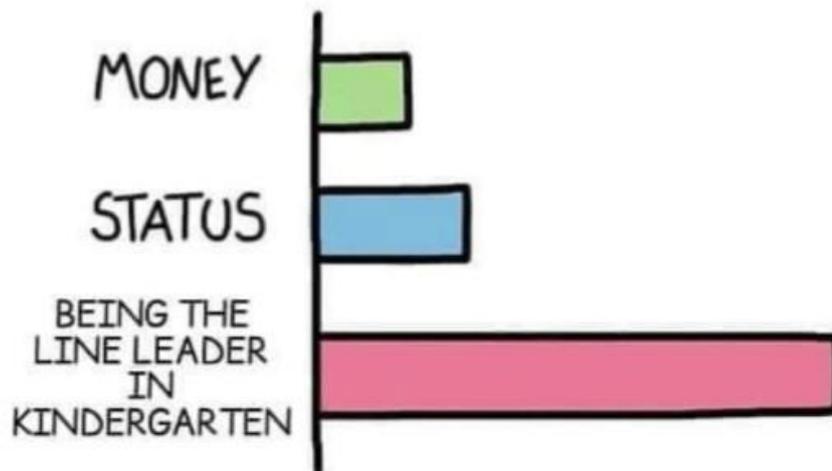
The students in Room 8 read "Pirate Polly" and innovated on the story by creating their own problems and solutions for the characters in the book.



Have a read as you walk past!

Just for a laugh

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Values & Honour Awards



Respect

Respect is an attitude of treating ourselves, others and all living things with dignity and courtesy. It is about treating others as we want to be treated.

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

Values Awards 11/3/2020

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P1	Rand	P3	Jack
1	Aadi	2	Kaia
3	Anvay	4	Aiden
5	Anirudh	8	Grace
9	Caspian	10	Elliot
S1	Oliver	S2	James
S3	Jacob	S4	Tyson

Honour Awards 11/3/2020

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P1	Vincent	P3	Edward
1	Jacob	2	Lucy
3	Noah	4	Ayanna
5	Harminah	8	Harper
9	Amberly	10	Charles
S1	Noah	S2	Ebony
S3	Sophia	S4	Harper



Faction swimming carnival

[Click here](#) for the faction swimming carnival program.

The carnival is on this Friday at Aqualife from 10.30am – 2.30pm. Attending students are to wear their bathers to school with their shorts and faction t-shirts. Students are to take food, water, hats, towel and sunscreen with them for the day's events. Online lunch orders will not be delivered to the pool! Parents who have volunteered to be timekeepers, please meet Raema Stanford at the pool at 10.15am. There is still time to volunteer – just meet me at the pool. Inside activities for students in Levels 1 – 5 will be from 12.00 – 1.00pm.

Interschool swimming carnival

The Interschool swimming carnival is on 27 March at Aqualife. Competitors from Years 4 – 6 will be chosen to participate from the results of the faction carnival.

Squash

This week, several classes have participated in squash sessions funded by Healthways and the Smarter than Smoking campaign. It was great fun to play in the inflatable squash courts. More classes may have an opportunity to participate next term.



If you are interested in playing squash, the Kensington Squash Club is commencing sessions for juniors starting next week, Friday 20th March, for Year 3s upwards at a cost of \$5.00 per child per session (all equipment provided). See the noticeboard for more details.

Running Club

Running Club will commence Week 9, after the interschool swimming carnival, on Tuesday and Friday mornings on the oval.

Edu Dance concert timetable

Classroom teachers have been notified of the costumes required for their classes performance.

Friday Week 9, April 3 at 2.15pm

PP 1 “*BETTER WHEN I’M DANCING*”
YR 1 RM 1 “*KING JULIAN’S WORKOUT*”
YR 1/2 RM 3- “*FAITH*”
YR 2/3 RM 5- “*” FRIEND LIKE ME*”
YR 3 RM 9- “*WE SPEAK NO AMERICANO*”
YR 4 RM 10- “*APOLLO XI*”
YR 5/6 RM S3- “*MILITARY ROCK*”

Thursday Week 10, April 9 at 2.15pm

PP3 “*BETTER WHEN I’M DANCING*”
YR 1 RM 2 – “*KING JULIAN’S WORKOUT*”
YR 2 RM 4- “*FRIEND LIKE ME*”
YR 3 RM 8- “*WE SPEAK NO AMERICANO*”
YR 4/5 RMS1- “*APOLLO XI*”
YR5 RM S2- *MILITARY ROCK*”
YR 6 RMS4- “*MARRYUNA*”

Winter sport

Don’t forget registrations are open for a range of winter sports. Sign up at the appropriate website.



Tickets are selling fast, so jump on the link in the advertising poster to secure your patch of grass soon! Don't forget the colouring competition to win your family delicious dinner and treats on the night!!!! The entry box is near the staff room – **entries close on 24 March!!**

**KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
MOVIE UNDER THE STARS**

Friday 27th March 2020
on the KPS Oval

**SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG**

Gold Sponsor
Bourkes
experience better

Silver Sponsor
STATEWEST
CIVIL PTY. LIMITED

Hótdogs, Hamburgers, Juices,
Lolly Bags, Popcorn (GF & Veg options)
Gates open 5pm - Movie from 7pm
BYO rugs, Low chairs, Mozzie spray

Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIMJY>
Pre-sale tickets \$11 each (\$15 at the door)

No glass, no smoking | Please respect neighbours and exit quietly

From all the Year 6s and all the students at Kensington PS, we would like to send a huge heartfelt THANK YOU to the two local businesses that have offered very generous donations to cover the costs of our movie night on Friday 27 March.



Firstly a big shout out to Karen Firth & Bourkes for being our GOLD sponsor at our upcoming outdoor movie night. Make sure to say hi to Karen on the night! Check out <https://www.bourkes.com.au/> for all of your real estate needs.



A massive thanks also to Statewest Civil, our SILVER Sponsor for the KPS Movie Night, another local family business supporting our kids.

Statewest Civil Pty Ltd is a bulk haulage & licensed contaminated waste removal company. They specialise in the delivery of bulk raw materials such as fill sand, limestone and roadbase/aggregates. Statewest Civil operates a fleet of 20-40 tonne semi tippers, truck & dogs & roadtrains for bulk haulage.

Contact Mel on 0408 936 797 or <http://www.statewestcivil.com/>



*The Kensington Primary School DUCKs in partnership with
The Fathering Project invites you to the*

DUCKs Dads Group (Re)Launch – 17th March

Kensington Primary's Dads Group – The DUCKs (Dads United for the Children of Kensington) – has been established for five years and has had many great events. Our aim is for you to have fun with your kids and become part of a strong and supportive network of committed dads connected to the school.

This FREE re-launch event will be informal yet informative for dads, father-figures and school leaders, whether new or experienced with the Fathering Project and the DUCKs. It will describe the important role of dads, the aims of The Fathering Project, and the DUCKs.

Whether you're a DUCKs regular, or a newbie, please come along. Find out what we have lined up for this year and what The Fathering Project is all about.

****We would especially love to see parents of children in the younger years****

Who: Dads and father-figures especially, but interested Mums are most welcome
When: Tuesday 17th March at 7pm
Where: Como Bowls Club – 99 Hensman St, South Perth
RSVP: Dave at hlmst1@westnet.com.au

Light snacks will be provided.

DUCKs Events Coming Soon...Save the Dates

31 March: DUCKs Helpers Meeting – Join us and get involved. Newcomers and new ideas are very welcome!

4 April: The Kensington Wedgie @ Morris Mundy – fun & games afternoon (and maybe a waterslide).

School Banking



Kensington Primary School offers school banking through the Commonwealth Bank Youth Savers Program. The program raises funds for the school P&C, with CommBank providing rewards for each deposit made, regardless of the amount.

- **Location**– Outside staff room
- **Hours of operation**– 8.30 to 8.50 am every Tuesday

Students are taught the fundamental benefits of saving, and receive a token for each deposit. Every 10 tokens earns a reward.

To learn more, visit us on Tuesday and receive a new account information pack or email the School Banking Coordinator – melbowden@live.com. if you're interested in volunteering a small amount of time to the school to assist with this program, we'd love to hear from you too.

General Information



FREE EVENT

**Australian
STORYTELLERS
Festival**

The Literature Centre

Sunday 5 April 2020

Illustration Demonstrations & Activities | Insightful Talks | Writing Tips
Graphic Novel Cartooning | Q&A | Book & Art Sales | Book Signings

PRESENTERS

Brenton E. McKenna (WA)	Briony Stewart (WA)
Cristy Burne (WA)	Deb Abela (NSW)
Frané Lessac (WA)	Gavin Aung Than (WA)
James Foley (WA)	Jen Banyard (WA)
Mark Greenwood (WA)	

[Click here](#) to see full details of this festival day.



Community News



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.



[Click here](#) for further information about our fantastic April school holiday program.



The South Perth Junior Football Club is open for registrations for female teams for the upcoming 2020 season. [Click here](#) to view the flyer for more details.

RUFFIO
the *RACER*

Book Launch

Eliah Ang

Sunday 15 March 2020
2:30-3:30pm
Millpoint Caffe Bookshop
254 Mill Point Rd, South Perth
Cost: Free
Bookings Essential
Please Contact: (08) 6117 5603
Feel free to visit me on my website
<https://eliahang.wixsite.com/summergarden>

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