

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Suzie Harrison



Dear School Community,

Following on from my message last week about the importance of daily routines and how they help to keep both family and school life calm, this week I'd like to focus on what calm, safe and learning-focused classrooms look like and why they are so important for children's success.

At school, our aim is to create environments where every student feels secure, respected, and ready to learn. Calm and predictable classrooms are places where students can focus on their learning without distraction, develop positive relationships, and feel a sense of belonging.

Just as consistent routines at home help children to feel organised and confident, predictable structures at school allow students to know what is expected of them and to engage positively in their learning.

Why calm classrooms matter

- They provide a sense of safety and stability.
- Students can focus their energy on learning rather than distractions.
- Positive behaviours and respectful interactions are encouraged.
- Independence and responsibility are developed.

Working together

Families and schools share a common goal - to support students in becoming their best selves. Just as predictable routines at home create calm and stability, consistent expectations at school help children learn, grow, and

succeed.

As educators, we are committed to creating safe, welcoming and focused learning spaces every day. Your support in ensuring children arrive at school each day, on time and ready to learn makes a genuine difference.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we work together to provide the best possible environment for our students.

Kind regards,
Suzie Harrison
Acting Principal

BOOK WEEK WRAP

Kennington Primary School was thrilled to celebrate yet another fantastic Book Week, embracing the theme "Book an Adventure". 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 embraced a number of activities including a Book Exchange, Community Book Celebration Picnic and the highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Annual Dress-Up Book Parade. 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. Overall, Book Week 2025 has been a magical celebration of reading, creativity, and community spirit.

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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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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 prepare to head off to the Billabong Ranch in Echuca for their camp next week. 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!

RAMPS PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you to our families, staff, and students for your support and flexibility while the ramps project has been underway. The concrete has now been poured, and the area is looking fantastic. The project is not yet fully complete, as the installation of the safety railing is still to come. The official completion date is still unknown; however it is predicted to take until the end of this term for the safety railings to be measured and installed.

In the meantime, temporary fencing will remain in place to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work towards completing this project.

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 – NOW OPEN

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

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 behaviour, 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 from **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025**. All families have been invited via email last week to participate in the survey. If you have misplaced the email and require the login details and school unique code please contact our front office who will be able to assist you.

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.

**Best Start
Best Life**



KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN (INTERIM NAME)

Project Update – Construction starts

August 2025

Dear Community,

Construction is about to begin on the new kindergarten at our school. The kinder will provide additional kindergarten places for the local community, while making drop-off time simpler and more convenient for some of our families.

We're working closely with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), who will oversee construction works. They have let us know that a builder has been appointed and works are due to commence on site in the coming weeks.

The builders are using modular construction. This means that the new rooms will be built in a factory in sections and then craned into position on-site. By making the modules in a factory, the builders won't need to be on-site for as long. This is great as it means less disruption and noise for our community and neighbours.

You can view a timelapse video of another kinder that was built using modular construction here: [Keysborough Primary School Kindergarten \(youtube.com\)](#)

Construction is forecast to be completed in time for a Term 1, 2026 opening.

The VSBA will ensure that construction hours comply with City of Greater Bendigo's guidelines and the Environment Protection Authority regulations. The builder will also strive to minimise any potential disruptions to our school throughout the project.

As you can see, it is full steam ahead as we begin our construction journey.

I thank you for your ongoing support, and please don't hesitate to contact the VSBA if you have specific questions about the construction works – they are more than happy to answer any queries you may have – their details are below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Harrison".

Suzie Harrison
Acting Principal

More information

If you have any questions about the works at Kennington Primary School Kindergarten (interim name), you can contact the VSBA by phone at **1800 896 950**, email vsba@education.vic.gov.au or visit their website: <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/>

Boys Soccer Team Success

On Monday 19th August, our Boys Soccer team travelled to Swan Hill to compete in the Regional Championships. The team played outstandingly well throughout the day, winning all three of their pool games with scores of 4-0, 3-0 and 1-0.

In a thrilling final, the boys showed incredible determination, securing a 1-0 victory with the winning goal scored in the last 30 seconds of the match.

This fantastic result means our boys have now qualified for the State Finals in Melbourne, which will be held on **Tuesday 3rd September**. We wish them the very best of luck as they represent our school on the big stage!



Division Volleyball

On Thursday 21st August, our school's volleyball teams performed brilliantly in their competition.

The Girls Team were outstanding, winning all three of their pool games and earning a place in the final. In a hard-fought match, they narrowly went down, finishing runners-up on the day – an excellent achievement.

The Boys Team showed great resilience after a tough first game loss. They bounced back strongly, easily winning their next two matches and finishing their day on a high note.

Both teams represented the school with pride, displaying teamwork, determination, and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the competition. Congratulations to all involved!



Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term at Kennington Primary School

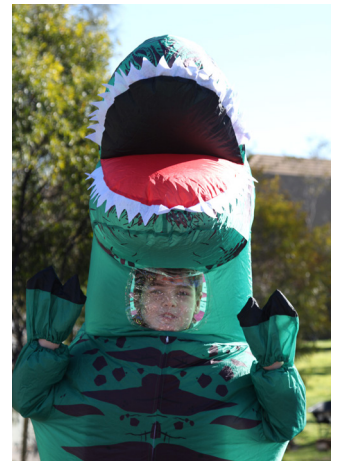
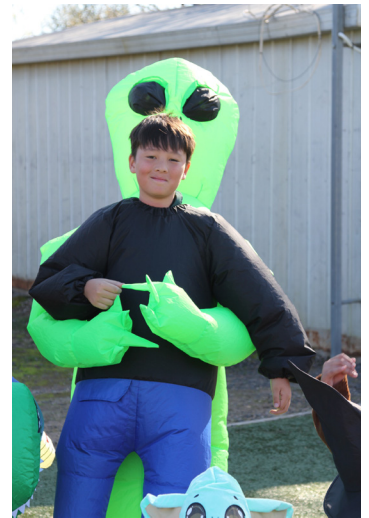
Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun, and raise funds for life-saving research and programs.

This year we've got an audacious goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Kennington to log 30 hours of skipping throughout the program!

Register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started. www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Students will be skipping throughout the term in PE lessons/sport and will have the opportunity to skip during some lunch times. During this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

BOOK WEEK



TOURNAMENT OF MINDS NEWS

On Saturday 16 August Kennington Primary School was represented at the Regional Tournament of Minds competition held at Latrobe University. We had two teams competing, one in the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics division and one in The Arts division. Each team gathered at the Bendigo Latrobe University Campus on Saturday morning to complete their registration tasks and run through a final rehearsal. The teams were required to present their Long-Term Challenge, their solution to a complex problem within their discipline. The teams had been working on their challenge solutions and presentation methods for 6 weeks, meeting regularly at school and including during many of their lunchtimes last week! During this process the students were required to complete research, communicate ideas, work collaboratively, share decision making and delegate tasks.

Tournament of Minds is a program that fosters creative thinking, responsibility and ownership. The students were not allowed any adult assistance as they worked to find a solution to their long-term challenge, and they proved they didn't need it. The audience of proud family members and judges enjoyed the presentations from the two Kennington teams. Each team was also required to partake in a Spontaneous Challenge on the day. The teams were tasked with solving an unseen problem, with a group of judges observing their group thinking processes and decision making. The Spontaneous Challenges are always tricky and it was a new experience for most of the students. All team members are to be commended for their ongoing commitment to Tournament of Minds, their contributions to their team, their enthusiastic approach and resilience on Tournament Day.

Well done to the STEM Team "TOMJJETS" – Elsa N, Thomas D, Joseph R, Olivia G, Jack B, Mitchell W and Tahlia S and The Arts Team "The Eye of Art" – Lucy S, Indy B, Sophie P, Hunter P, Safiyah M and Skylar S.

The students are now eagerly awaiting release of the Regional Tournament results to determine if they will progress to the State level of the competition



KPS STUDENT AWARDS

August 18 - August 22



GRADE PREP	 PA Ruby H	 PB Nevaeh G	 PC Xander B	
GRADE 1	 1A Aida A	 1B Will K	 1C Alexis W	 1D Sylvie H
GRADE 2	 2A Lilah W	 2B Quinn L	 2C Sing L	 2D Fatima K
GRADE 3	 3A Tyler F	 3B Ruby B	 3C Casper S	
GRADE 4	 4A Eden F	 4B Harlan S	 4C Miles C	 4D Charlie H
GRADE 5	 5A Jack H	 5B Parker M	 5C Olivia G	 5D Annabelle R
GRADE 6	 6A Archer J	 6B Cade A	 6C Patrick O	 6D Ywa Soe Gay B
PERFORMING ARTS	 6D Lucy P	VISUAL ARTS		 4A Ryan Jacob D
TECHNOLOGY	 6C Jason P	PHYSICAL EDUCATION		 3B Ruby B
HANDWRITING	 1B Matilda N			
WRITING	 PC Xander B			
MATHS	 5C Kirra E			

DATES TO REMEMBER 2025

TERM 3

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	Lunch Times	LUNCH ORDER DAY
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

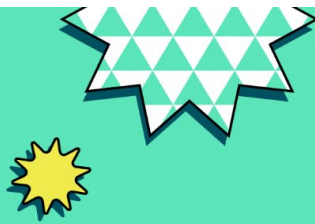
FRIDAY

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

21/08/2025

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your
OSHC.



Week 5 News

This week we have focused on the importance and benefits of being a reader in celebration of National Book Week. We've made colourful bookmarks, designed our own book cover pages and created some of our favourite fictional characters. On Wednesday the children came to school dressed up, and boy did they go all out with their costumes.

Next week we will have a week of boardgame challenges and we have some cool new games for the children to challenge each other.

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- Boardgame Bonanza

Week 6- Father's Day Celebration

Birthdays at OSHC this week

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

18th- Kirra E

Menu this week

Monday- Rice Cakes

Tuesday- Sandwiches

Wednesday- Stir-fry

Thursday- Crackers w/cheese

Friday- Blueberry Pancakes

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.





KELLY SPORTS

SUMMER FUTSAL

2025/2026 COMPETITION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prepare to ignite your passion for Futsal in the Bendigo Summer Futsal Competition.

Our venues come alive with, action-packed matches, showcasing the talents of young athletes on the court! Come along, soak up the atmosphere, and cheer on your champions from the stands!

WEEKLY MATCHES

REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY

REGISTER AS A TEAM

SUMMER SEASON DETAILS

DAY: Wednesday **TIME:** 4pm - onwards

AGE GROUPS: Under 6/8/10/12

DATES: Oct 8 - Dec 17 & Feb 4 - Mar 11

SEASON COST: \$315

VENUES:

Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct
Victory Christian College
La Trobe University
St Francis of the Fields PS - Strathfieldsaye
St Liborius PS - Eaglehawk
Catherine McAuley College - Barkly Street

DAY: Thursday **TIME:** 4:30pm - onwards

AGE GROUPS: Under 14/16/18

DATES: Oct 9 - Dec 18 & Feb 5 - Mar 12

SEASON COST: \$315

VENUES:

Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct
Catherine McAuley College - Barkly Street

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