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**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024**  
**ISSUE 1**

Kennington Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to the 2024 school year at Kennington Primary School. In addition to welcoming back families who have had children at our school previously, I would like to extend a special welcome to new families to our school. I hope that you and your children enjoy a long and happy association with Kennington Primary School.

This year we welcome 76 prep and 10 new students in Grades 1 to 6 who started at Kennington Primary School this week. Thank you to all our families for such a wonderful start to the year.

### WELCOME NEW STAFF

We welcome several new staff to Kennington for 2024.

- Jasmine Daw – Education Support
- Ella Downie – Education Support
- Bea Matthews – Education Support
- Amy Manderson – 1C
- Shae Walsh – 3C
- Phoebe Van Heuman – 3D
- Georgia Breewel – 4C
- Kaitlin Belsar – 4D
- Liam Tonzing – 6A
- Shann Anderson – Leading Teacher, Disability, and Inclusion

### STUDENT LEADERS 2024

All students who become Student Leaders at Kennington Primary School go through a selection process that includes a written application and referee checks.

Students who also apply for the School Captain position are interviewed by a panel as well. I would like to thank, Mr Monaghan, Mr Coombes and Mr

Roberts who ran our Student Leaders process for 2024.

I would like to congratulate all our Grade 6 students who have received leadership positions for 2024.

**Please Note** – Due to circumstances out of our control, our Leaders badges have not arrived, therefore our **badge presentation will occur at our next assembly, Friday February 16 at 2:30pm.**

A full list of our student leaders can be found later in the LINK.

### SUNSMART – SLAP ON A HAT

The skin on your face, neck and ears is much thinner and more sensitive to UV damage than other skin on your body.

School council approved hats can be purchased from our uniform supplier, LOWES at the Marketplace, and at our front office.

Please ensure your child has a clearly named water bottle, filled with water, for use at school, every day. The drink bottle is kept in the classroom and is easily accessible during learning time.

It can be refilled as needed during break times. Having a drink bottle in the classroom avoids loss of learning time when children need to exit the room to drink from a bubbler.

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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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### BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION

A reminder to all families and students that if students arrive to school prior to classes beginning at 8:50am they have a couple of options. If students are with their parents, then they can stay with them until the bell goes.

If students are by themselves, they can attend Morning Club Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Or on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday they can attend Breakfast Club. Other than these options, all students are required to go to the amphitheatre and wait for the bell.

Please remember that the playground equipment is not to be used during this time.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER – ADULTS, BE A ROLE MODEL

The safety of our children is paramount, and by following a few simple guidelines, we can make a significant difference.

First and foremost, please obey speed limits and be vigilant, especially in school zones where children may dart out unpredictably. Always stop for school buses when their stop signs are out and lights are flashing, ensuring the safety of students boarding or exiting.

Practice patience when dropping off or picking up your children. Avoid double parking, blocking driveways, or making U-turns in these areas, as they create unnecessary hazards. We encourage parking walking distance from the school and allow your children to walk from the car, this can reduce congestion around the school.

Finally, be a role model for your kids. Demonstrate responsible driving habits and remind them of the importance of safety. Together, we can ensure our school zones are safe for learning and growing.

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# STUDENT LEADERS 2024

STUDENT SCHOOL COUNCILORS		Neisha R		Kyah D		Cooper B		Miller G		Ellie H
		Isaac C								
AMBASSADORS		May Sha B		Mia N		Kayla T		Zoe K		Dakota M
		Decoda M		Harper I		Sophie J				
LANSELL HOUSE CAPTAINS		Lucas G		Kyren R		George G				
SANDHURST HOUSE CAPTAINS		Edward A		Benny S		Molly F				
FORTUNA HOUSE CAPTAINS		Brodie B		Mekanaka M		Torrah G				
KENNEDY HOUSE CAPTAINS		Amra F		Fraser M		Toby E				
FITNESS LEADERS		Jackson B		Zayne P-M		Abby W		Sophie T		Jonah S
		Kaylarni M		Simeon B		Hayley G				
LIBRARY		Josh R		Jaz E	ENVIRONMENT		Emily P		Rowan P	
ARTS		Willow B		Alix T	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY		Cohen R		Saw Theo H	

# KPS STUDENT AWARDS

February 5 - February 8



GRADE PREP	<b>PA</b> Lucy W		<b>PB</b> Keeley S		<b>PC</b> Ava E		<b>PD</b> Sienna G			
GRADE 1		<b>1A</b> Liam S		<b>1B</b> Remy T		<b>1C</b> Dominic B-M		<b>1D</b> Annabelle M		
GRADE 2		<b>2A</b> Mary C		<b>2B</b> Maya K		<b>2C</b> Ella G		<b>2D</b> Noah H		
GRADE 3		<b>3A</b> Masha I		<b>3B</b> Jarvan M		<b>3C</b> Maya RD		<b>3D</b> Ollie R		<b>3E</b> Matisse P
GRADE 4		<b>4A</b> Connor M		<b>4B</b> Leo T		<b>4C</b> Lars D		<b>4D</b> Ella F		
GRADE 5		<b>5A</b> Harper D		<b>5B</b> Safiyah M		<b>5C</b> Daniel W		<b>5D</b> Caleb C		
GRADE 6		<b>6A</b> Zac M		<b>6B</b> Cameron B		<b>6C</b> Jaz E		<b>6D</b> Kyren R		
AUSLAN		<b>6B</b> Michael M			VISUAL ARTS			<b>5B</b> Emma T		
PERFORMING ARTS		<b>5A</b> Matilda A			PHYSICAL EDUCATION			<b>5D</b> Michael A		
HANDWRITING										
WRITING										
MATHS										

# DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

## TERM 1

Every Wednesday of February	All Day	<b>PREP STUDENTS</b> Prep Rest Day
Wednesday 6 March	All Day	<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>
Wednesday 20 March	All Day	<b>GRADE 6 CAMP</b> More information to come via Sentral
Thursday 21 March	All Day	<b>GRADE 6 CAMP</b> More information to come via Sentral
Friday 22 March	All Day	<b>GRADE 6 CAMP</b> More information to come via Sentral

# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2024

## MONDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	<b>MORNING CLUB</b> Stadium with Mr Miller
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## TUESDAY

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

## WEDNESDAY

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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 Ms Rothacker and Ms Boyd

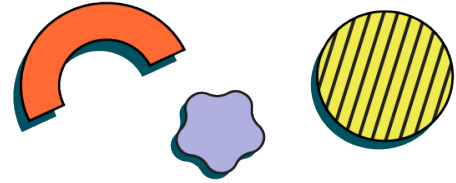
## FRIDAY

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

at Kennington OSHC / Rocketeers



### Tsanie Eames

Regional Manager  
Educational Leader / Nominated  
Supervisor

I started with Camp Australia in 2013, as an Assistant, then as a Coordinator and for the past 2 years as the Regional Manager.

I love to support and build relationships with educators by; inspiring, motivating, challenging, and extending their practice and pedagogy.

I have two beautiful dogs name, Lucky and Nala and two beautiful cats named, Opie and Jaxon.

My favorite football team is, Geelong Cats!

I am the eldest sibling of five and an aunty of two!

I look forward to another amazing OSHC year!



### Michael Castle

Coordinator

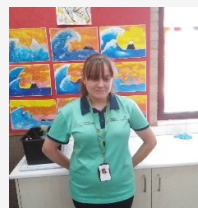
Hi I'm Michael and I have been working for Camp Australia since May of 2023 and have been the coordinator at Kennington since August last year. Before that I worked at Kalianna School in their OSHC program and before that I worked at St. Joseph's PS in Hawthorn. I have an 8-month-old Kelpie named Delta Oscar Golf (D.O.G) who keeps me busy and a personal library of over a thousand books.



### Sharon Shirley

Permanent Assistant/  
Coordinator

I have been working for camp Australia for 8 years mostly at Kennington. I enjoy working with the children and getting to know them and their families. I am a mother of 2 adult children and like going on holidays with my husband and exploring new places. I enjoy catching up with friends for coffee and a chat. When I am not working, I like to relax at home reading a good book or catching up with my tv shows.



### Alexis O'Hara-Webb

Assistant

Hi, I'm Alexis, I've been an educator at Camp Australia since Jan 2023. I'm currently studying to eventually become a primary school teacher. I have a cat and a dog at home and I enjoy spending time with them.



# Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

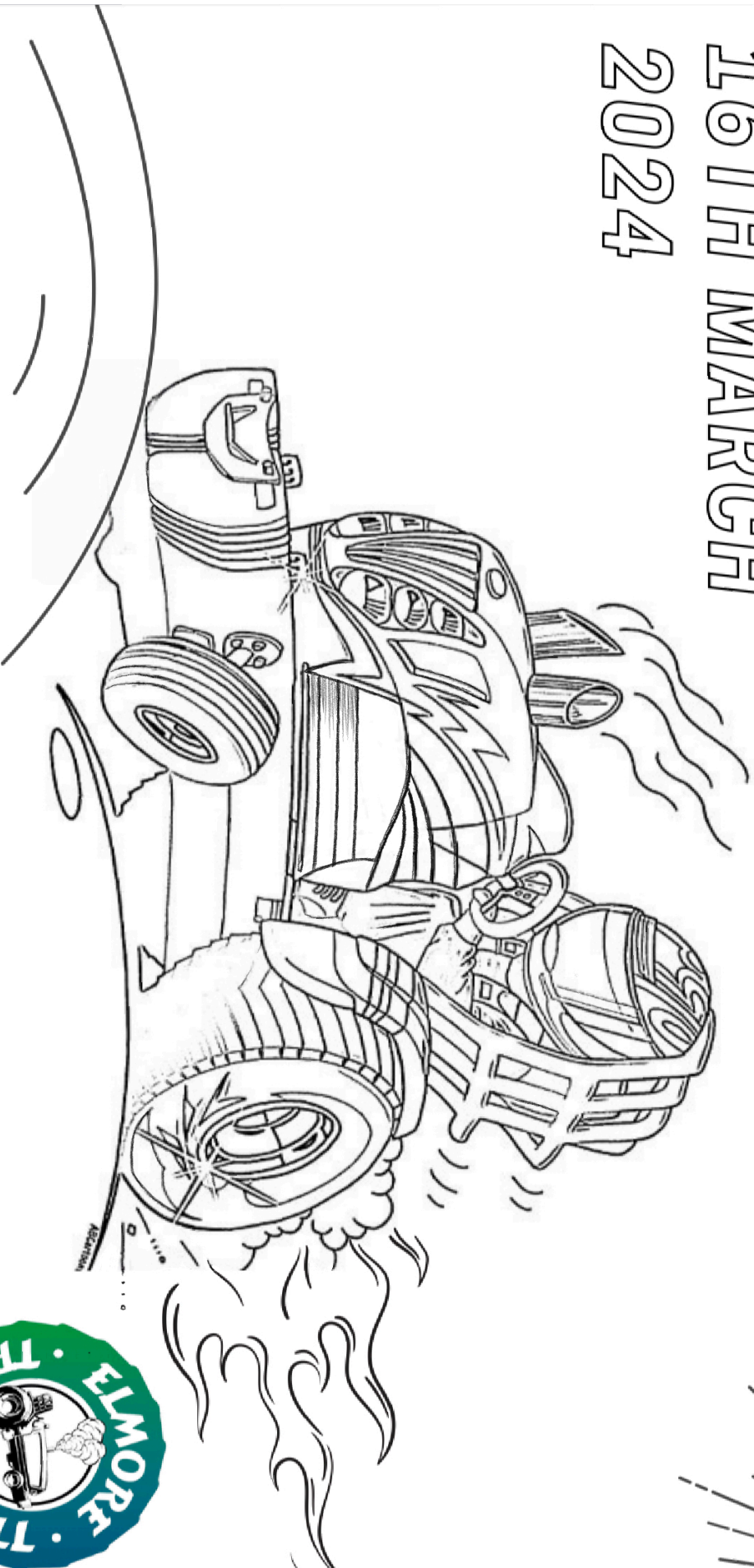
**School visits coming  
in TERM 4**

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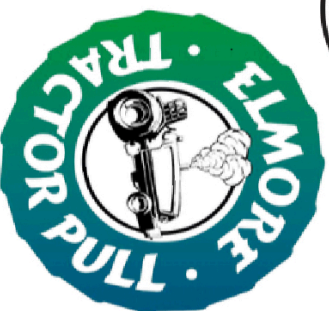
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