



KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
60 Crook Street (PO Box 45)
Strathdale, Victoria, 3550
www.kenningtonps.vic.edu.au
E: kennington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
T: 03 5443 2011 **F:** 03 5441 7321
Principal: Travis Eddy
Assistant Principal: Trudi Jacobson
Assistant Principal: Luke Monaghan

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all once again for your continued support though these different times, we really appreciate it.

PGL Campaspe Downs Camp

A very big thanks to the Grade 4, 5 and 6 teams who gave their time to support the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students at PGL Campaspe Downs Camp.

Well done to everyone and a very big thank you to all of our families for supporting this opportunity for their children. All the students and staff had a terrific time and learnt a lot about working in teams.

PREP TRANSITION

On Thursday and Friday we welcomed most of our 100 new prep students for 2021 for their first transition visit to Kennington Primary School. Even though things were different to what we would normally do, the new preps had a wonderful time participating in activities about the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Thank you to our new and returning families for your support of this program.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Based on the **current** School Operations Guide Year 6 and Year 12 graduations are permitted face-to-face in Victorian schools. Students from the graduating year level and staff can attend in person. Parents/carers and other family members or friends cannot attend in person but could engage via an online broadcasting of the event.

All schools are required to follow public

health directions and apply the operational health and safety advice to schools during the graduation ceremony. This includes staff and secondary students over the age of 12 years wearing face masks, physical distancing and practising hand hygiene.

Face masks can be removed briefly for photos or giving a speech. Singing and small ensemble groups (10 or fewer participants) performances can occur outdoors, with physical distancing of at least 5 metres between the performers and audience. No external performers are permitted.

We will communicate with our Grade 6 families in the next couple of weeks as to how our graduation will look this year.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Thank you to all of our parents who are communicating with us about their questions regarding COVID-19 and the restrictions that are in place from a school operations point.

Based on the latest school operations guide, published November 10, all current restrictions that are in place will continue for the time being. This means that parents are still unable to attend on-site unless it is for an exceptional circumstance. In this case please contact the school on 5443 2011 prior to being on-site.

If you have any COVID-19 / school restriction based questions please ring the school on 5443 2011.

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.

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

Face Masks in Schools

All school-based staff must wear face masks at school, and when travelling to and from school. Schools must ensure that staff wear face masks when required.

A face mask that covers the nose and mouth is now the only permitted type of face covering. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements.

Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can. Teachers and education support staff must wear face masks in other areas of the school when not teaching (for example, in the staffroom, on yard duty and when providing first aid or taking temperatures), and when travelling to and from school.

Health, wellbeing and inclusion staff are required to wear face masks, unless an exemption applies, including the need for 'clear enunciation or visibility of their mouth' (for example, when undertaking a speech therapy intervention or working with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing).

FAMILY ACCOUNTS

To help with your books and fees on Book Collection Day (January 21, 2021) parents are welcome to transfer money in their family account to help with their 2021 payments.

Book list and fees are being worked on at this present time.

BSB	633-000
Account No	108928730
Ref	Child's Name

Money you put on your account this year will be carried forward to next year.

ASSEMBLY

A reminder that assemblies are filmed each week and posted on YouTube. A link to our assemblies is sent via email and is posted on the school Facebook page.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website https://www.kenningtonps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/

[privacy collection statementprimary school.pdf](#)

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

Cheers

Trav
Principal

SCIENCE NEWS

In September this year students aged 7-12 years were offered the opportunity to participate in the Young Scientist of the Year competition.

Budding scientists were asked to write a one page synopsis for the topic "Why is food testing important" and also provide a presentation to accompany their work. We had six students participate in the competition with two performing extremely well.

Zoya F (2A) and Layla T (3A) were both named finalists for their age groups and were placed in the top 10 of all students in their categories.

A huge congratulations to both students who will receive a \$50.00 Dymocks voucher and certificate for their efforts. Well done to all those who participated.

BIKE ED

All students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in Bike Ed this term. Please check your email for details around the Bike Ed program for 2020.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Ladd or Mrs Maddren via the office on 5443 2011.

TERM 4 DATES

NOVEMBER

Friday 13	9:00am to 1:00pm	Prep 2021 Transition
Wednesday 18	7:00pm—8:00pm	Parents and Friends' Meeting—Webex 572 285 864
Thursday 19 Friday 20	7:45am—arrival 8:30am—departure 2:30pm approx. — return	Grade 3 Camp—Billabong Ranch
Thursday 26	T.B.C	Prep 2021 Transition #2
Friday 27	T.B.C	Prep 2021 Transition #2
Tuesday 17	8:45am to 9:45am	Bike Ed in Phys Ed Class Grade 3D Grade 4C
	9:45am to 12:30pm 12:30pm to 3:15pm	Bike Ed in Phys Ed Class Grade 5s Grade 6s
Wednesday 18	12:30pm to 1:30pm	Bike Ed in Phys Ed Class Grade 4A
Thursday 19	12:30pm—3:15pm 9:45am—12:30pm	Bike Ed in Phys Ed Class Grade 3A and 3B Grade 4B and 4D
Friday 20	9:45am—10:45am	Bike Ed in Phys Ed Class Grade 3C
Tuesday 24	All day	Grade 3s and 4s—Bike Ed Day
Thursday 27	All day	Grade 5s and 6s—Bike Ed Day

DECEMBER

Thursday 3	T.B.C	Grade 1 —Pizza and Games night
Tuesday 8	9:00am—11:00am	State-wide Transition Day for Prep and Year 7 2021 (Details TBC)
Wednesday 9	No School	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 15	12:30pm—1:30pm	Meet the Teacher
Friday 18	1:15pm dismissal	Term 4—concludes