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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks once again for a great week of learning. A very big thank you to the team of teachers and support staff who attended the Grade 3 Camp to Billabong Ranch last week. It was a huge effort to get the camp off the ground in such a short period of time and by all reports everyone had a wonderful time.

CURRICULUM DAY

School Council has approved a Curriculum Day for Wednesday **December 9, 2020**. The Kennington Primary School Staff will be focusing on preparation for 2021 curriculum. This will be a Student Free day.

Camp Australia will be operating on this day from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Please contact Camp Australia online to make a booking at www.campastralia.com.au. If you have any queries, you can contact Camp Australia on 1300 105 343.

SENTRAL

A reminder to all families that Sentral is the platform that Kennington Primary School uses for all of our communications to parents. It is very important that as a parent or carer you are accessing Sentral on a regular basis.

There are two parts to Sentral for Parents. The **Parent Portal**—this is accessed through a computer or a web browser, and the **Parent App**—this is download to a mobile device via the App or Play store.

Both parts do very similar things with the

portal used to read **conference notes** that make up the comments for your child's report.

All school permissions and payments will be allocated through Sentral. If you require help accessing Sentral, please contact the office on 5443 2011.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Face-to-face year level assemblies, graduations and other school gatherings can occur at full capacity if they are exclusively attended by students and staff only.

Graduation ceremonies, assemblies and other school gatherings (e.g. school sports) on school sites involving external guests are subject to a gathering limit (including students, staff and visitors) of 150 indoors or 300 outdoors, with a density quotient of one per 4m² applicable to staff and visitors/parents.

All schools are required to follow public health directions and apply the operational health and safety advice to schools during large events. This includes adults and secondary students over the age of 12 years wearing face masks indoors, practising physical distancing and practising hand hygiene.

Face masks can be removed briefly for photos or giving a speech.

Based on these changes we will communicate with our Grade 6 families via Sentral / email in the next week as to how our graduation will look this year.

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.

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 25, there have been some significant changes.

Please Note—To give us time to implement the changes outlines below these changes will occur at Kennington Primary School from Monday December 30.

A reminder that any visitor to the school must come via the office and follow all

Limitations on who can visit school premises no longer apply from the Last Step, however school activities involving visitors must comply with gathering limits for community facilities (group limit of 20 people indoors and 50 people outdoors).

Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and face mask advice set out in this Operations Guide, and practise good hand hygiene.

To support contact tracing, schools must keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site for more than 15 minutes. Schools must record the name, contact details, date, and time of attendance at school, as well as the areas of the school that the person attended.

Schools can conduct on-site school tours for prospective students and their families during operating hours, in accordance with gathering limits.

Kinder-to-school transition activities are permitted in schools, such as parents, educators and children meeting a Prep teacher in a school environment. Group sizes should not exceed gathering limits (20 people indoors and 50 outdoors).

We will be in contact with our 2021 prep families regarding transition.

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

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 and when providing first aid or taking temperatures).

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).

PARKING SAFELY DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF YOUR CHILDREN

A reminder to all families that the **safest** thing to do when it comes to parking around the school, is to park in the appropriate parking zones provided by the City of Greater Bendigo.

Please ensure that you check all signage prior to parking, this includes;

- Not parking on private property
- Not parking where there is a no parking zone, over a driveway or where the side of the road is marked with a continuous yellow edge line (near St Aidens Park driveway, Edwards Road).

The Highway Patrol frequently visit the roads around our school and will have no problem issuing a parking infringement.

STUDENT REPORTS

Semester Two reports will be sent home this Friday December 11, 2020. All **conference notes** that make up the comments for your child's report can be found by accessing the **Parent Portal**.

If you would like to discuss your child's report with their class teacher please contact the class teacher directly.

CHANGE OF PLANS FOR 2021?

Accurate enrolment numbers are crucial when it comes to planning for 2021. If your child/children will not be with us next year, please contact your child's teacher or the office as soon as possible, an exit form is required to be signed.

PRELOVED UNIFORMS

We often have need for second hand items of school uniform. If you are going through your cupboards and have some used items that are in good condition, they can be donated to the school through the

office.

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.

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS NEWS

The Annual Rock Paper Scissors Championship has commenced. Every child in the school will have the opportunity to compete for the honour of being KPS Grand Champion.

This is a game of skill and in the past there have been serious competitions between Grade Preps and Grade 6s. Age has proved irrelevant.

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

TERM 4 DATES

NOVEMBER		
Thursday 26	9:00am to 1:00pm	Prep 2021 Transition
Friday 27	All day	Grade 5s and 6s—Bike Ed Day
Friday 27	10:00am to 12:30pm	Prep 2021 Transition
Monday 30	9:45am—10:45am 11:30am—12:30pm	Scooter Education in Phys Ed Lesson Prep A Prep D
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 1	3:15pm to 6:00pm	Grade 2s—Pizza and Games Evening
Wednesday 2	9:45am—10:45am 11:30am—12:30pm 12:30pm—1:30pm 2:15pm—3:15pm	Scooter Education in Phys Ed Lesson Grades 1A and 1B Grades 1C and 1D Grade 2C Grade 2E
Thursday 3	8:45am—9:45am 12:30pm—1:30pm 2:15pm—3:15pm	Bike Education in Phys. Ed. Lesson Grade 3C Grade 3B Grade 3A
Thursday 3	3:15pm - 5:00pm	Grade 1s—Pizza and Games night
Friday 4	8:45am—9:45am 11:30am—12:30pm	Scooter Education in Phys Ed Lesson Prep B and C Grades 2B and 2D
Friday 4	8:45am—12:00pm 12:00pm—3:15pm	Fitness Challenge Day Grades 3 and 4 Grades 5 and 6
Monday 7	9:00am—12:30pm	Athletics / Sports Morning Grades Prep to 2
Tuesday 8	9:00am—11:00am	State-wide Transition Day for Prep and Year 7 2021 (Details TBC)
Wednesday 9	No School	Curriculum Day
Friday 11		Reports sent home
Tuesday 15	12:30pm—1:30pm	Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 15	TBC	Grade 6—Graduation
Thursday 17	TBC	Grade 6—Disco
Friday 18	8:00am onwards	Grade 6—Farewell Breakfast
Friday 18	1:15pm dismissal	Term 4—concludes