

KPS Office Update – 22nd February 2018

CURRICULUM DAYS - 2018

The School Council has set the following days as the Curriculum Days for Kensington Primary School.

Monday 16th April – Maths Essentials

Monday 18th June – Kath Murdoch – extending our understanding of the cycle of inquiry

Monday 5th November - TBA

Please note that Big Childcare will be operating on these days.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations are now being invited for School Council positions. We have 2 parent positions available. Nomination forms are available from the school office. Nominations must be submitted to Esther in the school office by no later than 4pm on 28/2/2018.

In addition to the completed nomination form, we are also asking that all nominees compose a statement of no more than 150 words that may include:

- work experience including voluntary work;
- academic and professional qualifications if applicable;
- skills and abilities including those that may be useful for the council (e.g. accounting, contract management, fundraising, organising events etc.);
- previous and current involvement with the school, and school council including sub- committees of school council;
- reasons for standing for election; and
- interests and hobbies.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE OFFICE

Our lovely Esther who has been at KPS for over 7 years will be moving on to become Business Manager at Moonee Ponds Primary. Esther's last day will be Friday 16th March. We are pleased to have Sylvia back with us in the office and Wizz will continue in the office as well.

HARMONY PICNIC – WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH – 5:30 – 7:30PM

Save the date!!! Looking forward to seeing as many families as we can at this year's Harmony Picnic. Stay tuned for more information.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are having a second hand uniform stall on **Monday 26th February**. It will be held outside the school hall. If you have any surplus uniforms, we would love them please. Please bring to the office; washed, pressed, labelled and in a clear plastic bag.

8:40 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 4:00 pm

TISSUES PLEASE

We are asking for donations of boxes of tissues please for the childrens classrooms. If you are able to help out please hand them to your child's teacher. We appreciate your help in advance.

NO DOGS

Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school property – they must be tied up outside the school grounds and away from the main gates.

KPS CANTEEN

We are looking at options for providing a healthy food service at our school canteen. At the moment, children can order lunches on Thursday and Fridays at our canteen.

Our vision is to provide an affordable and sustainable food service that offers a variety of nutritious foods that compliment the cultural diversity within our school.

We would love to understand the preferences of our entire school community and ask you to complete a survey by Friday 2nd March 2018. A link to a survey monkey will be sent out on Friday the 23rd of February and hard copies will be available from the office. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

MOONEE VALLEY SCHOOLS NETWORK

2018 Year 7 Secondary School EXPO

Wednesday, 21st March 2018

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

In the Gym at Moonee Ponds West Primary School

150 Athol Street Moonee Ponds

All Grade 4, 5 & 6 children and their parents/carers are invited to attend the 2018 Year 7 Secondary School EXPO to learn more about our local Secondary Schools.

Buckley Park College

Mount Alexander College

Essendon Keilor College (East Keilor and Niddrie Campuses)

Rosehill Secondary College

Strathmore Secondary College

These schools will have displays and information handouts for interested families, plus personnel to talk to you and answer any questions you may have. The format is informal, so you are free to visit whichever display you wish to, any time between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

We look forward to your attendance.

For further enquiries ring 8331 0100.



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This information session will provide parents and guardians with tips and ideas to support their children with maths at home

CHOOSEMATHS is a joint initiative of the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) and the BHP Billiton Foundation

AT KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



The **Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI)** is a national not-for-profit, collaborative organisation based at the University of Melbourne. The central voice for Australia's mathematical sciences, AMSI plays an active role in the development of national research policy and frameworks to help shape Australia's policy and advocacy agenda to achieve critical reform at all key stages of the mathematics pipeline from school-based and higher education, research training and funding to industry collaboration and innovation.

Our membership includes Australian universities, professional societies and government agencies with a shared objective to integrate research, education and industry involvement. A leading provider of services, activities and strategic initiatives we are working to radically improve capacity and facility of the discipline within the Australian community through:

- The support of high quality mathematics education for all young Australians
- Improving the supply of mathematically well-prepared students entering tertiary education by direct involvement with schools
- The support of mathematical sciences research and its applications including cross-disciplinary areas and public and private sectors and industry
- The enhancement of the undergraduate and postgraduate experience of students in the mathematical sciences and related disciplines



The **BHP Billiton Foundation's** ambition is to make a meaningful contribution to some of the unprecedented sustainability challenges facing our generation.

In a rapidly changing and complex world, Australia's future success will rely on a highly educated and diverse workforce founded on a strong pipeline of science and technology skills. We need young people who are innovative, resilient, problem solvers and critical thinkers.

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education will be critical to building the skills that will secure the prosperity of future generations. Providing access to quality education and training will unlock opportunities for individuals, enable communities to prosper, and businesses and economies to compete.

In Australia, research indicates that girls are under-represented in STEM. To support a national effort to address this gap, BHP Billiton Foundation and the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) have formed a partnership to design and deliver the Choose Maths program. This AUD\$22.2M investment aims to promote greater interest and academic achievement of girls in mathematics, leading to an increased participation in STEM subjects and contributing to a more sustainable and competitive economy

FINDING THE MATHS

AT KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHOOSEMATHS is a five year program designed to empower students to pursue mathematics. We are working with Kensington Primary School until 2019 to support mathematics education, improve student engagement and increase participation in all levels of mathematics.

Join us at the Finding the Maths Parent information session and discover ways to further support your child with maths at home.



Date: Friday 2nd March

Time: 9.10 - 10.10 am

Location: Kensington Primary School

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	DATE	TIME	EVENT
February	Fri 23 rd	9:00 – 11:00am	Interschool Sport – Avondale PS V KPS
	Mon 26 th	8:40 – 9:15am 3:15 – 4:00pm	Second Hand Uniform Stall
	Tue 27 th		Yr 2 Incursion – Chemical Capers
March	Thu 1 st	9:00 – 11:00am	34V Cooking & Gardening
	Fri 2 nd	9:00am – 2:30pm 9:10 – 10.10am 9:00 – 11:00am	District Swimming Finding the Maths – Information Session Adult Gardening Session
	Thu 8 th	9:00 – 11:00am 6:00 – 7:00pm	34R Cooking & Gardening MAC Info Night @ KPS
	Fri 9 th	9:00 – 11:00am	Interschool Sport – KPS V MPW Blue (home) (CANCELLED)
	Mon 12th		LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
	Tue 13 th	5:00 – 6:00pm 6:00 – 7:00pm	Policy Sub Committee Meeting Facilities Sub Committee Meeting
	Wed 14 th	9:00 – 11:00am 4:00 – 5:00pm	6H Cooking & Gardening Fundraising Sub Committee Meeting
	Fri 16 th	9:00 – 11:00am 9:00 -11:00am 1:30 – 3:00pm	Interschool Sport - Ascot Vale West V KPS Adult Gardening Session Cross Country Trials
	Tue 20 th	9:00 – 10:00am	Divisional Swimming
	Wed 21 st	9:00 – 11:00am 5:30 – 7:30pm	6K Cooking & Gardening Harmony Picnic
	Fri 23 rd	9:00 – 11:00am 1:30 – 3:30pm	Interschool Sport – KPS V Ascot Vale PS (home) Cross Country Trials
	Mon 26 th	6:30 – 8:00pm	AGM & School Council
	Tue 27 th	9:00 – 10:00am	Regional Swimming
	Wed 28 th	9:00 – 11:00am	SCHOOL PHOTOS 6L Cooking & Gardening
	Thu 29th		END OF TERM 1
April	Mon 16th		CURRICULUM DAY – NO STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL
	Wed 18 th	9:00 5:30pm	State Swimming Year 6 Transition Information Evening
	Fri 27 th	9:00am	District Cross Country