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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME BACK

A very big welcome back to all of our students, staff and families. I hope that the holiday period went smoothly for everyone and that everyone stayed safe and well.

Welcome to all of our new students and their families. Your transition into our school is very different to what we normally would do, but hope that your children have settled in well.

Over the holidays we had another addition to the Kennington Primary School family. Congratulations to Alicia, Marcus and Mac Smalley on the safe arrival of Daisy Matilda Smalley on July 4 at 1:30am.

CONTINUATION OF ONSITE LEARNING

The current advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer is that 'the available evidence largely indicates that transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) between children in the school environment at the current time is very low and that the virus is generally milder in children than in adults.

Caution continues to be advised for students with complex medical needs. It is recommended that parents/carers of students with complex medical needs, seek advice from the student's medical practitioner to support decision-making about whether on-site education is suitable. It is important, however, that clinical risk be weighed against the consequences of a student missing the opportunity for face-to-face learning,

particularly in the context of very low rates of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in Victoria.

REMOTE AND FLEXIBLE LEARNING—PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who took the time to give us feedback about the Remote and Flexible Learning period during term 2.

We had 165 responses to our survey accounting for 238 of our students across the school, all year levels were well represented within the survey results.

We certainly appreciate the feedback and overall the results of our survey were very positive. 81% of people believed that their child/children made academic progress during the Remote and Flexible Learning period. 91% of respondents felt as though they now have a greater understanding of their child's ability and how they learn.

When asked about the school's communication during this period 23% of people said that our communication was very good and 60% said that our communication was excellent.

We also asked a specific question about the feedback provided from the conference notes on Sentral. 73% of people agreed that the conference notes provided by the teachers were informative, 57% said that they were timely and 55% said that the conference notes provided by the teachers helped them to understand their child's next pieces of learning.

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.

I will continue to share the results of our feedback survey with our community over the coming weeks and will go into further detail at both our upcoming Parents and Friends' and School Council Meetings.

If you would like to discuss the results in with me, please contact the office to organise a phone or a Webex chat.

MATHS CHALLENGE

During Term 2, 18 students from Grades 3 and 4 participated in the Maths Challenge. The problem-solving activity organised by the Australian Maths Trust (AMT), was aimed at extending students' mathematical knowledge and problem-solving skills.

Kennington Primary acknowledges the hard work and development of all the students who participated in the Maths Challenge.

Participating students included: Madelyn B, Harnoor K, Lewis S, Lucas Z, Nate A, Carter M, Rosie S, Skyla W, Gracie H-J, Isabelle J-H, Adam K, Jed M, Aiden F, Layla T, Clifford F, Gio C and Tien F-D. Madelyn B deserves a special mention as she achieved a Distinction. Congratulations to all the students who were involved.

BEANIES HAVE ARRIVED

Our new order of Kennington Primary School Beanies has arrived at school. Beanies are for sale from the office for \$10.00.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

As mentioned via our communication channels, Lowes at the Bendigo Marketplace is our new supplier of the Kennington Primary School uniform.

We have been working with Lowes to ensure that we get our uniform stocks in so that you can purchase those much needed jumpers and jackets for the winter months.

Unfortunately due the COVID pandemic our uniforms have not arrived yet. As a parent I understand how frustrating this is and appreciate your continued support with this unfortunate circumstance.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have any second-hand uniform items in good condition at home that you no longer require and would like to donate them to that school, that would be appreciated. If you would like to purchase a second hand item, please contact the office regarding availability. Items can be purchased for \$5.00. clothing is washed prior to being sold. All money raised further supports school programs.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Over the course of the pandemic we have been working with our Music Teacher's to ensure that they are ready to return for instrumental music classes. This time has come! If your child was participating in instrumental music classes in term 1, 2020 your instrumental music teacher will be in contact with you in the coming weeks

CURRICULUM DAY— STUDENT FREE DAY FRIDAY JULY 31

School Council have approved Friday July 31 as a Curriculum Day. On this day staff will be focusing on learning more about on-going reporting and how to provide the just in time learning information to parents. Curriculum days are **student free days** and each government school in Victoria is allocated 4 curriculum days per year.

Camp Australia will be operating at Kennington on this day. For bookings please visit their website.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

The Victorian Chief Health Officer continues to provide and update advice around a number of concerns, one of these concerns is about students who live with medically vulnerable members of the community. The advice from the Chief Health Officer is that 'the risk of transmission in the school environment at the current time is very low. It is not recommended that students who live with someone who is at risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) to remain at home at this time. Schools have put in place a range of measures to further reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission and have clear protocols in place to quickly respond and manage a case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a 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.

COLD AND FLU SYMPTOMS

Due to the current DET guidelines, if your child is displaying any symptoms of a cold or flu, you are required to keep them at home.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB PROGRAM TO BEGIN TERM THREE

Our Breakfast Program will begin next week and will run on Tuesday's and Friday's. Everyone is welcome!

PREP 2021—ENROLMENT

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

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

These applications are due by Friday July 31, 2020.

This date is set by the Department of Education. If your child has additional needs, including a medical diagnosis, language difficulties, is involved with any Early Intervention services, or if you just have a worry or concern about your child, please call the office on 5443 2011. If your child is hearing impaired please contact Mrs Brooke Howman, the leader of our Deaf Facility on her email

brooke.howman@education.vic.gov.au

HOME READING EVERY NIGHT & LIBRARY BORROWING

It has been fantastic to see the beaming smiles on the faces of our students as they are leaving the library with their newly borrowed books in hand. We are excited that we have been able to allow students to borrow from the library as well as bring take-home readers home for the first time in three months.

A reminder to please ensure that you practise hand hygiene when handling our shared materials at home.

LOST PROPERTY

If students have their names clearly printed on items of clothing, mainly jackets and windcheaters, we can return them without difficulty. A huge number of items are not named and this is adding to the ever growing pile in the office.

PARENTS ON SITE & AROUND THE SCHOOL PERIMETER

Thank you to everyone in our school community who is doing their bit to ensure that we all stay safe and healthy.

A reminder that until further notice our school is 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 spaces. 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) is 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.

Please Note The Edwards Road gates close at 8:45am

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.**

The City of Greater Bendigo has asked us to remind parents and students of social distancing requirements while using our school crossings.

Please maintain your 1.5 metre distancing from the school crossing supervisor while at the crossing. If we can keep the crossing supervisors safe, they will be able to continue assisting our students to get to and from school safely.

For the safety of everyone please ensure that you utilise the council crossing points at Edwards Road, St Aidens Road and Crook Street when crossing the road.

OTHER HEALTH & 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.

PARENTS & FRIENDS'

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A reminder to get your recipe submissions in for the Parents and Friends' cookbook. Further information can be found via the KPS Parents Facebook page.

UPCOMING PARENTS AND FRIENDS' MEETING

Our next Parents and Friends' meeting will be held via Webex on Wednesday July 22 at 7:00pm.

Webex room number is 572-285-864.

IMPORTANT DATES

WEDNESDAY JULY 28

Book club due

FRIDAY JULY 31

Prep 2021 enrolments due

FRIDAY JULY 31

Student Free Day

KPS SONG

Here we stand together,
in the school we like the best,

And together we create a school
that's bigger than the rest.

With gardens, playgrounds,
stairs and rooms and
an orphanage next door.

Our grounds and our facilities,
they offer so much more.

But the buildings and the sandpits
and the ovals and the grounds,

Don't tell you the whole story of
the place where we have found,

A safe and fun environment,
where everyone's your friend.

Where the music and the laughter
and the learning never ends.

CHORUS

*Our school is like no other,
a very special place,*

*With space to learn and room to
grow, there's a smile on every face.*

*We are a team of individuals,
our community is strong.*

*Everyone is welcome,
and everyone belongs.*

When you come to Kennington,
you'll notice from the start.

The kind of place we have here,
we speak with hands and heart.

The way we are with others,
that's how we'd like them to be.

Respect is shown to everyone,
then it comes back to me.

REPEAT CHORUS

We care about each other,
in all we say and do.

Our teachers understand us,
they care for me and you.

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