

Please join us for
Mother's & Special Friends

Breakfast
Friday 8th of May 2026

Raffle \$1.00 a ticket

Gold Coin Donation for

Breakfast

In Amphitheatre

Weather Permitting



ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Melinda Ellis



Dear School Community,

It's been a smooth and positive start to Term 2 at Kennington Primary School. Students have quickly settled back into routines, and it's been wonderful to see their energy and enthusiasm in the classroom and beyond. As the weather begins to cool, it's important that students are wearing their school uniform each day, including warm layers such as jumpers and jackets. To help us return misplaced items to their owners, please ensure that all jumpers, jackets and other uniform items are clearly named. A reminder that, in line with our **SunSmart Policy, students are no longer required to wear their school hats during May, June and July.**

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

Last Friday, our community paused to honour and remember those who have served and continue to serve our country. A special thank you to our School Captain Olivia, who did a fantastic job representing Kennington Primary School at the 10:15am Commemorative Service held at the Soldiers Memorial Institute in Bendigo. Her respectful and thoughtful participation reflected the values of our school and was a wonderful way to acknowledge the importance of ANZAC Day.

Thank you also to our families who took part in local commemorations and helped us reflect on the significance of peace, resilience, and community service.



CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow is our school cross country at Beischer Park. It is going to be a beautiful sunny day. Please remind students of the expectation to stay with their groups and give all activities a go.

MOTHER'S AND SPECIAL FRIENDS BREAKFAST – FRIDAY MAY 8

A reminder that we warmly invite all families to join us for our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday May 9, starting at 8:15am. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank the special people in our students' lives. We look forward to sharing a relaxed morning of good food and great company with our school community.

UPCOMING EVENTS – WEEK 3

We have a busy and exciting week ahead at Kennington Primary School, with a range of events and activities across different year levels: Grade 6 Quantam incursion, Shamrock Athletics, Deaf Facility Crafternoon incursion with Shepparton Deaf Facility, Grade 1 Zoo comes to You incursion, Mothers Day breakfast.

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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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CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING AT KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Information for families and the school community Kennington Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. Our child safety framework <https://kenningtonps.vic.edu.au/wellbeing/> explains how we support and maintain child safety and wellbeing at Kennington Primary School. It includes our: - Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy - Child Safety Reporting and Responding Obligations Procedures, and - Child Safety Code of Conduct, which outlines acceptable and unacceptable behaviours for all staff and volunteers at our school. Our students and families are important partners in providing a child safe environment.

These regular newsletter reminders are one of the ways we ensure our school community is aware of: - Our commitment to child safety, and - How to provide feedback or raise child safety concerns. If you have any concerns about child safety at any time, please contact Kennington Primary School on 5443 2011. Any child safety complaints or concerns are treated seriously. For more information about our school's complaints process, see our Complaints Policy. We also welcome your ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Michael Coombes (Assistant Principal) on 5443 2011 or at michael.coombes@education.vic.gov.au.

VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

If you are interested in being a parent volunteer this year, please attend our online session on Thursday 7th May at 7pm. This will cover the Child Safe Standards, and explain the Working With Childrens Check requirements. The meeting will be available at this link <https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=m47c04da9d6d5ca687f7bf30bb81cff36>. Please indicate to the general office if you are planning on attending this session.

A message to parents and carers As we are now well and truly settling into the 2026 school year, it's a great time to reflect on the values that make our school community vibrant and welcoming. At Kennington PS, we take pride in being a diverse and inclusive learning environment.

Our differences are what make us unique and special. By embracing every

individual's unique background and circumstances, we enrich our learning environment, fostering a community where everyone feels valued and included.

Importantly, inclusion goes beyond acceptance; it's about actively embracing and engaging every member of our community. Every student, staff member, and family should feel a sense of belonging. By actively promoting inclusion, we create an environment where everyone can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We all share responsibility for making our school a positive, respectful and safe environment for students to learn and staff to work. To this end, we expect all members of our school community to engage with one another with kindness, empathy, and understanding.

It's important that we take the time to periodically reflect on the school's Statement of Values and School Philosophy, which is available on the school's website, and our school's values of Personal Best, Respect and Resilience.

In addition, the Department of Education's Respectful Behaviours within the School Community policy applies at our school. This policy reiterates the shared role that adults play in ensuring that our school is a positive environment for learning. This policy is available online at: [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy | vic.gov.au](#).

Please keep in mind that communicating directly with, or confronting another parent or child about concerns or perceived issues between children is not consistent with our school's values and expectations. While we understand that every parent and carer wants to advocate for their child, in our experience as educators, direct confrontations and accusations rarely help to resolve the underlying issues.

If you have any concerns about your child, please communicate with their classroom teacher in the first instance. If this has been unsuccessful, you can also contact the office if you would like to arrange a time to speak with me.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and for supporting us in maintaining a positive and caring school community.

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ONGOING INDUSTRIAL ACTION

On Wednesday, 13 May, in response to ongoing negotiations between the AEU and the Department of Education, there will be a half day morning stoppage. For impacted students and their families, school will begin from 12:30pm.

The school will follow the DE guidelines and inform families to be impacted as soon as we know by Monday 11 May. There is further information regarding the industrial action for fairer funding and improved working conditions in this newsletter.

SIGN OF THE WEEK



SWPBS UPDATE – EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

At Kennington Primary School, we continue to explicitly teach one expected behaviour each week as part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) approach.

This week, our focus has been “**We keep our hands and feet to ourselves**”, supporting students to interact safely and respectfully with others.

Next week, our focus will be “**We use our regulation strategies**”, helping students to manage their emotions and be ready to learn.

Throughout the week, students have been receiving verbal acknowledgement and Values Stickers when they demonstrate these behaviours in the classroom and playground. This helps to reinforce and celebrate positive choices.

We encourage you to chat with your child about these behaviours at home and celebrate when you see them in action!

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 27 - May 1



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| PREP | PA Elkie H | PB Ayak M | | | |
| GRADE 1 | 1A Keira H | 1B Bailey H | 1C Rylen B | | |
| GRADE 2 | 2A Marcy H | 2B Solaris N | 2C Natalie E | 2D Ali M | |
| GRADE 3 | 3A Freya H | 3B Max L | 3C Laya A | 3D Isabella D | |
| GRADE 4 | 4A Willow T | 4B Zach C | 4C Abdel N | | |
| GRADE 5 | 5A Ivy H | 5B Josh S | 5C Oakley L | 5D Khoen F | |
| GRADE 6 | 6A Madhi F | 6B Abdalla A | 6C Jack A | 6D Archer F | |
| PERFORMING ARTS | 6B Ella F | | VISUAL ARTS | 6A Zara M | |
| TECHNOLOGY | 2D Aida A | | PHYSICAL EDUCATION | 1B Lila K | |
| HANDWRITING | 3D Brax S | | | | |
| WRITING | PB Ada S | | | | |
| MATHS | 4B Emily B | | | | |

DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

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| Friday 1 May | All Day | KPS CROSS COUNTRY At Strathdale Park, information via Sentral |
| Tuesday 5 May | All Day | SHAMROCK ATHLETICS Permission to be granted via Sentral |
| Thursday 7 May | All Day | GRADE 1 ZOO COMES TO YOU INCURSION Permission to be granted via Sentral |
| 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 |
| Monday 18 May to Friday 22 May | All Day | PREP, GRADE 2 AND GRADE 3 SWIMMING Permission to be granted via Sentral |
| Wednesday 20 May | 9:00am to 12:00pm | KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY |
| Wednesday 20 May to Friday 22 May | All Day | GRADE 5 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL |
| Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May | All Day | GRADE 5 AND GRADE 6 SWIMMING Permission to be granted via Sentral |

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 2026

MONDAY

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

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| 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

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| 8:15am to 8:45am | BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Frankel and Ms Boyd |
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THURSDAY

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| 8:15am to 8:45am | MORNING CLUB |
| 8:15am to 8:45am | BREAKFAST CLUB Amphitheatre with Mrs Frankel and Ms Boyd |

FRIDAY

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| 8:15am to 8:45am | MORNING CLUB |
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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

30/04/2026

Camp Australia – Kennington Primary School OSHC



Your
OSHC.



Welcome to term 2

This week, the children have been engaging in arts, crafts and games to continue guiding their personal growth. Such as dance battles, iron-on beads, and outdoor group games.



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

We have spaces available for both Before and After School, and we are happy to accommodate your care needs. Come in and see Maxine and Sharon if you have any questions or need a tour and visit of the service.

What's coming up at OSHC!

Week 2 – Guiding children's growth.

Week 3- Mother's & Special Person's Day.

Week 4 – Big Art week.

Birthdays at OSHC this week

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

5th Alice

Menu this week

Monday- Crackers & Cheese

Tuesday- Sakata's, dip and salsa.

Wednesday- Scones.

Thursday- Rice Cakes & spreads.

Friday- Toasties.

Make a booking!

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

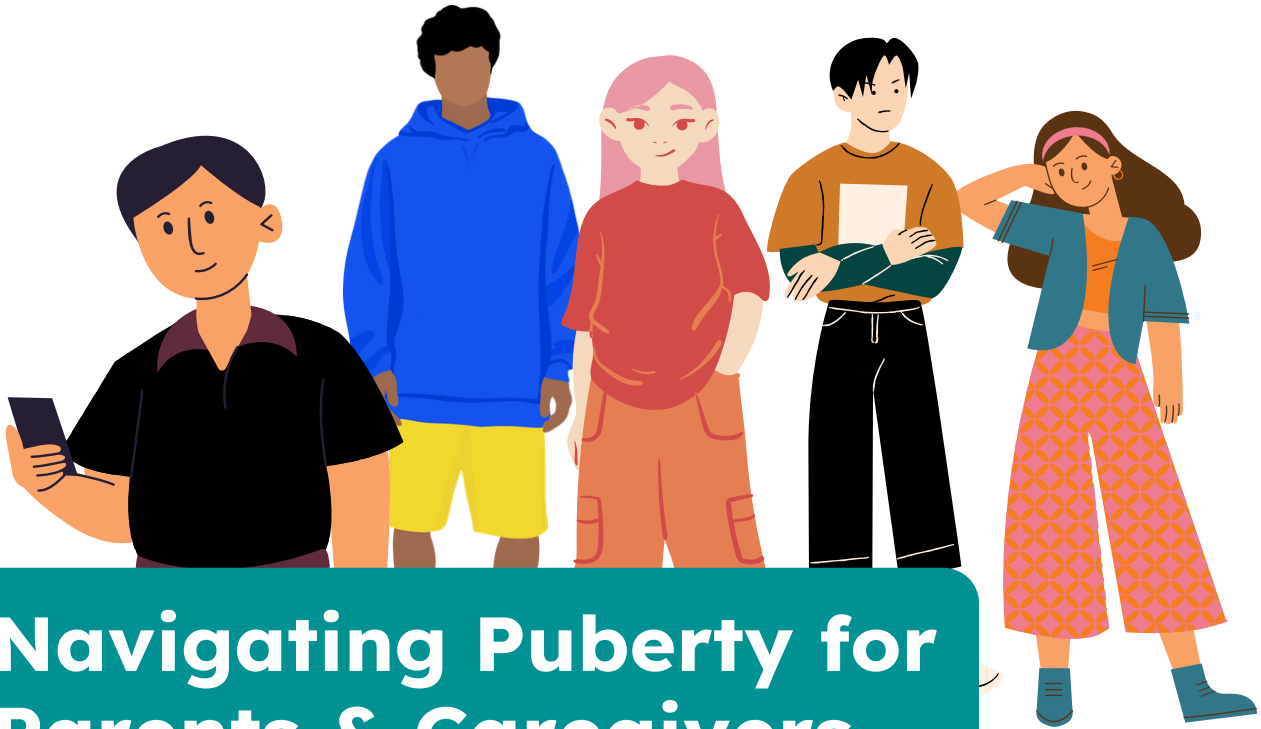
Book now

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.



Find out more and book now at www.campastralia.com.au



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.

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