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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK

It has been fantastic to welcome back all of our students to school this week. Everyone has settled beautifully and are back into the swing of on-site learning. With two weeks to go of the term we will continue to establish great learning routines back at school.

A very big thank you to all of our families for their continued support. A reminder that as a community we are not out of the woods yet and to please keep practicing our social distancing rules.

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO—MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY INITIATIVE

During the COVID-19 social isolation period some of our students and staff took part in the 'Make Someone's Day Initiative.' A project aimed at brightening the day of many of the older residents across the City of Greater Bendigo.

Thank you to all of our students involved and in particular Jed M from 3D who not only wrote a letter but also received one back from local resident, Alice.

COVID 19 RETURN TO SCHOOL POLICY

Today all families were sent a copy of our draft COVID 19 Return to School Policy. Please take the time to read this policy as it has important information about what to do if your child is showing flu / cold like symptoms. It also outlines the requirements that we as a school must put in place.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Attendance at school

All students are expected to attend school. Schools are not expected to provide remote learning where parents elect to keep these students at home, except where this is based on medical advice, if so please contact the school on 5443 2011.

Parents on Site and around the school perimeter

Until further notice school will be an Adult Free Zone with the exception of school staff and essential workers. This means that we need your support to ensure that you do not attend on-site unless absolutely necessary. If attendance is absolutely necessary please contact the school on 5443 2011 prior to attending.

Please remember current social distancing standards when waiting at drop off and pick up points. We request that parents remain in cars at all times other than when meeting their child at the designated drop off and pick up space. Please do not use these spaces as a chance for a social catch up.

Student Drop off - Morning

As per normal we will have all school access points open for drop off and pick up. The roundabout will be available to use in the **mornings only**. **The top car park (visitor car park) will be for staff access only.**

School staff will be available at each of the access points to support your children getting to their classrooms if required.

KPS VALUES



Personal Best

Always aiming high and being the best I can. It means being optimistic: that I will be successful in the end.



Respect

Treating everybody and everything with consideration and courtesy. It means looking after myself, others and the environment.



Resilience

The ability to manage my emotions and bounce back from an experience that may not have turned out the way I expected.

Student Pick Up - Afternoon

Children will be supervised to move to their designated pick up point to meet their parent / carer. **Please ensure that you have organised this with your child prior.**

Returning of school Devices – Grade 3–4 Students

If you have borrowed a school device to support remote learning please send this to school with your child on Tuesday June 9, these will be collected by your classroom teacher.

Other health and safety measures

We are providing facilities for regular handwashing and ensuring that hand sanitiser is provided in every occupied room.

We have prioritised increased cleaning of high-touch areas and shared equipment. Playground equipment will be available for use. All students will practise hand hygiene before and after use.

We have, and will continue to consider the necessity of using shared equipment during this time. If used, strict hand hygiene will be followed before and after use.

Students should bring their own water bottle for use at school as students will not be drinking directly from drinking fountains at this time. Taps may be used to refill water bottles.

Outside School Hours Care

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) and vacation care services on school sites will continue to operate with the relevant risk mitigation measures in place. Our OSHC provider is Camp Australia, information about their program can be found at <https://www.campastralia.com.au/>

The Commonwealth Government announced on 6 April 2020 that the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package would replace Child Care Subsidy and payments from families until 28 June 2020. As a condition of this funding, parent fees are not to be charged during this period.

STAFFING UPDATE

We have had some more staffing changes in the last couple of weeks. I would like to congratulate Cherie Walker who applied for and was appointed to a Leading Teacher position at Strathfieldsaye Primary School. Cherie began her role on June 9.

Cherie will be replaced by Carla Crameri who will also take on the role of the Grade 3 PLC Leader.

Todd Canobie has also applied for and been successful in obtaining a classroom teaching position for the remainder of the year at Strathfieldsaye Primary School. I would like to welcome Alexia Boyd to Kennington Primary School, Alexia will replace Todd.

Jess Gibbins will return from family leave to Kennington next semester. Jess will be teaching 0.4 and will be allocated duties in the coming weeks.

PREP 2021 – ENROLMENT

Information regarding 2021 Prep enrolment is available on our website www.kenningtonps.vic.edu.au

If you have any question please contact the school on 5443 2011 or via email at kennington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

HOME READING EVERYNIGHT & LIBRARY BORROWING

I'm very pleased to let everyone know that as of next week we will begin to send home, home reading books with all children. As always we expect all children to read every night.

The library will be open for borrowing as of next week as well.

Please ensure that you practice hand hygiene when handling our shared materials.

PARENT TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCES, GRADE PREP–2

A reminder to all families who have children in grade prep–2 to book your Parent Teacher Learning Conference through Sentral if you haven't already done so.

SENTRAL APP UPDATE

As of today you will be able to update your copy of the Sentral Parent App. Please go to the App Store and update.

YEAR 6 to 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION for PLACEMENT 2021 REMINDER

Monday fortnight ago, the Applications for Placements were sent out in the mail, these applications due to Kennington PS by Friday May 29, 2020.

Please scan them back to kennington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or post them to Kennington Primary School PO Box 45 Strathdale VIC 3550

If there are any questions, please contact me via the office or email eddy.travis.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please note, the secondary schools do not collect these forms.

SEE OUR SCHOOL ZONE ONLINE

The Department has a website that helps parents identify their local public school online. findmyschool.vic.gov.au shows every school zone across the state.

If your child is preparing to enter Year 7 and you want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area, or you know someone who is interested in enrolling at our school, try findmyschool.vic.gov.au today. If you have a question about the website, contact the Victorian School Building Authority Hotline on **1800 896 950** or email vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY JUNE 26

Last Day Term 2, school finishes at 2:15pm

MONDAY JULY 13

First Day Term 3