

BOOK WEEK



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DRESS-UP PARADE

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST
10:00AM - SOCCER PITCH

Come dressed
as your
favourite
character!



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Suzie Harrison



Dear School Community,

I am genuinely excited and honoured to be stepping into the role of Acting Principal for the remainder of this term at this wonderful school.

In the short time I've been on site, I have witnessed some incredible teaching and learning in action, along with strong and meaningful connections between staff and students. It is clear that the staff here go above and beyond to support the best possible learning outcomes for every student.

I've already had the pleasure of speaking with a number of students and parents, and I want to sincerely thank everyone for the warm welcome and support I've received so far. Although my time here is brief, I am committed to offering as much support as I can both in the day-to-day operations of the school and in beginning to plan for 2026.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the exceptional work of Mr Luke Monaghan, who has not only continued to fulfil his own responsibilities but also stepped into the Principal role since the beginning of this term. His commitment, dedication, and phenomenal contribution to the Kennington Primary School community have been nothing short of outstanding.

It is also a credit to Mr Travis Eddy for the wonderful school he has established, the capacity he has built within his leadership team and staff, and the positive culture he has nurtured within the school. I feel privileged to now be working alongside such a

dedicated team, and I know the school community will look forward to when Mr Eddy returns in Term 4.

I look forward to meeting more students and families as the term progresses and to continuing to support the school in every way I can.

Thank you once again for your warm welcome

Importance of Daily Routines - Keep Family and School Life Calm

Establishing consistent and predictable daily routines at home plays a key role in helping children feel safe, organised, and ready to learn. When families have predictable structures in place - like morning routines, regular mealtimes, consistent bedtimes, and clear expectations around screen use and gaming - children are better equipped to manage their day, both at school and at home.

Why routines matter:

- **Supports emotional wellbeing:** Children feel safer and more confident when they know what to expect.
- **Promotes independence:** Regular routines help children take more responsibility for getting ready, packing bags, and completing homework.
- **Improves sleep:** A consistent bedtime routine supports healthy sleep patterns, which are vital for learning and concentration.
- **Reduces stress:** Clear routines can minimise morning chaos and after-school disagreements, creating a calmer home environment.

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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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• Improves learning outcomes:

Students who arrive each day 'Ready to Learn' are more focused, engaged, and able to make the most of their classroom experiences. Consistent routines at home like getting enough sleep, eating a nutritious breakfast, and arriving on time help set them up for a successful day at school.

Reducing screen and gaming time

While technology can be a fun way to relax and connect, excessive screen or gaming time - especially close to bedtime - can affect sleep, mood, and learning. Setting boundaries around screen use is essential.

Here are a few practical ideas:

- Create 'tech-free' times, such as during meals or one hour before bedtime.
- Set clear limits on daily screen or gaming time and stick to them.
- Encourage alternative activities like reading, drawing, outdoor play, or helping with family tasks.
- Keep screens out of bedrooms, especially at night.

Consistency is key

Children thrive on routine and structure. Whether it's brushing teeth after breakfast, completing homework before dinner, or having quiet time and reading before bed, the predictability of a well-structured day makes a real difference.

Our role as educators is to provide a safe, predictable and consistent learning environment for all students to thrive and learn while at school. We heavily depend on families to ensure students are arriving each day being ready to learn.

Thank you for the role you play in supporting your child's wellbeing and learning.

By working together, we can support students in building positive habits that contribute to their ongoing wellbeing and learning.

Suzie Harrison
Acting Principal

BOOK WEEK – NEXT WEEK

Kennington Primary School is excited to celebrate Book Week 2025 from August 18 to 22. The theme this year is "Book an Adventure". This annual event, organized by the Children's Book Council of Australia, aims to connect children with books through various fun and engaging activities.

This year also commemorates the 80th

anniversary of Book Week.

We look forward to a magical week celebrating the joy of reading!

Activities will include:

Annual Dress-up Book Parade

Where – Soccer Pitch

When – Wednesday August 20, 10:00am

Book Exchange

Where – BER building

When – Tuesday August 19 and

Wednesday August 20 (before and after school)

Community Book Celebration Picnic

Where – Soccer Pitch

When – Thursday August 21, 2:20pm

ASSEMBLY

Assembly will continue to be in the Netball Courts while the amphitheatre is under construction. Thank you for your understanding

HATS ON

A reminder that from Monday September 1, it is Department of Education and school policy that green broad brim or bucket hats are worn outside.

We will remind all students that it is time to have hats on again, and we look forward to your support in encouraging your children to wear their hats.

Children without hats will be required to sit in the amphitheatre during lunchtimes.

2026 PREP ENROLMENT REMINDER

We are now accepting Prep enrolments for 2026. If you wish to enrol your child at Kennington Primary School for Prep in 2026, please contact the office at 5443 2011 with your details. School tours can also be booked through this number.

2025 PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

We want our parents / caregivers / guardians to tell us what they think! All families have been invited via email yesterday 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 feed-back.

The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

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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 from **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025**.

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.

SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

At Kennington Primary School, the school grounds are supervised by staff from 8.30am before school and until 3.15pm after school.

There may be staff in attendance at the school before and after those times, but those staff may be involved in tasks such as meetings or lesson preparation. This means that these staff members will not be supervising students.

Some parents accompany their children to school and wait to see that they are settled.

This practice is fine, and is certainly encouraged, as parents are supervising their own children.

Formal before and after school care is available within the school grounds and is operated by Camp Australia. Information regarding this program is available from the office or can be accessed on-line at <https://campastralia.com.au/schools/3464>.

CROOK STREET SCHOOL CROSSING – SAFETY REMINDER

We have recently observed some unsafe behaviours around the school crossing on Crook Street and nearby areas, involving both drivers and pedestrians.

We kindly ask parents and carers to have a conversation at home with their children about safe crossing practices. Please remind them to stand well back from the kerb and to walk - not run - across the crossing.

To all drivers: please adhere to the speed limit and remain vigilant, especially during drop-off and pick-up times when there is a high volume of students, staff, and families moving through the area.

While we understand that mornings and afternoons can be busy and rushed, we urge everyone to take extra care. Encourage children to listen to the crossing supervisor, and for adults, please drive cautiously and responsibly. These measures are vital for the safety of all members of our school community.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in keeping our students safe.

KPS STUDENT AWARDS

August 11 - August 15



GRADE PREP	 PA Havana A	PB Marlee B	 PC Lizzy H	
GRADE 1	 1A Alex G	 1B Lilian D	 1C Xavier X	 1D Joe P
GRADE 2	2A Ruby P	 2B Oliver G	2C Ayden G	2D Annabelle M
GRADE 3	 3A Cejay H	 3B Chase S	 3C Emerson B	
GRADE 4	4A Max P	 4B Lachlan R	 4C Karsen B	 4D Masha I
GRADE 5	5A Tilly C	 5B Jethro G	 5C Jacob H	 5D Zara M
GRADE 6	 6A Will S	 6B Niki R	 6C Isla M	 6D Eddie B
PERFORMING ARTS	 5B Ella F	VISUAL ARTS		 3A Ella G
TECHNOLOGY	 4D Charlotte F	PHYSICAL EDUCATION		 1D Joe P
HANDWRITING	PC Connor P			
WRITING	 5B Zac D			
MATHS	 PC Tasmin BA			

DATES TO REMEMBER 2025

TERM 3

Saturday 16 August	All Day	TOURNAMENT OF MINDS - REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DAY Selected Students
Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 August	Before/After School	BOOK WEEK - BOOK EXCHANGE BER Building
Wednesday 20 August	All Day	BOOK WEEK - DRESS-UP PARADE 10:00am start on Soccer Pitch (weather permitting)
Thursday 21 August	2:20pm to 3:00pm	BOOK WEEK - COMMUNITY BOOK CELEBRATION PICNIC Soccer Pitch
Thursday 28 August	All Day	GRADE 3 BILLABONG RANCH CAMP Information via Sentral
Friday 29 August	All Day	GRADE 3 BILLABONG RANCH CAMP Information via Sentral
Thursday 4 September	9:15am to 2:00pm	GRADE 4 BENDIGO GOLD MINE EXCURSION Permission to be granted via Sentral
Monday 8 September	7:00pm to 8:30pm	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 10 September	All Day	CURRICULUM DAY - PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Friday 19 September	All Day	FOOTY COLOURS DAY Gold coin donation
Friday 19 September	2:00pm Finish	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - 2:00PM FINISH

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2025

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 Rooke and Ms Boyd
8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB Stadium with Mr Miller
Second Lunch	CHOIR In 2D classroom with Ms Alvarez-Harris

WEDNESDAY

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

8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB
8:15am to 8:45am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Ms Rooke and Ms Boyd
Second Lunch	DANCE CLUB In Portable classroom with Ms Walker

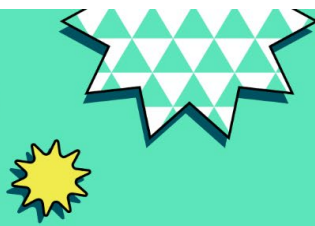
FRIDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB
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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

14/08/2025

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your
OSHC.



Week 4 News

To celebrate Science Week, our focus has been helping the children to work on their engineering skills; challenging them with activities to build and design bridges, towers and habitats using various materials. Next week is **Book Week** and we can't wait to see the amazing costumes the children will be wearing and seeing who their favourite book characters are.

We have started the **term 3 Big Aet competition** of creating stories through words and pictures with a chance to get published in a collection at the end of the term and win a \$50 dollar gift voucher.

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.



What's coming up at OSHC

Week 5- Book Week

Birthdays at OSHC this week

We would like to wish a happy birthday to these children this week.

10th Ruby M

Menu this week

Monday- Popcorn

Tuesday- Toasties

Wednesday- Fried Rice

Thursday- Nachos

Friday- Crackers w/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 pp.campastralia.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.

