We have set up a Crowdfunding fund which the community can pay directly into using the school’s online payment system which you can access directly or from here.

The community is by no doubt aware of the damage to our Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) during the storm last Tuesday evening.

The material was torn from its attachment at two points with subsequent flapping upon itself with metal parts during the night causing holes throughout the covering.

Unfortunately, this part of the COLA is not covered by insurance. The cost to replace this material has an early figure provided around $20 000. Quotes are yet to be settled. Should we replace the covering with colourbond the quote will be around $40 000.

Luckily, we have just completed the walkathon, which was to provide a sound system for the shade structure. Without a COLA there is little point using the $8 000 raised to go to this purpose when there is a pressing need to replace the structure.

Therefore, the staff and students have agreed to put these funds towards the replacement cost. We hope the parent body agrees.

To raise funds to continue to find the replacement cost the school is holding a 'Crowdfunding' activity.

Wikipedia defines: 'Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project or venture by raising monetary contributions from a large number of people, typically via the internet.'

What is Crowdfunding?
Crowdfunding is NOT begging. It is the pooling of funds from people who are passionate about a project or idea, to help bring those ideas to life.

My family would like to support the repairs to the COLA in the KPS playground.

Payments can be made online, cash or cheque

- $10  
- $25  
- $50

- $100  
- $>100

Receipts will be issued for Tax purposes

Name ________________________

Child’s class ____________________

NEWSFLASH: The KPS OOSH at last night’s meeting has donated $10 000 towards the shade shelter repairs depending upon quotes. THANK YOU!
Minyong's artwork, which was displayed in the newsletter during Term 3 week 6, has been one of 50 chosen to be included in the 2015 Operation Art Touring Exhibition. Her work will be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW from 11-30 November. The works will then tour NSW regional galleries in 2015 before returning to be given to the Children’s Hospital at Westmead to become a part of their permanent collection. The school will receive a framed colour copy of the artwork for display in our corridor.

Minyong will receive an award at the art gallery on November 11th.

What an honour it is for Minyong and her exceptional artistic talents to be an artist with a work displayed in the NSW Art Gallery. The Archibalds are next!

Ben Chifley Art Competition 2014.

Congratulations to Kayla and Liana who were awarded prizes in this year’s competition.

Kaya won 2nd prize for Stage 3 while Liana won 1st prize for Stage 3 and the prize for best in the show.

Both girls attended the award assembly and were very proud of their achievements.

5/4OC Atoms and Molecules

During Term 3 5/4OC learned all about the different states of matter. As part of this they completed a homework task
• researching atoms and molecules;
• complete an experiment with melting ice; and
• write an explanation about what happens to the particles in a block of ice when it melts.

Aaron defined an atom

Eden defined a molecule

What is a molecule?

Molecule is the general term used to describe atoms connected by chemical bonds. Every combination of atoms as a molecule compounds happen with atoms from different elements. So, all compounds are molecules, because they have bonds between the atoms like in (H2O).

And Eden summarised his experiment

Music

Welcome back to all band students!

Directions In Music would like to welcome Mr Rob Woodhouse to the team at Kensington Public School. He will be the new Senior Band conductor as well as the Clarinet and Saxophone tutor. Mr Woodhouse has many years’ experience running primary school band programs and is a wonderful musician. He is very much looking forward to working with all the students!

Welcome Mr Woodhouse!

Due to missed lessons during Term 3, make up lessons will be run for all clarinet & saxophone students this term on Friday 24th October and Friday 31st October.

These lessons will be run between 11:30am - 1:00pm each week for half an hour and students will be collected from class at the required time. Please ensure you bring your instruments to school on these days. Regular practices on Thursdays will still be running as normal each week.

Notes Home

Notes that are relevant for the different classes are:

1. Year 2 Intensive Swimming Scheme
Public Speaking

Kensington Public School hosted the Botany Bay District Finals for the 18 public schools who entered. Students across the four divisions chose a variety of topics to speak about.

The winners were:
- Early Stage 1: Isabella- Waverley PS
- Stage 1: Rebecca- Randwick
- Stage 2: Archie - Clovelly PS
- Stage 3: Pia – Kensington PS

Thank you Miss Howley and Mrs Fredman for their organization.

Listen to our Stage 2 entrant, Karla’s great speech on Women’s Rights found on our website under the school years tab, Year 4 page.

Talented Writers’ Group

Miss Croft has been leading a group of talented writers all year. The students submitted poems to the ‘Red Room Project’. Each author received certificates. In addition the following students were shortlisted and you can read their poems by visiting the red room website.

The links on the student’s name, all from Year 4, take you to their poems. Alex - My Frozen Fire Sumi- My Necklace Heidi - Audrey’s Flower Audrey- Sky Painter Amy – My Carnation Companions

Kinder Orientation

We received this email about the Kinder Orientation sessions which we are grateful for.

Just a quick note to say thank you to you, your staff and school parents for hosting a wonderful orientation day today. It was extremely organised and informative. Above all, Alex (who is starting at KPS next year) and I were made to feel very welcome. It also validated my husbands and my decision to send our child to KPS. After today, I have no doubt he will be safe hands next year.

I thought your 2 school captains did a wonderful job in front of such a large crowd with their speeches. I was also lucky enough to be taken on a tour by these students which were excellent and again informative.

My son really enjoyed the introduction and the sports activities as well as the treats provided for morning tea!

Thank you to the current Kindergarten Parents for providing the refreshments.

Think U Know

**Save the date for the Cyber Safety Workshop**

When: Wednesday 12th November 2014.
Where: Kensington Public School Hall.
Time: 7 - 8.30pm.
RSVP: Lynne.Boyce1@det.nsw.gov.au

Think U know is an Internet safety program delivering interactive training to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia using a network of accredited trainers from our partner agencies. Created by the UK Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre, ThinkUKNow Australia has been developed by Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia and Datacom.

Kensington Public School would like to invite parents to this free Think U Know Cyber Safety Workshop.

In the meantime, for more information you can visit the Think U Know website, which contains tools and resources to assist in keeping your family safe on-line.


Please see below for the Chinese translation of some of these fact sheets:

如何保持安全-1.docx

**Kinder P&C Playdates**

Our incoming Kinder students and parents are invited to playdates organized by the P&C on:

See the P&C Blog for details
Cultural Tour
Students in Years 3, 5&6 were fortunate enough to view the Confucius Institute’s 10th Anniversary Art Performance. It was the only NSW performance after touring Queensland. A talented and skilled set of performers from Tianjin University provided an entertaining and rich cultural show. The Deputy Secretary of Education, the Director of Secondary Education and the Botany Bay Director also attended. Members of the department’s Confucius Institute also attended.

Uniform Shop News
Thank You from Rachael Dizon
Due to the large number of Kindergarten enrolments we are currently out of stock of the following items:
- Short sleeve polos – sizes 4, 6
- Long sleeve polos – size 6
- Long pants (boys) – size 6
- Raincoats – medium

We will advise when the new stock is delivered.

Also, a huge thank you to the wonderful parent volunteers for helping with the Kindergarten Orientation Uniform Shop sales. They helped count stock, pack and serve and are an asset to the school. They are Lara Fortman, Diep Do, Caroline Bayot, Jude Swain, Mandy Wong, Jane Nguyen, Vicki Tonner, Helen Mourkas, Fiona Davis.

Reminder
A reminder to all students to return their AFL PSSA Jerseys and Athletic Singlets to Mr Rimmer by Friday 24 October.

Congratulations Tamsin
Last week, Tamsin (6D) was awarded para-athlete of the carnival award at the NSW PSSA (State) carnival. At the carnival she won the 12 year girls para-athlete 200m, 800m and long jump and was 2nd in 100m and shot put and 3rd in discus. She will be competing at the national athletics championships in Penguin, Tasmania 27 Nov to 1 Dec this year. Congratulations Tamsin and good luck!

School Banking News
Smart School Savers Competition
To celebrate our next generation of skillful savers, Commonwealth Bank have launched a Search for Australia’s Smart School Savers. Parents can visit www.commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers and have their child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for and how they plan to achieve it. The competition is open to children aged between 5 to 12 years of age. There are some great prizes up for grabs – including a national prize of $1,000 and iPads for six regional winners.

The entry deadline is 5pm on Friday 31 October.

Final Week!
Our Alumni Project where past (and present students) can buy a brick to have their name placed in the school grounds (put the year you were here too)!

Click on the link to select the order form and pay via our website using the Parent Online Payment (POP) system.

SRC NEWS
On Friday 31st of October, the SRC students will be supporting Bandanna Day by selling bandannas and pens. Items for sale will be $3.00 and $4.00 and will be sold outside the library from 8.30am-9am. All proceeds will go to helping find a cure for cancer. Thank you for your support. Emma Fredman
2C News
Since the beginning of Term 3, 2C have been writing on a class blog once a week. On Monday afternoons, Mr Colmer will post an image (sometimes a video) of something to inspire our creative writing ideas. We have focused a lot on imagery (using adjectives, adverbs, similes, alliteration and other literary devices). Below is just a sample of the images and responses 2C have posted to our blog so far.

**Hannah**
The fluffy, yellow, quiet duck is trying to hop desperately onto the little wall of concrete. There was a well behaved duck crossing the bridge happily on the big grassy plain.

At the park the black duck who walked secretly away from its mother quietly went to his friends and played. While the others ducks play the suspicious yellow duck clumsily walks away so that he looks courageous and become popular.

**Theodore**
On a green, grassy field there were seven animals getting chased by a gigantic, gray elephant with big feet and a giant trunk. The animals were running as fast as they can but the elephant caught up. The animals were scared of the gigantic, gray elephant chasing them because the elephant wanted the yellow crown. Greedily the elephant pushed the animals to get the crown from the gorilla.

**Jack**
As dark as a forest in the night a giant clock shattered to tiny pieces while someone watched it. When it let up on a dusty staircase she walked up the dusty staircase. She saw all the fish swimming in the old rusted parts. Then she walked down the stairs it carefully place in the start of it.

By the time she got down it blew in to thin air...And never came back. And it left one tiny piece left.

**Macaulay**
I can feel earthquakes up ahead rumbling beneath my feet and at that moment I tasted hot red sand and sun in my mouth it tastes disgusting and cactus is surrounding me.

I feel so scorched and exhausted under the blazing hot sun. I can feel the air swiftly blowing at my feet it tries and tries but it just can’t put sand on my legs and feet. In the distance I think I see a village somewhere. The sun and sand are as hot as the hottest thing in the universe. I also think I see a cave inside the cave I think I see lovely lava the hottest lava in the whole entire world.

**Laila**
Down in the deep underground there was a magical river with dolphins and other water creatures. The water was rippling as gold as a queens crown, the wishing well was brown as brown tiles on a roof. The river flowed down the creaky rocks as fast as lightning the wavy tall long grass brushed against the mossy rocks.

And if you had a look above in the sky it looked like a multi coloured land. And the grey clouds would bellow and rumble when there was going to be an angry storm! That place was beautiful in my dreams!
Kinder Orientation Day

Buddy Speech Amalia KM

We had to share the speech Amalia gave at the Kinder Orientation Day when speaking about what her buddy, Camila, meant to her. The buddy program operates between younger students and older students.

“When I first started school we were told that we would be paired up with a buddy from Year 6 who would take care of us throughout our kindergarten year. I didn’t know what to expect. I could not have been paired with a nicer buddy. My buddy’s name is Camilla and she is very special to me. I think of my buddy as a caring friend. My buddy is always nice to me and always finds time for me. She is very talented and smart. I watched her perform in the musical this year. I was so excited to see her on stage. My friends and I sometimes watch our buddies play netball during lunch. Our buddies are always showing us all the different things we can do at school. I never feel lonely as I know my buddy is around.

At first, I thought a buddy would be someone who would play with me. As I learned, my buddy is there to do more than that. She is always there to check up on me and to make sure I’m ok. She makes time to play with my friends and I whenever she can.

She has taught me to skip, use the big equipment and has introduced me to lots of other students around the school in the other years. I now feel that I know people in every year as I walk around the playground. If I didn’t have my buddy I would feel quite nervous around the older students.

We sometimes have special meetings with our buddies called “Peer Support”. During this time our buddies teach us important things, such as what bullying is. Camilla helped me to understand that a disagreement between friends isn’t bullying. We discuss things and solve little problems. I watch and learn from her.

My buddy has made this year easier, as she has been supportive and caring.

I feel safe and more confident knowing that I have my buddy and my teachers.

Having a buddy has taught me how to survive my first year at school.

I feel safe and a part of things.
I feel special that I belong.

OOSH ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISCO

Should your child be going from the OOSH to the Disco on Friday 31 October the centre, due to FACS legal requirements, cannot send children without the usual sign out procedures. Alternatively, a parent can arrange for a responsible adult (friend, another parent) to sign your child out. Please make sure a note is sent to the OOSH advising them of the change to the pick up person.

Orders for the Honk DVD and images are available for sale from the office or using our online payment system. Each DVD has a high quality film and series of photos for you and your family to view. All profits from these sales will go towards the repairs to our shade shelter.

DVD $20 or Blu-ray $30

Year 6 will also take orders outside the library for the next two weeks.

Orders will be ready as soon as possible after sales close.

Orders close Friday 8 November
Opportunity Class Offers

Congratulations to the 11 students who received offers to attend the Opportunity Class and the further 3 students who have been placed on the reserve list.

No matter whether you were successful in gaining a place or not, each and every student who made a decision to sit the test says a lot about your attitude to always giving of your best and willingness to take risks with your learning. This attitude demonstrates our value of ‘Knowledge’.

Student Wellbeing

The review of our student wellbeing and discipline policy throughout 2014 has resulted in the following:

1. an online conduct book for recording student behavior;
2. design of logos around the themes of Knowledge, Honour and Community; and
3. framing our rules around these themes and displaying them around the school. You may notice white corflute signs promoting the positive behaviours around the playground.

The Student Representative Council has developed rules for movement through the corridors. In addition posters have also been developed for the Canteen, Hall and Library. Some of these are included for your information.

2015 Parents are requested to put in writing in a letter to the Principal, any specific points to further facilitate your child’s learning conditions that you wish to be considered as we form classes. Each year a few parents choose to write in. Our class formation policy is available on the website by selecting the link or searching for Class Formation Policy. This policy may answer your questions.

Please do not make any specific requests for an individual teacher as we are unable to accommodate this request.
Greetings from the P&C.

Halloween Disco – Oct 31st
The Halloween disco is fast approaching so it’s time to dress up your little monsters and dust off the dancing shoes.

Between 5pm and 7pm there will be Halloween games, a sausage sizzle, glo-sticks, mini melts ice cream and of course DJ Graeme. Make sure you bring enough coins for drinks and snacks as dancing is thirsty (and hungry) work!

We Need Parent Volunteers!!!!
To ensure the success of the evening we need a minimum number of volunteers. We have a number of jobs (allocated in 1 hour slots) to fill including:

- selling tickets,
- selling glo-sticks
- selling food

If you can help please contact Mary on marykwwong@outlook.com

Next P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the library. The canteen survey will be one of the items on the agenda.