

2026 SCHOOL DATES

27TH OF JANUARY

No school for students

28TH OF JANUARY

Getting to Know You Interviews
No School for Students, Interviews to be booked

29TH OF JANUARY

First Day of Term 1 2026

11TH OF FEBRUARY

Pupil Free Day
No School for Students

3RD OF JUNE

Pupil Free Day
No School for Students



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THURSDAY JANUARY 29, 2026
ISSUE 1

Kennington Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Melinda Ellis



Dear School Community,

Welcome back to a new school year at Kennington Primary School! We hope all our families enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday break and were able to keep cool during the warmer weather. A very special welcome to the many new families joining our school community this year — we are so pleased to have you with us.

Over the holiday period, a number of works have taken place around the school. The ramp works are now nearing completion. Due to building regulations, a large fence has been installed to ensure the works meet required safety codes. While the school had limited input into the final aesthetics, these changes are essential to ensure compliance and safety for all.

We are also delighted to share the great news that the Shine Bright Kindergarten, located on the St Aidan's Road side of the school, has now been completed and is currently taking enrolments. Families interested in kindergarten for 2026 and beyond are encouraged to contact Shine Bright Kindergarten directly for further information.

As the kindergarten now occupies the space where our previous pathway was located, the pathway has been redirected to connect onto the kindergarten site, with a ramp on the school side. When using this pathway, please be especially mindful that the kindergarten entrance is nearby and that very young children will be moving through this area.

For students who ride bikes or scooters to school, a reminder that these must be dismounted at the St Aidan's Road footpath and walked through the school grounds, including down the ramp. Please remain mindful of others sharing this space.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Reminders

Parking around the school can be challenging during peak times. We ask all families to please be courteous, patient, and follow parking and traffic rules to help keep everyone safe.

During morning drop-off, please ensure students exit vehicles on the footpath (left-hand) side only, within the designated GREEN drop-off zone. If you are in the drop-off line, please do not allow your child to exit the car before reaching this green area, as this disrupts traffic flow and creates safety risks.

Please do not access the staff car park. There are a small number of individual exemptions in place; if you see someone using this area, please do not follow them. Ensure you are not parking across double lines or in no-standing zones.

Communication and Community

It was wonderful to see so many families attending our **Getting to Know You** interviews.

A reminder that your child's classroom teacher is always the first point of contact for sharing information or raising concerns.

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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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Early communication helps us work together proactively. Teachers will involve Learning Specialists or Leading Teachers where additional support is required.

Voluntary contributions are now available via Sentral. With rising costs, the support of our school community makes a significant difference in enabling us to provide additional resources and enriching learning experiences for students.

Families can also look forward to regular updates from our Parents and Friends Committee. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the office and we will connect you with the P&F.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 1 at KPS and another year of learning, growth and community connection.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' privacy policy](#) and the [Schools' privacy collection notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy [\[LINK\]](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents. This information is also available in eleven community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese

- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese



Every day counts

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

TERM 1

Every Wednesday of February	All Day	PREP REST DAY
Wednesday 11 February	All Day	PUPIL FREE DAY No school for students
Wednesday 4 March	All Day	SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2026

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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