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Kennington Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

#### THURSDAY AUGUST 17, 2023 ISSUE 25

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Travis Eddy

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

As educators we share a common purpose – to provide our students with an education that gives each child the best start to a happy, healthy, and prosperous life.

Victoria's Respectful Relationships initiative supports school leaders, educators, and our school communities to promote and model respect and equality – and to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience, and confidence.

The Royal Commission into Family Violence identified the critical role that schools have in creating a culture of respect to change the story of family violence for future generations. In 2016, respectful relationships education became a core component of the Victorian Curriculum from Prep to Year 12 and is being taught in all government and Catholic schools and many independent schools.

A whole school approach recognises that schools are a workplace, a community hub, and a place of learning. Everyone involved in our school communities deserve to be respected, valued, and treated equally. We know that changes in attitudes and behaviours can be achieved when positive attitudes, behaviours and gender equality are lived across the school community, and when classroom learning is reinforced by what is modelled in our school community.

Taking a whole-school approach is about embedding a culture of respect and equality across our entire school community, from our classrooms to staffrooms, sporting fields, fetes, and social events. This approach leads to positive impacts on students' academic outcomes, their mental health, classroom behaviour, and relationships between teachers and students.

Together, we can lead the way in saying yes to respect and equality, and creating genuine and lasting change so that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

#### BOOK WEEK 2023 – READ GROW INSPIRE 19 – 25 AUGUST

Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through Children's Book Week. Get ready for an enchanting literary journey as we dive into the pages of imagination during Book Week 2023!

This year's theme, "Read, Grow, and Inspire," encapsulates the transformative power of books to shape our minds, nurture our spirits, and ignite our aspirations.

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### **KPS VALUES**



Always aiming high and being the best I can. It means being optimistic that I will be successful in the end.



Treating everybody and everything with consideration and courtesy. It means looking after myself, others and the environment.



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.

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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.



We care about each other, in all we say and do.

Our teachers understand us, they care for me and you.

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

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During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians create colourful displays, develop activities, run competitions, and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. You will often see parades with students dressed as their favourite book character.

This year, Kennington Primary School will be celebrating Book Week by providing a variety of fun and engaging opportunities that our students can participate in throughout the week.

#### Activities will include:

Annual Dress-up Book Parade Where – Soccer Pitch When – Friday August 25, 10:00am **Book Exchange** Where – BER building When – Tuesday August 22 to Thursday August 24 **Community Book Celebration Picnic** Where – Soccer Pitch When – Monday August 21, 2:20pm

#### STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCE BOOKINGS OPEN 12:00PM FRIDAY AUGUST 18

Student-Parent-Teacher Learning Conference are a major part of Kennington Primary School's assessment and reporting processes. The aims of the conference are;

To speak with you about your child's learning achievements particularly in Literacy and Numeracy

- To show your child's work samples and assessment data
- To speak with you about your child's learning goals for Term 4.

The Student-Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences (15 minutes) will be held from 3:30pm until 7:00pm on Monday September 4, Tuesday September 5, and Wednesday September 6.

Some classroom teachers will also offer times before school, please check

individual schedules for details.

Conferences will take place in your child's classroom or online.

If you would like to complete your conference online via Webex, please email your classroom teacher once you have made your booking in Sentral.

Students must wear school uniform to their conference.

Please book meeting times via the Sentral Parent Portal or Sentral Parent App. How to book information can be found in the 'Resources' tab under 'How to use Sentral'.

If booking two or more appointments, please give yourself time to move from classroom to classroom.

#### GRADE 3 CAMP BILLABONG RANCH - 17 & 18 AUGUST

This morning we farewelled our grade 3 staff and students as they departed for their camp to Billabong Ranch, Echuca. I know that everyone who is attending is very excited about all the activities on offer, in particular the opportunity to meet Billabong's own flock of Camels. We hope that you all enjoy your camp.

#### KENNINGTON'S 100 CLUB -READING AT HOME

Reading is one of the most important skills that a student will learn and practise throughout their schooling life. At Kennington, we spend a substantial amount of time supporting our students in attaining and practising all the skills associated with reading. It is also extremely important that these skills be translated into other settings such as home.

I ask that all Kennington students read for at least 15 minutes each night at home. Depending on their level of reading, this could be to an adult, a sibling or to themselves.

Students will continue to be recognised through our awards when they achieve 100, 200 and 300 nights reading at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

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#### **PREP 2024 ENROLMENTS**

A reminder to all our new and existing families... If you have a child who will begin prep in 2024, please complete their enrolment form and return it to the office as soon as possible. The information that we gather from the enrolment forms helps us to organise our transition activities and plan class sizes for 2024.

#### RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS TOPIC 1 – EMOTIONAL LITERACY

Emotional literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people.

It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, build empathy, and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy and build selfawareness and empathy for others.

#### STUDENT SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS Donuts Every Friday

Also, every Friday at recess donuts will be on sale! Donuts are \$1.00 each. **One donut per student**, and please remember students are only able to buy donuts for themselves and their siblings.

All money raised from the donut sales will go towards the purchase of a friendship seat at the back of the school.

#### **CONFERENCE NOTES ON SENTRAL**

A reminder to all families that you should be receiving notifications regarding conference notes appearing in the Sentral Parent Portal. You can view your child's conference notes by logging into the web-based Parent Portal of Sentral. At this stage conference notes are not available via the Sentral App, we are working on this. The conference notes can be found by clicking the conferences link on the left-hand side of the screen. If you are having difficulty finding them, please contact us in the office.

#### Have a wonderful weekend

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## **KPS STUDENT AWARDS**

## August 14 - August 17

#### PA PB PC PD **GRADE PREP** River F Zoe M Mal M Korra H **1A** 1B 1C 1D **GRADE 1** Kevin S Bowie T Eliza K Ksena J **2A** 2B 2C 2D 2E **GRADE 2** Zoe DK Oakley L Harry M Louis F Felix M **3A** 3**B** 3C 3D **GRADE 3** Neeko C Tahli H Isabella K Connor M **4A 4B** 4C **4D GRADE 4** Caleb C Duke T Landon R Rhyder S 5A 5B 5C 5D **GRADE 5** Lucija M Juilet Q Hamish H Sienna B 6A 6B 6C 6D **GRADE 6** Kiya G Hamish K Zara B-D Ethan M 6A 2B AUSLAN **VISUAL ARTS** Skylar A Oakley L PERFORMING PHYSICAL 2B PB ARTS Molly H EDUCATION Charlotte A PA HANDWRITING Ella M 2C WRITING Harry H 6A 2C MATHS Liam S Jett W





# DATES TO REMEMBER 2023

TERM 3		
Friday 18 August	All Day	<b>GRADE 3 - BILLABONG RANCH CAMP</b> 3:00pm Collection at BER - Please sign out child with a teacher
Monday 21 to Friday 25 August	All Day	BOOK WEEK
Friday 25 August	All Day	BOOK WEEK PARADE - DRESS UP DAY
Monday 28 August	7:00pm - 8:30pm	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 30 August	7:00pm - 8:00pm	PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING
Friday 1 September	8:15am - 8:45 am	FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
Monday 4 September	All Day	PARENT TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCE
Tuesday 5 September	All Day	PARENT TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCE
Wednesday 7 September	All Day	PARENT TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCE
Wednesday 6 September	All Day	CURRICULUM DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Friday 8 September	All Day	FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Friday 8 September	Lunch Times	SPECIAL FOOD DAY

# **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2023**

MONDAY		
8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mrs Maddren	
TUESDAY		
8:15am to 8:45am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker	
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WEDNESDAY		
8:15am to 8:45am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker	
THURSDAY		
8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mrs Bentley	
8:15am to 8:45am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker	
FRIDAY		
8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mrs Bentley	

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# AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>



# INSTORE & ONLINE

\*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.



Would you like to learn Auslan?

Join Kerry to learn everyday Auslan

Monday afternoon 2.30pm-3.00pm. Meet in Staff Room. No Cost.

For further information please contact Brooke.

Email: <a href="mailto:brooke.howman@education.vic.gov.au">brooke.howman@education.vic.gov.au</a>



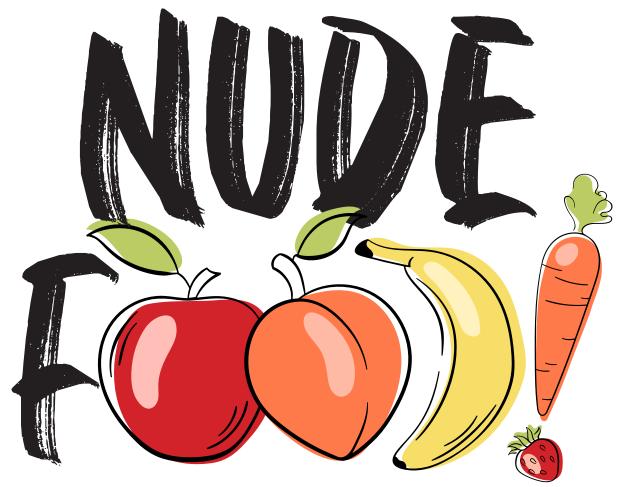
Kerry Hicks

Kerry is Deaf Facility staff member and

Deaf community member. Her first language is Auslan.

Kerry has been a Kennington staff member for 18 years.

# YOUR 2023 KPS ENVIRONMENT LEADERS, ZARA & AYMAAN, WANT TO INFORM YOU ABOUT OUR NEW & IMPROVED NUDE FOOD PROMOTION.



# NUDE FOOD DAY IS ALL ABOUT BRINGING FOOD TO SCHOOL THAT HAS NO PACKAGING OR WRAPPERS.

TRY TO SUBSTITUTE WRAPPERS FOR RECYCLABLE WRAPPERS
& CONTAINERS, OR FOOD THAT IS NATURALLY WRAPPED.
WE WANT TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT CLEAN & TIDY.
WE WANT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF LITTER AROUND OUR SCHOOL BECAUSE THAT LITTER CAN GET INTO OUR WATERWAYS & BE DIGESTED BY ANIMALS.
DOING EMU BOBS TO CLEAN UP LITTER TAKES AWAY FROM OUR LEARNING TIME.

MAKING A SMALL (HANGE (AN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!

Proudly funded and supported by:



foundation



# **Players Wanted**

# 2023 Twilight Season

Are you an experienced netballer? Perhaps you would like to learn, or you would like to make friends in a supportive club? We would like to hear from you. Taking expressions of interest and questions for all genders between 9-13 (under 11, under 13).

# strikernetball@gmail.com 0475915450 @strikersnetballclub