

KPS Office Update – 9th March 2017

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Currently we send our newsletter link to the parent listed as our 'Contact A' on the student enrolment form. If you would like an additional link sent to 'Contact B' please inform the office to have your details added to the distribution list.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photo day is on Tuesday 28th March. A photo order envelope has been sent home with your child. As orders can now be placed online, each envelope is personalised with the student name and unique ordering code. If you lose your envelope, spares can be collected from the office but the opportunity to order online will be lost. **ALL** envelopes are to be returned to the office by Friday 24th March. If you wish to order a family photo, please ask for a family photo envelope from the office.

PORTABLES

Works continue on the portables and everyone is looking forward to moving in when they are complete.

MONEY IN THE OFFICE

We frequently receive requests from parents for change for the canteen, book club, photo orders etc. Whilst we would love to help with these requests, we do our school banking every day so we do not hold cash in the office.

MUFFIN MORNING TEA

Our next Muffin Morning tea will be held on Wednesday 22nd March. Order forms will be sent home this week with your children. Please return your orders with the correct money before Friday 17th March to ensure you don't miss out!

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FEEDBACK FORMS

If you haven't returned your yellow feedback form, we would still love to hear from you and ask that you return your completed form as soon as possible.

OSHC CONSULTATION UPDATE

Please find attached a report from Howard Kelly that outlines the themes identified via the consultation process regarding OSHC at our school. Howard will be providing a more detailed report to School Council for their consideration and to inform the upcoming decision about provision of OSHC in 2018.

EVENT CHECKLIST

Saturday 18th March 2017 from 4:30pm

- EVENT TICKETS** - remember to buy your presale tickets via www.trybooking.com/258775 to save \$\$\$. Everyone is welcome so bring family, friends, neighbours etc.
- PRESALE TICKETS** - will be available for pick up on Thursday 16th & Friday 17th from 8:30 - 9:15am, and at 3 - 4pm in the gathering space. Presale tickets can also be picked up on the day of the event. Proof of purchase will be required (emailed receipt is sufficient).
- CLASS HAMPERS** – donations for class hampers need to be in by tomorrow! Check with your child's teacher if you don't know what the theme is for the class hamper.
- RAFFLE TICKETS** – **WE NEED ALL TICKETS BACK!** **All tickets need to be accounted for** to ensure we meet the gaming legislation requirements, so **PLEASE RETURN ALL TICKETS – SOLD AND UNSOLD.**
- EVENT DAY** – please get your coins ready as the event will be cash only. EFT will only be available for entry tickets and silent auction.
- BAKERS** – **WE NEED YOUR DELICIOUS TREATS!** Plates and cellophane supplies are available at the office foyer, if needed. For questions please contact Charlotte 0414 675 117.
- DONATIONS FOR THE STALLS** – we still need items for mystery bottles & lucky dip and ribbons (any type) for the craft stall
- VOLUNTEERS** – we still need a couple more hands for the following stalls; BBQ, Dessert Bar & Entry/Exit Security. If you can assist please let us know.

Event Organisers: Mara – 0412 743 593, Mary – 0418 313 719 & Nicole – 0406 996 872

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Victorian Racing Club (VRC)



**KENSINGTON PRIMARY HARMONY PICNIC
CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA'S DIVERSITY**

"Everyone Belongs"

FRIDAY 24th MARCH 6:00-7:30Ppm

A casual informal event for families to picnic on the school oval.

- Icy poles/ drinks
- Sausage Sizzle
- International Desserts/Snacks
- BYO Picnic Dinner

We need your help please:

Please bring one plate with a dessert/snack from your culture which then can be shared amongst those who attend the picnic. We need the desserts to be in finger food style (ie: requiring no cutlery) with no nuts, cream and doesn't require refrigeration.

Please note the proceeds from the sausage sizzle, icy poles and drinks are part of our fundraising

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

9/3/17

Report to KPS Community prepared by Howard Kelly.

Dear Members of the KPS school community,

In the first instance I want to thank the members of the school community who have taken the time to contact me. I have received 41 responses in written form and several phone calls, some from those who had written - others who had not. All the inputs have been very helpful.

It is clear that first and foremost people simply want the best opportunity possible to provide effective, enjoyable before and after school care for the young people attending. It is also a timely reminder that such discussions focus on the needs of children and the tremendous responsibility parents and carers give to the folk here who look after children adjacent to the school day.

Based on the data I asked for and received, over an 11 week period, there was an average of 39 students using before school care each day and an average of 83 students using after school care each day. That translates to an average of 9% of the KPS children using before school care each day and an average of 17% using after care each day.

Several themes came out of the discussions.

In the first instance there is a real focus on ensuring that there is stable staffing for the service provided. There is also a strong desire to see that there is variety in activities that takes into account the range of ages attending.

There is a clear request that the arrangements, (regardless of whether it is in house or provided by an external provider) has clear reliable means by which parents and carers can contact the service and share information. It is essential that whoever provides the service ensures that this matter is guaranteed and responsive.

Issues to do with cost have been raised by a few people in their submissions. The issue raised has centred on beliefs that the costs will rise with an external provider, beyond the expectations of the community. I did ask for information on this and the response indicated to me that this is not a probability beyond the normal flow of cost increases over time. Particularly with the current contract ending at the end of this year.

I should add that if the school were to decide to have an external provider, or structured its own in-house provision, the contractual arrangements with whoever is providing the services would need to be tightly structured. The contract structure, be it in-house or external provision, needs agreed on costs and also needs quality indicators that need to be met. In either case there needs to be the certainty of the chance for review if they are not well and truly met.

Another key issue has been that of how important some people see this for the community of Kensington Primary to run their own service. The strongest argument put to me on this matter has come from some who argue that this is an integral part of the school's life and ought to be a natural extension of what the school does. This argument suggests that providing the service in-house is the best way of keeping the service as part of the life of the school.

Some also argue that it is a good way of ensuring a stream of income to the school without resources leaving the school. This argument tries to take into account the demands on the school, and indicates the need to have a Director of the programme, lessening the demands on the School Office.

Those that argue the opposite in favour of an external provider put forward the following key points.

Firstly, they argue that the attempt to run a service internally will, regardless of the support structures put in place, take away from the core function and focus of the school. The core function is to provide a coherent, supportive and challenging curriculum.

This view suggests that this ought to be the main focus of the effort of the school and the logistics of bringing it back inside, for the Council and school staff, will dissipate the effort needed for the core challenge of the School.

This position also argues that the need to go to tender for a new service provider can take into account, through a lesser paced process than the previous experience, the need for a tight, more community focused and financially rewarding contract. Thus, lessening the argument for bringing the matter back in-house.

In essence that seems to me to be the positions and the factors underpinning the decision.

I trust this helps shape the decision. I will be writing a more detailed commentary for the Council in the next two weeks.

Thank you for helping to clarify matters and for raising issues that needed to be addressed regardless of whether it is in-house or external in terms of provision.

Howard Kelly