

2026 GRADE 6 INFORMATION EVENING MONDAY 4TH MAY

Grade 6 Information Sessions at the following
Bendigo Secondary Colleges



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: College Gymnasium

5447 7722
crusoecollege.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Global Learning Centre

5443 2133
weeroona.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: Grieve Building

5446 8099
eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au



6.00pm - 7.30pm
Location: BSE Gymnasium

5443 4522
bse.vic.edu.au





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Kennington Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2026
ISSUE 11

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Melinda Ellis



Dear School Community,

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing holiday break.

We are looking forward to another busy and rewarding term ahead, filled with learning and growth.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

We will be holding our ANZAC Day Commemorative Service on Friday morning at 10:30am. ANZAC Day holds great importance for our nation and our school community. It is a time to honour the courage and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand soldiers who have served in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

Commemorating ANZAC Day provides valuable opportunities for our students to learn about bravery, mateship, and the importance of peace. It helps foster an understanding of remembrance and gratitude, while also strengthening our appreciation of history, unity, and respect.

It is a meaningful time to reflect on our heritage and the freedoms we enjoy today.

We are very proud that one of our School Captains, Olivia, will represent Kennington Primary School at the Bendigo ANZAC Day Morning Service on Saturday April 25 at the Soldiers Memorial Institute at 10:15am.

EDUCATION WEEK 2027 – OPEN DAY & STEP INTO PREP

Education Week will take place from

May 18–22 this year. Kennington Primary School will host our Open Day on Wednesday May 20. School tours, led by our Student Ambassadors, will be available for new and prospective families between 9:00am and 12:00pm.

On the same day, our “Step into Prep” session will run from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the Prep classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to guide their children through engaging school-based activities and begin their transition into school life.

2027 Prep Enrolments Now Open
Enrolments for Prep 2027 are now open. If you are considering enrolling your child at Kennington Primary School, please contact the office on 5443 2011. School tours can also be arranged via this number. Further information is available at <https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep>

INDUSTRIAL ACTION UPDATE

The AEU has advised that further industrial action may occur on May 13. We will provide updates as soon as more information becomes available, particularly regarding any impact this may have on school operations.

MORNING AND BREAKFAST CLUBS

Our Morning and Breakfast Clubs have resumed and continue to be a positive start to the day for many of our students. Thank you to our staff for their ongoing care and commitment in running these programs, it's fantastic to see such strong participation.

Principals Report
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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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A reminder that students should not be on school grounds prior to 8:30am, or before 8:15am if attending Morning Club. Camp Australia provides before school care if this is required.

THANK YOU

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to working together to make Term 2 a positive and successful experience for every student.

MENTAL MATHS MASTERS

Dear Parents and Carers,
This term, we are excited to introduce a new whole-school reward program called Mental Maths Masters. This initiative recognises students' efforts in practising their mental maths facts at home and aims to build confidence, fluency, and strong number skills.

You may have already seen that students have a Term 2 calendar pasted into their reading diary. We encourage students to practise their maths facts regularly at home and record each night of practice on this calendar. Simply keep a running total of nights read (see example below).

Students who reach key milestones will be acknowledged at school assembly and receive rewards such as certificates. Our milestones are:

- 50 nights of practice
- 100 nights of practice
- 200 nights of practice

To support this, students will continue to bring home a **mental maths bookmark** with questions they can practise each night. Practice sessions only need to be short—around **5–10 minutes**—and can easily fit into daily routines, even in the car on the way to school. The key to success is **regular, consistent practice**.

You can support your child by:

- Asking them questions from their mental maths bookmark
- Encouraging them to explain the strategies they are using

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,
Jeremy Hibbs
Mathematics Learning Specialist

EXAMPLE

Term 2, 2026 – Instructions: After each home practise session, record the total number of nights you have practised so far.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Wk. 1 Wk. begins 22/4	1	2		3	4		
Wk. 2 Wk. begins 27/4	5	6	7		8	9	
Wk. 3 Wk. begins 4/5	10	11	12		13	14	
Wk. 4 Wk. begins 11/5	15		16	17	18	19	20
Wk. 5 Wk. begins 18/5	21	22	23	24		25	
Wk. 6 Wk. begins 25/5	26	27		28		29	30
Wk. 7 Wk. begins 1/6	31	32	33	34	35		
Wk. 8 Wk. begins 8/6	36	37	38	39	40		41
Wk. 9 Wk. begins 15/6	42	43		44		45	
Wk. 10 Wk. begins 22/6	46	47	48			49	
Holiday Wk. 1	50	51	52		53	54	
Holiday Wk. 2	55	56	57	58	59	60	61

PLANT SALE



Bendigo Deaf Facility is holding a plant sale to raise money for our school library. We are selling spider plants, aloe vera and a range of easy to care for succulents. Some are in very cute teacups.



Succulent in a cup - **\$4 cash only**

When: Friday 8 May (same day as Mother's Day Breakfast) 8:15am to 8:45am.

How much? Plants will cost between \$2 and \$5. **CASH ONLY**



GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL!



Your child is eligible to receive **FREE** vision screening, testing and glasses through the Glasses for Kids program—available to **Foundation (Prep) to Year 3** students. This service is provided at no cost and takes place at school.

How does the Glasses for Kids program work?

- GFK partners with qualified optometrists who will visit your child's school and offer your child initial vision screening and if required, further testing and glasses at no cost.
- All screening and testing sessions will be completed during school hours.

Who can participate?

- Primary Schools: Prep – Year 3 students.
- Specialist Schools: Students aged 5 to 10 years old.

How can my child be part of the program?

- Please complete the online consent form using the QR code. If preferred, a paper version is also available from your school and must be returned to your school by the due date.

Can children who currently wear glasses be part of GFK?

- Yes, they can. If their glasses are less than 12 months old, please provide a copy of their latest prescription if available.
- If your child is already under the care of another optometrist, please share any relevant information on the Optometrist Questionnaire.

What if my child is nonverbal or a non-English speaker?

- They can still participate; the optometrists we partner with have resources and techniques to work with nonverbal or non-English speaking students.

Do I have to complete a separate form for each child?

- Yes, each student must have a completed Consent Form

How do I get the results for my child?

- Your child will receive a letter about their vision screening outcome to bring home at the conclusion of our visit.

What if my child needs glasses?

- If the optometrist prescribes glasses for your child, GFK will provide them at no cost.
- Your child will have the chance to choose their glasses and be fitted on the day.
- Your child will be given a letter telling you why the glasses have been prescribed.
- Glasses will be sent directly to the school 3-4 weeks after the visit

Sign up today by scanning the QR code below

If preferred, you can also complete the attached consent form which must be returned to your school by the due date.



Need help? For more information, or if you have problems accessing the consent form please get in touch with us.

www.glassesforkids.com.au | info@glassesforkids.com.au | (03) 8769 8400



Department of Education

KPS STUDENT AWARDS

April 20 - April 24



GRADE PREP	PA Evie K	PB Evie M			
GRADE 1	 1A Matilda D	 1B Penny W	 1C Mla B		
GRADE 2	 2A Hadley M	 2B Spencer J	 2C Ollie L	2D Sophia P	
GRADE 3	 3A Jett G	 3B Bryttney B	 3C Quinn G	 3D Kavi P	
GRADE 4	 4A Ruby D	 4B Hamish W	 4C Kevin S		
GRADE 5	 5A Poppy M	 5B Demi D	 5C Tommy W	 5D Ava K	
GRADE 6	 6A Banan K	 6B Leo T	6C Flynn J	 6D Trae G	
PERFORMING ARTS	 2B Elina M		VISUAL ARTS	 4B Soniya K	
TECHNOLOGY	PB Evie M		PHYSICAL EDUCATION	 3A Lucas B	
HANDWRITING	 2C Eleanor T				
WRITING	1C Ibrahim A				
MATHS	 5D Miller H				

DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

TERM 2

Thursday 23 April	2:30pm to 4:00pm	GRADE 4 SCIENCE CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
Friday 1 May	All Day	KPS CROSS COUNTRY At Strathdale Park, information via Sentral
Tuesday 5 May	All Day	SHAMROCK ATHLETICS Selected Students
Friday 8 May	8:15am to 8:45am	MOTHER'S AND SPECIAL FRIENDS BREAKFAST In Ampitheatre weather permitting
Monday 11 May	6:30pm to 8:00pm	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 12 May	All Day	GRADE 3 DISCOVERY CENTRE Permission to be granted via Sentral
Friday 15 May	All Day	DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY Selected Students

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2026

MONDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	MORNING CLUB
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TUESDAY

8:15am to 8:45am	BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Frankel and Ms Boyd
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Second Lunch	CHOIR In Performing Arts classroom with Ms Alvarez-Harris
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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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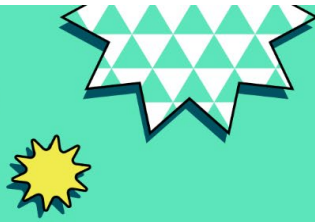
FRIDAY

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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

23/04/2026

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your
OSHC.



Welcome to term 2

We would like to welcome all families back, our plans for term 2 are to have fun and exciting programs that are inclusive for all children.

Next week we welcome **Maxine Campbell** as our new service leader as some of the children who attended rocketeers have already meet Maxine.

This week's theme children are engaging in activities around Anzac as this Saturday is Anzac Day



A reminder to families to check your child's enrolments 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 Maxine and Sharon if you need any questions answered or for a tour and visit of the service.

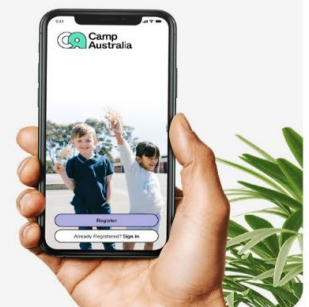
What's coming up at OSHC

Week 2 – guiding children's growth

Week 3- Mother's Day

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.



Birthdays at OSHC this week

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

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Menu this Week

Monday- Sakata's, dip & salsa

Tuesday- Popcorn

Wednesday- Rice cakes & Spreads

Thursday- Toast & Spreads

Friday- Anzac Biscuits

Make a booking!

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now



Navigating Puberty for Parents & Caregivers

Bendigo Community Health Services invites parents and caregivers to a puberty education evening to talk about:

- LGBTIQ+ information
- Changes in puberty (physical, emotional, social)
- Conception & pregnancy
- Consent
- Online safety & pornography

Wednesday

May 13

 7pm

 Online

For more information or to register your attendance, scan the QR code.

 bchs.com.au

