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ISSUE 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the 2021 school year at Kennington Primary School. In addition to welcoming back families who have had children at our school previously, I would like to extend a special welcome to new families to our school. I hope that you and your children enjoy a long and happy association with Kennington Primary School. This year we welcome 102 prep and 20 new students in Grades 1 to 6 who started this year.

STAFFING

We welcome a number of new teachers and teachers returning from family leave to our school.

Justine Hagen	PC
Cara Aghan	1C
Isaiah Miller	2B
Linda Kingsley	2D
Talisa Turner	4D
Eliza Harrison	6D

Beth Judson	Integration Aide
Lianne Brett	Tutoring
Nat McDonald	Tutoring

BOOKLIST COLLECTION DAY

I would like to thank parents and carers for their positive co-operation in collecting books on Book Collection Day. A very big thank you to our office staff for their organisation of the day. Well done everyone.

PHONE LINES

As you are aware we are still having issues with our main line 5443 2011. This is an issue that is currently being

looked into by both Telstra and Optus and is to do with our change over to the NBN last year. We will let families know as soon as the issue is rectified. In the mean time we still have two lines that you can call on, 5442 2458 and 5443 2849.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Following the Government's announcements regarding new statewide restrictions that came into effect at 11:59pm on Wednesday 3 February, there is new guidance for schools regarding the wearing of masks. People aged 12 and over must wear a fitted face mask when in public indoor spaces unless there is a lawful reason not to.

Students aged 12 or older must wear a face mask indoors when at school, unless they are attending a primary school, an Outside school hours care (OHSC) program or an exception applies.

Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school or attending an OHSC program are not required to wear face masks.

School staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching or caring, but those who wish to do so, can. Staff must wear face masks in indoor areas of the school when not teaching or caring.

Visitors to school sites must also wear masks when indoors. Please ensure anyone on your school site is aware of the updated face mask requirements.

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

Every week at assembly, one or two
grades lead the school song from the
front of assembly.

Further advice regarding these measures
will be provided when available.

STUDENT SAFETY

As a school community we work really
hard to ensure the safety of all students at
Kennington Primary School, and as always
we need your help! When driving / parking
in and around the school please be aware
of your responsibilities as an adult member
of our community. Please;
park in marked parking spaces only
drive slowly in and around the school
be patient when waiting to drop your child
off and pick them up.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CHILD CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to all of our families who
participated in this very worthwhile
opportunity. If you happened to miss your
appointment your classroom teacher will
be in contact with you in the coming
weeks.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

During a normal year we would invite all of
our families to a parent information
evening onsite for each year level.
Unfortunately due to public density limits
we are unable to offer this opportunity this
year.

We will be producing a series of videos for
each year level that families can watch at
their leisure. Please note we will email
each family with a link to their year level's
information video.

ASSEMBLY

The Whole School Assembly will be held
each Monday morning at 8:45am. In the
event of a public holiday on Monday,
assembly will be held on Tuesday
morning.

At this stage we are unable to have
parents attend our assemblies **unless** they
have been invited for a special occasion,
for example Grade 6 Leadership Badge
presentation. If you have any questions
about this please contact the school.

SCHOOL VALUES

Our awards at Monday morning assembly
are awarded to students who have been
demonstrating our school values. The
consistent demonstration of these values
helps us to further develop and maintain a
safe and caring environment
for all our students. All parents and carers
are welcome to attend our Monday
morning assembly and students are
particularly delighted to have parents and
carers in attendance when they receive an
award.

Our school values are:

Personal Best
Respect
Resilience

JUMP START PROGRAM

For the first three days of the school year
we conducted our Jump Start Program.
The goals of this program include
establishing positive relationships between
teachers and students, establishing a
sense of community within classrooms
and across the school, promoting
teamwork and recognising and
understanding emotions. Activities have
included swimming, dancing, playing
musical instruments, developing
classroom rules, learning the school song
and the signing the school song. The
program has been very successful and has
contributed to a positive first week of the
school year.

SENTRAL

Sentral is our management system that we
use to communicate with our families. If
you are currently not registered with
Sentral please contact the office and we
will help you out. Sentral has two
platforms for parents, the Sentral Parent
Portal (logging in from a web browser) or
the Sentral Parent App. We will be offering
parent sessions via Webex in the coming
weeks.

ANNUAL PRIVACY POLICY 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://kenningtonps.vic.edu.au/key-documents/>

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

Amharic
Arabic
Dari
Mandarin
Somali
Sudanese
Turkish
Urdu
Vietnamese.

INSTRUMENT MUSIC PROGRAM 2021

Thank you to the families who completed
the survey online to be part of the
instrumental music program in 2021.

Information has been forwarded to the

music teachers, lessons will commence shortly.
We still have some positions available for grades 3-6 with the following instruments:
Drums
Keyboard
Guitar
Vocal

If you would like your child to participate, please collect an application form from the office.

THE LINK

The Link is emailed to all families, it will also be available on our website and within Sentral.

SCHOOL HOURS

A reminder to all parents/carers of our school hours:

8:35am

Arrival Bell
Yard supervision
Reminder that play equipment is out of bounds during this time.

8:40am

Get Ready Bell

8:45am

Start Learning Bell

8:45am – 10:45am

Learning Session 1

10:45am – 11:00am

Recess eating inside, supervised

11:00am - 11:30am

Outside Play

11:30am – 1:30pm

Learning Session 2

1:30pm – 1:45pm

Lunch eating inside, supervised

1:45pm - 2:15pm

Outside Play

2:15pm – 3:15pm

Learning Session 3

3:15pm

School Finishes

3:15pm – 3:30pm

Yard supervision

Reminder that play equipment is out of bounds during this time.

VOLUNTARY FEES

As you are aware, the Kennington Primary School Council sets an annual Voluntary Fee. While it is clear that payment of this fee is voluntary, the willingness of many members of our school community to support our school by paying this fee is greatly appreciated. The payment of these fees certainly enables us to enhance both the internal and external environment at our school in ways that would be outside our reach otherwise. Our school is well resourced both in the classrooms and in The playgrounds. We have been able to

achieve and maintain these resources in no small part through the use of money received in payment of Voluntary Fees. Again, this support from our school community is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all that have contributed.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or school council employee or volunteer. Students' accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. They can be obtained by parents for individual students.

Parents of students at Kennington Primary School are reminded that Kennington Primary School does not have a whole of school policy.

STUDENT ABSENCE PROGRAM (SMS)

We use Sentral Student Management Program to track student absences. This program allows us to send an SMS message to parents who have a child/children absent from school without an explanation. The message notifies the parent that the child is absent and asks that they notify the school as to the reason why.

Parents can either log in to Sentral and enter an absence reason, return an SMS with the absence reason or telephone the school on 5443 2011.

The aim of the Student Absence Program is to reduce the number of students with unexplained absences.

If you are aware in advance that your child is going to be absent please log it on Sentral, send a note to the school or phone the school. If the absence is unexpected the school should be advised either via Sentral, a phone call on the morning of the absence or by a note when your child returns to school. Calls to the school can be made after 8.30am. Calls to the school or notes must be provided by parent/carer. In the case where your child has a number of unexplained absences you will receive a letter asking for an explanation of the absences.

We ask you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, as it is very important that we work together to establish good attendance patterns for

your child/ren.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

It is important that our students are adequately protected from the sun. Our 'Sunsmart' Policy requires all students to wear a green bucket or broad brim hat from September 1 through until April 30 each year. It is important that students apply sunscreen to assist with protection. Whilst we are able to remind students to apply sunscreen, we are not able to provide sunscreen or apply sunscreen. Therefore if you want your child to reapply sunscreen during the day, they must have their own sunscreen and they must be able to apply it themselves. During extreme weather conditions, (generally temperatures above 36 degrees), students will remain inside during recess and lunch breaks and the physical education program will be adjusted.

Days absent per semester (two)	
0 – 6 days	This is the normal range for school absence
7 – 10 days	This attendance is below average. This student could miss over one year of schooling from Prep to
11 – 20 days	This attendance rate is poor. This student could miss over two years of schooling from Prep to Year 10
20+ Days	This attendance rate is very poor. This student could miss over two and a half years of schooling from Prep to Year 10

FOOD SHARING

Due to the increasing incidence of food allergies, we ask that students do not share their food with others, and we ask you for your support in this matter. When your child is celebrating their birthday, we ask that no food items be sent to share with other students. We acknowledge that birthdays are a very special time and you may like to celebrate in other ways. The following are some examples:

Party hats
Stickers
Miniature bubble blowing kits

If you have ideas other than these, please check with your classroom teacher regarding suitability.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

Based on the new legislation and best practice that is in line with the Child Safe Standards, it is now a requirement for all parents and carers who volunteer their time at Kennington Primary School to have a valid WWCC. For more information about how to get your volunteer WWCC please come into the office or go to <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/>

ANAPHYLAXIS / ASTHMA

We have children enrolled who suffer from severe allergies to a variety of things including nuts and nut products, which can result in them going into anaphylactic shock. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

At KPS, several strategies are in place to deal with this. If students bring nuts or nut products to school, they should inform their teacher. They will be asked to remain in a particular area while eating and to wash their hands after eating. Touching door handles, shared classroom resources including pencils and even play equipment outside after handling nuts or nut products can be hazardous.

Often boxes and packages are sent to school for art construction activities and are very useful. However, do not send any packages for use at school that have contained nuts or nut products so that we can minimise the risk of children with allergies coming into contact with products that may cause a reaction.

Action Plans for Anaphylaxis and also for Asthma are required for all children who suffer from either, and must be obtained from the family doctor. Please ensure that your child has an updated plan if they suffer from asthma or are at risk of experiencing anaphylaxis. A copy of this plan must be provided to the school immediately.

ASTHMA ALERT—SINGLE PERSON SPACER USE IN SCHOOLS

This means that schools are no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms. Spacers should always be used when administering reliever 'puffer' medication because:

- Using a spacer with a 'puffer' ensures that more medication reaches the airways
- Spacers are much easier for children to use than a 'puffer' alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation
- Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Your child's school may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school at all times if possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

STUDENT AWARD PHOTOS

You will notice on our awards page that we do not have any student photos. This is due to the fact that we are yet to have our 2021 photos taken.

Cheers

Trav
Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The Instrumental Music Program will commence shortly.

Please complete the student contract with your child and return it to the office prior to your child's first lesson.

Please go through this contract carefully with your child. Also, remind your child of their lesson time. Part of participating in such a program is being responsible for attending lessons on time, without being

reminded. The teachers will be in contact shortly.

Drums

Monday/Tuesday
Adam Bourke
adam_bourke@live.com.au

Guitar

Wednesday
Georg Jung
georgjung@tpg.com.au

Keyboard

Thursday
Margaret Ross
margjros999@gmail.com

Violin

Monday
Tamara Bonazza
tamarabonazza@gmail.com

If you would like your child to participate in the Instrumental Music Program, please collect information from Sharyn in the school office.

Please see Sharyn if you would like to hire an instrument for 2021. Some instruments are available for hire.

MORNING CLUB

Morning Clubs Program

Kennington Primary School is continuing the Morning Club program this year.

Where—Stadium

When—8:00am to 8:30am

Tuesday—Running Club

Thursday—Fitness Circuit and Indoor Games

With—Cameron Ladd

The sessions are open to all age groups, and the sessions will range from walking to jogging to long distance running training. Students may use these sessions for training for fitness club, cross-country or athletics. It is a way for students, parents and staff to be active, work on fitness, socialise and have fun.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PHYS ED

Swimming Trials

Students in Grades 3 to 6 who are **COMPETENT SWIMMERS** (can swim 50 metres, without stopping) have the opportunity to participate in the Kennington Primary School swimming trials to be held at,

Brennan Park Swimming Pool
12:30pm to 3:00pm

Friday February 12
Friday February 19

The purpose of the trials is to select a team to represent Kennington Primary School at the Regional Swimming Championships to be held at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool on Friday March 5, 2021.

The categories are; 12 years and over, 11 years and 10 years and under.

(Students no younger than 9 years of age will be considered.)

Eligible students can compete in the following events: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and Relay

The Regional Sports are only for competent swimmers who are able to swim 50 metres using the correct stroke technique.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is back!!!

It is on every Tuesday and Friday from 8:00am.

All are welcome, it is free, served from the Canteen.

Come and have breakfast with your friends and meet new friends (socially distancing of course) in the amphitheatre.

We have cereals, fresh fruit and fruit cups.

There will be a special breakfast on Tuesday 16 February, don't miss out!!

We look forward to seeing you,
Penny Peters and Ange Rothacker

FRESH FRUIT

Fresh Fruit is again being distributed to each classroom.

Thank you to the following Bendigo companies who donate this wonderful fresh fruit.

- McKern Foundation
- Adroit Insurance Group
- JL King & Co.
- Roberts Family Trust
- O'Farrell Robertson McMahon Lawyers
- Orrcon Steel
- Liberty Metalcentre

RYAN BROTHERS DOJOS ZENDOKAI

Ryan Brothers



Dojos

Steven ZDK 0477108666

Tuesday Nights Huntly Hall

Midland Highway Huntly

Wednesday Night The Liborius Centre
Panton Street St. Liborius Primary School
Eaglehawk

Kidz Karate 5:30 to 6:30
ZenDoKai 6:30 to 7:30

First Lesson Free
No Upfront Joining Fees
Only \$10 per class

No Training over the school Holidays

Facebook: Zendokai Huntly

Facebook: Eaglehawk Zendokai

Simon Kidz 0408559800

ARE YOU A CARER?

(Caring for a school aged child with a disability, learning disability, mental illness or chronic illness)

Would you like to take some time out to care for yourself? Be part of a social support group with others experiencing similar situations?

If the answer is yes then join the Walking and Wellbeing Group. There will be two walks each week, you can choose which one to attend.

Walking & Wellbeing Group

Lake Weeroona

Tuesdays & Thursdays during school terms.
Meet between 9-9.20am at the Rowing Club end of the lake.

For more information contact
Natasha Harrick on 1800 068 978 or
email nharrick@bendigohealth.org.au



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Guiding children's growth

Newsletter



A warm welcome from Camp Australia

A very warm welcome to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and to Camp Australia. For those who know us, Camp Australia may look a little different than you remember, but we are still here to provide a supportive **outside of school hours space** for children to play, connect, learn and grow through engaging experiences.



Your OSHC.

Introducing *Your OSHC* by Camp Australia, our tailored Before School, After School and Pupil Free Day experiences. At *Your OSHC*, we aim to inspire your child to grow into who they want to be. They can enjoy intentional experiences guided by our engaged educators, so all children can learn, grow and have fun.



Welcome

Meet our educators:

Tsanie – Coordinator. Been with the company for the past 8 years & likes exploring.

Sharon – Assistant. Been here for the past 4 years & likes cooking.

Hannah – Assistant. She has been year for the past 2 years & likes sports.

Activities we're running over the next 2 weeks:

The first week back will be about 'Friendships' getting to know one another, the space we are in, learning and involvement.

- Twister, Rock Paper Scissors tag, Detective, Camouflage, Bang Bang, flexible play & many more!

Second week – Come join us on our safari in the jungle.

Learning about the jungle like Mowgli from The Jungle Book.

-Snake bubbles, Jungle Yoga, Sleeping lions, Leap frog, Animal Tag, Elephant race, flexible play & many more!



It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



What's on this term

- Rocketeers Launch
- Virtual Parent Information Sessions
- Handball Championships
- Plus more to come!



Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club

Junior and Senior teams available to join:

U9 mixed, U11 mixed, U12 girls, U13 mixed, U15 mixed, U18 mixed, Senior Men, Senior Women

Registration Day:

Sunday 7 February 12.30pm-2.30pm at the Bendigo Hockey Ground (Ashley Street, Ironbark)
BBQ and drinks included **PLUS a lucky door prize!**

We have hired the turf from 1.30pm-2.30pm, so bring your gear for a hit around.

Uniforms will be available on the day to borrow (for Juniors players) or to buy (for Senior players).

Training: Is on Wednesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm for Juniors and 6.30pm-7.30pm for Seniors at the Bendigo Hockey Ground (Ashley Street, Ironbark). Turf training begins **Wednesday 10 March.**

Come down and have a try! No experience necessary. We welcome everyone!

For more information: senjuns@gmail.com, 0408 294 095

KPS STUDENT AWARDS

Week 2 — February 1 to February 5



GRADE PREP	PA Angus K	PB Mitch Y	PC Ethan P	PD Oakley L	PE Lewis H
GRADE 1	1A Connor M	1B Destiny H	1C Trae G	1D Jacob H	
GRADE 2	2A Leah B	2B Gemma E	2C Duke T	2D Riley C	
GRADE 3	3A Hayley G	3B Decoda M	3C Willow B	3D Patrick I	3E Silas W
GRADE 4	4A Connor R	4B Lucia F	4C Faith E	4D Alicia C	
GRADE 5	5A Sienna H	5B Shae A	5C Dusty M	5D Deegan A	
GRADE 6	6A Tyler F-P	6B Tahlia B-B	6C Ambrose W	6D Xavier B	
AUSLAN	4C—Ethan McK	VISUAL ARTS		3D—Sophie T	
PERFORMING ARTS	4D—Tien F-D	PHYSICAL EDUCATION		4B—Skyle McP	

TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 10		Grade Prep Rest Day
Wednesday 10	7:00pm	Community—All Welcome Parents and Friends' Meeting (Venue TBC)
Wednesday 12		Grade Prep Rest Day
Friday 12	12:30pm—3:00pm	Students aged 9—12 Swimming Trials @ Brennan Park Swimming Pool
Monday 15	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 17		Grade Prep Rest Day
Wednesday 17		Grades 5 & 6 (Representatives) District Tennis
Friday 19	12:30pm—3:00pm	Students aged 9—12 Swimming Trials @ Brennan Park Swimming Pool
Friday 19		Grades 5 & 6 (Representatives) Division Lawn Bowls
Wednesday 24		Grade Prep Rest Day

MARCH

Wednesday 3	TBA	Grades 5 & 6 (Representatives) Division Tennis
Friday 5	TBA	Student Representatives Division Swimming Carnival @ Bendigo East Swimming Pool
Monday 8	No School	Whole School Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 10	8:15am—3:15pm	School Photos
Thursday 12		Grades 5 & 6 (Representatives) Division Volleyball
Monday 15	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 23		Grades 3 to 6 Athletics Day
Monday 16	6:30pm—8:30pm	School Council Meeting Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 24	TBA	Grade 6 Melbourne Camp
Friday 26	TBA	Grade 6 Melbourne Camp

APRIL

Thursday 1	2:15pm dismissal	Term 1 Concludes
Monday 19	8:35am	Term 2 Commences