

KPS Office Update – 11th May 2017

TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

This is a reminder that Year 7 transition forms are due back to Kensington Primary by **this Friday 12th May**. The form that needs to be returned is yellow and was sent home in the Transition Pack envelope in week 1 on this term. It is important that the form is returned by the Friday deadline to ensure that your child has the best possible chance of attending their chosen school. If you have any questions about how to fill out the form, please don't hesitate to talk to Rachel, Mel or the office staff. If you have already returned your transition form, please disregard this email.

ART SOIREE EVENING

Grade 3-6 students and Linda invite you to an **Art Room Soirée on Tuesday 23rd May** in the Hall Art Room from 6 – 7pm. Come along and view our latest 3D art works inspired by The Tjanpi Desert Weavers, Year 5 and 6 and The Winter Solstice lantern works, Year 3 and 4

Family and friends are most welcome to view this **one night only** exhibition.

LOST PROPERTY

We have an enormous pile of lost property items from this year, mostly un-named and a large proportion of non-uniform items. We will be putting these out on display this Friday in the hall foyer so that parents can check for lost items when they attend assembly. Hopefully we can return most of the items. Just a reminder to label all uniform items then we can return them if they turn up in lost property.



WORKING BEES

If you are free on Saturday 20th May we'd love to see you at the Grubbies Working Bee from 10am. Our grounds would not look anywhere near as lovely as they do without the ongoing support of our community and we thank you for your help and support. If you are able to come along on the day please let the office know.

Also we will have our **Hour of Power working bee** on Monday 22nd May from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. The idea is that when you come to pick up your children, you stay for an hour and help with a list of jobs. The following day is OPEN DAY at KPS so we would really appreciate as many people as possible to help give the school a really big clean.

BUILDING WORKS

Just a reminder that our building works have commenced this week to repair the water damage to classrooms. Students are not to play or climb on the fencing near the scaffolding – everyone's safety is our priority.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

We are now accepting enrolments for Foundation for 2018. Enrolment forms and details of our enrolment policy can be found on our website. Completed enrolment forms, together with copies of your child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate and enrolment fee can be handed to the school office. Please spread the word if you know of other families living in our school zone with a child starting school next year, as we would like to finalise our enrolments as soon as possible.

ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

This year we are again offering you the opportunity to enrol your child in the ICAS maths competition. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program, which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS Maths gives you broad insights into your child's performance in Mathematics. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

Students in Year 2 to Year 12 can participate in the ICAS Maths competition.

Each student receives:

- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

To learn more about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

Participation in the ICAS competition is voluntary and will not interfere with regular school timetabling. Students will complete the assessments on the set date, August 15th as part of lunchtime activity options.

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form below and return it, with your entry fees, to the school no later than Wednesday, June 14th. PLEASE NOTE NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ICAS PERMISSION FORM

2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Please return this form with payment to your child's school no later than **Wednesday, June 14th**.

I give permission for my child, _____ of _____
Child's name *Class*

to participate in the following 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Please complete details below and return your child's form no later than Wednesday, June 14th if you would like your child to enter.

Subject/Paper	School Year Level	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee, incl. GST	Fee Enclosed
Mathematics		15 August 2017	\$9:90	YES / NO

Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

Please find enclosed total entry fee of \$ _____

Name of Parent/Guardian

Parent Signature

Date