

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our last LINK for 2022. It offers an opportunity for us to reflect on what has been a very busy, yet successful year. I would like to thank all our families for your continued support during 2022. We have had the opportunity to begin to rebuild into something that resembles the normal we knew pre-COVID. Your children, our students, have done a fantastic job of adapting through change, and have continued to demonstrate the school values of Respect, Resilience and Personal Best.

Good luck to all our students who are moving onto other schools next year, and a very warm welcome to our new families who have chosen Kennington as their school. Have a wonderful and very safe term break and best wishes for the new year.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4

A reminder to all families that the last day of Term 4 is on Tuesday December 20. **Please remember that on this day school finishes at 1:15pm.**

STAFFING UPDATE

We are still working through our staffing for 2023. Through previous LINKs we have acknowledged our staff who are moving on, to other positions.

In this LINK I would like to welcome Melissa McClelland: Melissa comes to us from Carisbrook PS.

Welcome to Kelly Whitcroft: Kelly is moving to Kennington from Rushworth

P-12.

We welcome Farin Gregg, Farin comes to us from Echuca Primary School.

We farewell Jake Whitcroft. Jake has secured a Numeracy position at Weeroona SC and Kyle Franzini who has secured a teaching position outside the state system. We also farewell and thank the following staff;

Alex Gilmore a previous KPS student who has worked in Education Support with many of our students. Alex is moving to Melbourne to study.

Amy Bilkey is also an ex - KPS student who has worked at KPS as an Education Support. Amy commences her teaching career next year.

Farewell also to ESS Cassidy Guam, who has finished at KPS and is awaiting the birth of her baby.

I would like to sincerely thank all our departing staff for their contributions to the students of Kennington and wish them and their families all the very best with the next chapter of their lives.

I take this opportunity to thank and farewell Stevie Hearn. Stevie has been our Anglicare Family Services worker for the last 2 years. Stevie is embarking on a big road trip around Australia.

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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

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SCHOOL TIMES 2023

On Friday I sent an email to all parents and carers with further information about the school times for 2023. Please take the time to read this email

ASSEMBLY TIME CHANGE TERM 1, 2023 - TRIAL

For Term 1 2023, we will be holding our whole school assembly on a Friday afternoon in the amphitheatre from 2:30pm. The focus and running of our assembly will remain the same, with our school leaders in charge and our weekly award recipients acknowledged.

We are trialling this change as we are aware that the best time for learning is first thing in the morning.

We also are very conscious of our students who find transitioning straight into assembly overwhelming first thing on a Monday morning.

STATE-WIDE TRANSITION DAY

We had a very successful morning at Kennington on Tuesday morning for the State-wide Transition morning. Our new prep students were grouped into their classes on the soccer pitch, and then off they went with their teachers to begin their primary school journey.

Our new families had the opportunity to learn more about the school with an information, question and answer session.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSION

If your children attended school on Friday, they would have had the opportunity to meet their teacher/s and new classmates for 2023. As always, a lot of time is put into setting up our classrooms and students up for success.

SEMESTER TWO STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports have been made live on Sentral over the weekend. Reports are accessible via the Sentral App or the online portal. We have had some issues with the template of the reports, and you may notice that Auslan and Physical Education do not currently have progression points. We are working with Sentral to rectify this issue and will update them as soon as possible.

BOOK LIST & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2023

Information regarding the Kennington Primary School Book List 2023 was sent to families via email on December 1. All orders are due by Sunday January 1, 2023. All orders are to be placed and paid for online via JI Office & Education www.jiofficeproducts.com.au Book Collection Day will be Tuesday January 24, 2023, at Kennington Primary School. Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund (CESF) forms will be available for completion on Book Collection Day.

Please keep an eye on your Sentral in the coming week advising you of Kennington Primary School's voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF 2023

We are currently in preparation for 2023 and have some very important dates to announce for the beginning of the year.

Friday January 27 – All staff begin. Curriculum Day for students.

Monday January 30 – Meet the Teacher interviews (all students including prep) students only to attend for their interview in uniform with their parents. For families with Prep students, you will be allocated a time to meet your teacher. For families with students in Grades 1-6 bookings will be available on Sentral in the new year.

Tuesday January 31 – Students in Grades 1-6 start classes. Prep students attend for literacy and numeracy interviews with Prep teachers (via bookings). Classes as normal for all other students.

Wednesday February 1 – Prep students attend for Literacy and Numeracy Interviews with Prep teachers (via bookings). Classes as normal for all other students.

Thursday February 2 – First full day of classes for Prep students. Classes as normal for all other students. Refreshments for Prep Parents and new families in the amphitheatre at 8:45am.

NO PHONES IN THE SCHOOL ZONE

Parents and carers please do not use your mobile phone when you are driving your car on our school property.

We have had a couple of near misses over the last week, and **all our children** are far too important for something to happen that can be avoided.

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LIBRARY BOOKS

To keep our library running smoothly and be ready for the new year. Please return all library books to the library by tomorrow to avoid getting a bill.

SUNSMART – SLAP ON A HAT

The skin on your face, neck and ears much thinner and more sensitive to UV damage than other skin on your body. School council approved hats can be purchased from our uniform supplier, LOWES at the Marketplace, and at our front office.

Please ensure your child has a clearly named water bottle, filled with water, for use at school, every day. The drink bottle is kept in the classroom and is easily accessible during learning time. It can be refilled as needed during break times.

Having a drink bottle in the classroom avoids loss of learning time when children need to exit the room to drink from a bubbler.

STUDENT SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

This year the SSC worked tirelessly selling donuts, icy poles and organising dress up days to raise money for a set of soccer goals for the soccer pitch.

We are happy to announce that through the continued efforts of the SSC and support from the parents and friends group we have achieved our goal of obtaining the soccer goals! The SSC raised about \$3000 throughout the year. A terrific effort.

Any left-over funds will be passed onto next year's SSC with the goal of working towards raising money for a friendship seat to be placed at the back of the school.

Thank you for all the support throughout the year. The KPS SSC team, Rosie, Gracie, Lewis, Kelsey, Chloe and Abi.



Merry Christmas!
Trav

TOPIC 5 : STRESS MANAGEMENT

Children and young people experience a range of personal, social and work-related stressors in their everyday lives. Activities within this topic have an explicit focus on teaching positive approaches to stress management.

Assisting students to recognise their personal signs and symptoms of stress, and to develop strategies that will help them to deal with stress effectively, will help students cope with future challenges. The activities focus on the ways in which self-calming strategies can be used to manage stressful situations.

BUILDING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Victorian Curriculum F-10 includes learning about respectful relationships

In both Health and Physical Education and Personal and Social Capability. In the Health and Physical Education curriculum, students develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to strengthen their sense of self, and build and manage safe and respectful relationships. In the Personal and Social Capability curriculum, students learn to recognise and regulate emotions, develop empathy for others and establish and build a framework for positive relationships.

The learning materials cover eight topics of Social and Emotional Learning across all levels of primary education.

Students learn to extend their repertoire of coping strategies and benefit from critically reflecting on their own choices and being exposed to alternative options.

Activities introduce students to the concept of self-talk and practice using positive self-talk to approach and manage challenging situations.

Positive self-talk is a key strategy for coping with negative thoughts, emotions, and events. It is associated with greater persistence in the face of challenge and can be learnt or strengthened through practice.



KPS STUDENT AWARDS

December 12 - December 16



GRADE PREP		PA Abdel N		PB Norah C		PC Rudy P	PD Dante J			
GRADE 1		1A Miller H		1B Ivy H		1C Liam H		1D Ethan P		1E Arianna P-H
GRADE 2		2A Percy W		2B Ellia F	2C Alex L					
GRADE 3		3A Jack B		3B Oscar G		3C Katrina T		3D Archer J		
GRADE 4		4A Sophie T		4B Mia N		4C Emily P		4D Oscar G		
GRADE 5		5A Tha Eh T		5B Sachi S		5C William M		5D Evie F		
GRADE 6		6A Kirra C		6B Dusty M		6C Gemma D				
AUSLAN		2B Ella F	VISUAL ARTS				2B Maddi J			
PERFORMING ARTS		6B Ler Ner So P	PHYSICAL EDUCATION				PB Ethan S			
HANDWRITING		3B Amber W								
WRITING		1D Karsen B								
MATHS		3A Talia P								

DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

TERM 4

Monday 19 December	4:30pm - 6:00pm	GRADE 6 Grade 6 Disco
Tuesday 20 December	8:45am - 9:15 am	GRADE 6 Grade 6 Breakfast
Tuesday 20 December	1:15pm	LAST DAY OF TERM FOUR 1:15 pm Finish

2023

Sunday 1 January	All Day	FINAL ORDERS FOR BOOKLIST 2023
Tuesday 24 January	All Day	BOOK COLLECTION DAY
Monday 30 January	All Day	GET TO KNOW YOU MEETINGS
Tuesday 31 January	All Day	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2023

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2022

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:00am to 8:30am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker
8:45am to 9:15am	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Amphitheatre School Leaders Hosting (Monday)

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

8:00am to 8:30am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mr Ladd
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GRADE 6

FAREWELL TO GRADE SIX FAMILIES

We have 41 of our Grade 6 families who have had a long association with Kennington Primary School who will be leaving us this year. We thank them for their support over the years. These families are:

Alkhalwaldeh	Frewin	Ross
Armstrong	Gidley	Rundle
Beaton	Gormly	Say
Belcher	Griffiths	Say Wah
Boniwell	Hattingh	Shanahan
Brehyen	Hopkins	Sharman
Byrnes	Kakran	Telford
Cocking	Knight	Watts
Coffey	Marinus	Williams
Collins	Maung Oh Ngwe	Wood
Crimmins	Meadows	Wundarra Smith
Davies	Miskowicz	Young
Denny	Moss	Zeven
Floreani	Parker	

GRADE 6 GRADUATION AWARD WINNERS

Dedication to Learning Awards:

6A: Lewis Shanahan & Gracie Hovelman-Jones

6B: Lily Picot & Brodie Rundle

6C: Lily Holloway & James Soulsby

Citizenship Awards:

Abigail Williams & Kelsey Ketterer-Smith

Janet Mitchell Dedication to Community Award:

Ler Ner So Plah & Hamish Moss

Mathematics Award: Rosie Sheldrick

Geraldine Lamaro English Award: Madelyn Beaton

Visual Arts Award: Charli Heyme

Mark Winter Performing Arts Award: Rosie Sheldrick

AUSLAN Award: Pheobe Allan

Technology Award: Ethan Telford

Humanities Award: Harnoor Kakran

Science Award: Nate Anderson

Physical Education Award: Poppy Eaton





SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 19th December to Friday 23rd December
Tuesday 3rd January to Friday 27th January



We are excited to be back for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including lots of Sports, awesome games & **MUCH MORE**



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