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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

THANK YOU

I would like to thank and acknowledge the whole Kennington community for their support during the Remote and Flexible Learning periods.

Thank you to Ash Harvey who has been participating in the Unlocking Potential Program Principal Internship. Ash has been with us for five weeks and has done a fantastic job. We wish Ash all the best with his future endeavours.

TRANSITION BACK TO SCHOOL

It has been a super busy start to the term but the transition back to onsite learning has been very seamless.

Welcome to all of our new students and their families. Welcome to Miss Jennifer Kelly, Jennifer is teaching in 4C.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting for school council will be held on Monday October 19 at 7:00pm.

At this meeting, via Webex school council will discuss our possible return to **campus** as well as the dates for the remaining two **curriculum days**.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey amongst a sample of the school community. This year, each family will be invited to participate, via email. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. We would appreciate it if

you took the time to complete this survey. You should receive the survey email in the next 24 hours.

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 their children at home, except where this is based on medical advice, if this is the case please contact the school on 5443 2011.

Parents onsite and around the school perimeter

A reminder that 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**.

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.

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

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

If you have borrowed a school device to support remote learning please send this to school with your child. Please ask your child to return it to the front office.

As these devices are used as teaching tools in our classrooms it is important that these are returned to school straight away. As always your support with this is appreciated.

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.

Water Bottles

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/>

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@education.vic.gov.au

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

HATS ON

A reminder that from the beginning of Term 4, it is DET and school policy that green broad brim or bucket hats are worn outside. We have reminded all students that it is time to have hats on again, and we look forward to your support in encouraging your children to wear their hats.

Children without hats will be required to sit in the amphitheatre during lunchtimes, so they are protected from the sun.

UNIFORMS

Thank you for being so patient with the arrival of our uniform at LOWES. We understand that most of the polo shirts from the first shipment have been sold. The next lot of stock is due in store at the beginning of November.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB PROGRAM

Our Breakfast Club Program will begin next Tuesday, October 20 and will run every Tuesday and Friday morning for the rest of the term.

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ENROLMENTS & CLASS PLACEMENTS 2021

All families seeking to enrol their child in Grade Prep at Kennington PS next year should have their enrolment form completed as soon as possible. If your child will not be attending Kennington PS in 2021, we would

appreciate you letting the office know as soon as possible. If there are any considerations for the class placement of your child for 2021, that you would like to discuss, please book a phone appointment with Trudi, Luke or me by **Friday October 23, 2020.**
Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers as all our teachers at Kennington Primary School do a wonderful job.

Cheers, Trav

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.

REPEAT CHORUS

Kennington Kitchen pre-orders are now open!



Kennington Kitchen includes tried and tested family favourites from the Kennington Primary School community and local businesses. Features recipes from *El Gordo*, *Harley Street Café*, *The Julie-Anna*, *Laucke*, *Ms Batterhams*, *Nimbus Rooftop Bar*, *Oishii on Wheels*, *Peppergreen Farm* and *Secret Gardens Catering*.

A perfect Christmas gift for family and friends near and far! 180 full colour pages

\$35 EACH

To guarantee your copy in time for Christmas pre-order your cookbook online at www.trybooking.com/668260 by October 31st!

All funds raised from the sale of this cookbook will be used to promote the educational excellence and resources needed for our school.

A KPS Parents and Friends Association initiative.