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Kennington Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thanks for another fantastic week at Kennington. As we progress further into the school year, the energy and enthusiasm of our students continue to shine. It's incredible to witness the growth, friendships, and achievements that have developed in such a short time.

Our dedicated team remains committed to fostering a supportive and stimulating learning environment where every child feels valued and inspired to excel. With exciting activities, engaging lessons, and enriching experiences ahead, we look forward to another week filled with discovery, laughter, and moments of brilliance. Thank you for being part of our wonderful school community!

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

A reminder that Wednesday March 6 is School Photo Day. Please ensure that your children are in their full school uniform on this day and that any hair accessories are in school colours. All photo orders are to be completed online and Leading Image Photography paid directly. Information regarding online orders is contained later in the LINK.

If your child is away on the day you will need to contact the photo company direct to see if there is a possibility of catch-up session at a different school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024 NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

I have sent an email regarding School

Council Elections. We have 4 parent positions available for 2024. Please check your email and contact me via the office if you have any questions. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the follow Parent Members Erica Peak, Michelle Jones, Jayden Fitzpatrick and our 2024 President Damien Palmer. I would also like to thank Penny Peters and Hamish Roberts for their work on school council over the last two years.

MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobiles phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state.

This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions. By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

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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

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I ask for the support of all our families, staff, and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office on 5443 2011 who will pass on a message as required.

School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is [available here](#).

Parent support: The [Mobile phones in schools webpage](#) provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

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

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 self-awareness and empathy for others.

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

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 child/ren.

Trav

KPS STUDENT AWARDS

February 12 - February 15



GRADE PREP		PA Zoe F		PB Sophia P		PC Laurel K		PD Joe P		
GRADE 1		1A Parsa Z		1B Jordi F		1C Freya H		1D Kenzie L		
GRADE 2		2A Kevin S		2B Amy B		2C Maeve S		2D William F		
GRADE 3		3A Will B		3B Zoe D		3C Jett W		3D Ayla M		3E Arianna P-H
GRADE 4		4A Darcy K-S		4B Mila P		4C Mia P		4D Annabelle R		
GRADE 5		5A Bailee M		5B Skylar S	5C Andrie Luis E			5D Macie P		
GRADE 6		6A Hayley G		6B Alix T		6C Molly F		6D Toby E		
AUSLAN		6D Kyren R			VISUAL ARTS			6C Ellie H		
PERFORMING ARTS		1B Connor J-G			PHYSICAL EDUCATION			1C Shelby H		
HANDWRITING		5A Mitchell W								
WRITING		6C Cathareya H								
MATHS		5C Edward B								

DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

TERM 1

Every Wednesday of February	All Day	PREP STUDENTS Prep Rest Day
Monday 4 March	All Day	SELECTED STUDENTS Division Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 6 March	All Day	SCHOOL PHOTOS Order via Access Key, later in LINK
Monday 11 March	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Wednesday 20 March	All Day	GRADE 6 CAMP - MELBOURNE More information to come via Sentral
Thursday 21 March	All Day	GRADE 6 CAMP - MELBOURNE More information to come via Sentral
Friday 22 March	All Day	GRADE 6 CAMP - MELBOURNE More information to come via Sentral
Tuesday 26 March	All Day	KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2024

MONDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mr Miller
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TUESDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Ms Rothacker and Ms Boyd
8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mr Miller

WEDNESDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Ms Rothacker and Ms Boyd
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THURSDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mrs Bentley
8:15am to 8:45am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Ms Rothacker and Ms Boyd

FRIDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mrs Bentley
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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

www.leadingimage.com.au

Kennington Primary School

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
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Enter your Access Key



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



States Schools' Relief Uniform Package 2024

Eligible families

Applicants who hold a current health care card.

Who is SSR?

States Schools' Relief is a not-for-profit organisation that works closely with all government schools across the state of Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families experiencing financial disadvantage with school uniforms and footwear.

SSR provides a uniform package each year to all families/carers eligible for CSEF funding.

2024 FAMILIES Uniform Package for CSEF recipients

2024 families that are recipients of the camps, sports, excursions fund (CSEF) automatically qualify for the uniform package and/or voucher.

Please contact the office for more information and order forms

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

19.02.2024

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your
OSHC.



Countries & Culture

A new project we are starting this term is our new countries and culture wall. Each term we will be learning about a new country and their culture; with such things as language, food, dress, games etc. If you have any suggestions about what countries you would like the children to learn about, we would love to hear from you. You can see us at the OSHC service or email us your ideas at kennington@oshccampaustalia.com.au

This term is the Camp Australia nationwide **Big Art competition**. Each Friday we will be doing some cool art and craft projects that can be entered to win prizes. Look out for the posters and flyers at OSHC for more information.

We have spaces available for both Before and After School and are happy to accommodate your needs for come. Come in and see Michael or Sharon if you need any questions answered or for a tour and visit of the service.

Jethro working on a Jigsaw



Abi helping Maya with craft



What's coming up

Wee 4 19-23 Feb- Lego Masters

Week 5 26 Feb-Mar 1 Birds of a feather

Reminder

Please make sure children are bringing a hat to the program for outside play as we are a SunSmart program.

Menu this week

Monday- Sakatas with dip and salsa

Tuesday- Rice cakes

Wednesday- Popcorn

Thursday- Smoothies

Friday- Toast w/ spreads

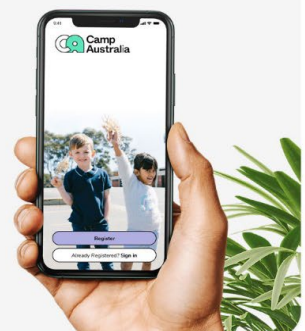
Make a booking!

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.campaustalia.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.campaustalia.com.au

PLAY FOR KICKS



Superkick is next level fun for 7 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

**KENNINGTON PRIMARY
SUPERKICK CENTRE**

**STARTING THURSDAY 29TH FEB FOR 5 WEEKS
3:15PM - 4:15PM ON THE TOP OVAL**





REGISTRATIONS OPEN



Play soccer with Epsom Football Club in 2024

**Come & join us - learn new skills,
meet new people & have fun!**



**No experience necessary - we offer
both boys, girls & mixed teams.**



Non-Competitive Juniors
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive
Youth, Women, Men's



Junior registrations close 8 March

Late registrations will only be accepted pending team availability

For enquiries contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au

Visit www.epsomfc.com.au or www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer

ENTER THE DRAGON MILE

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2024



ICONIC DRAGON MILE

MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE

USE THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PRICING AND AGE GROUPS

WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT

TIME: 10:30AM START



GYM CUP TEAM EVENT



REGISTER HERE

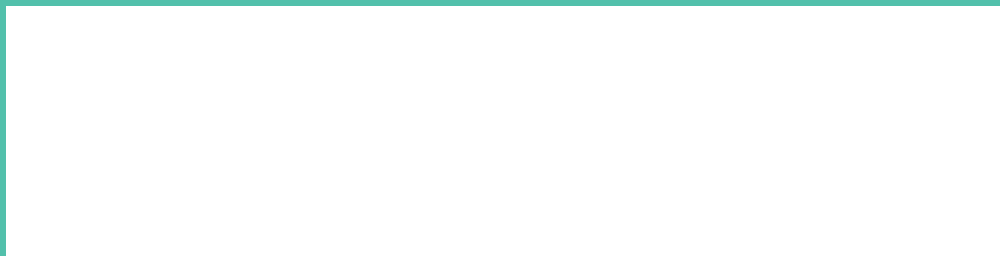
ALSO INCORPORATING THE GYM CUP, TEAMS OF FOUR FROM YOUR FAVOURITE GYM BATTLING IT OUT FOR BEST GYM!

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4-WEEK POP UP BLAST

Sign up to our 4-week action packed program and share the joy of cricket with exciting games, learning and friendships.



SIGN UP TODAY!

 **Play Cricket**

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Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

**School visits coming
in TERM 4**

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Join a great local soccer club.

Golden City Football Club is looking for new players.

We're an inclusive, family friendly club and we are looking for players from all age levels and experience to play in our 2024 season starting in April. All are welcome!

We have all-girl teams at all age levels and around half of our juniors are female. We are looking for any junior players who would like to experience the World Game. Soccer is a great sport for boys and girls and the FIFA Women's World Cup held recently in Australia and New Zealand has seen a wave of new participation in junior soccer across the Bendigo region. We support and encourage both men and women to be coaches and managers.

Our junior season starts after the Easter school break and runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun. Training takes place once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

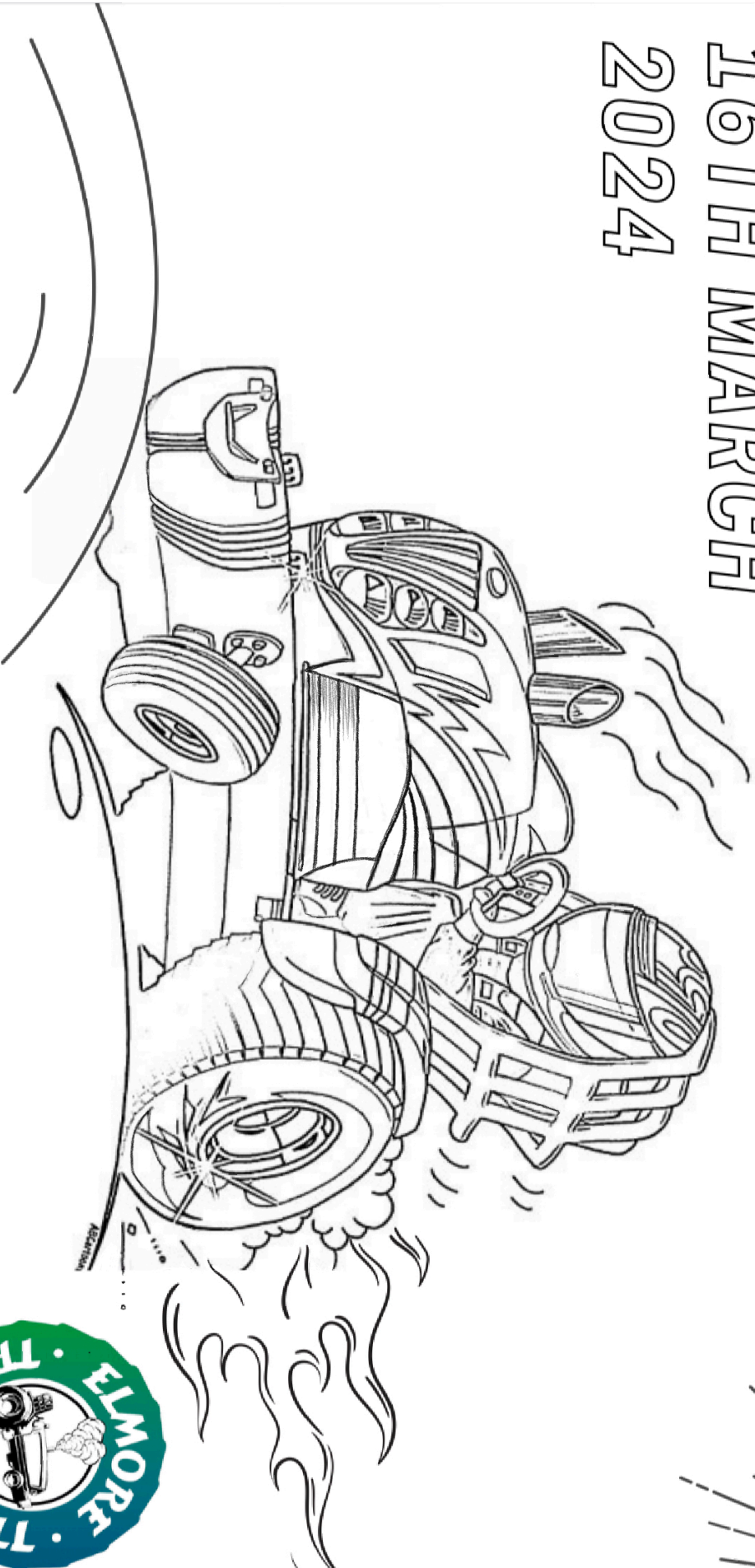
You can register at

<https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=7336> . We are also having registration days at our clubrooms at Shadforth Park on Monday 26th Feb 4pm-6.30pm; Saturday 2nd March 10am-1pm; and Wednesday 6th March 4pm-6.40pm, where you can get assistance with registration and ask questions.

Please get in touch for further information.

Email goldencitysc@gmail.com, see our Facebook page or visit www.goldencityfc.com

ELMORE TRACTOR PULL 16TH MARCH 2024



PRIZES FOR WINNERS: FAMILY PASSES AND CHILDREN'S PASSES!
ENTRIES CLOSE 8TH MARCH 2024.

Name:

Age:

School:

Phone:

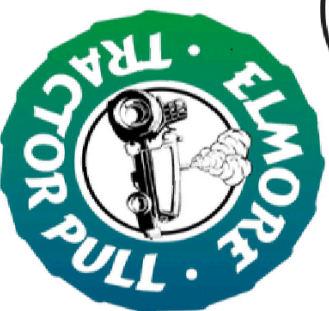
Please post to:

Elmore Events Centre

PO Box 27, Elmore VIC 3558

Or scan to:

info@elmorefielddays.com.au



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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.



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INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Each session will run for a duration of one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Golf
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ AFL
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Athletics

This programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

For Prep – Grade 6 students.

\$112 FOR AN 7 WEEK PROGRAM

Sign up at any time of the Term & only pay for the weeks remaining (\$16 per session).

School: Kennington Primary School

Day: Monday's

Start Date: Monday February 5th

End Date: Monday March 25th

Time: 3:10pm - 4:10pm

TERM 1 SPECIAL

Book your child's place for Term 1 & receive a 40% off New Balance discount code!



Website: kellysports.com.au/bendigo

Contact: Beau Cross

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Phone: 0428 326 924

Facebook: Kelly Sports Bendigo

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