

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 19, 2023**  
**ISSUE 41**

Kennington Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of every year, it is time to say farewell to a number of members of our school community.

Firstly, to our Grade 6 students, congratulations on completing Primary School and best wishes for the future. To students and families that are leaving us, thank you for choosing Kennington for part of your education journey.

Finally, to our staff who we say goodbye to this week; Hamish Roberts, Hamish will continue in the Principal Class at BSE.

Jac Maddren, Jac has taken up a position at ACHPER for the beginning of 2024.

Penny Peters, Penny will begin work at Camp Hill PS teaching music.

Emma Tuckwell, Emma is moving to Big Hill PS.

Kelly Whitcroft is off to Weeroona SC to teach Food Technology and Isabel Kent who is taking a year's leave to continue with study.

Our Differentiation Teachers, Jenita Fish, Jenita is taking up a teaching position at Olivet Christian College, and Jess Truscott, Jess will continue with her teaching in a casual capacity.

Education Support Staff, Amber Hollis, Amber will begin her teaching career at Weeroona in 2024, and Tom Purcell, Tom is off to Melbourne to study acting.

We wish all our departing staff the very best for 2024 and beyond.

### LIST OF TEACHERS 2024

**PA:** Amanda Donogue  
**PB:** Justine Hagen  
**PC:** Jamie Crawford  
**PD:** Tania Pedretti  
**1A:** J'aime Perryman  
**1B:** Melissa McClelland  
**1C:** Amy Manderson  
**1D:** Jo Hill  
**2A:** Kim Ferguson  
**2B:** Jane Deering  
**2C:** Clare Rooke/ Pat Jennings  
**2D:** Eliza McKinstry  
**3A:** Donna Mirtschin  
**3B:** Gemma Frankel  
**3C:** Shae Walsh  
**3D:** Phoebe Van Heuman/Reece Gilmore  
**3E:** Brodie McDonald  
**4A:** Matt Morris  
**4B:** Alexia Boyd  
**4C:** Georgia Breewel/Bec King  
**4D:** Kaitlin Belsar  
**5A:** Thomas Saker  
**5B:** Erin Frecker/Jeremy Hibbs  
**5C:** Emma Carter  
**5D:** Marnie Grewar  
**6A:** Liam Tonzing  
**6B:** Emily Taylor  
**6C:** Lisa Gardiner/TBD  
**6D:** Farin Gregg/Sophie Spedding  
**PE:** Bree Bentley/Isaiah Miller  
**Performing Arts:** Ange Rothacker/TBD  
**Auslan:** Nat McDonald/Nic Tyrrell  
**Visual Arts:** Sarah Broadbent/ Lisa Findlay

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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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### GRADE 6 AWARDS

Congratulations to the following  
students on receiving an award at our  
Grade 6 Graduation and Awards night  
last week:

#### Dedication to Learning Awards:

**6A:** William M and Daniel X

**6B:** Simon B and Elizabeth M

**6C:** Mila S and Isabelle J-H

**6D:** Skyla W and Georgia S

#### Citizenship Award:

Rachel Y and Jed M

#### Janet Mitchell Award, Dedication to Community:

Hannah M

#### Mathematics Award:

Libby J

#### Geraldine Lamaro English Award:

Sachi S

#### Visual Arts Award:

Grace B

#### Mark Winter Performing Arts Award:

Skye M

#### Auslan Award:

Mackenzie H

#### Technology Award:

Joshua T

#### Humanities Award:

Oliver J

#### Science Award:

Dev S

#### BVD and Discovery Centre, STEM Award:

Layla T

#### Physical Education Award:

Jed M

### 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.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

To keep our library running smoothly  
and be ready for the new year. Please  
return all library books to the library  
by tomorrow to avoid getting a bill.

### 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.

I wish everyone a safe and happy  
holiday season and look forward to  
catching up in 2024.

Trav

# DATES TO REMEMBER 2023

## TERM 4

Tuesday 19 December	4:30pm - 6:00pm	<b>GRADE 6 DISCO</b>
Wednesday 20 December	9:00am - 10:00am	<b>GRADE 6 BREAKFAST</b>
Wednesday 20 December	1:00pm finish	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4</b>

## 2024

Wednesday 24 January	All Day	<b>BOOK COLLECTION DAY - BER BUILDING</b>
Tuesday 30 January	All Day	<b>MEET THE TEACHER INTERVIEWS</b>
Wednesday 31 January	All Day	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - GRADE 1 TO GRADE 6</b>
Thursday 1 February	All Day	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - PREPS</b>
Wednesday 6 March	All Day	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>

# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2023

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

## WEDNESDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Amphitheatre with Mrs Peters and Ms Rothacker
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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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## Softball report

Over the last two Thursday lunchtimes the staff and some selected grade 5 and 6 students played a game of softball. The excitement levels were high and the grandstand was full of excited onlookers. After the first innings the staff had scored 5 runs, while the students didn't hit the scoreboard, so we returned the following Thursday to complete the game. For the second innings the students began with the bat, scoring 7 runs before sending the staff back in for a second bat. The staff had a few troubles getting onto base because of some fabulous fielding from the students. Mr Miller was the final batter for the staff, the score was 7 runs all. The staff had one batter on second base and Mr Miller over the plate facing the fast pitching of Josh T. Unfortunately for the students, Mr Miller hit a massive shot to score a home run and, in the process, getting the other staff member home too.

The final scores for the game were Staff 9 runs and Students 7 runs.

Thanks to all of the participants for a great game, it was awesome to see some big smiles from everyone throughout the sessions.





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



Please support this fundraiser for  
Cancer Council Victoria

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here!**



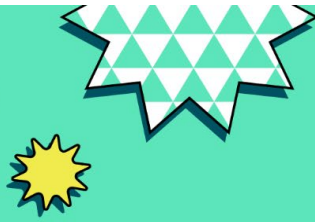
Open your phone camera and aim it at  
the QR code above. You will be directed  
to a fundraising page where you can  
make a tax-deductible donation.



## Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

18.12.2023

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your  
OSHC.



### End of year message from your Coordinator

The staff at Kennington OSHC would like to wish all the families a happy holidays and we look forward to working with you again in 2024. It has been a fun and exciting year full of cool activities. Next year we plan to go bigger and better. Stay safe everyone and enjoy the summer break.

Our **Star of the Week** this week are Georgia W and Brooke N. These two grades 6's are heading off to high school and we wish them the best of luck for the future. Good job Georgia and Brooke!

**Last week** was filled with stimulating Christmas activities for the children. There was clay modelling Christmas ornaments, making door wreaths, elves and reindeers. Marli even gave a lesson on how to best colour-in pictures with many students joining in (as pictured below).

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.

Marli giving a colouring in lesson



Abi hard at work



### Activities coming up.

Dec 18- 22 End of year celebration and Rocketeers begins.

#### Menu

Monday- Rice crackers and salsa

Tuesday- Rice Cakes

Wednesday- Fairy Bread

Thursday-

Friday-

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



# Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

School visits coming in TERM 4

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## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**Instructions:**

Complete the challenge below in any order you choose. Write the date you completed the activity in the space provided. Return this sheet to your teacher or the office by Week 2, 2024. All students who return this sheet will receive a certificate. A gift voucher prize (valued at \$20) will be awarded to one lucky winner. This will be drawn at the Week 3 assembly. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Gilmore at [Reece.Gilmore@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Reece.Gilmore@education.vic.gov.au).

Happy holiday reading!

Record yourself reading a book. Listen back to it.  Date: _____	Read a book at night-time with a torch.  Date: _____	Read a book in an empty bath.  Date: _____	Read something that was delivered in the mailbox.  Date: _____	Read a book after you've played a game outside.  Date: _____
Create a piece of art inspired by something you've read.  Date: _____	Read a book on a Tuesday at 3:33pm.  Date: _____	Read a book to a family member.  Date: _____	Read a non-fiction book.  Date: _____	Read a story by an Australian author.  Date: _____
Read a book out loud using a silly voice.  Date: _____	Read a story on a swing, slide, or see-saw.  Date: _____	Read the subtitles on a show or movie for 5 minutes.  Date: _____	Read outside in the shade to a toy or pet.  Date: _____	Read a story about a magical fiction world.  Date: _____
Build a pillow fort or cubby and read a story inside it.  Date: _____	Find a book with a word you don't know and look up what it means in the dictionary.  Date: _____	Read a book about animals.  Date: _____	Read a graphic novel or comic book.  Date: _____	Read an digital book on Epic! or Storyline Online (or another digital text).  Date: _____

## Festive fun in Hargreaves Mall!

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

**Music in the Mall featuring a local artist**  
11am to 2pm

**8**

**Moonlight Market**  
3pm to 8pm

**9**

**Music in the Mall featuring a local artist**  
11am to 2pm

**15**

**Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Pals: A Reindeer Show**  
10.30am to 12.30pm  
Children of all ages will love the interactive musical activities.

**Music in the Mall with a local artist**  
11am to 2pm

**16**

**Christmas Colouring and Live Art Demo with Sarah The Painter**  
11am to 2pm

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: Santa Claus The Movie**  
2pm

**18**

**Christmas Colouring and Live Art Demo with Sarah The Painter**  
11am to 2pm

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Year Without A Santa Claus**  
2pm

**19**

**Christmas Elves in the Mall**  
11am to 2pm  
The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Grinch**  
2pm  
Enjoy a Christmas movie on the big screen and then bush music by The Tippy Trio, 5pm to 6pm.

**20**

**Christmas Elves in the Mall**  
11am to 2pm  
The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Polar Express**  
2pm

**21**

**Christmas Elves in the Mall**  
11am to 2pm  
The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer.

**Music in the Mall featuring a local artist**  
11am to 2pm

**Movie in the Mall on the big screen: Elf**  
2pm

**22**

**Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Pals: A Reindeer Show**  
10.30am to 12.30pm

**Music in the Mall featuring local artists**  
12noon to 3pm

**23**

### January 2024

Activities in the Mall continue in the New Year, so save the dates!

**Thursday January 4, – Saturday January 6**

**Bush Music in the Mall with The Tippy Trio**  
11am to 2pm

**January 10**

**Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus**  
11am to 2pm

**January 12**

**Safe Archery with The Zone**  
11am to 3pm

**January 17**

**Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus**  
11am to 2pm

**January 19**

**Slot Car Racing with The Zone**  
11am to 3pm

**January 20**

**Roller Disco with the Dragon City Roller Derby**  
5pm to 8pm

**January 24**

**Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus**  
11am to 2pm

**January 25**

**Zorb Balls with The Zone**  
11am to 3pm

**January 27**

**International LEGO Day**  
10am to 3pm  
Pop up exhibition and build with Bendigo LEGO User Groups

**Moonlight Market**  
3pm to 8pm

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





**Who can attend:**  
**Boys & Girls aged 4-12 years old.**

**General Information:**  
We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

**What do you need to bring:** Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

**Food:**  
Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12:30pm to 1:30pm each day.

#### Programme activities:

Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

#### Payment details:

Payment is required upfront within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

#### Please note:

Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.



PLEASE NOTE: THE PRIZE LISTED IS THE PRIZE ACTIVITY FOR THE DAY. EACH DAY WILL ALSO INCLUDE OTHER SPORTS & GAMES THE KIDS WILL LOVE. OUR FULL DAILY SCHEDULE & ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE BOOKING WEBSITE

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## SHOP 'N' DROP PRE XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**ST LIBORIUS PS STADIUM - 379 EAGLEHAWK RD**

Mon 18th Dec



#### DYNAMIC DODGEBALL

Dodge, duck, dip, dive and...DODGE! Our holiday Dodgeball Tournament is along for our Day 1 fun! Today is going to be an absolute BLAST!!

Tue 19th Dec



#### BASKETBALL BONANZA

Each of our little superstars will get the chance to show off their basketball skills in our basketball tournament. The kids will also participate in loads of fun games & lunchtime basketball activities.

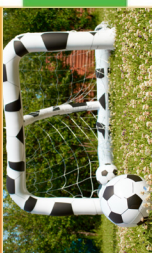
Wed 20th Dec



#### WATER SPORTS

Water bomb wars, sponge races and crazy water games. Today will be a truck load of fun! The kids are also welcome to bring along their own water guns! Today will also include many other sports-crazy activities!

Thu 21st Dec



#### INFLATABLE SPORTS

A truckload of fun is awaiting each of our little legends today! With super-sized inflatable games such as Giant Inflatable Soccer, Inflatable Volleyball, inflatable challenge games & more, this is one you won't want to miss!

Fri 22nd Dec



#### CHRISTMAS GAMES

Join in the festive fun with our Crazy Christmas Games. This time, with a touch of Christmas & festive cheer. Team games, Santa sack races, prizes and who knows, maybe Santa Claus himself will pop in for a visit.

**FULL DAY: \$52**

8:30am - 5:00pm

**KS SESSION: \$60**

8am - 5:30pm

**HALF DAY: \$35**

8:30am - 12:30pm OR  
1pm - 5pm

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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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Please note: Our Pre-Christmas Holiday Program will run from Dec 18 - 22. We will then take a short break, with our January Holiday Program running from January 3- 31.

