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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travis Eddy



Dear Parents/Carers,

BOOK WEEK WRAP

Kennington Primary School was thrilled to celebrate Book Week 2024 from August 18 to 23, embracing the theme "Reading is Magic." This annual event, organized by the Children's Book Council of Australia, brought together students, teachers, and families to celebrate the joy of reading through a series of engaging and fun activities.

The week kicked off on Monday, August 19, with a Community Book Celebration Picnic. Students gathered on the Soccer Pitch to read with their teachers and then shared stories with family and friends. The picnic created a relaxed and joyful atmosphere, setting a magical tone for the rest of the week.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, August 20 and 21, the school hosted a Book Exchange before and after school. Students eagerly swapped books they had outgrown for new, exciting reads, with generous donations from the school community helping to ensure a wide selection of books for everyone.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Annual Dress-Up Book Parade on Wednesday, August 21. Despite some unexpected weather, the event was a fantastic success. We quickly adapted by moving the parade to the stadium, where students proudly displayed their costumes as their favourite literary characters. The excitement was clear as each grade paraded to music, with plenty of smiles and laughter filling the room.

Overall, Book Week 2024 was a magical celebration of reading, creativity, and community spirit. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and students who participated and made the week such a success! We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition in the years to come.

GRADE 3 CAMP – BILLABONG RANCH

We wish our Grade 3 students and staff all the best as they head off to the Billabong Ranch in Echuca for their camp over the next two days. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore the great outdoors and participate in a range of exciting activities, including Bungee Trampolines, the Commando Course, Archery, Camel Rides, Mini Golf, Pedal Boats, Bouldering, and, of course, enjoying the campfire.

We're sure they'll create wonderful memories and have an amazing time. Enjoy the adventure, and we look forward to hearing all about it when you return!

CELEBRATE FATHER'S & SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

We warmly invite all families to join us in celebrating Father's and Special Friend's Day at our annual breakfast on Friday, August 30, from 8:15 am to 8:45 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time together and show appreciation for the special people in our lives.

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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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The venue will be determined by the weather, but rest assured, it will be a morning filled with good food and great company. We look forward to seeing you there!

App. A variety of delicious food options are available, so be sure to place your order and treat your child to something special! Don't miss out—get your orders in early!

LUNCH ORDER DAY – ORDERS OPEN

Lunch Order Day orders for Friday, September 13, are now open via SentralPayPlus within the Sentral Parents App. A variety of delicious food options are available, so be sure to place your order and treat your child to something special! Don't miss out—get your orders in early!

STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONFERENCES BOOK NOW!!!

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 how your child is progressing with their learning goals for Term 3 and setting new goals for Term 4.

The Student-Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences (15 minutes) will be held from 8:30am until 4:30pm on Wednesday September 11.

Conferences will take place in your child's classroom.

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.

2024 PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

We want our parents / caregivers / guardians to tell us what they think!

All families have been invited via email sent earlier this week to participate in the survey.

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online until **July to Friday 30 August 2024.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS TOPIC 2 – PERSONAL STRENGTHS

Children and young people need a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. This topic provides learning activities to build this vocabulary and to use it when discussing personal, social and ethical challenges.

Research in the field of positive psychology emphasises the importance of identifying and using individual strengths. Social and emotional learning programs which use strength-based approaches promote student wellbeing, positive behaviour and academic achievement.

Travis Eddy

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS 2024

Kennington Primary School Tournament of Minds (TOMs) teams competed in the Regional Challenge Day on Saturday 17 August. Our school entered three teams in the competition, one in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) discipline and two in The Arts.

Tournament of Minds is a problem-solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Students in Years 5 and 6 were first introduced to the program in Term 2 and interested students were involved in a range of sessions called the 'TOMs Experience'. The aim of the program is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

The students involved in the TOMs teams met regularly to engage in open-ended challenges, foster cooperative learning, develop creative approaches, encourage experimentation and stimulate a spirit of inquiry. Term 3 marked the beginning of a team long term challenge. Teams were presented with a discipline base problem (STEM or The Arts) and they were required to work together to generate ideas, make decisions and meet presentation requirements. This culminated in presentation of their solution to the challenge to judges and an audience on Saturday 17 August. On the Tournament Day, teams also participated in a Spontaneous Challenge where they were given an unseen problem and were judged according to their ability to approach the task collaboratively and in an original manner.

All ideas, planning, discussion and creativity required to respond to the challenges is generated by the students only. All students involved in the Kennington TOMs teams represented the school with integrity, enthusiasm and positivity. We congratulate students and families for their interest and dedication to program.



Oscar G, Emily P, Mak M, Skylar S, Lara C, Audrey H, Kam D.



Lucy P, Sophie P, Abigaile S, Willow B, Tilly, Kyah D, Mia N.



Alix T, Mitch W, Sahib S, Jaz E, Cade A, Cohen R, Dakota Mc

BOOK WEEK



Smile Squad

Free dental for all Victorian government school students

Dear Kennington Primary School families,
The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school soon.
Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.
This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

KPS STUDENT AWARDS

August 19 - August 22



GRADE PREP		PA Myles G		PB Keeley S		PC Alex T		PD Xavier X		
GRADE 1		1A Luca J		1B Charlie G		1C Ryan M		1D Lilah W		
GRADE 2		2A Kevin S		2B Dante J		2C Ella G		2D Menaal F		
GRADE 3		3A Masha I		3B Poppy M		3C Jett W		3D Felix M		3E Hutch C
GRADE 4		4A Jaiden M		4B Leo T		4C Kevin L		4D Lacey K		
GRADE 5		5A P'Saw P		5B Archie C		5C Jaiden N		5D Macie P		
GRADE 6		6A Jayda HL		6B Mia N		6C Kayla T		6D Harry B		
AUSLAN		1A Laya A	VISUAL ARTS				5B Talia P			
PERFORMING ARTS		PB Tommy M	PHYSICAL EDUCATION				2A Ruby B			
HANDWRITING		1A Reagan H								
WRITING		5A Mitchell W								
MATHS		2D Jason P								

DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

TERM 3

Friday 23 August	All Day	GRADE 3 - BILLABONG RANCH Information via Sentral
Friday 30 August	9:15am - 2:30pm	GRADE 4 - GOLD MINE AND TRAM EXCURSION Information via Sentral
Friday 30 August	8:15am - 8:45am	FATHERS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS BREAKFAST Location TBD
Wednesday 11 September	All Day	CURRICULUM DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Friday 13 September	All Day	FOOTY COLOURS DAY
Friday 13 September	Lunch Times	LUNCH ORDER DAY

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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Raise funds
and earn
cool prizes



How your child can
become a Heart Hero

Parents and
Guardians Guide



JUMP
ROPE *for*
HEART

Hi! Pick one of us
to be your avatar
when you register
online! Get ready to
unlock accessories
and dress us up!

Have fun
and learn
new tricks



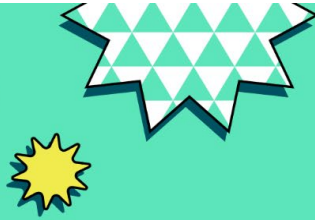
Sign up at
jumprope.org.au/parents



Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

21.08.2024

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your
OSHC.



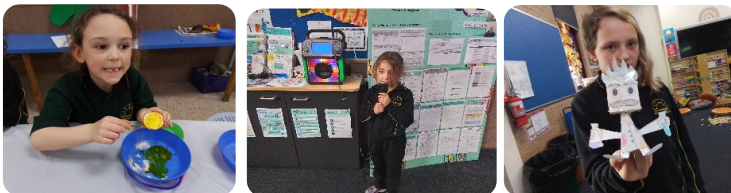
Week 6 Update

After our week of exploring science, this week we are celebrating Book Week. Our activities have included creating a comic strip with Catheraya displaying her fantastic art skills in her story about Mr. Apple. Then we made book covers with Annabelle R. creating a cover for her book called Cats are Scared of Pickles. Wednesday saw the children come dressed up in costumes and there were some imaginative designs, Next week we have a week of Father's Day activities leading up the celebration on Sunday.

Our **star of the week** for week 5 was **Chloe S** for her sense of belonging by always being willing to help with jobs and always displaying a positive attitude. Thanks for your help, Chloe.

We also have a plethora of new resources at OSHC including dolls heads for children to hone their hairdressing skills and a bunch of cool new games for all to use as well as new play kitchen equipment. **So come and join the fun at before and after school sessions** 😊

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



Some images from the previous week at OSH of the children

[What's coming up at OSHC](#)

[Week 7- Father's Day](#)

[Week 8- Springtime](#)

Reminder

Please remember that if your child is not attending to please cancel the booking, as this opens the spot for other families to book in.

Menu this week

Monday- Rice Cakes

Tuesday- Toast

Wednesday- Sakatas w/dips

Thursday- Raisin Toast

Friday- Cereal

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 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.





ELMORE FIELD DAYS OCT 1, 2 & 3 2024

Categories (Circle one) Name: _____ Age: _____

- 4 years & under
- 5-8 years
- 9-11 years
- 12-14 years

Phone Number/Email: _____



PRIZE: \$25 Smiggle Voucher per age category. Entries close 20th September 2024. To enter, email completed colouring competition to info@elmorfielddays.com.au - Or post to: Elmore Field Days, PO Box 27, Elmore VIC 3558



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CRICKET VICTORIA FREE- ALL GIRLS CRICKET BLAST
CATHERINE MCAULEY COLLEGE OVAL 2
WEDNESDAY: 28TH AUG, 4TH, 11TH AND 18TH SEPT
TIME: 4.00PM-5.00PM
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER!



Q Play Cricket

**OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM**





BENDIGO FUTSAL

24/25 SUMMER JUNIOR FUTSAL COMPETITION

COMPETITION INFORMATION

WE ARE GEARING UP FOR A MASSIVE SUMMER OF JUNIOR FUTSAL ACTION. TEAM BOOKINGS ARE AVAILABLE BY FILLING OUT THE TEAM REGISTRATION FORM AND THEN EMAILING BEAU@KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU. INDIVIDUAL SIGN UPS CAN BE MADE VIA OUR WEBSITE.

AGE GROUPS

UNDER 6, 8, 10, 12.

SUMMER JNR FUTSAL COMPETITION DETAILS

SEASON COST: \$280 PER PLAYER

DAY: WEDNESDAY

TIME: 4:15PM – 7:30PM

SEASON DATES: 23RD OCTOBER – 19TH MARCH

VENUE: MERCY JUNORTOUN SPORTING PRECINCT & VICTORY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

- REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY
- REGISTER YOUR OWN TEAM
- EXCITING MATCHES & COMPETITION



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SOUTH BENDIGO FOOTBALL CLINIC

**FRIDAY 6TH
SEPTEMBER**

Grade 3-6 Students

4.30 - 6pm - 1 hour of Footy skills
followed by sausage sizzle.

Harry Trott Oval

FREE

Email Zac Hare for all enquiries
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