

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an awesome week of learning at Kennington. It has been great to see our students and staff back in their classrooms and engaged in learning and teaching.

Well done to all our prep students and families in getting through your first full February week of school, the transition period has been fantastic and the routines of school will continue to build.

STUDENT LEADERS 2022

It was fantastic to have the opportunity to present our 2022 school leaders with their badges on Monday morning. Even better was the fact that we were able to hold an assembly with our leaders and their parents and carers.

A very big congratulations to our 2022 School Captains Kelsey Ketter-Smith and Hamish Moss. I am positive that both Kelsey and Hamish will do a fantastic job throughout the year, as will all of our school leaders.

SHADE SAILS' FUND - BUILDER REQUIRED

As part of the State Governments' School Shade Sails' Fund for Schools Project we have been awarded a grant for a new Shade Sail.

We have received quotes from local Shade companies but under the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA), **require a registered builder to sign off on the works.** If you are interested in helping us out, please contact me at the school.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING

Thank you to all of our families who are utilising the Rapid Antigen Test to continue to screen for positive COVID cases in our school community.

All students who were in attendance today, Friday February 11, will have receive their second pack of 5 Rapid Antigen Tests. These test are for the next two weeks of school. We recommend testing on Tuesday and Thursday.

If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) or via the coronavirus hotline at **1800 675 398**.

Students (or their parents) must also report a positive result to their school, either through the [COVID Test portal](#) or by phone or written notification; this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case on-site and that they should monitor for symptoms.

Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, have completed their 7-day isolation period and are subsequently asymptomatic do not need to undertake surveillance testing for 30 days.

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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

Reminder that our assembly is
currently held over our internal
speaker system.

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All students and staff who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>.

Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, is [available online](#).

PARENT PARKING AROUND KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

For the safety of all of our children please read the below carefully.

Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a **safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users**.

Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park.

A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

FACE MASKS

Please visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) for the latest face mask requirements.

For all school settings:

- School staff will be required to always wear masks indoors.

- There is an exemption from this requirement if they are actively teaching and clear enunciation or visibility of their mouth is essential.

- Masks are not compulsory for teachers and staff outdoors, however they are strongly recommended if physical distance cannot be maintained, even outdoors.

- Students in Grade 3 and above must wear a face mask indoors at school, including specialist schools), and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs, unless a lawful exception applies. Students must wear face masks even if vaccinated. Students are not required to wear masks outside, however they are strongly recommended if physical distance cannot be maintained, even outdoors, when students are not undertaking physical exercise (for example; masks are strongly recommended when classes are held outside).

- For composite classes that include students in and above Grade 3 and below Grade 3, those below Grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

- When attending outdoor school camps and excursions, face masks are not mandatory, unless physical distancing cannot be maintained. Face masks must continue to be worn when indoors on camps and excursions.

- Everyone over 8 years old must wear a face mask when traveling to and from school on public transport, taxis or ride share vehicles.

- Visitors to schools aged 8 and above must wear a face mask in all indoor spaces, unless a lawful exception applies.

- Students in Prep to Grade 2 are strongly recommended to wear a face mask indoors at school or an OSHC program.

A face mask must be well fitted and cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements.

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There are [lawful reasons for not wearing a face mask](#), including for staff and students who are unable to wear a face mask due to the nature of their disability, medical or a mental health condition. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exception should provide their approval in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask to the school.

There is no requirement for a letter for a medical exception for not wearing a face mask from a medical practitioner.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that is a school council expectation that all students who attend Kennington Primary School wear the Kennington Primary School approved uniform, this includes hats.

Cheers,
Trav
Principal

SCHOOL CAMPS, EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

When it comes to school camps, excursions and events we are currently working within the parameters of the current DET School Operations Guide.

We are excited that our Grade 5 camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat will go ahead as organised from Monday to Wednesday next week. We have made this decision based on the parameters that we can work within, including the number of current COVID cases in the school along with our ability to staff the camp.

Each time an activity comes up we will consider our ability as a school to facilitate the activity and then communicate our decision to our families. If you have any questions about our processes please contact to the office to discuss.

SCHOOL CAMPS, EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

SCHOOL LEADERS 2022



Library Leaders



ICT Leaders



Environment Leaders



Arts Leaders



Fitness Leaders



School Ambassadors



House Captains



Student School Councilors



School Captains

KPS STUDENT AWARDS

February 7 - February 11



GRADE PREP	PA Bowen R	 PB Rhiinaya M	 PC Ella G	 PD Harvey V	
GRADE 1	 1A Harry M	 1B Angus K	 1B Hutch C	 1C Tobi F	 1E Matisse P
GRADE 2	 2A Murray F	 2B Ella F	 2C Billie-Mae K		
GRADE 3	 3A Harry T	 3B Daniel W	 3C Mitchell W	 3D Mia L	
GRADE 4	 4A Jameson F	 4B Mia N	 4C Audrey H	 4D Harper I	
GRADE 5	 5A Kiara D	 5B Doltan P	 5C William M	 5D Suhana H	
GRADE 6	 6A Alex W S	 6B Celeste D	 6C Hanoor K		
AUSLAN	 1E Josh S		VISUAL ARTS	 5B Trinaitey M	
PERFORMING ARTS	 1C Elly A		PHYSICAL EDUCATION	 1B Evie H	
HANDWRITING					
WRITING	 5C Amelia C				
MATHS	 3C Alyssa F				

STUDENT LEADERS 2022

STUDENT SCHOOL COUNCILORS		Abigail W		Gracie HJ		Kelsey KS		Lewis S		Chloe F
		Rosie S								
AMBASSADORS		Amelie C		Elodie S		Gemma D		Trinity P		Charlotte B
		Phoebe A								
LANSSELL HOUSE CAPTAINS		Lily P		Abby C		Stevie C				
SANDHURST HOUSE CAPTAINS		Jack F		James S		Kirra C				
FORTUNA HOUSE CAPTAINS		Hamish M		Lily H		Zara M				
KENNEDY HOUSE CAPTAINS		Harnoor K		Madelyn B		Poppy E				
FITNESS LEADERS		Connor F		Hannah W		Jed W		Nate A		Tayah O
		Blake H		Carolina S		Deegan A				
LIBRARY		Archer E		Ler Ner So	ENVIRONMENT		Brodie R		Eli G	
ARTS		Mackenzie A		Abi E	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY		Ethan T		Joseph M	

DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

TERM 1 - FEBRUARY

Every Wednesday of February	All Day	PREP STUDENTS Prep Rest Day
Monday 14	All Day	GRADE 5 Sovereign Hill Camp
Tuesday 15	All Day	GRADE 5 Sovereign Hill Camp
Wednesday 16	All Day	GRADE 5 Sovereign Hill Camp

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2022

MONDAY

8:00am to 8:30am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker
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TUESDAY

8:00am to 8:30am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mr Ladd
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THURSDAY

8:00am to 8:30am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mr Ladd
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FRIDAY

8:00am to 8:30am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker
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PARENTS & FRIENDS

We would like to extend a huge thank-you to our Parents and Friends committee who recently purchased three aluminum tables for our Breakfast Club program. The tables will come in very handy for the hungry kids when they turn up for their delicious breakfast on Monday and Friday mornings in the amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker.

