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Kennington Primary School  
Presents

# PARRIDGE



23 October 2025  
Ulumbarra Theatre

## **ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Melinda Ellis



Dear School Community,

It's been another fantastic week at Kennington Primary School, and it's wonderful to see students engaging so positively in their learning and showing our school values every day. As we move through Term 4, there are many exciting things happening around the school, and I'd like to take this opportunity to share a few important updates and reminders.

### **Student Placement Requests for 2026 – Due Friday 23 October**

As we begin planning for the 2026 school year, families are reminded that **student placement requests** are due to me by **Friday 23 October**.

These requests provide families with the opportunity to share any information that may help us create the best possible learning environment for their child. This might include social considerations, learning needs, or particular circumstances that you feel are important for us to know when forming classes.

### **Please note that specific teacher requests will not be accepted.**

Our staff take great care to ensure that classes are balanced in terms of learning styles, friendships, and needs. We place a strong emphasis on creating supportive, inclusive and engaging learning groups where every child can thrive.

If you wish to submit a placement request, please do so in writing to [melinda.ellis@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:melinda.ellis@education.vic.gov.au) or

via the school office by the due date.

### **Hats On for Sun Safety**

As the weather warms up, this is a timely reminder that **Term 4 is a SunSmart term** — meaning **hats are compulsory** for all students when they are outside.

Students must wear a **green broad-brimmed or bucket hat** during all outdoor play, sport, and learning activities. This is part of our commitment to keeping our students safe and healthy in the sun.

If a student does not have their hat, they will be asked to sit in the amphitheatre during break times. Please take a moment to ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name and kept in their school bag each day.

Thank you to our families for supporting this important policy and helping students develop lifelong sun-safe habits.

### **The Importance of Giving Your Personal Best at School**

At Kennington Primary, we believe that success is not just about results — it's about effort. Every day, we encourage our students to give their personal best in all areas of school life.

When you give your best effort, you're not only learning new skills and improving academically, but you're also building resilience, self-belief, and confidence.

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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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Learning can be challenging at times,  
and it's through perseverance and  
determination that **we grow the most.**

Giving your personal best doesn't mean  
being perfect. It means:

- Trying your hardest, even when things are tricky
- Asking for help when you need it
- Being proud of your progress and effort
- Staying positive, respectful, and engaged in every activity.

We are incredibly proud of our students who show up each day ready to learn, participate and support their classmates. Remember — the effort you put in today will help you achieve great things tomorrow. Keep striving, and know that your best is always enough!

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS UPDATE

Our Parents and Friends (P&F) group met this week, and it was great to see the enthusiasm and community spirit among those who attended. Planning is already underway for a Lunch Order Day in December and for our much-loved KPS Carols, which are always a highlight of the year.

Parents and Friends also provide wonderful opportunities for parents and carers to connect with one another and get involved in school life. Everyone is welcome — whether you have time to volunteer, share ideas, or simply come along for a chat.

The next Parents and Friends Coffee Morning will be held at The All Seasons on Friday 7 November at 9:30am. It's a relaxed and friendly way to meet others and stay up to date with what's happening across the school. For more information, please visit the **Parents and Friends Facebook page.**

## ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

As we see more students walking, riding, and scooting to school in the warmer weather, it's a good time to remind everyone about road safety.

Please talk to your children about:

- **Using the designated school crossings and following the instructions of the crossing supervisors.**
- **Wearing helmets when riding bikes or scooters.**
- **Dismounting before crossing the road or using the crossing.**
- **Being aware of cars and other pedestrians.**

Safety to and from school is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate the support of families in reinforcing these important messages.

## AUSLAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

We are excited to invite all families to an Auslan Community Consultation session to discuss the future of Auslan at Kennington Primary School in 2026.

- Tuesday 5 November
- 5:00pm
- Staffroom

This consultation is an opportunity for families to share their thoughts, ideas, and questions as we explore how Auslan can continue to be an important and inclusive part of our school's language program. Your input is greatly valued, and we encourage all interested parents and carers to attend.

## JUNIOR ATHLETICS DAY

On Tuesday November 4, all Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will be participating in a Junior Athletics Carnival at KPS.

They will complete a range of athletic and fun events throughout the day. Students are invited to wear their House colours (Red - Kennedy, Blue - Lansell, Green - Sandhurst, Yellow - Fortuna). If your child doesn't know their house colour, their classroom teacher, or the office team will be able to help out.

Parents and friends are welcome to come to school to watch the events, please be aware that there will be a lot of children on the ovals and surrounds.

## PRODUCTION IS TONIGHT!!!

Our Grade 5 and 6 students are excited to show their school Production of Porridge. Tickets are **STILL** available, and recommended for all ages!

Please join us at 7:00pm for this amazing performance.

**Kind Regards,  
Melinda Ellis**

You're invited to our  
**SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**



**OCEAN ADVENTURE**  
Mr Luke's class opened a magic book and found themselves under the sea!  
100144570 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+  
**\$10**



**TWO CRANKY BEARS**  
Can two cranky bears learn to share?  
100144522 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+  
**\$10**



**WOMBAT**  
A funny look into the life of a wombat.  
100141320 | PB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+  
**SPECIAL VALUE \$6**



**THE PUPPY PARADE**  
A new series all about Ella and Olivia's puppy, Bob.  
100144370 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 5+  
**\$6**



**NINJA SUPERSTARS!**  
Can Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten save the town from evil lizards?  
100145003 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+  
**\$10**



**DARE TO BE SCARED!**  
Pizza and Taco go Ghost Pepper hunting!  
100145054 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 6+  
**\$10**



**SLEEPER BFFS: BIG DREAMS**  
These BFFs make a business out of planning sleeper parties for people!  
100145640 | PB NOVEL | AGES 9+  
**\$10**



**EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**




## Scholastic Book Fair

Holding a school Book Fair provides a great opportunity to get excited about reading and share in the love of a good book. KPS is hosting a Book Fair in Week 6 of this term. There will be promotions at school in the lead up and the opportunity to enter competitions to win free books too. Students will be able to browse the books on display during school time and be assisted to fill in a 'Wish List' to record items of interest to share at home and prepare for potential purchases.

### Book Fair Q & A

**Q** – What is a Book Fair?

**A** – It's like having a book shop at school. New release books for all ages will be available to purchase at the Book Fair.

**Q** – Where do the books come from?

**A** – They are supplied by Scholastic, the company that runs our regular Book Club catalogues throughout the year. So the Book Fair is like a real life version of the catalogue.

**Q** – How much do the books cost?

**A** – The prices vary. Typically \$3-\$20. Singular books are generally around \$10 each. All items will be individually priced, similar to what you see in the Book Club Catalogues.

**Q** – When is it on?

**A** – Week 6 of Term 4. The Book Fair will be set up in the library for 3 days from Monday 10 November – Wednesday 12 November.

**Q** – When do the students get to look at the books? **A** – They will have a viewing time with their class. Each class will have a scheduled session during school time on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

**Q** – How are books purchased?

**A** – There is no purchasing during the day (viewing only). The time to purchase any books will align with school pick up each afternoon, 3pm – 3.30pm. EFTPOS payments will be available.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

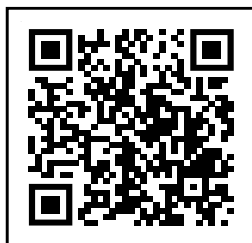
## Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment

Your child's school is having a Scholastic Book Fair. Your child will bring home their wish list of titles they have discovered at the Fair. We encourage you to discuss the Book Fair and their wish list choices with your child. Once you have agreed which items you will purchase you can pre-pay for those titles by completing the following steps.

- 1 List the titles they are going to purchase from the fair.

Title	Price

- 2 Make a secure payment online by going to [scholastic.com.au/payment](http://scholastic.com.au/payment) or scanning the barcode below.\*



\* Please note a surcharge of 1% on all card payments.

### Book Fair Payment

- 3 Complete the Payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

Receipt Number								Amount Paid				
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name: _____												
Surname: _____												
School: _____												
Suburb/State: _____												
Daytime Tel: _____												

**THIS IS JUST A PRE-PAYMENT. THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS**



Every BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.



### SECRET KEEPER

Nell and Eden have been best friends forever, but will a new girl and a secret come between them?

100144371 | PB NOVEL | AGES 10+

**\$12**



### DANGER ROAD

Two brothers try to solve a cold case murder mystery in their small town.

100145280 | PB NOVEL | AGES 10+

**\$13**



### BESTIES CANDY DIARY

Packed with activities for you and your BFF. Includes 2 gummi bear BFF necklaces.

100141770 | ACTIVITY BOOK | AGES 8+

**\$18**

# KPS STUDENT AWARDS

October 20 - October 24



<b>GRADE PREP</b>	<b>PA</b> Oakley N		<b>PB</b> Keira H		<b>PC</b> Rylan T				
<b>GRADE 1</b>		<b>1A</b> Phoenix H		<b>1B</b> Scarlett C		<b>1C</b> Keeley S		<b>1D</b> Georgia B	
<b>GRADE 2</b>		<b>2A</b> Luca D		<b>2B</b> Leah F		<b>2C</b> Luca J		<b>2D</b> Quinn G	
<b>GRADE 3</b>		<b>3A</b> Eliza K		<b>3B</b> Emmy R		<b>3C</b> Bassel D			
<b>GRADE 4</b>		<b>4A</b> Ivy F		<b>4B</b> Poppy M		<b>4C</b> Braylan B		<b>4D</b> Eli M	
<b>GRADE 5</b>		<b>5A</b> Archer F		<b>5B</b> Eve S		<b>5C</b> Chloe T		<b>5D</b> Isabella K	
<b>GRADE 6</b>		<b>6A</b> Archer J		<b>6B</b> Jack B		<b>6C</b> Jason P		<b>6D</b> Haylee MP	
<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>		<b>6A</b> Ethan T					<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>		<b>PA</b> Jack J
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>		<b>3C</b> Amy-Jade R			<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>			<b>2C</b> Bryttney B	
<b>HANDWRITING</b>		<b>3A</b> Maeve S							
<b>WRITING</b>		<b>5B</b> Maddi W							
<b>MATHS</b>		<b>3B</b> Soniya K							

# DATES TO REMEMBER 2025

## TERM 4

Thursday 23 October	7:00pm	<b>KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PRODUCTION PORRIDGE</b> Tickets on sale on the Bendigo Region Website
Monday 27 October	7:00pm to 8:30pm	<b>SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING</b>
Wednesday 29 October	All Day	<b>BENDIGO CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 30 October	9:30am to 10:30am	<b>PREP ORIENTATION DAY - E-BLOCK</b>
Tuesday 4 November	All Day	<b>PREP TO GRADE 2 ATHLETIC SPORTS</b> More information to come
Thursday 6 November	4:30pm to 6:00pm	<b>KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW</b> Gold coin donation
Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 November	3:00pm to 3:30pm	<b>KPS BOOK FAIR</b>
Monday 10 November	9:30am to 12:00pm	<b>PREP EXCURSION: PEVAN AND SARAH</b> Permission to be granted via Sentral
Thursday 13 November	5:00pm drop off	<b>GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER</b> Drop off BER 5:00pm, information via Sentral

# WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2025

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

## WEDNESDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	<b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Amphitheatre with Ms Rooke and Ms Boyd
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## THURSDAY

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

## FRIDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	<b>MORNING CLUB</b>
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## Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

23/10/2025

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your  
OSHC.



### Week 3 News

This week we have been celebrating National Children's Week with activities centred on expressing their identity. From self-portraits to telling their story with rock painting, the children have been actively engaged in detailing the joys of being a kid. Next week we roll into the spooky season of Halloween with activities to decorate our room for the occasion.

Also, next week the Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> is Bendigo Cup Day and we are closed for the public holiday.

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 4- Halloween

Week 5- Fine Motor Skills

### Birthdays at OSHC this week

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

20<sup>th</sup>- Annabelle M

24<sup>th</sup>- Wirakhye

### *Menu this week*

Monday- Popcorn

Tuesday- Sandwiches

Wednesday- Nachos

Thursday- Rice cakes

Friday- Cookies

### **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](http://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.



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