

#### **KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks for another fantastic week of learning at Kennington. I have had the privilege of being in a number of classrooms this week during the literacy block in the morning and in particular during reading time.

It has been fantastic to listen to some of our students reading and seeing them work on strategies that they have learnt during their focused reading groups.

It serves as a timely reminder that it is important that all of our students practise their reading every single night. This practice can take on many forms, from reading to you, reading to a sibling, reading over a video link to a family member to reading to a soft toy.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - PARENT ATTENDANCE

Parental attendance at our school assembly is still heavily restricted. The DET School Operations Guide states 'If an event is held with external guests (parents/carers/visitors) then the overall attendee limit (inclusive of guests, staff and students) must be based on available floor space of the venue; with the density limit of one person per two square metres applied. Based on this advice and until further notice parents and carers are asked to log into our Facebook page to watch our assembly live or catch up on it later via the saved video.

We appreciate your continued support with the implementation of the guidelines.

#### **3-6 ATHLETICS DAY**

The Grade 3-6 Athletics Day is scheduled for Monday March 22 at the LaTrobe University Athletics Track.

Based on advice from the Athletics Bendigo parents and carers will be able to attend to watch throughout the day. If you do attend please follow the COVID safe guidelines outlined at the Athletics Track.

#### **GRADE 6 SHIRTS**

Great news! The Grade 6 shirts have arrived at school and are ready to be collected. All families who ordered shirts will have received a Sentral notification and invoice. If you have an active Sentral account and ordered a Shirt but have not received a notification please contact the office.

#### **SCHOOL REVIEW**

All schools must participate in a school review every four years. The review is to provide assurance of ongoing compliance with the minimum requirements for school registration, and to inform the development of their four year School Strategic Plan (SSP). 2021 is the review year for Kennington Primary School.

As a staff we have started with the Pre-Review Self Evaluation. As a parent of Kennington Primary School you may have the opportunity to contribute to this process through activities such as



### **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.



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.

discussions, focus groups and interviews.

If you have any questions about our school and are a parent / legal guardian of a review please contact me.

#### SENTRAL MOVING TO THE CLOUD

Over the past fortnight we have been in discussions with Sentral about moving our server from a local server to cloud based. This will enable Sentral to continue to run for our school even if there is a power outage at the school. This move will happen in the next couple of weeks and will require some network downtime in order to sync all of the information required. We will let families know in advance of this time. Other than the downtime the only other change will be to the portal (web) address. Again we will notify families of this.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

School Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday March 15, beginning at 6:30pm in the BER

#### PARENTS AND FRIENDS' UPDATE

On Wednesday evening we had our second Parents and Friends' meeting.

We discussed a number of topics including;

- The Hot Cross Bun Drive
- Mat purchases for assembly
- Student voice
- Fun Food Days
- Other fundraising opportunities

#### **FUN FOOD DAY**

All students who are at school today will receive a Fun Food Day Order Form.

If your child was not at school today you can download the order form from the Sentral Parents App by tapping the 'More' button in the bottom right hand corner of the home screen, then click on the resources folder and a PDF version will be available.

If you access the Parent Portal via a computer you can download the form by clicking on the resources tab on the left of the screen and then clicking school documents up the top of the screen.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

A very big thank you to Sonia Lewis for her organisation of the school photos that occurred this week.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND - \$125.00

If you hold the following;

- Centrelink pensioner concession
- Health Care Card Number (CRN)

- Foster parent or
- Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card) and are a parent / legal guardian of a student enrolled at our school, you may be eligible for \$125.00 per child under DETs Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

Please fill out the CSEF form attached to this email or if you are unsure call the office on 5443 2011. To be eligible for funding, forms must be completed prior to June 25.

#### **TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE**

The Tutor Learning Initiative is designed to support students whose learning has been disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools must only use their funding to engage tutors to provide targeted teaching to students identified as needing support.

We have made contact with all families who have children in the first stage of this initiative.

#### **CURRICULUM DAYS 2021**

Each Government School in Victoria is allocated four curriculum days per year. These days are used by schools for staff professional learning, strategic implementation and the reviewing of current practice. The first day of the school year is an allocated curriculum and School Council has approved the following dates for 2021.

#### Wednesday March 31 Wednesday June 2 Wednesday December 8

Please note that Wednesdays have been chosen due to the number of staff that work on this day. Camp Australia OSHC will be available.

#### **DISMISAL TIME - LAST DAY OF TERM**

Like all Victorian Government Schools Kennington Primary School dismisses students earlier on the last day of each term. For terms one, two and three this is at 2:15pm (an hour before normal dismissal time). For term four the dismissal time for the last day is at 1:15pm (two hours before the normal dismissal time).

Cheers

Trav Principal

# KPS STUDENT AWARDS

# Week 6 — March 1 to March 5



GRADE PREP	PA Willow D	PB Kade R	PC Mason S	PD Steven M	PE Karsen B
GRADE 1	1A Scarlett H	1B Jayda R	1C Cleo D	1D Maddi B	
GRADE 2	2A Teddy E	2B Sahar N	2C Alyssa F	2D Emma T	
GRADE 3	3A Minsa C	3B May Sha B	3C Jett D	3D Tilly S	3E Emily P
GRADE 4	4A Hannah M	4B Rory S	4C Dusty H	4D Sierra D	
GRADE 5	5A Lily H	5B Dom G	5C Shar Koo M	5D Skye D	
GRADE 6	6A Tyler F-P	6B Caleb F-H	6C Hannah J	6D Isabelle B	
AUSLAN	3D Dom D	V	/ISUAL ARTS	4B Lucia F	
PERFORMING ARTS	4B Sienna B		PHYSICAL EDUCATION	5A Elodie S	
WRITING	6B Charlie E	,	NUMERACY	5C Alex W-S	
HANDWRITING	4C Jagger T		NUMERACY CLASS NWARD	6A	

#### **TERM 1 DATES**

MARCH				
Monday 15	6:30pm-8:30pm	School Council Annual General Meeting @ KPS		
Monday 22		Grades 3 to 6 Athletics Day		
Wednesday 24	TBA	Grade 6 Melbourne Camp Depart		
Friday 26	TBA	Grade 6 Melbourne Camp Return		
Wednesday 31	No School	Curriculum Day Camp Australia OSHC available		
APRIL				
Thursday 1	2:15pm dismissal	Term 1 Concludes		
Monday 19	8:35am	Term 2 Commences		
Please understand that these dates are current only from the time of publishing. Up to date dates are available on Sentral				

WEEKLY EVENTS				
Tuesday / Friday	8:00am—8:30am	Breakfast Club—in the Amphitheatre		
Tuesday / Thursday	8:00am—8:30am	Morning Club—in the Stadium		