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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to face-to-face learning. Thank you to everyone who has continued to support their children through another lockdown period, and thank you to all of our KPS staff.

DON MITCHELL

Members of the Kennington Primary School community are deeply saddened by the passing of Don who was a much loved and highly respected former member of staff. To Leona, Peri, Callum, Oliver and Gibson, and families, we offer our sincere condolences.

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

Every 4 years all schools must participate in a school review. The school review process provides assurance of ongoing compliance with the minimum requirements for school registration, and informs the development of our next four year School Strategic Plan (SSP).

A school review is like a formative assessment applied to the whole school. Just as formative assessment enables teachers to support students with the question, 'what do I need to do next so I can improve?' A review assists schools to develop strategic responses to the question, 'what does our school need to do next so we can improve?'

Last week we began our school review with the validation day, led by our reviewer John Haines. The validation day gives the review panel the opportunity to collectively assess where

we are at as a school and to set the focus for the school review.

One of the impacts of the last week's Circuit Breaker Lockdown was the postponement of our review days. With negotiation of our review panel we have set the following new dates for our review days.

Please note the following changes to our school review days; the major change for families to be aware of is the change of date for the curriculum day.

Wednesday June 16 - Curriculum Day (no students on this day)

The school council have approved **Wednesday June 16** as the new day for our curriculum day. On this day all KPS staff members will participate in the review process. Camp Australia will run OSHC on this day, for bookings please visit <https://www.campastralia.com.au/>.

Thursday June 17 - Review Day 3

Monday June 21 - Review Day 4

On review day 4 parents are invited to attend a parent forum from 2:45pm. Details of the parent forum will be updated in line with the current School Operation Guidelines.

Tuesday June 22 - Review Panel Day

SUPPORT STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

It can be challenging to process and manage changes to routines and the uncertainty that comes with COVID-19 and related restrictions – including moving to remote learning. To support our school community during this time, resources and support are available for parents, carers and families.

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.

These resources will help to support the mental health and wellbeing of our students and the young people in our care during this time. I encourage everyone in our community to access these resources and take care of themselves during this time.

Services and support for students and their families [A Quick Guide to Student Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) resources is available for students, parents and carers looking to access expert guidance and resources to support wellbeing.

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students remains our priority this year, especially during the continued COVID-19 pandemic and while students are learning from home during the current circuit breaker restrictions.

For students, the guide includes resources to support their own mental health and wellbeing.

- Advice and resources for students about ways to adapt their learning during coronavirus, to look after themselves and where to get help.
- Wellbeing activities featuring AFL and AFLW players with tips on managing stress, staying active and gratitude.
- Kick it with Victory physical activities with Melbourne Victory Football Club.
- Smiling Mind mindfulness activities for senior secondary school students, including short videos, online tip sheets and meditations
- The guide also includes resources and supports for parents and carers to help them build their child's physical and mental health and wellbeing. This includes:
 - resources to support children's physical, mental health and wellbeing
 - wellbeing activities and conversation starters
 - Raising Learners podcast series
 - how to talk to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19). Wellbeing guidance for parents and carers is also available on the Department's website, or through the confidential parent support hotline, Parentline, available 8am to midnight, seven days a week. Phone: 13 22 89.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that **Monday June 14** is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday, there will be no school on this day.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Victorian Government has announced

arrangements for schools in Victoria from and including Friday 4 June.

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, schools in regional Victoria will return to face-to-face learning for all students from and including Friday 4 June.

Face masks

Secondary school students aged 12 or older must wear a face mask indoors at school, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless an exception applies. Face masks are required to be worn outdoors at school where physical distancing of 1.5m cannot be maintained.

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

Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older when travelling to and from school.

Visitors to school

Based on the current DET School Operations Guide visitors to school premises should be limited to essential school services and operations.

Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and face mask requirements set, and practise good hand hygiene.

The density limit of 1 person per 4 square metres should be applied to any spaces and activities being attended by parent/carers and other visitors. The density limit applies to all persons in the space, including students.

To support contact tracing, schools must keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site. Schools must record the full name, contact details, date, and time of attendance at school, as well as the areas of the school that the person attended. Please use the QR codes located around the school to check in.

- Wear a Face Mask
- Sign in using a QR Code
- Sanitise hands
- Maintain physical distancing
- Stay only as long as required

PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCE

The Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences (15 minutes) will be held from Monday June 7, to Wednesday June 9. The purpose of the Learning Conferences is to ensure that all families are kept up to date with their child's learning, and to discuss their next areas of learning and how we will support these.

Bookings

Please book via the Sentral App or the Parent Portal <https://kenningtonps.sentral.com.au/portal/login>.

Bookings are open on Sentral and will be until Sunday June 6. Booking times vary depending on the teacher. It is expected that your child attends the online 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.

Please note that all conferences will be held remotely. If you would like your conference over the phone please contact the office. 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.

PREP 2022—ENROLMENT

Enrolment forms for 2022 Preps are due back to the school office by Friday June 25, 2021.

Prep 2022 enrolments are 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

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.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

While we appreciate that some children do not 'feel the cold', we are asking that you support us by discussing with your child the importance of wearing appropriate clothing during the colder months.

Students must wear the winter uniform from Tuesday June 1, 2021. All new uniform items can be purchased from LOWES at the Marketplace.

Excerpt from Uniform Policy

Winter Uniform (to be worn at the commencement of winter until at least the end of winter).

Track pants – black (with no trim in another colour).

Straight leg pants – black (not jeans) without visible pockets.

Skivvy – yellow, bottle green or black.

KPS Polo shirt – combinations of bottle green and black with yellow Kennington logo.

KPS Rugby top – combinations of bottle green, yellow and black with Kennington logo.

KPS Tunic – black watch tartan tunic.

KPS Jacket – zip from with hood in collar – bottle green with yellow and black trim and Kennington Primary School embroidered on the back.

There is a selection of second hand uniform items available from the office.

State School Relief also support families with purchasing uniforms. Please contact the office for more information.
Cheers,

CSEF UNIFORM PACKAGE 2021

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the 2021 Prep Uniform Package the student must be a Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) recipient.

What's in the package?

The 2021 Prep package contains the following items:

- 1 x Rugby or Long Sleeve Polo
- 1 x Tracksuit Pants
- 1 x Pair of Shoes (Lace Up Black Runner)

Cost to parents

Parents receiving vouchers may need to make a co-contribution towards the cost of the uniform items. The amount a parent

has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy (this will appear on the voucher).

The voucher provided by State Schools' Relief lists every approved item and the maximum purchase value that State Schools' Relief will cover.

Vouchers

All vouchers have an expiry date and must be used by the end date. Please note that expired vouchers will not be re-issued for this package. Vouchers will be sent to the school.

Please see Dianne in the office if you are eligible and wish to receive this Prep Uniform Package.

Cheers,

Trav
Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS'

SPECIAL FOOD DAY

Special Food Day orders are **due to the office by Monday June 7** (no late orders taken). A reminder that Special Food Day will be held on Friday June 18. The order form for the Special Food Day can be downloaded from the documents section on 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 STUDENT AWARDS

Week 7 — May 31 to June 4



GRADE PREP	 PA Archer G	 PB Ira B	 PC Alice F	 PD Miles C	 PE Chayse H
GRADE 1	 1A Lucy S	1B Whole Class		 1C Arlie H	 1D Arianna C
GRADE 2	 2A Koby H	 2B Mitchell P	2C Whole Class		 2D Deegan S
GRADE 3	 3A George G	 3B Decoda M	 3C Makanka M	 3D Steel A	 3E Brax P
GRADE 4	 4A Hamish K	 4B Mimo A	 4C Jagger T	 4D Jameson W	
GRADE 5	 5A Ali S	 5B Lucas R	 5C Ethan T	 5D Zara M	
GRADE 6	 6A Angus M	 6B Gurlean K	 6C Jordee C	 6D Billy E	
WRITING	 5C—Gracie H		NUMERACY INDIVIDUAL		 2D—Katrina T
			NUMERACY CLASS		4B Mrs Frankel's Class

TERM 2 DATES

JUNE

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 Book Club orders
Monday 14	No School	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 16	No School	Curriculum Day - School Review
Friday 18		KPS Special Food Day
Friday 25		Prep 2022 – Enrolment Form due back
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