

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Melinda Ellis



Dear School Community,

A Great Start to the Term

It has been a fantastic first week back at Kennington Primary School! Our Jumpstart program was a wonderful way for students to reconnect, get to know their classmates and teachers, unpack our school-wide expected behaviours, and enjoy a range of fun and engaging activities. There was certainly plenty of excitement around the school. Personally, I was a big fan of the karate sessions and the RV cars!

Coffee Van on Mondays

A reminder that every Monday morning this term, Deja Brew will be parked outside A Block (near the OSHC entry) to help kick-start your week. Adults in our school community are very welcome to access the coffee van. Please note that hot drinks are not to be purchased for students prior to school.

Parents & Friends Association

We would love to see families get involved with our Parents & Friends Association (P&F).

Monday morning at 8:45am, please come and meet with our current P&F President, Kristy, and myself at the coffee van to chat about the association and how easy it is to contribute to our school community.

This is a great option for families who are unable to attend evening meetings. The P&F AGM will also be held on Tuesday night at 7:00pm at the school office. All are welcome to attend, and we strongly encourage new

members to come along and consider volunteering for a role.

Looking ahead, some planned P&F activities for 2026 include a bake stall and raffle at the School Fair, termly fun food days, a pie drive, community movie night and a colour run. These events raise much-needed funds that directly support resources and improvements around the school.

School Fair

Our annual School Fair will be held on Thursday, March 12th, from 3:00–6:00pm. More information will be shared soon. Each classroom will be hosting a stall, with plenty of activities, food and fun for everyone, it's always a highlight on our school calendar.

Music Update

I would like to sincerely thank our long-standing keyboard tutor, Marg, for her incredible contribution to music at KPS over the past 14 years, and for an amazing 66 years of teaching in total.

We are pleased to share that our keyboard program will continue, with Gene joining our team. Sharyn has emailed families who expressed interest at the end of last year with further details.

SunSmart Reminder

With the ongoing warm weather, please ensure your child has a broad-brimmed hat to wear at school. On days where the UV index is extreme, students will remain indoors during break times.

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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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Assembly

Our whole-school assembly is held every Friday at 2:30pm. Families and community members are always welcome to attend.

This weeks Assembly 6/02/2026 will begin at 2:15pm, for our Grade 6 Leadership Badge Presentation

We're looking forward to another great week of learning and connection at KPS!

School Photos – Wednesday, March 4

It's that time of year again—school photo day is coming up on **Wednesday, March 4!** Time to sharpen up those uniforms, practice those big smiles, and (if needed) book in those last-minute haircuts!

All families will receive information about ordering photos, including sibling photo options, at a later date

Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform and arrives on time so they don't miss their class photo. We can't wait to see all those fresh haircuts and beaming smiles!

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support at Our School

We have recently begun the process of **introducing School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)** at our school. This is a positive and proactive approach that aims to support all students to feel **safe, included and ready to learn**, while continuing to strengthen relationships across our school community.

An important part of SWPBS is working towards **consistent and predictable routines** across the school. When students know what to expect, they often feel more secure and confident. Over time, this helps students **understand expectations, practise positive behaviours, and build independence** across the school day.

SWPBS focuses on **explicitly teaching and reinforcing expected behaviours**, rather than assuming students already know them. This supports a shared understanding between students, staff and families about how we treat one another at school.

This week, students across the school began learning our **first school-wide expected behaviour: We use our manners.**

This week has been a **trial run**, and next week we will continue to build on this learning by again focusing on We use our manners.

During this time, staff will be:

- Modelling the use of manners
- Positively acknowledging students when they use manners
- Reinforcing this behaviour both in classrooms and during play times

A key part of SWPBS is the **school-home partnership**. We warmly invite families to support this learning by having conversations at home about:

- What using manners looks and sounds like at school
- How using manners helps others feel respected and included

We will continue to **share weekly updates** with our school community about our SWPBS implementation through the shared link, so families can follow along with the learning taking place at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we begin this journey together. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to the positive impact this work can have across our school community.

From the wellbeing team

CSEF

The Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund provides payment for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. It also provides a Prep Winter Uniform Package to families through State Schools Relief. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

\$400 per year for eligible primary school students in 2026. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student or their siblings.

Please complete the application form further in this newsletter.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

Kennington Primary School

School Name

3686

School Ref ID

Parent/carer details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster Parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)** **OR** Special Consideration

*Foster Parents must provide a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example Mackillop Family Services) or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) is required as evidence.

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ___/___/

KPS STUDENT AWARDS

February 2 - February 6



GRADE PREP	PA Chance C	PB Grace C				
GRADE 1	1A Ali Sina R		1B Fletcher L		1C James S	
GRADE 2		2A Georgia B		2B James P		2C Tobias S
GRADE 2					2D Allie B	
GRADE 3		3A Harper A		3B Bella H	3C Zardeya T	
GRADE 3						3D Scott M
GRADE 4		4A Charlotte H		4B Harvey V		4C Zarlee T
GRADE 4						
GRADE 5		5A Matisse P		5B Willow J.G		5C Flynn T
GRADE 5						5D Felix M
GRADE 6		6A Ellia F		6B Kevin L		6C Scarlett H
GRADE 6						6D Blake L
PERFORMING ARTS	3D Elise M				VISUAL ARTS	
PERFORMING ARTS						2A Joe P
TECHNOLOGY		5B Lewis H			PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
TECHNOLOGY						2A Georgia B
HANDWRITING						
WRITING		4B Hamish W				
WRITING						
MATHS	3C Flynn C					
MATHS						



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
Monday 9 March	All Day	PUBLIC HOLIDAY- Labour Day No School For Students
Thursday 12 March	3:00pm to 6:00pm	KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR
Wednesday 18 March	All Day	GRADE 6 MELBOURNE CAMP More information to come Via Sentral
Thursday 19 March	All Day	GRADE 6 MELBOURNE CAMP More information to come Via Sentral
Friday 20 March	All Day	GRADE 6 MELBOURNE CAMP More information to come Via Sentral

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2026

MONDAY

8:15am to 8:45am

MORNING CLUB

TUESDAY

8:15am to 8:45am

BREAKFAST CLUB
Amphitheatre with Mrs Frankel and Ms Boyd

8:15am to 8:45am

MORNING CLUB

Second Lunch

CHOIR
In Performing Arts classroom with Ms Alvarez-Harris

WEDNESDAY

8:15am to 8:45am

BREAKFAST CLUB
Amphitheatre with Ms Rooke and Ms Boyd

THURSDAY

8:15am to 8:45am

MORNING CLUB

8:15am to 8:45am

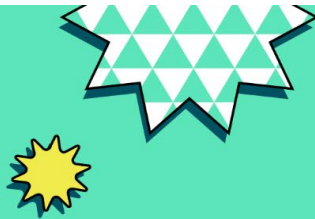
BREAKFAST CLUB
Amphitheatre with Mrs Frankel and Ms Boyd

FRIDAY

8:15am to 8:45am

MORNING CLUB

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



05/02/2026

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC

Your
OSHC.



Week 2 News

We are back for the first full week and ready to go for 2026. We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break and welcome old and new to an action-packed year of fun and excitement, which includes Big Art Friday and Superhero Week March 16-20. Plus, a whole lot more. So come and join the fun as we kick off the new year.

Wednesday the 11th of February is a pupil free day, and we will be running a full day program from 7.00am to 6.00pm. You can book in through the parent portal. Places are limited so reserve your spots as soon as possible.

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 3- Board game bonanza

Week 4- Kindness Week

Birthdays at OSHC this week

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

2nd- Catherine B

7th- Harvey P & Penny W

Menu this week

Monday- Crackers w/dip

Tuesday- Spaghetti & Baked Beans

Wednesday- Rice Cakes

Thursday- Crackers w/cheese

Friday- Lemon Slice

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.campaustralia.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.

