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KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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** your conference. **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.

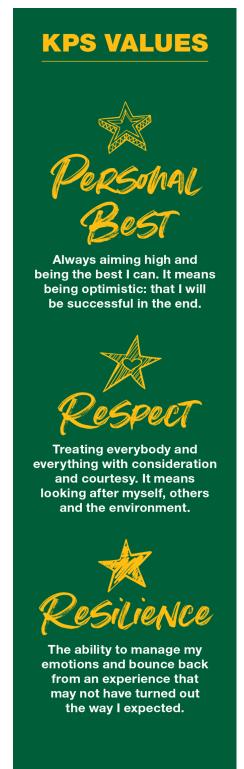
Bookings will be open on Sentral from 5:00pm today, Friday May 21 until Sunday June 6. Booking times vary depending on the teacher. It is expected that your child attends the conference with you.

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 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.

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 operators of Bplease contact the school on 5443 2011 or 1300 105 343. via email at

kennington.ps@education.vic.gov.au

CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder that Wednesday June 2is 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 Aidens Road and Edwards Road. Please be aware that the car park near the St Aidens 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 7:00amd 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 are finished. 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!

The Book Ex stairwell at the block, near the block, near the stairwell are finished.

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.

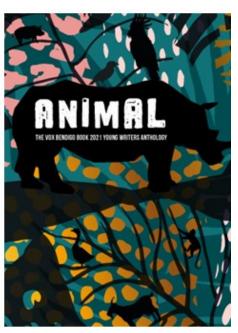
Happy reading!



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 fourweek 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	9	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	9	4D William M		
GRADE 5	9	5A Abigail W		5B Rose B		5C Mark T		5D Lukas H		
GRADE 6	9	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						