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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

Now in its 77th year, Education Week aims to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector. This year Education Week runs from 23-29 May.

The theme 'Building Connections' focuses on how the community can act as a support network, support students' learning and development and enhance social inclusion.



Education Week is an opportunity for all primary and secondary schools, higher education, and early childhood services to showcase how they are building connections with the community around them. Kennington Primary School will be celebrating Education Week by hosting an Open Morning on; **Wednesday 26 May from 9:00am to 12:00pm.**

School Tours will be ran by our Student Ambassadors on this day, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Tours leave from the front office, all families are welcome including new and prospective.

Step Into Prep Evening will also be held on **Wednesday May 26 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm** in the Prep classrooms.

This session is for our families both existing and prospective who have a child starting prep in 2022. Parents and children are welcome to attend to participate in a snapshot of prep life at Kennington Primary School.

Use the hashtag #edweekvic to get involved on social media. For more information, visit the Education Week 2021 website.

PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCE

The Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences (15 minutes) will be held from Monday June 7, to Wednesday June 9.

Bookings will be open on Sentral from 5:00pm today, Friday May 21 until Sunday June 6. Booking times vary depending on the teacher. It is expected that your child attends the conference with you.

Information about how to book via Sentral will be attached to the LINK email and included in the School Resources tab in both the App and Portal.

This semester conference's can be held via Webex or face-to-face; this is completely up to you.

Face-to-face conference

For a face-to-face conference, book in via the Sentral App or the Parent Portal <https://kenningtonps.sentral.com.au/portal/login>. Be at school on time for your conference.

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.

Webex conference

For a Webex conference, book in via the
Sentral App or the Parent Portal <https://kenningtonps.sentral.com.au/portal/login>.
Once booked in please email your child's
teacher to let them know that you would
like a Webex conference. Your classroom
teacher will then send through the Webex
conference information.

**Please ensure that you have Webex
installed on your device.**

SCHOOL REVIEW

Our school 4 year review begins next
week. The first day of the review is a
validation day, on this day the school is
checked off against the Victorian
Regulation's and Qualifications Authority
(VRQA), as well as the review panel visiting
classrooms.

Parent Forum

As a part of our review parents are invited
to participate in a parent forum on
Thursday June 3 at 2:45pm at school. It
would be fantastic if you could attend.

PREP 2022—ENROLMENT

Information regarding 2022 Prep
enrolment is available on our website
<https://kenningtonps.vic.edu.au/> or you
can come to the school office and pick up
an enrolment pack.

Prior to this if you have any question
please contact the school on 5443 2011 or
via email at
kennington.ps@education.vic.gov.au

CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder that Wednesday June 2 is a
curriculum day; there will be no school for
any students on this day. Camp Australia
will be offering all day care.

KENNINGTON'S 100 CLUB - READING AT HOME

As we all know reading is one of the most
important skills that a student will learn
and practise throughout their schooling
life. At Kennington, we spend a
substantial amount of time supporting our
students in attaining and practising all the
skills associated with reading. It is also
extremely important that these skills be
translated into other settings such as
home. This being said, I ask that all
Kennington students read for at least 15
minutes each night at home. Depending
on their level of reading, this could be to
an adult, a sibling or to themselves.
Students will be recognised through our
awards when they achieve 100 nights
reading at home. I thank you for your
support.

CAR PARKING

A reminder that parking in and around
Kennington is limited to our driveway,
Crook Street, St Aiden's Road and
Edwards Road. Please be aware that the
car park near the St Aiden's Road crossing
is for Department of Education staff only,
please do not park in this space.

STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8:35AM

Please understand that prior to 8:35am the
playground areas of the school are **not
supervised**, and for this reason there
should not be any play equipment / games
happening in the yard prior to 8:35am.

Tuesday mornings before 8:35am children
can attend Reading Club in the library. If
they are at school prior to 8:35am on
Wednesdays and Thursdays, they are to
attend Fitness Club in the stadium.
Next term, students who are arriving early
will be given a note to take home
reminding families of our expectations.
Students at school at this time will be
required to sit in the amphitheatre, under
teacher supervision.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer
Before School Care every weekday from
7:00 am. You can enrol your child to
attend Before School on any day from
anytime between 7:00am and 8:35am.
Please contact Camp Australia the
operators of Before School Care on
1300 105 343.

KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BEANIES

Kennington Primary School Beanies
available for purchase for \$10.00 at the
office.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

With the onset of winter there are likely to
be some Monday mornings when we are
not able to hold our assembly outside. On
these mornings, the usual assembly items
will be announced over the public address
system. When there is a public holiday on
Monday (Queen's Birthday – June 14)
assembly will be held on the Tuesday
morning. Everyone is invited to attend our
assemblies.

Cheers,

Trav
Principal

PIE DRIVE

The KPS Parents and Friends' Association are running an Elmore Bakery Pie Drive to raise money for Kennington PS towards upgrading the schools environment centre.

Savoury and sweet family sized pies are available for order. If you are able to ask family, neighbours, friends or work colleagues to also place an order that would be great.

All pies will be baked fresh for our pie drive allowing the freedom to simply pop them in the oven or freeze for a future quick and easy meal – think school holidays or nights the kids have sports!

Payments are preferred by direct deposit directly to Elmore Bakery (details found on the forms), alternatively cash to the office.

Payments and forms need to be completed and returned to the office no later than **Tuesday May 25** and orders will be ready to be collected from the school between 3:00pm – 4:00pm on Friday June 4.

A copy of the form will be attached to the LINK email this week and can also be found in the resource tab in Sentral.

PARENTS OF KPS FACEBOOK

A reminder to any new members of the school community that there are two Facebook pages for KPS.

The official Kennington Primary School Facebook page and a 'Parents of KPS' group.

The Parents of KPS Facebook group is an informal way for the parent community to connect and share posts relevant to the school community and unofficial school events or activities. If you are unsure of which one it is, there is currently a photograph taken at the outdoor movie night (featuring Captain Underpants) on the page banner. We invite new members of the school parent community to like and follow the official Facebook page and join the Parent Facebook group, as they both serve different functions.

Regards,
Parents and Friends' Association

KPS BOOK EXCHANGE

A very big thanks to our resident graphic designer Rob Beswick-Davison for our new sign for the Book Exchange.

If you would like to exchange a book the process is very simple... bring a book that you would like to exchange from home and swap it over with a book from the cupboard. Or, if you don't have a book to exchange feel free to take one home with you and keep it or bring it back when you are finished.

The Book Exchange is located on the stairwell at the back of the administration block, near the staffroom.

Happy reading!



STUDENT WRITING ACKNOWLEDGED

Last term, some of our Grade five students participated in a writing workshop run by Miss Daley and Mr Coombes. Over a four-week period, they planned, drafted, edited and revised their written pieces. Students had to draw inspiration from an animal and could write in any genre.

We are thrilled to announce that Gracie in 5C has been selected as a winner and will have her narrative published in the 'The Bendigo Vox Anthology - Animals' book. We are incredibly proud of all of our students who entered the competition and look forward to seeing Gracie's work formally published. Well done, Gracie!



Here is an excerpt of Gracie's writing:



'Later that day I sat on the branches in the gum tree, relaxed, and feeling much happier. Why was I feeling happier you ask? Well, I had a plan. We had a plan. Me and Jango, the big kangaroo. To escape. Creeping around the zoo at night was risky. I was tempted to turn back. But the reward, if we got it right, was too great to decline. I had to try.'

Miss Daley
Literacy Learning Specialist

KPS STUDENT AWARDS

Week 4 — May 17 to May 21



GRADE PREP		PA Harlan S		PB Willow P		PC Eli M		PD William B		PE Ruby B
GRADE 1		1A Connor M		1B Archer F		1C Damian C		1D Eh Soe T		
GRADE 2		2A Eason X		2B Emma D		2C Lucas C		2D P'Saw Paw		
GRADE 3		3A Evie K		3B Harry S		3C Oscar G		3D Dominic H		3E Jameson F
GRADE 4		4A Braxton H		4B Eli P		4C Jessica T		4D William M		
GRADE 5		5A Abigail W		5B Rose B		5C Mark T		5D Lukas H		
GRADE 6		6A Noah P		6B Mac M		6C Zoha Z		6D Dannii H		
AUSLAN		4A—Leo J			VISUAL ARTS			5B—Connor F		
PERFORMING ARTS		PE—Xavier A			PHYSICAL EDUCATION			PE—Karsen B		
WRITING		5B—Say Wah			MATHS INDIVIDUAL			4C—Harvey W		
HANDWRITING		4C—Skylar A			MATHS CLASS		6D			

TERM 2 DATES

MAY

Monday 24		Education Week
Monday 24 to Friday 28	Various Times	Grades 3 and 4 Swimming
Tuesday 25		Whole School KPS Pie Drive orders and money due
Wednesday 26	9:00am to 12:00pm	Opening Morning
	5:00pm to 6:00pm	Step into Prep for 2022—Family session

JUNE

Tuesday 1		Grade 3—6 (Student representatives) Regional Cross Country in St Arnaud
Wednesday 2	No school	Whole School Curriculum Day
	7:00pm	Parents and Friends' Meeting—All welcome
Friday 4	TBA	Grades 5 and 6 (Student representatives) Division Hockey
Monday 7	by 3:15pm	KPS Special Food Day orders due in (No late orders taken)
	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Monday 7—Friday 11	3:15pm—onwards	Whole School Parent / Teacher—Student Learning Conferences
Wednesday 9	TBA	Grades 5 and 6 (Student representatives) Division 1 Soccer
Thursday 10	TBA	Grades 5 and 6 (Student representatives) Division 1 Soccer
		Last day for Bookclub orders
Monday 14	No School	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 18		KPS Special Food Day
Friday 25	2:15pm—dismissal	Whole School End of Term 2

Please understand that these dates are current only from the time of publishing. Up to date dates are available on Sentral

WEEKLY EVENTS

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