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**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023**  
**ISSUE 3**

Kennington Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our first Thursday LINK for a number of years. We will endeavour to get the LINK out every Thursday from now on so that families know before our Friday assembly if their child is receiving an award.

### **NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY – FEBRUARY 13**

National Apology Day in Australia is observed on February 13 every year in Australia. It is a national day commemorating the first-ever national apology made by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in 2008 to initialize the Australian federal government's rehabilitation, justice, and reconciliation agenda for the Indigenous Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, and the tens of thousands of Aboriginal children who were forcibly removed from their families during Australia's assimilation era.

National Apology Day remembers the official apology to the children and families traumatized by past forced child removal and assimilation government policies in 20th century Australia. Although somewhat related, this annual commemoration is quite different from the National Sorry Day, or the National Day of Healing, which is a national event that has been held every year in Australia on May 26 since 1998. National Sorry Day marks the initial tabling of the Bringing Them Home report in the Australian Parliament.

The report was the result of a 1995 inquiry by the Human Rights and

Equal Opportunity Commission into government policies and practices between 1910 and the 1970s, which forcefully separated many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, to assimilate them into white Australian culture.

The affected children, known as the 'Stolen Generations' — estimated to be 10% to 33% of all Indigenous children between 1910 and the 1970s — suffered significant abuse and trauma, as they had to live under harsh conditions and abusive treatment, and were compelled to reject their Indigenous heritage. Until today, many victims are still coming to terms with the trauma they experienced. The 'Bringing Them Home' report also made actionable recommendations for addressing past wrongs, including the issuance of formal apologies by state and federal governments, and the provision of funding to rehabilitate the victims.

### **KPS PREPS CATCH UP**

A reminder that next Wednesday our Parents and Friends' Association have organised a Prep Families catch up at the Strathdale Park Play space, Crook Street. Further details are available on the flyer in the back of the LINK.

### **SUPERVISION BEFORE SCHOOL & MORNING PROGRAMS**

A reminder that learning begins at 8:50am and the classrooms are open from 8:45am.

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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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Please understand that if your child is at school to attend either Morning Club (Stadium), or Breakfast Club (Canteen), it is an expectation that they stay in that space and participate in the activity or sit and have breakfast.

All play spaces including the soccer pitch and the basketball courts are out of bounds before lessons begin in the morning. **This is place for all students including those who are still in the care of their parents.** Staff who are on duty in the mornings are there to supervise the entrance points of the school ground to ensure that all students enter safely. If your child is at school and not accompanied by an adult, they will be expected to sit in the amphitheatre and wait for the start of class

## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) – CAMP AUSTRALIA

Kennington Primary School's OSHC provider is Camp Australia. Camp Australia provide before and after school care every day that school is on. For more information regarding Camp Australia please visit <https://campaustralia.com.au/>.

## WHOLE SCHOOL 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.

### Our school values are:

- Resilience
- Personal Best
- Respect

## FOOD SHARING

Due to the increasing incidence of food allergies, we ask that students do not share their food with others, and we ask you for your support in this matter. When your child is celebrating their

birthday, we ask that no food items be sent to share with other students. We acknowledge that birthdays are a very special time and you may like to celebrate in other ways. The following are some examples:

- Party Hats
- Stickers
- Miniature Bubble Blowing Kits
- Party Whistles

If you have ideas other than these, please check with Luke Monaghan regarding suitability.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS' – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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.

## 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.

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### 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.

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.

**Have a great weekend!**

**Trav**

### 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

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.



## KPS STUDENT AWARDS

February 13 - February 16

<b>GRADE PREP</b>		<b>PA</b> Sid P		<b>PB</b> Harper R		<b>PC</b> Shelby H		<b>PD</b> Sloane U
<b>GRADE 1</b>		<b>1A</b> Marcus R		<b>1B</b> April O		<b>1C</b> Emmy R		<b>1D</b> Maeve S
<b>GRADE 2</b>		<b>2A</b> Ira B		<b>2B</b> Arrow F		<b>2C</b> Valerie S		<b>2D</b> Emily U
<b>GRADE 3</b>		<b>3A</b> Jaiden M		<b>3B</b> Jethro G		<b>3C</b> Scarlett H		<b>3D</b> Mia P
<b>GRADE 4</b>		<b>4A</b> Sahar N		<b>4B</b> Archie C		<b>4C</b> Teddy E		<b>4D</b> Heh Sien H
<b>GRADE 5</b>		<b>5A</b> Patrick I		<b>5B</b> Sophie T		<b>5C</b> Kyren R		<b>5D</b> Tilly S
<b>GRADE 6</b>		<b>6A</b> William M		<b>6B</b> Sienna P-K		<b>6C</b> Rachel Y		<b>6D</b> Sankey M
<b>AUSLAN</b>		<b>1C</b> Menaal F			<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>			<b>5D</b> Benny S
<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>		<b>5B</b> Jett D			<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>			<b>6B</b> Henry G
<b>HANDWRITING</b>								
<b>WRITING</b>		<b>2D</b> Emily U						
<b>MATHS</b>		<b>6D</b> Mimo A						

# 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 22 February	7:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>PARENTS AND FRIENDS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>
Monday 27 February	7:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>
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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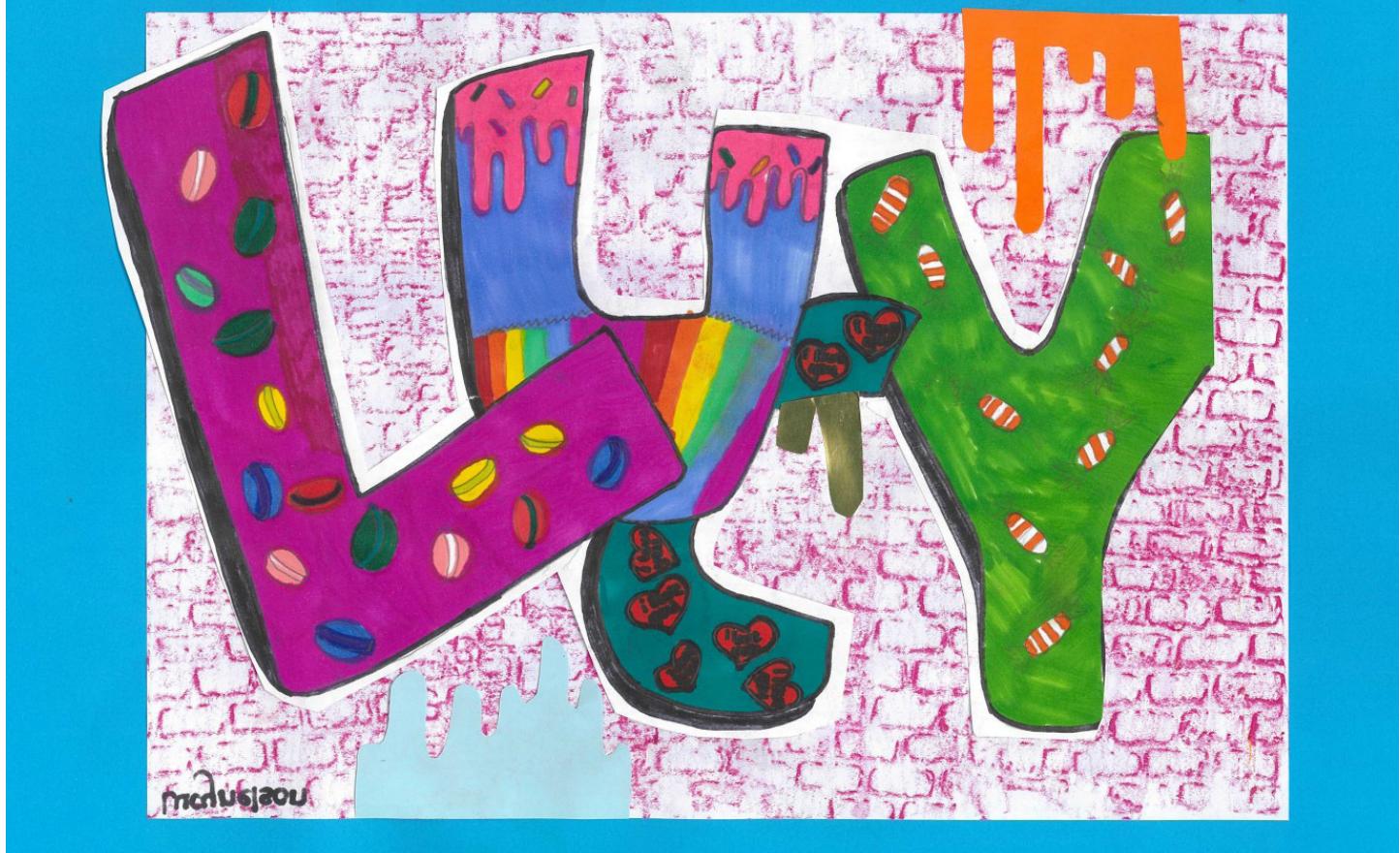
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## FRIDAY

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



## 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
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- Easy order tracking and record keeping
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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**



## **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (PFA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023**

**Wednesday February 22, 7pm in the KPS Staffroom.**

Come along to find out more about how you can help in 2023. The PFA made a big difference in 2022, with some of the funds raised providing Coding Robots, Readers and Maths Supplies for our kids.

***Events already planned for 2023 include: Prep catch up at Crook Street park, Hot Cross Bun Drive, Elmore Bakery Pie Drive, Photo Fundraiser, Special Food Days & Bake Stall.***

These events require ongoing parent support to ensure we can continue to provide fundraising and experiences for our school community. If you're unable to attend the AGM but interested in helping out at events, please contact the Parents of KPS Facebook page via messenger or email [kennington.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kennington.ps@education.vic.gov.au) with the subject title '**PFA Meeting 2023**'.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY!**

**Kennington PFA Members**



# 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!



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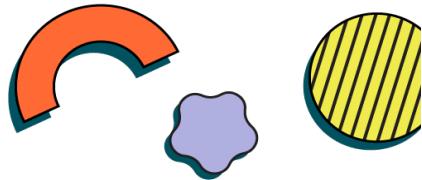
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# Meet the team

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

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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.

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### Visit our blog

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

[Visit our blog](#)

## Your OSHC.

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

## ROCKETEERS



BENDIGO SENJUNS HOCKEY CLUB

# COME AND PLAY!

**COME DOWN AND HAVE A TRY!  
NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. WE WELCOME  
EVERYONE!**

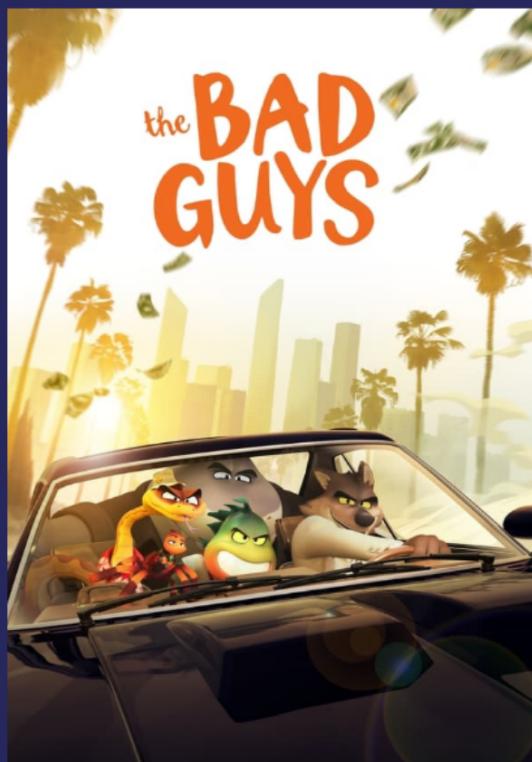
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**SO COME ALONG AND CHECK US OUT!**



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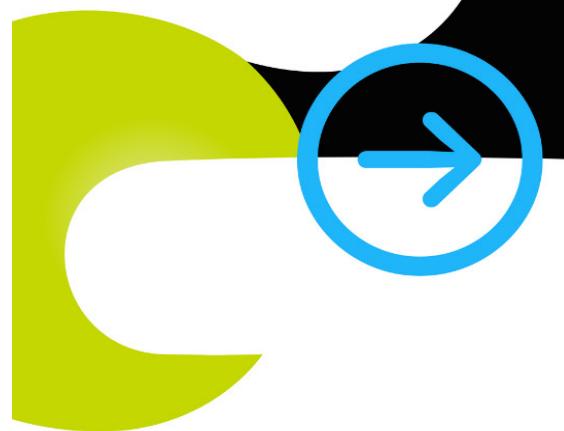




## BRENNAN PARK SWIMMING POOL

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY  
5PM START

HOULAHAN ST,  
KENNINGTON



# GIANT *Tennis* COACHING PROGRAMS

**HOT SHOTS 3-12YRS  
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