Did you know??

Raffle Tickets - Don’t forget to return your raffle ticket stubs and money to the office by the 29th August. We also have plenty more books of tickets to sell, please order from the office.

Lost Property – Please remember to check the lost property for any items your child is missing. We will be donating any non-named items to a charity during the school holidays. We will also be having a second hand clothes stall at the beginning of Term 4.

Upcoming Events

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Nigel’s Natter

Hi All,
I hope you are all having a wonderful week. It’s been yet another productive week here at KPS with so many brilliant projects on the go. We have a number of research projects running in different year levels, Monday Maths is proving to be a hit and I have had so many ‘visitors’ popping up to the office to show me their great work! I want to acknowledge the fact that a great deal of my time has been spent in planning meetings during my first 3 weeks. I have managed to spend time in some classrooms, but not near as much as I would like. Alongside staff, I am working hard on reviewing and refining a wide range of structures and processes. Some examples of the work that is happening in the background:

- A complete reorganisation of our meeting structures.
- Budget development for 2017.
- Improved communication processes for school council and subcommittees.
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✓ Staffing planning for 2017, including grade structures.
✓ Implementation of the Google Apps for Education for staff collaboration and communication.
✓ Improved process for tracking of maintenance tasks.
✓ Reorganisation of some staff’s roles and responsibilities to make more effective use of their skills.
✓ Development of a Parent Payment policy.
✓ Policy and process review to ensure compliance with the Child Safety Standards.

As you can see, there is much on the go. Many of the tasks being worked on will only need to be done once and then reviewed annually. I am looking forward to sharing more of the work we are doing as it progresses.

ES WEEK
This week is Education Support Staff week and a time to acknowledge the amazing work they do. ES staff represent a significant number of staff here at Kensington Primary School and we couldn’t deliver the quality of programs that we do without them. Be sure to stop and thank our integration aide and office team!

DRONE WANTED
Do you have a drone that can capture video footage? If you do, we need your help with a little job! Give the office a call for more information.

MATHS INFORMATION NIGHT
Firstly, thanks to Ngaire and her team for their preparation and planning. It was a wonderful session that gave an insight to both the curriculum that we cover and also how we approach the teaching of mathematics at KPS. One idea that came out of the session was the need for some structured support for families in terms of the Home Learning Program. We will be putting together some resources that families will be able to access via the school website and I will be asking the School Council Education Subcommittee to review the Home Learning Policy.

We will be uploading the presentation, some fun games to play at home and a few other useful resources on the school website for anyone who was not able to attend the session.

READING AT HOME
I was reading a journal article this week that served as a reminder to do a reminder! I can’t stress enough the importance of reading with your children at home. Reading at home should be for pleasure, so if you’re finding it a bit of a chore, here are some ideas that might help to spice it up a bit:
- Choose something novel to read, like the side of the cereal box or the street signs.
- Have a bit of fun with silly character voices.
- Create a snuggly place to read together. A special chair, a pile of pillows or a blanket tent!
- Let your child help you choose what book to read.
- Talk about the cover of the book. Have your child guess what the book might be about.
- Take it in turns of reading a page each.
- Show and talk about the pictures as you read. Take time to explore the pictures together.
- Cover one word on a page with a post-it note and see if your child can guess what it might be.
- Try to make connections to something in the story and your life or your child’s life. What did the book make you think about? Do you remember when something like that happened to you?
- Act out the story.

PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS- RE: YEAR 7 PLACEMENTS
All families should now have received a letter from our school indicating the placement they have received for their child, if they enrolled in a State School. If you have not received one of these letters and you have NOT enrolled in a private school, please call the office ASAP.

DIGITAL DEVICES AT SCHOOL
A reminder that children are not to bring electronic devices from home without prior consent from their classroom teacher. This ensures that there is no upset if devices are lost or damaged. It is also important to note that personal
belongings brought to school are NOT covered by DET insurance. If your child has something special they would like to bring to school, contact their teacher to make these arrangements. This also ensures we are able to monitor the use of electronic devices if they are brought to school. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

THANKS
On behalf of our School Council, thank you to Kathryn Webb for her work on School Council over the past few years. For personal reasons Kathryn has resigned from School Council. Council will be discussing Kathryn’s replacement at a coming meeting.

NAPLAN
Preliminary results from 2016 NAPLAN tests were released recently. At a national level they continued to show little sign of overall improvement since the standardised exams were introduced in 2008. In a statement, ACARA chief executive Robert Randall said that while Queensland and Western Australia stood out more than others in terms of improved performance, he was concerned that results had plateaued elsewhere. It will be interesting see how the upcoming introduction of NAPLAN online, especially the writing component of Year 3 impacts future results.

KPS Individual student results will be posted home as soon as we receive them and we will be examining the data sets as a staff in the coming weeks.

IMPORTANT NAPLAN COMENTARY
I encourage our parent community to read their child’s NAPLAN results with the following in mind. This is a snapshot of your child’s performance on a single assessment task. Best practice in assessment involves triangulating data to confirm accuracy and reliability. It is entirely possible that your child had a bad day or on the flip side, managed to guess a number of answers correctly. My message is to view these results with perspective. They are certainly not intended to drive decision making about any given individual’s educational programming. Rather, they provide a ‘point in time’ snapshot of performance.

In addition, I wish to add my voice to the collective conversation that is gathering volume and attention around the value of NAPLAN as an effective method of measuring success. It is my very firm belief that success at school is about far more than just Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Yes, these are critical skills that we must be accountable to; but that is not to lessen the value of all the other areas we work hard on at school and at home.

Every child has different strengths, interests and challenges. Success is personal, as it should be. For a child that has never had the courage to stand in front of a class and give a presentation, success may well be that they have worked hard on building their confidence and skill to do just that. For a child that has found approaching new learning challenges overwhelming in the past, working hard on and developing resilience and self-advocacy strategies may well represent an enormous success.

So as not to take up 5 pages of newsletter, let me say this. NAPLAN does what it is intended to do. It provides insight into large scale trends, and provides information for us as a school community in terms of future focus areas. It does not, and should not, define an individual.

CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER
If you have not done so, please put TUESDAY AUGUST 23rd on the calendar as it is our curriculum day. No students will be required at school on this day. Please contact OSHClub if you require childcare on this day.

VISION INPUT – THANK YOU
We have had a number of responses to the VISION survey. However, we are not even close to 100% participation from our school community. If you have not shared your thoughts with us, I urge you to do so.

http://tinyurl.com/KPSVISION

Your thoughts will shape the future of Kensington Primary School so please take 5 mins to add to the discussion.
FOUNDATION ENROLMENT FOR 2017
Foundation enrolments have climbed to 60 children for 2017. If you or someone you know has a child that is school age and are considering KPS, complete the enrolment process A.S.A.P to support us with effective forward planning. All enrolment information can be found on our school website as one of the Quick Links on the front page.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE UPDATE:
As noted in last week’s Natter, I made contact with DET Legal and have now had a response. I can now inform you that we can negotiate a further 1 year contract with our current provider. I have begun negotiations with OSHClub and will take their proposal to School Council as soon as possible. I have also begun exploring our options with regard to the management of the community consultation process and will continue to keep you informed.

KPS LAUNCH DATE
At this stage, we do not have a set LAUNCH DATE for the community art piece. It is currently being given some finishing touches. I will communicate the official KPS LAUNCH DATE and you will receive an invitation from your child to come and share in this exciting moment.

5/6 CAMP – REFLECTION
Last week our Year 5/6 students headed off on camp. As I suspected, our children did a marvellous job of representing our school in the wider community. The staff and students I have spoken to have all reported a very positive experience.

HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY?
I received some very positive feedback about the alternative questions you can ask your child about their day at school. To follow up, I thought I’d share some of my personal favourite ‘I NEED MORE INFORMATION’ prompts. These are great for any occasion where you get a YES / NO or very short response.

1. That sounds interesting, tell me more about it.
2. Why do you think that?
3. Can you explain that to me?
4. What else can you tell me about...?

Nigel Holloway
Principal

Brain Bender:
As part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all children, all schools are required to comply with the new Child Safety Standards set out in Ministerial Order No. 870. The child safe standards require schools to consider all aspects of child safety and put measures in place to protect children from all forms of abuse including sexual or grooming offences, physical violence, serious emotional and psychological harm and serious neglect.

The Child Safe Standards are:

- **Standard 1** - Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including thorough effective leadership arrangements
- **Standard 2** - A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
- **Standard 3** - A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
- **Standard 4** - Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
- **Standard 5** - Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
- **Standard 6** - Strategies to identify and reduce or remove the risk of abuse
- **Standard 7** - Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

At Kensington Primary School we will continue to enforce a zero tolerance policy for child abuse and we are committed to acting in children’s best interests and keeping them safe from harm. We regard our child protection responsibilities with the utmost importance and as such, are committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure compliance with all relevant child protection laws and regulations and maintain a child safe culture. The school is working towards ensuring compliance for each of the standards.

**The School's Child Protection Officers**
Nigel Holloway, Principal and Julie Stephens Assistant Principal are the nominated School’s Child Protection Officers. They are the first point of contact for raising child protection concerns within the School. They are also responsible for championing child protection within the School and assisting in coordinating responses to child protection incidents.

**Working With Children Check Reminder**
Any worker and or volunteer who engages in child-related work that involves direct contact (being physical, face to face or physically being within eyeshot) with a child (being a person under 18 years of age) needs a Working With Children Check (WWC Check).

In line with the School’s risk-based approach to child safety and protection, Kensington Primary School requires that all parent volunteers have a Working with Children Check as a matter of best practice. Working With Children Check application forms are available on line.

If you have not already done so, please present your Working with Children Check Card to Office Staff so the card can be photocopied and your name added to our register. For all parent volunteers please check that your Working With Children Check is still valid.
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KENSINGTON PRIMARY MUSIC CONCERT
CLOCKTOWER CENTRE
TICKETS NOW ON SALE

CONCERT DATE: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND – 6.30pm

Doors Open: 6.30pm
Concert Starts: 7.30pm
Concert Finishes: 9.30pm approx.

The box office number is (03) 9243 9191. Alternatively tickets can be brought online at www.clocktowercentre.com.au. Please note tickets are not available from the school. PLEASE NOTE: PERFORMERS DO NOT REQUIRE TICKETS.

Brooke Johnson
Performing Arts Coordinator

National Song Writing Competition

The ACMF is very pleased to announce that our annual National Song writing Competition for 2016 is now open for entries!

The National Song writing Competition is designed to encourage creativity and self-expression through song writing. Now in its 14th consecutive year, the Competition is sponsored by APRA/AMCOS and AMPAL. Students from every school in Australia are invited to put pen to paper and enter an original song for a chance to win a share of thousands of dollars of musical equipment and tuition and more!

Simply by using a phone, iPad, computer, or other recording device, students can record themselves singing their very own original song. For full terms and conditions and to enter, visit www.acmf.com.au Entries are now open and close at midnight, 20th October 2016.

Entry to the competition is FREE – however, feel free to donate to the ACMF while you are on the website! Your support will make a huge difference in bringing the magic of music to disadvantaged children across Australia. Teachers and parents are encouraged to use this opportunity to develop children’s learning, improve self-esteem and encourage individualism. Song writing is a highly creative process. We want kids to free their imagination and engage with learning in a fun way! We look forward to hearing all the great songs that will be written this year!

All the best,

Don Spencer OAM Founder & CEO
KPS Athletics

Congratulations to our fantastic Athletic Squad!

I have had the pleasure of witnessing many whole school events during my time at our school, but I must say Friday’s Athletic Carnival was amongst the highlights. It was a great day on lots of levels. The spirit and atmosphere evident amongst our group gave me a sense of pride about what we stand for. Of course, there were amazing individual achievements, which resulted in wide smiles all around. Winners are always grinners! But what really gave me pleasure was to see and hear, the way students talked about improving their personal best, encouraged and supported each other, tried their hardest and were all so proud of their efforts.

Everyone was relaxed and able to enjoy the day. Our students were responsible and well-behaved at all times. They were ready to go and well organised. This is a credit to Nuc’s skills as a PE instructor, coach and mentor. She would have been immensely proud of their efforts and attitude, as we all were. Thank-you to all our parents who came along to support the athletes, we all had a lot of fun. The spirit of the day can be summed up by Yoav’s actions: whilst running in the 800m event, he stopped to pick up a fallen competitor and guided him along until he was assisted by others. During our chat back at school his peers nominated this as their highlight and gave him their ‘The Good Sportsperson Award’. Well done everyone! You made us all very proud of you.

Kay Headland

Student of the Week Awards

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<td>For showing school value of co-operation when working with his team on camp.</td>
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<td>Fantastic group work during a drama activity and for using a wonderful musical sentence during discussion time.</td>
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<td>Excellent group work and leadership in the music classroom.</td>
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Nigel’s Brain Bender Answer

It is the sum of the two digits (9 + 8) in opposite quadrant.

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RAFFLE TICKETS

Win a family holiday at the world-renowned
4 ½ * Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast
for 2 adults and 2 children!

TIME IS RUNNING TO GET ON BOARD THAT FLIGHT TO QUEENSLAND!!

The raffle will be drawn at the school assembly on Monday 12th September.

THIS RAFFLE IS PURELY FOR THE KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

If you have missed out on ordering your raffle books or would like more, please complete the form below and return to the office. Also if you would like to pay for your tickets by credit card please fill in your details and return in a sealed envelope to the office. All raffle tickets stubs and payment are due back by 29th August!

1st PRIZE - FAMILY HOLIDAY TO QUEENSLAND
2nd PRIZE - $100 VILLAGE CINEMAS GOLD CLASS VOUCHER
3rd PRIZE - $50 HAMPER

INCENTIVE PRIZES

➢ Who will win the iPod Shuffle 2GB?? - each family/member who sells or purchases a complete book of tickets goes into draw the iPod Shuffle.

➢ Each family/member who has sold a complete book of raffle tickets will receive a motivational wristband. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE WILL BE GIVEN OUT IN THE CHILD’S CLASSROOM)

RAFFLE TICKETS – PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

☐ YES, we would like some raffle books. Quantity required: ______

I wish to pay by: □ Cheque □ Cash □ Credit Card TOTAL $ ______

Type of credit card: □ MASTERCARD □ VISA

Card Number: ___ / ___ / ___ / ___

Expiry Date: ___ / ___ CCV: ___

Cardholder’s Name (Please Print) ____________________ Signature ____________________
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KPS TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 27 August 6.30pm-11.30pm
Be who you want to be!
Silent Auction $25 per person
Tables of 10 NO BYO
Bring your Gold Coins No Children under 18
Drinks at Bar Prices Get a Class table together

To book tickets go to: www.trybooking.com/218181
Hello families,

**Cooking, Cooking, Cooking!!**

We can't seem to get enough of it at OshClub!! This week the children have cooked pancakes, toasted sandwiches, juice, popcorn & more pancakes. It’s great to see the children taking such a keen interest in what goes into their food and how their food in prepared. Any suggests from parents of recipes children enjoy cooking at home would be great!!

The children have also kept physically active each morning & afternoon playing footy, tiggy, fruit salad, dodge-ball and AFL Play On Footy on a Wednesday. Check out our weekly program on the wall near the sign-in table.

**Pupil Free Day - Tuesday 23rd August**

OshClub Pupil Free Day Program will run from 8.00am to 6.00pm. The children have asked that the program include cooking, Pepper Pig Art & footy. And of course lots of FUN!!

*Please note we cannot accept children who are dropped off prior to 8.00am on this pupil free day as part of our licensing agreement.*

**JUST A REMINDER:**

**Morning Drop Offs:**

It is required that parents/guardians accompany their child into the OshClub room each morning and sign them into the program. It is unsafe to drop children at the front gate and allow them to walk themselves into OshClub. Educators do not know your child has been dropped off and cannot be held responsible for your children's care. Parents will be contacted as a reminder should this occur.

**Making or Cancelling a booking within 24hrs:**

If you need to make or cancel a booking for your child within 24 hours of the booking time, send a text to the OshClub mobile **0478 155 322**. We then know to expect your child and can staff accordingly. Bookings and cancellations cannot be made via the OshClub website within 24 hours of the booked session.

See you at OshClub!!

From Kylie, Ryan, Litea, Desiree, Maranda, Doyle, Ruby, Georgia, Jo, Nick, Pauline and Christine.

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