

FRIDAY JULY 23, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone has had a great week and is staying safe.

FACE COVERINGS

As we are all aware circumstances and the advice that follows, changes very rapidly in these uncertain times. One of the hot topics over the last week is the mandatory introduction of the wearing of a face covering for people aged 12 and over in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Will face coverings be mandatory for teachers and students?

Currently it is not compulsory for anyone in regional or rural Victoria to wear face coverings.

Teachers, educators and carers can choose to wear face coverings if they wish when teaching or providing care for children.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that students across Victoria under the age of 12 do not have to wear face coverings. Therefore, it is up to the individual family to choose for their child / children to wear a face covering at school.

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.

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.

DECISIONS ABOUT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES— TERM 3

You may be aware that there have been a number of decisions at a school level that have had to be made around students and school activities that would normally be occurring at this time of the year. Please understand that these decisions take time and every decision is different to the next,

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.

and based on current guidelines. As always we will endeavour to communicate with you in a timely manner about any changes to what has previously been advertised.

At this stage all activities that were booked in for Term 3 have been postponed until further notice.

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. Please contact the office if your child will not be attending on any day.

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.

As I mentioned last week in the LINK, I would continue to share the results of the feedback that we received from our families.

87% of people believed that the learning planned by the teachers at Kennington was suitable for their child/children. 85% of respondents felt as though the learning tasks were easy / very easy to understand.

When asked about how accessible the learning documents were, 54% said that were easy to access and 34% said that access was very easy.

Based on our communication, respondents stated what they would like us to keep from

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 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 teachers 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

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.

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

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

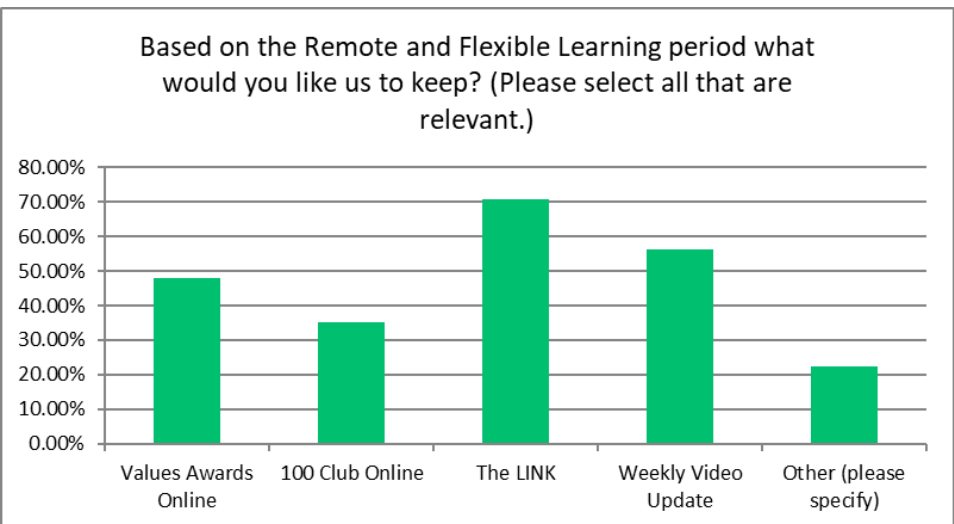
As per normal we will have all school access points open for drop off and pick up. The roundabout will be available to use in the mornings only. The top car park (visitor car park) is for staff access only.

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**



the Remote and Flexible Learning period. (Graph)

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

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.

organised this with your child prior. 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are extremely please to announce that Breakfast Club is back!!!

It is on every Tuesday and Friday morning . All students are welcome and there is no cost.

Students are invited to have breakfast with their friends and meet new friends (socially distancing of course) in the amphitheatre.

Tuesday is 'Cereal and Fruit Day' and Friday is 'Hot Food Friday'.

Breakfast Club begins at 8:00am (Tuesday and Friday) from the Canteen.

We look forward to seeing you. Penny Peters and Gab Cavallaro (Breakfast Club Co-ordinators)

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.

MINI-SESSIONS PHOTO FUNDRAISER

Mini sessions times for the Kennington Primary School Photo Fundraiser are now available through Chris Epworth Photos.

The sessions are 20 minutes in length and include as many different shots as possible.

Location—Corner of Crook Street and Cousins Street. (The little grassed area near the roundabout).

Dates—October 17 and 18, 2020

Cost—\$50.00 (\$40.00 goes to the school)

Each session includes choosing 5 digital images from a private gallery.

There are options to purchase more photos for \$25.00 each or the complete gallery for \$150.00 (normally between 30-50 images).

All bookings at Chris Epworth Photos, <https://www.cjephotos.com/minisessions> look for Kennington Primary School.

If you have any questions please email Chris at chris@cjephotos.com or <https://www.facebook.com/cjephotos/>

Part of Chris' business model is to give back to the Bendigo Community. To do this Fundraising Days are held for different schools and kinders around the region.

In the past few years, Chris Epworth Photos has raised over \$30000.00.

This year Chris Epworth Photos are trying to raise over \$15000.00 in three months of fundraising.

IMPORTANT DATES

MONDAY JULY 27
School Council Meeting 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY JULY 29
Book club due

FRIDAY JULY 31
Prep 2021 enrolments due

FRIDAY JULY 31
Student Free Day—Curriculum 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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