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# **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Travis Eddy

#### Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the conclusion of the 2023 school year, I extend my sincere appreciation to each member of our community for your collective contributions to a year of growth, achievement, and collaboration.

The respect and resilience demonstrated by our students, and their ability to always strive for their personal best with learning throughout the year has been fantastic.

Thank you to our parents and wider community for your support, and to our valued staff for your determined commitment to the success and wellbeing of our students.

As we reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the year, I am immensely proud of the cohesive and positive community we've built. The upcoming holiday's offer a welldeserved opportunity for rest and rejuvenation.

May this Christmas holiday season bring happiness and quality time with family and friends. I look forward to the continued collaboration and success that the new year holds for Kennington Primary School.

#### **GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

As we bid farewell to the class of 2023, I am filled with a deep sense of admiration for the remarkable individuals they have become. Their journey through Kennington has been marked by growth, resilience, and a thirst for knowledge. 2023 is not

just the end of one chapter; it is the beginning of an exciting new adventure.

To our Grade 6 students... As you move forward, remember the friendships forged, the lessons learned, and the countless memories created within your Primary School years. Carry the values instilled in you – respect, resilience, and personal best – as you step into the next chapter of your lives.

Congratulations, Class of 2023! May your futures be as bright as the potential we see in each, and every one of you. Thank you for the joy you've brought to Kennington Primary School, and may your journey ahead be filled with success, happiness, and continued learning.

# LAST DAY OF TERM 4 & FINAL ASSEMBLY

A reminder to all families that the last day of term 4 is on Wednesday December 20. **Please remember that on this day school finishes at 1:00pm.** Our final assembly will begin at 12:15pm in the amphitheater.

#### **100% ATTENDANCE**

Regular school attendance is crucial for academic success and personal growth. Each day in class offers unique learning opportunities, fosters social connections, and builds essential skills. Full attendance ensures students maximize their potential, stay engaged in the learning process, and establish a strong foundation for future success.

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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.

## CHORNS

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.

Repeat chorus

Reminder that our assembly is currently held over our internal speaker system. Congratulations to the following students who achieved 100% attendance in 2023: Stella D, Olivia M, Oliver K, Will S, Harvey W.

# STATE-WIDE TRANSITION DAY WRAP

What a fantastic opportunity the statewide transition day offers to all our new Prep students. All our new students transitioned beautifully into their classrooms on Tuesday. A big thanks to our new parents for their trust in us and to our staff for their efforts on the day.

I would also like to mention our grade 6 students who headed off to their local government Secondary Schools for the day. I had the chance to scroll across Bendigo South East's post about their new year 7 students for 2024, Kennington students were very prominent in this post.

#### **MORNING CLUB FINISHING**

A reminder that their will be no morning club next week, this Friday will be the last morning club for 2023.

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR BEGINNING OF 2024

We are currently in preparation for 2024 and have some very important dates to announce for the beginning of the year.

Monday January 29 - All staff begin, curriculum day for students. Tuesday 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 grade 1-6 bookings will be available on Sentral in the new year. Wednesday 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. Thursday February 1 – First full day of classes for Prep students. Classes

as normal for all other students.

#### PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who all completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge earlier this year. These students will be presented with their certificate during tomorrow's assembly.

Patrick S Zara M Quinn W Sophie B Macie P Lydia N Sophie T Isabelle S Abby W Jayda HL Makanaka M Mohamed Aymaan Z Hannah M Amelia C Lucia F Suhana H Giselle W Georgia S Devly S Lily P Zahra T Patrick N Tori H Vivian T Harper A Remy T Aurora-Mae J Jake F Quinn C Maya K Maeve S Rudy P Dante J Rvan S Maya RD Flynn T Miller H Oliver S Joshua S Lucy S

#### KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROLS

A reminder that tomorrow evening is our annual Kennington Carols event and everyone is welcome.

**Entry** - Gold Coin Donation (Entry points via Edwards Rd and the Staff Carpark)

**Raffle Tickets** - will be on sale throughout the evening, prizes announced towards the end of the evening.

Families are more than welcome to bring a picnic dinner along with them. Please note - Drinks will be on sale, food will not be for sale.

6:30pm - Gates Open / Family Picnic

**7:30pm** - Carols (Every year level performs a Christmas Song)

8:30pm - Close

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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# **KPS STUDENT AWARDS**

December 11 - December 14

#### PA PB PC PD **GRADE PREP** Hendrix C Zoe M Zarlee A Olivia M **1A** 1B 1C 1D **GRADE 1** Sophia O Ruby B Menaal F Remi M **2A** 2B 2C 2D 2E **GRADE 2** Charlie H Tobi F lvy F Harry H Braylee B-M 3A 3B 3C 3D GRADE 3 Eamon W Caley M Maddi W Murray F **4A 4B 4C** 4D **GRADE 4** Harry S Gemma E Riley S Amber W 5A 5B 5C 5D **GRADE 5** Kaylarni M Jayda HL Dakota M Fraser M 6B 6C 6A 6D **GRADE 6** Aymaan Z Jed M Brooke N Mimo A 5B 5A AUSLAN VISUAL ARTS Isaac C Lucija M PERFORMING PHYSICAL 4D 6B ARTS Mia L EDUCATION Henry G 4D HANDWRITING Skylar S 2C WRITING Mitch A MATHS **Class of 6A**

# DATES TO REMEMBER 2023

TERM 4		
Thursday 14 December	6:30pm	KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROLS FAMILY PICNIC
Thursday 14 December	7:30pm	KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROLS START
Friday 15 December	12:30pm - 1:30pm	MEET THE TEACHER DAY
Wednesday 20 December	1:00pm finish	LAST DAY OF TERM 4
2024		
Wednesday 24 January	All Day	BOOK COLLECTION DAY - BER BUILDING
Tuesday 30 January	All Day	MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Wednesday 31 January	All Day	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - GRADE 1 TO GRADE 6

# **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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# KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL CAROLS THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 6:30 PM FOR FAMILY PICNIC 7:30 PM CAROLS

# JED M IS GIVING UP HIS MULLET TO HELP STOP CANCER



Please support this fundraiser for Cancer Council Victoria



Open your phone camera and aim it at the QR code above. You will be directed to a fundraising page where you can make a tax-deductible donation.









04.12.2023

#### **Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC**

#### A message from your Coordinator

#### New Start Time for Before School Care

Exciting news parents and families! We will have a new start time for Before School Care of **6.30am**. This is a trail period, and if the service is used enough will be continued. We hope this helps those with an early work start.

Our **Star of the Week** this week is Annabelle R. Annabelle is extremely creative and displays this through her drawings and iron bead creations of Cats vs Pickels. Good job Annabelle!

Last week we looked at different habitats within the environment such as birds and bugs. The children made some birds nests and bird feeders and we also created a bug hotel. Other activities included making paper chains and setting up and decorating a Christmas tree.

Remember to pick up a **Rocketeers program** as there is some fun and exciting activities available every day throughout the holidays. Book in through the Camp Australia Parent Portal.

Alice and Abi decorating the tree.



Leah and Jayda crafting together



## Camp Australia Guiding Children's Growth



#### Activities coming up.

Dec 11- 15 Festivus Season Dec 18- 29 End of year celebration

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Monday- Cereal Tuesday-Jaffa Cake Wednesday- Toast and spreads Thursday- Rice cakes Friday- Mac and Cheese

#### Make a booking!

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at <u>pp.campaustralia.com.au</u> or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.







#### Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

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School visits coming in TERM 4

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# Festive fun in argreaves Ma

Hargreaves Mall will be a hive of activity over the school holidays with an exciting range of FREE entertainment and activities for families to enjoy, kicking off with plenty of festive fun.

## December 2023





Christmas Elves from bring Christmas cheer

Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Grinch

**Moonlight Market** 

Christmas Colouring

Movie in the Mall 👚 on the big screen: Santa Claus



The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Polar Express

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and

Music in the Mall featuring local

Pals: A Reindeer Show 10.30am to 12.30pm

Christmas Colouring and Live Art Demo with Sarah The Painter

Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Year Without A Santa Claus



Music in the Mall featuring a local artist

Movie in the Mall on the big screen:

To keep up to date with Hargreaves Mall activities, visit: www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/whatson/hive-of-activity-in-hargreaves-mall

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## Januarv 2024

- Saturday January 6

Bush Music in the Mall with The Tipsy Trio

#### January 10

Circus fun and face painting with Connected

January 12 Safe Archery with The 7one

#### January 17

Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus

January 19 Slot Car Racing with The 7one

January 20

Roller Disco with the Dragon City Roller Derby

#### January 24

painting with Connected Circus

January 25 Zorb Balls with The Zone

January 27

International LEGO Day

Moonlight Market



#### Y NEWS COMMUNIT



Programme activities:

.30pm each day.

Food: tea.

programme numbers.

Payment details:

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# PRE - XMAS SHOP 'N' DROP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME DAILY SPORTS SCHEDULE

	Monday 18th Dec	Tuesday 19th Dec	Wednesday 20th Dec	Thursday 21st Dec	Friday 22nd Dec			
8:30 - 9:00	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games	Intro/fun games			
9:00 - 10:00	Soccer	AFL	Mini Olympics	Inflatable Volleyball	Coach vs Kids Games			
SNACK BREAK								
10:30 - 11:30	Dodgeball Showdown	Basketball Bonanza	Futsal Frenzy	Inflatable Soccer	Crazy Christmas Games			
11:30 - 12:00	Team Building Games	Volleyball	Netball	Hockey	Christmas Scavenger Hunt			
12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH TIME	Coach vs Kids Dodgeball	3 Point Shootout	Water Sports & Soccer Shootout	Lego Competition	Mystery Christmas Movie			
1:30 - 2:30	Scavenger Hunt	Mini Golf Madness	Pickleball Tournament	Tennis	Water Wars			
2:30 - 3:30	Cricket	Amazing Race	Water Wars	Crazy Inflatable Games	Parachute Games			
			SNACK BREAK					
4:00 - 5:00	Parachute Games	Inflatable Soccer	Team Building Games	Circus	Kids Choice			



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