

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents and Carers,

CHANGES TO THE ORGANISATION OF THE SCHOOL DAY 2023

Due to the implementation on the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement, as a staff we have had to renegotiate the organisation of our school day to ensure that we are inline with the parameters of the agreement. Schools must provide at least 25 hours student instruction per week.

The Agreement requires teachers to work a 38-hour week that is divided into two parts, 30 hours work directly related to teaching and learning program of their classes. With the remaining 8 hours available for other activities (such as yard duty, meetings, other duties, and lunch).

To fit within these parameters, we have decided that the school day for students will begin at 8:50am and finish at 3:00pm. A timetable of the school day is adjacent.

STATE-WIDE TRANSITION DAY

A reminder to all of our Prep 2023 families. The Statewide Transition Day is on Tuesday December 13 from 9:00am - 10:45am. We will be holding another Parent and Carer session from 9:10am - 10:00pm on this day in the BER building.

All of our Grade Six students will participate in the Statewide Transition Day as well by visiting their Secondary Schools on this day.

Start Time	Finish Time	Use of Time
8:30am	8:50am	Teacher preparation time
8:50am	10:50am	Student instruction time
10:50am	10:55am	Supervision eating time
10:55am	11:25am	Recess
11:25am	1:25pm	Student instruction time
1:25pm	1:30pm	Supervision eating time
1:30pm	2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	3:00pm	Student instruction time
3:00pm	3:30pm	Teacher preparation time
3:30pm	4:30pm	Staff meeting (Mon, Tue, Wed)

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE TO CONTINUE

Fantastic news! The DET Tutor Learning Initiative will continue into 2023. We have been through our recruiting processes and have gained some new and returning staff for this program. I would like to welcome Carol Rose, Jess Truscott, and Jenita Fish as part of our team at Kennington.

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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,
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SCHOOL COUNCIL 2022

School Council met for the final time for 2022 last night. As a council we discussed several items that have been written about in this copy of the LINK. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our school council for their work and support of our wonderful school.

IMPORTANT DATES - 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 Your Teacher Interviews (all students including Grade Prep) students only to attend for their interview in uniform with their parents / carers. For families with Grade 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. Grade Prep students attend for literacy and numeracy interviews with Grade Prep teachers (via bookings). Classes as normal for all other students.

Wednesday February 1 – Grade Prep students attend for literacy and numeracy interviews with Grade Prep teachers (via bookings). Classes as normal for all other students.

Thursday February 2 – First full day of classes for Grade Prep students. Classes as normal for all other students.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSION – FRIDAY DECEMBER 16

As we move towards the end of the year, we are working hard to organise our new classes for 2023. As always, we will have a Meet Your Teacher session for students moving into Grades 1- 6, so that your children find out about their new teacher and class will be.

Changes in the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement have saturated the education system with a high number of teaching and tutor positions across Victoria. This is turn

has left the system with a shortage of teachers; that is, not enough qualified teachers to fill all the positions. As a school we are still a few teachers short as we move towards the new year. This means that some children across the school will not be introduced to their new teacher on Friday December 16.

We are working through the Departments recruitment processes to ensure that we get the best possible applicants for our teaching positions, and I appreciate your support during this time.

2022 ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Students in all classes have been participating in the class heats of our annual Rock Paper Scissors Championship. The grand final will be held at assembly on Monday December 5. Come along and cheer on the finalists—Blake L 2A, Patrick I 4D, Hayley C 4C and the winner of the match between Jackson M 4A and Sam F 2B.

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.

TOPIC 3: POSITIVE COPING

Learning activities in this topic provide opportunities for students to identify and discuss different types of coping strategies. When children and young people develop a language around coping, they are more likely to be able to understand and deliberately utilise a range of productive coping strategies and diminish their use of unproductive coping strategies.

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Rock Paper Scissors championships (P-6)
- Carols at KPS.
- Transition for Kinder Students and Grade 6 Students.
- Internal transition activities for students in Grade Prep-5.
- Grade 6 special activities including Graduation.

CURRICULUM DAYS – TERM 4 FRIDAY DECEMBER 9

Friday December 9 is a Curriculum Day. Students are not required at school on this day. Camp Australia will be providing care during the day for families who require it. Please visit the Camp Australia website for booking details.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

The KPS Parents and Friends' is organising one last fundraiser for 2022. Pre-orders are preferred via QuickCliq. All information required to place an order is toward the end of this LINK.

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.

LIBRARY BOOKS

To keep our library running smoothly and be ready for the new year, please return all library books to the library **by Monday December 12** so that Sally can begin processing them.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2023

Information has been sent out this week for students in Grades 2-6.

The Instrumental Music Program consists of small group lessons offered by qualified instructors during school time. Instrumental music lessons will consist of a weekly 30-minute session and are available to students in Grades 2 to 6.

A \$15.00 lesson fee applies. Payment is required a term in advance at the start of each term, for the term.

You will be invoiced by the teacher and will pay them directly. Lessons are available for Guitar, Keyboard and vocal.

If you are interested in being part of the program, please complete the Google form.

SUNSMART – SLAP ON A HAT

The skin on your face, neck and ears is 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.

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.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Trav

BENDIGO CRICKET BLAST

On Thursday December 1, Kennington Primary School sent three teams to participate in the 2022 Schools' Cricket Blast Tournament. All three teams started strongly, winning their first round games easily.

The Division 1 Boys' team then went on to win their next two games by quite easily, with all players posting good run totals. The Division 2 Boys' team won their second game by over 100 runs. They unfortunately went down in their final game to Romsey PS.

The Girls' Division 1 team also played well, winning their next two pool matches by a combined total of 83 runs.

After finishing on top of the ladder, the Division 1 Boys' team played off in the Grand Final against St Francis, winning the final game of the day and finishing up as Division 1 Champions. The Division 1 Girls' team, despite winning all their games for the day, played off in the Runner-up final, beating St Josephs by 26 runs and finishing 3rd overall on the day.

The Division 2 Boys' team played a hard fought game in their final match of the day, unfortunately going down by the slimmest of margins and finishing the day in 6th position.

Well done to all the students who participated in the tournament. You all played extremely well and we were very proud of your efforts. Thank you also to Mr Ladd, Mrs Maddren and Mr Whitcroft for their coaching and assistance on the day.



KPS STUDENT AWARDS

November 28 - December 2



GRADE PREP		PA Logan S		PB Edie E		PC Remi M		PD Jason P		
GRADE 1		1A Eli M		1B Oliver S		1C Demi D		1D Charlie P		1E Shiloh Y
GRADE 2		2A Ben H		2B Lucy S		2C Mia P				
GRADE 3		3A Hei Nay Kaw H		3B Cade A		3C Ayden W		3D Yazmin W		
GRADE 4		4A Helena P-K		4B Aleisha H-D		4C Jonah S		4D Ellie H		
GRADE 5		5A Sophie S		5B Trinaitey M		5C Nadia H		5D Taim A-R		
GRADE 6		6A Cooper M		6B Kelsey K-S		6C Dominic G				
AUSLAN		4C May Sha B				VISUAL ARTS		4B Cohen R		
PERFORMING ARTS		1B Molly H				PHYSICAL EDUCATION		6C Ler Ner So P		
HANDWRITING		3D Mia L								
WRITING		2C Mia P								
MATHS		1D Ethan P		1D Mason S						

DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

TERM 4		
Monday 5 December	Assembly	ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS GRANDFINAL
Monday 5 December	All Day	BIKE ED Grade 4
Thursday 8 December	7:30pm	CAROLS AT KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friday 9 December	All Day	CURRICULUM DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday 13 December	All Day	2023 STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY
Tuesday 13 December	7:00pm	YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Friday 16 December	12:30pm - 1:30pm	MEET THE TEACHER DAY
Monday 19 December	TBD	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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2022

MONDAY & WENDESDAY	
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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KPS PFA CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

\$3 FROM EVERY PACK OF TARTS SOLD GOES BACK TO THE SCHOOL!

The KPS Parents & Friends Association is organising one last fundraising effort for 2022. Pre-orders are preferred via <https://www.quickcliq.com.au>, alternatively you can order via this form and return it with payment to the office. Please ensure payment has been made online with your order to ensure order is processed. We are unable to accept late orders. **All orders via QuickCliq must be submitted by 11.59pm Friday December 2, 2022.**

NAME: _____

SCHOOL: **KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

CLASS: _____

ORDER	QUANTITY	TOTAL (\$)
1 X 6 PACK OF FRUIT MINCE TARTS (\$13 EACH)		
1 X 6 PACK OF LEMON TARTS (\$13 EACH)		
GRAND TOTAL		\$

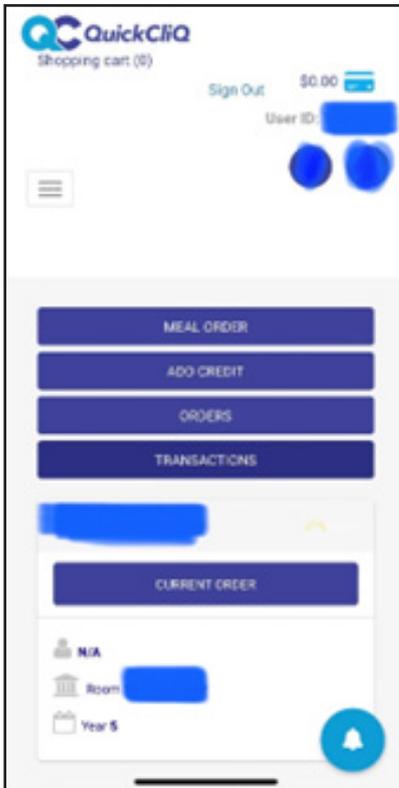
**ORDERS OPEN: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25
ORDERS CLOSE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 2**

**BAKERS DELIGHT WILL DELIVER
TO KPS ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 8**

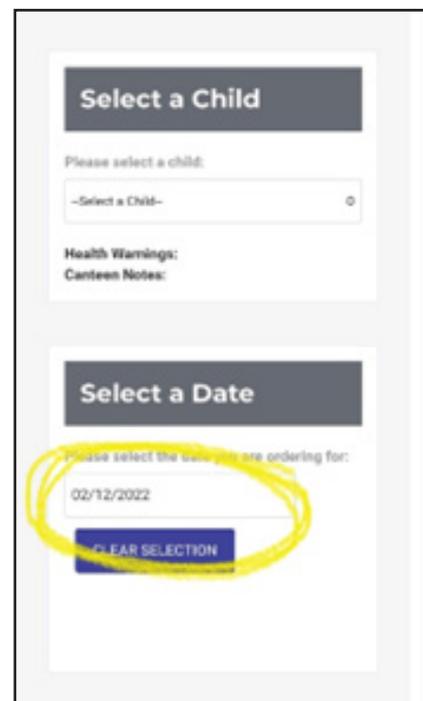
Kennington
Primary School

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED ORDER FORM & PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 2

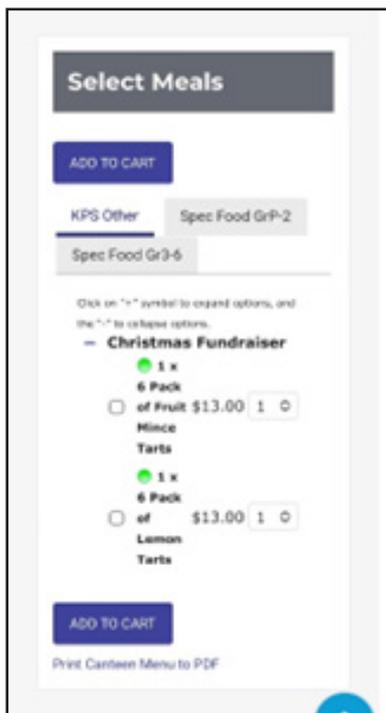
HOW TO USE QUICKCLIQ FOR PARENTS & FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER



1. Select MEAL ORDER



2. Select your Child
3. Select the date 05/12/2022



4. Select KPS Other

5. Select Christmas Fundraiser

6. Chose your items and
ADD TO CART

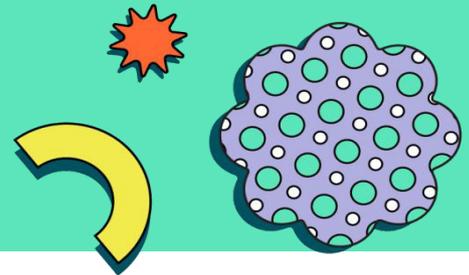
7. PAY & PLACE ORDER



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Week 9



Hi everyone!

OSHC NEWS

Now that the weather is warming up, please ensure all children are bringing their hats to OSHC if they wish to play outside. We will also be providing sunscreen that all children must wear before going outside if the UV is above 3. If your child requires their own sunscreen, please ensure they bring it with them, and we will provide you with a form.

If any families have any suggestions for activities or incursions that we could do during after-school care, please reach out! We are always looking for ways to expand our activities and engagement within the community



ROCKETEERS NEWS

Bookings for Summer Rocketeers are now open! Kennington will be running care on the 21st-23rd of December. We will be having a break from the 24th of December until the 2nd of January. Care will continue from the 3rd of January right up until the day before school goes back on the 30th of January (excluding the 26th of January, Australia Day).



Have a good weekend!

Taylah - OSHC Coordinator



Year 7 2023 Social BBQ Wed Dec 7 5 - 6.30 pm

The Community Green

Bring a water bottle & wear casual clothes

Please join us for an opportunity to get to know each other, a sausage sizzle and some games.

Parents don't have to attend, but there will be an informal session in B7 starting at 5.15 pm.

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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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Thursday 1 December | 4pm - 6pm
Thursday 8 December | 4pm - 6pm

Ewing Park Recreation Reserve Havlin St Bendigo 3550 VIC
FREE sessions, equipment provided | All ages and abilities welcome



Book Here



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