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**ISSUE 2**

Kennington Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year Level Information - Online

Our staff have been working hard to put together 2023-year level information for our families. This information will be released online next week. We will let families know via email when this information is ready to view. If you have any questions in the meantime, please get in contact with your classroom teacher.

### 2023 School Captains

Last week in the LINK, I announced our Student School Leaders. On Friday afternoon at our first assembly for the year, I had the pleasure of announcing our 2023 School Captains, Hannah Maddren and Jed Monaghan.

Congratulations to both Hannah and Jed, I know that they, along with all our other leaders will do a terrific job representing Kennington Primary School.

### Parents and Friends' - AGM

The Annual General Meeting for our Parents and Friends' committee will be on Wednesday February 22, 2023, at 7:00pm in the staffroom. The Parents and Friends Association provides the opportunity for parents, family members, caregivers, and friends to meet, share and become part of a community that supports and encourages our students, teachers, and support staff. If you are interested to find out more about the KPS Parents and Friends' Association, please come along to the meeting.

### School Council Elections

A reminder of the email that I sent to all families last week regarding the opportunity to be a part of the Kennington Primary School Council for 2023-24. Nominations are now due. Nomination forms can be found within the documents folder on Sentral. If you have any questions about School Council, please contact me at the office.

### School Council News

Our first School Council meeting of 2023 will be held on Wednesday February 27. At this meeting the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held and will include the presentation of the 2022 annual report to school council. Office bearer elections will also be held during the AGM.

### Assembly

Assembly will be held each Friday afternoon from 2:30pm in the amphitheatre. As always parents, carers and members of our school community are invited to attend.

### School Values

Our awards at Friday assembly are awarded to students who have been demonstrating our School Values. The consistent demonstration of these values helps us to further develop and maintain a safe and caring environment for all our students. All parents/carers are welcome to attend our Friday Assembly and students are particularly delighted to have parents/carers in attendance when they receive an award.

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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.**

## Principals Report Continued from page 1

### Our school values are:

- Resilience
- Personal Best
- Respect

### School Hours 2023

A reminder to all parents/carers of our school hours:

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)

### Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department or school council employee or volunteer. Students' accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. They can be obtained by parents for individual students.

Parents of students at Kennington Primary School are reminded that Kennington Primary School does not have a whole of school policy.

### Voluntary Fees

As you are aware, School Council sets an annual Voluntary Fee. While payment of this fee is voluntary, the willingness of many members of our school community to support our school by paying this fee is greatly appreciated. The payment of these

fees certainly enables us to enhance both the internal and external environments at our school in ways that would be outside our reach otherwise. Our school is well resourced both in the classrooms and in the playgrounds. We have been able to achieve and maintain these resources in no small part, using money received via payment of Voluntary Fees. Again, this support from our school community is greatly appreciated.

### School Car Parking

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. Several 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 couldn't perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

Regarding 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.

### Disabled Parking

A reminder that the Disabled Parking car spaces are for our community members who are eligible by law to park in them. Local Police often patrol our carpark and enforce the road and parking rules. Please be respectful of the needs of our communities by leaving these spaces for those who are legally entitled to use them.

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### Student Late Arrivals/Early Departures

It is important for your child be at school all day, every day. We ask that appointments etc. be scheduled outside of school hours unless unavoidable so that your child does not arrive after 8:50am or leave before 3:00pm.

If your child does arrive late at school, they must report to the office prior to going to their classroom. When they report to the office, they will be provided with a welcome pass to give to their classroom teacher. This process ensures that our attendance records are accurate. In addition, if for some unavoidable reason you need to collect your child early, we require that you or a person authorised by you first visit the office to collect.

### Student Absence Program (SMS)

We use Sentral Student Management Program to track student absences. This program allows us to send an SMS message to parents who have a child/children absent from school without an explanation. The message notifies the parent that the child is absent and asks that they notify the school as to the reason why.

Parents can either return an SMS with the absence reason, log the absence reason on the Sentral App or telephone the school on 5443 2011 and leave a message at the office.

This Student Absence Program hopefully reduces the number of students with unexplained absences.

Days absent per semester (Two terms)	
0-6 days	This is the normal range for school absence
7-10 days	This attendance is below average. This student could miss over one year of schooling from Prep to Year 10
11-20 days	This attendance rate is poor. This student could miss over two years of schooling from Prep to Year 10

20+ days	This attendance rate is very poor. This student could miss over two and a half years of schooling from Prep to Year 10
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If you are aware in advance that your child is going to be absent, please add it to the Sentral App, send a note to the school or phone the school. If the absence is unexpected the school should be advised either via a phone call on the morning of the absence or by a note when your child returns to school. Calls to the school can be made after 8:30am. Calls to the school or notes must be provided by parent/carer. In the case where your child has several unexplained absences you will receive a letter asking for an explanation of the absences.

We ask you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, as it is very important that we work together to establish good attendance patterns for your children.

### LINK Publication - Change to Thursday.

Given that we are trialing our assembly on a Friday afternoon we will be publishing the LINK on Thursdays.

### Have a great weekend Trav

# KPS STUDENT AWARDS

February 6 - February 10



<b>GRADE PREP</b>		<b>PA</b> Wirakhye S		<b>PB</b> Charlotte A		<b>PC</b> Lucas B		<b>PD</b> Zardeya T		
<b>GRADE 1</b>		<b>1A</b> Katie H		<b>1B</b> Ouso K		<b>1C</b> Maya K		<b>1D</b> Dante J		
<b>GRADE 2</b>		<b>2A</b> Ollie R		<b>2B</b> Miles C		<b>2C</b> Isaac G		<b>2D</b> Emma L		<b>2E</b> Harlan S
<b>GRADE 3</b>		<b>3A</b> Thomas D		<b>3B</b> Cohen G		<b>3C</b> Zeke H		<b>3D</b> Logan H		
<b>GRADE 4</b>		<b>4A</b> Isla M		<b>4B</b> Harry M		<b>4C</b> Alex M		<b>4D</b> Eason X		
<b>GRADE 5</b>		<b>5A</b> Ryder H-P		<b>5B</b> Harry S		<b>5C</b> Amra F		<b>5D</b> Benny S		
<b>GRADE 6</b>		<b>6A</b> Skylar A		<b>6B</b> Tien F-D		<b>6C</b> Braxton H		<b>1D</b> Giselle W		
<b>AUSLAN</b>		<b>4B</b> Ayden W				<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>		<b>6D</b> Devly S		
<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>		<b>3D</b> Zac D				<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>		<b>5A</b> Chelsea S		
<b>HANDWRITING</b>										
<b>WRITING</b>		<b>2A</b> Amelia B								
<b>MATHS</b>		<b>5B</b> Cohen R								

# DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

## TERM 1

Every Wednesday of February	All Day	<b>PREP STUDENTS</b> Prep Rest Day
Wednesday 22 February	9:00am - 11:00am	<b>KPS PREP CATCH UP</b> Strathdale Park Playspace, 148 Crook Street, Strathdale
Wednesday 8 March	All Day	<b>PHOTO DAY</b>
Monday 13 March	All Day	<b>LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
Wednesday 22 March	All Day	<b>GRADE 6</b> Melbourne Camp
Thursday 23 March	All Day	<b>GRADE 6</b> Melbourne Camp
Friday 24 March	All Day	<b>GRADE 6</b> Melbourne Camp

# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2022

## MONDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	<b>MORNING CLUB</b> Stadium with Mrs Maddren
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## TUESDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	<b>MORNING CLUB</b> Stadium with Mrs Maddren
8:15am to 8:45am	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker

## THURSDAY

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## THURSDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	<b>MORNING CLUB</b> Stadium with Mrs Bentley
8:15am to 8:45am	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker

## FRIDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	<b>MORNING CLUB</b> Stadium with Mrs Bentley
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# JUMPSTART



## ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

Choose your own **FREE** background



### The benefits of being online...

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 18 different backgrounds to choose from - no additional cost

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[www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)

Access Key

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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Select your State
- 4 Enter your special unique Access Key



Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30 pm the night before photo day.  
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.



**Please remember that Family Photographs must be ordered BEFORE Tuesday 7th of March 4:30pm the night before photo day to avoid disappointment**

Kennington  
Primary School

# KPS PREPS CATCH UP

## WELCOME 2023 PREP FAMILIES

**The Parents and Friends Association (PFA)  
welcome you to Kennington Primary School.**

Come along to a catch up to meet other prep families and members of the parents and friends association whilst the kids play! Whether it's your first, second, third... or sixth child starting prep it would be great to see you there!

**DATE:** Wednesday 22nd February

**TIME:** from 9am to 11am (BYO snacks)

**PLACE:** Strathdale Park Playspace  
148 Crook Street, Strathdale

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



# FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children



**SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!**

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# SIZZLING SUMMER SPORTS!

LEARN NEW SPORTS IN TERM 1



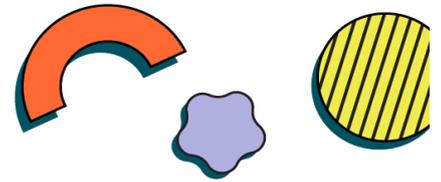
Have heaps of fun with your friends while playing a range of dynamic and active sports throughout term 1.

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

 **KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU**

# Meet the team

at Kennington Primary School



**Taylah Smith**  
Coordinator

I am currently studying a Bachelor of Early Childhood and primary education at La Trobe University.

I enjoy creating fun learning experiences for children whilst also creating a safe environment for them to learn and grow.

In my spare time I like to go camping and play netball!



**Sharon Shirley**  
Assistant

I have completed my diploma for school aged education and care and have been the assistant at Kennington for the last 6 years.

I enjoy cooking with the children to support their development of life skills and helping them reach their goals in oshc.

When I'm not working, I love to catch up with friends for coffee and have a mingle.

I love going on holidays to new destinations with my husband and family.

## Your OSHC.



Tailored Out of School Hours experiences.

Your OSHC by Camp Australia provides enriching experiences for children during term – before school, after school and on pupil free days.



## ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures.

Rocketeers by Camp Australia takes children on extraordinary adventures during their school holidays.



### Visits welcome!

Please feel free to stop by the program with your children to meet the team and see what happens in our great program each school day.



### Register with Camp Australia

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via your Parent Portal.

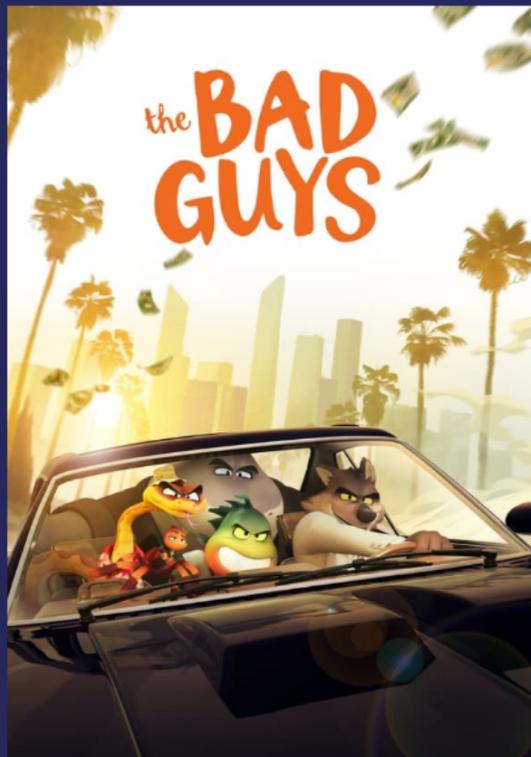
[Register now](#)

### Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

**NOW SHOWING**



**BRENNAN PARK  
SWIMMING POOL**

**FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY  
5PM START**

**HOULAHAN ST,  
KENNINGTON**



# GIANT *Tennis*

## COACHING PROGRAMS

**HOT SHOTS 3-12YRS**  
**JUNIORS & ADULTS**  
**GROUPS & PRIVATE LESSONS**  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**  
**CARDIO TENNIS**  
**SQUADS**  
**MATCH PLAY**



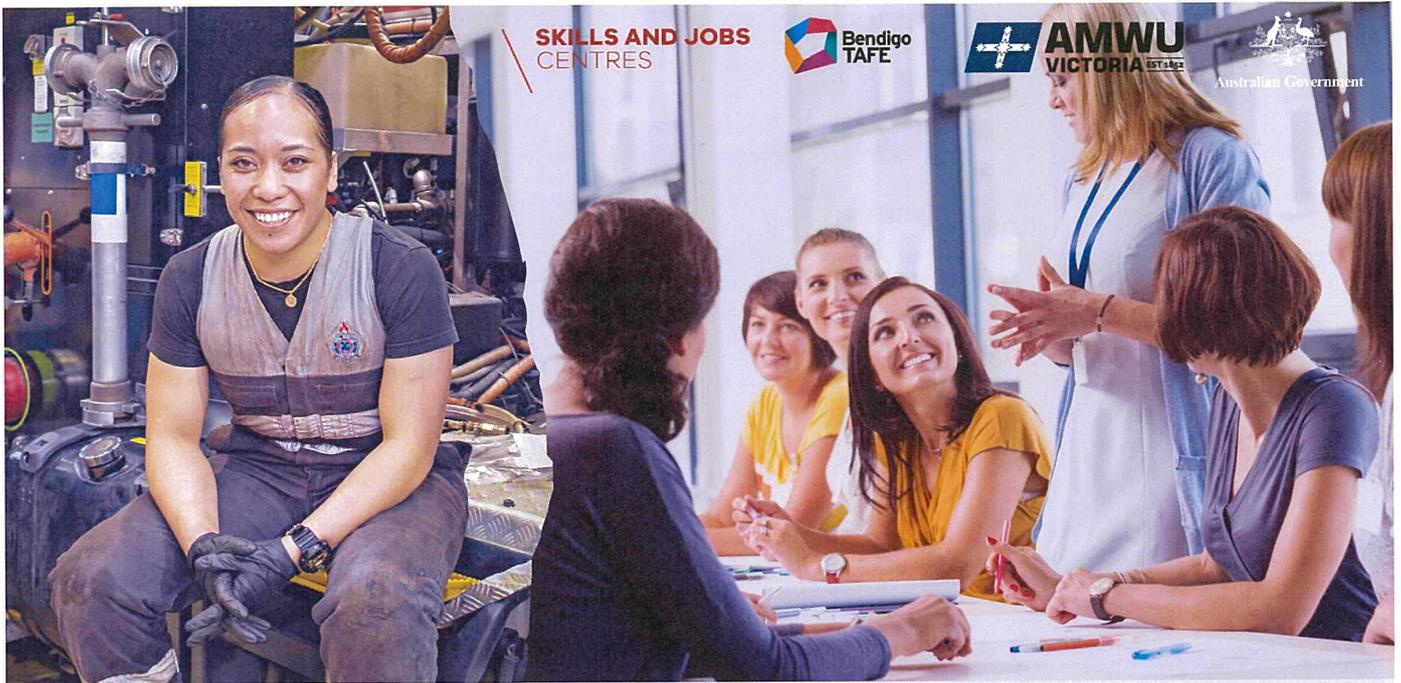
**TENNIS** 9.30-10.30AM MONDAY-FRIDAY | \$15/SESSION  
Come & Try a Cardio workout with a Tennis twist!



**REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 1 COACHING AT YOUR CLOSEST GIANT TENNIS VENUE:**

- AXEDALE TENNIS CLUB
- BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE
- MAIDEN GULLY TENNIS CLUB
- SOUTH BENDIGO TENNIS CLUB

[gianttennis.com.au](http://gianttennis.com.au)



## MUM'S WANTING TO RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE

*Are you ready to return to the workforce but don't know where to start?*

Attend a **FREE WORKSHOP** to help you build the skills and confidence to return to work:

1. **Understanding the Child Care Subsidy and options for when your child is sick**
2. **Career development and exploration session presented by Bendigo TAFE Skills & Jobs Centre**
  - Create your own Career action plan
  - Learn why strengths and passions matter, transferrable skills, what are they and how many do you already have?
  - Free TAFE course options for Bendigo TAFE 2023 mid-year intake if you need to upskill
  - Victorian Government initiatives Jobs in demand/ Jobs guarantee/ Best start best life
  - Bring your resume to be reviewed
3. **Local job opportunities**
  - Hear about opportunities for women to start a new career in the trades, including part-time work!

**Wednesday**

February 22nd, 2023  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Bendigo Neighbourhood  
Hub Strathdale

**Register:**

<https://bendigoreturntoworkforce.eventbrite.com.au>

