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Kennington Primary School
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PARRIDGE



23 October 2025
Ulumbarra Theatre

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Melinda Ellis



Dear School Community,

I would like to begin by thanking all students, families, and staff for the incredibly warm welcome I've received since stepping into the role of Acting Principal here at Kennington Primary School. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you already and to see the strong sense of community that makes KPS such a special place.

While Mr Eddy is on leave, my focus is to provide strong oversight and support across the school, ensuring our staff are well supported in the fantastic work they do every day for our students.

A big thank you also goes to Suzie Harrison for her wonderful leadership as Acting Principal last term. Her work in supporting the team and setting up for a successful Term 4 has been greatly appreciated.

This term is shaping up to be a busy and exciting one! It's great to be back in a primary school environment and to share in the joy and energy of so many big events.

Our school production is in full swing, with costume fittings underway and rehearsals already sounding fantastic, it's sure to be a highlight of the year.

We're also looking forward to Prep Orientation, with our first transition session taking place on Wednesday 16th October at 9:30am.

New prep families are warmly invited to join us in the staffroom for an information session to begin their KPS journey.

Throughout the term, students will have

opportunities to shine through various sports events, including the Prep-2 Athletics Day, and several regional sports days. The KPS Art Show is also taking shape and promises to showcase the incredible creativity of our students.

Our Grade 2 and Grade 4 camps, along with a range of exciting incursions, will provide even more learning experiences outside the classroom. As always, the term will conclude with two much-loved community events, our KPS Carols and Grade 6 Graduation — wonderful celebrations to end the year.

A quick reminder that hats must be worn at all times this term. Students are required to wear a green broad-brimmed or bucket hat when outdoors, otherwise they'll be asked to sit in the amphitheatre.

Finally, please note that Wednesday 29th October is the Bendigo Cup Public Holiday.

I'm very much looking forward to the term ahead and to working alongside our dedicated staff, students, and families to make Term 4 a memorable one at Kennington Primary School.

2026 PLANNING

Planning for 2026 is now underway, with work beginning on developing grade structures for next year. Once these structures are confirmed, teachers will commence the process of allocating students to classes.

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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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To assist with this process, we are inviting input from parents for a limited time.

We recognise that friendship groups are important to students. However, it is equally vital to create safe, caring and productive classroom environments that support learning while maintaining or building positive friendship connections.

If parents have specific concerns regarding friendship placements for 2026, we encourage these to be shared in writing to the school email by Friday, 24 October. Please include the reasons for your friendship or separation request so these can be carefully considered during the class placement process.

Whilst we will take all requests into consideration, please note that we cannot guarantee all requests will be implemented. Class placements must ensure a balanced mix of social, emotional and academic needs across each classroom. Additionally, please do not assume that any previous requests made in past years will automatically carry over, **including family preferences regarding twins.**

Parents are also reminded that this is not a process to request a specific teacher. Teacher requests will not be accepted. Class groups will be developed based on the social and educational needs of students, and teachers will be assigned to classes once staffing appointments are finalised.

If your child will not be attending Kennington PS in 2026, we would appreciate you letting the office know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we begin this important work for 2026.

Please email: Melinda.Ellis@education.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards,
Acting Principal
Melinda Ellis

PRODUCTION

Our Grade 5 and 6 students have been finalising the Kennington Primary School Production of Porridge. Tickets are now on sale via the Bendigo Region website, or in The Capital Theatre Box Office.

Tickets are not available for purchase at the school office.

Production information will be emailed directly to parents about drop off times, and what will be expected for your children on the night.

ART SHOW – THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6

We are excitedly looking forward to our upcoming annual Art Show, a lively celebration showcasing the culmination of our students' artistic efforts and learning experiences.

This year's exhibition will highlight a wide range of creativity, featuring various mediums, vibrant colors, and imaginative expressions. Visitors can anticipate a diverse display of skills and perspectives nurtured within our supportive school environment.

From paintings to sculptures, every piece tells a distinct story, reflecting the growth and development of our students.

The Art Show offers a wonderful opportunity for students to shine and proudly present their artistic accomplishments.

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.

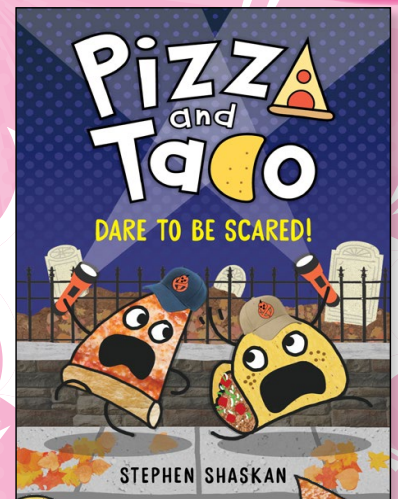
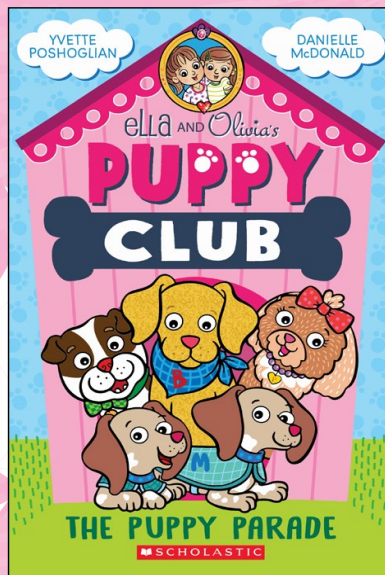
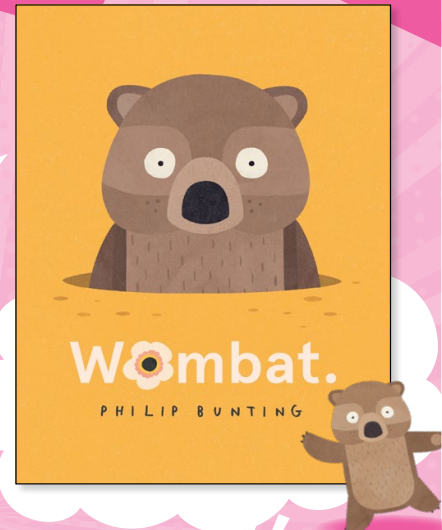
Parents and friends are welcome to come to school to watch the events, please be aware that there will be a lot of children on the ovals and surrounds

BIKE DONATION

The Physical Education team is excited to announce that our Bike Education program will be starting soon, and we are currently seeking donations of bicycles and helmets to support this initiative.

If you have any bikes that are in **excellent working condition and can be used right away without the need for repairs or maintenance**, we would be incredibly grateful for your generosity. Your donated bikes will provide students with the opportunity to learn important cycling skills and promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair



Date TBC Time _____

Place _____

Find these books and more at the Fair!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL



KPS STUDENT AWARDS

October 6 - October 10



GRADE PREP	 PA Rylen B	PB Abigail N	 PC Oakley P
GRADE 1	 1A Margot P	1B Dariel T	 1C Isabelle B
		 1D Oliver G	
GRADE 2	 2A Bella H	 2B Kavi P	 2C Elise M
			2D Emmett H
GRADE 3	3A Max H	3B Jaxson BM	 3C Ruby D
GRADE 4	4A Catherine B	 4B Mohid Z	 4C Valerie S
			 4D Thomas W
GRADE 5	 5A Eamon W	 5B Lucy S	5C Cohen G
			5D Abdalla A
GRADE 6	 6A Kale K	6B Mitchell C	 6C Bailee M
			 6D Lucy P
PERFORMING ARTS	 6A Noah G		2D Harper R
TECHNOLOGY	 4B Amelia B		 2C Sunny N
HANDWRITING	 1D Sienna G		
WRITING	 1A Winnie P		
MATHS	 6C Bailee M		

DATES TO REMEMBER 2025

TERM 4

Thursday 16 October	9:30am to 10:30am	PREP ORIENTATION - E-BLOCK
Thursday 23 October	7:00pm	KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PRODUCTION PORRIDGE Tickets on sale October 7th on the Bendigo Region Website
Monday 27 October	7:00pm to 8:30pm	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 29 October	All Day	BENDIGO CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thursday 30 October	9:30am to 10:30am	PREP ORIENTATION DAY - E-BLOCK
Tuesday 4 November	All Day	PREP TO GRADE 2 ATHLETIC SPORTS More information to come
Thursday 6 November	4:30pm to 6:00pm	KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW Gold coin donation

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

09/10/2025

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your
OSHC.



Welcome back to term 4 we have a fun filled program for the children to engage in. This week our theme is Friendship where children get to know each other by asking questions or playing a game together.

Michael is away on leave this week Sharon will be stepping up as coordinator until he returns on Tuesday.

Just a reminder that children need to have a hat in oshc as the weather is getting warmer and sunscreen if they cannot use the one at oshc.

Here are some pictures of this week's activities



What's coming up at OSHC

Week 2 – Shapes

Week 3 – Guiding Children's Growth

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.

A reminder to all families to check your child's enrolment information, including medical information, to ensure it is all up to date and correct.

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

Birthdays at OSHC this week

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

10th Sienna. G

11th Jaida. W

Menu this week

Monday- crackers & cheese

Tuesday- Sakata's & Salsa

Wednesday- Toast & Spread

Thursday- Ricecakes & Spread

Friday- 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.



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Child Safe event

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday October 18, 11am to 2pm
Hargreaves Mall and Williamson Street

Live entertainment

Animals and reptiles

Laser Tag Spaceship

Face painting

Airbrush tattoos

Jurassic Adventure jumping castle

Cultural activities and performances

\$2 sausages and vegie burgers



Join us to celebrate Children's Week with a range of **FREE** fun activities and live entertainment for children and families to enjoy!

Scan the QR code for more information about this inclusive event.



Smoke and vape free event



This event is proudly sponsored by:

