Maroubra Fun Run Contestants form the Kensington Public School Team on Sunday 26 October.

Confucius Classroom

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Confucius Institutes across the world, the Tianjin University sent a troupe of performers to entertain Years 3, 5 & 6 students and special Department of Education and Communities guests at Kensington Public School. The troupe had performed throughout Queensland, visiting us before heading back to China. 20 items were performed including a version of ‘Click Go The Shears’, an instrumental, opera singing and dances including one with amazing masks.
### Staffing

Mr Johnston will be in Nanjing, China from Wednesday 29 October through to Wednesday 5 November for a Confucius Classroom Conference meeting Chinese and International Principals.

Mr Rimmer will be the Acting Principal during this time. In addition, Ms Guo will be the Acting Assistant Principal.

Recently the school interviewed candidates for a classroom teacher position for 2015. Mrs Helen Mourkas and Mrs Stephanie Francis were selected from the School Council and P&C to represent the community on the panel. We thank them for their work in ensuring the quality of teachers continues to be of the highest standard.

### Notes Home

Notes that are relevant for the different classes are:

1. Yr 5 Augmented Reality Excursion
2. Yr 5 & 6 Sydney Girls Drama Performance
3. Yr 4 Corroboree Festival

### Think U Know

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

When: Wednesday 12th November 2014.
Where: Kensington Public School Hall.
Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm.
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. www.thinkuknow.org.au.

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

如何保持安全-1.docx

### 2015 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


### Orientation Buddy Speech

Last week we printed from KH, Amalia’s Kinder Orientation speech, this week we reproduce her Year 6 buddy’s speech, Camilla!

My name is Camilla and this is my buddy Amalia.

I am in Year 6 here at Kensington Public School. One thing I really loved about this school is the buddy program. The buddy program is when you are in Year 6, or sometimes even in Year 5, and you are given a kindergarten buddy to look after.

Once a week, you will have a class with your buddy. In this class you might read together, do some drawing or go outside to do an activity with them like skipping. When you have a buddy it is always nice to say Hi in the playground or maybe give them a hug. This always makes them feel better, especially while they are settling in.

One of the nicest things about the buddy program is that everyone knows who your buddy is. So if they need help, someone will come and find you. But the best thing about having a buddy is getting to know your buddy and all the other kindergarten children, which is really fun.

I remember my first term at Kensington when I got my buddy whose name was Bright. I was really happy to have someone in Year 6 looking after me. I still remember the fun times we had together. Nearly every day I would see him in the playground and we would say Hi or have a chat.

Now I’m in Year 6 and I have a buddy of my own, Amalia. I have really enjoyed getting to know her and I’ve loved watching her get to know the school. She’s been a great buddy and I’ll miss her alot next year but I know she’ll love her time at this school.

If you are a parent or a student about to start your journey at Kensington, you don’t need to worry. The buddy program will help make your first year as much fun as mine was.

Camilla
Chess News

Kevin played in the Bondi Sunday Fun Tournament held by Sydney Academy of Chess on 19th October. He won 3 games of total 6 games. In his last game, he beat a player who has over 450 NSW Junior Chess League ratings. Kevin gained the highest scores among the players whose ratings are under 450 or unrated, so he was awarded a medal for his great performance. Congratulations, Kevin!

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

School Banking News

To celebrate our next generation of skillful savers, Commonwealth Bank have launched a Search for Australia’s Smart School Savers. Parents can visit this website: www.commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavvers 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. 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.

Sandpit for Infants

We are currently creating a new sandpit area for the infant students closer to the Kindergarten rooms.

However, we need people power to assist with the shovelling out of soil and cleaning up of the current sandpit.

If anyone with a shovel is available on Saturday 15 November to assist us with this work we would be very grateful. Anyone who has a shovel and/or wheelbarrow which they could bring along would be appreciated.

Please let the school office know if you can help out from 8am Saturday 15 November.

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
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 _______________________

Thank you, your Crowdfunding efforts so far have raised $1,007.

Our Walkathon, which is also being put to this activity, has now reached $10,000. Combined with the OOSH donation of $10,000 we are halfway towards the replacement cost. The school will advise the community of the exact cost once we finalise quotes.

Help Kensington Public School WIN $1,500 with the GreenMoney School Challenge.
All we need to do is sign up as many new members to the GreenMoney recycling rewards School Challenge – the school with the most GreenMoney members wins!

What is GreenMoney?
GreenMoney is a rewards program for the environment, where households earn reward points for recycling and taking other positive green actions. Households can SAVE up to $400 a year off groceries, meals out, movie tickets and everyday items from over 60 local venues and reward partners.

The GreenMoney program is the first of its kind in Australia and is delivered in partnership with Randwick City Council; this means that only residents living in the Randwick Council area can create an account at greenmoney.com.au

Sign up to WIN
To help our school WIN $1,500 all you need to do is:
2. After creating your account, nominate our school from the drop down list.
3. Like and Follow the GreenMoneyAU Facebook page for School Challenge updates and weekly leaderboards.

Even if we don’t win $1,500, we have the chance to win a $300 voucher from Rebel Sport to go towards sporting equipment, or $300 to spend on plants from the Randwick Community Nursery.

Remember, the school with the most new registered members wins – so invite your friends, family and neighbours to join GreenMoney and give Kensington Public School a real chance at winning $1,500.

The Sign Up Challenge ends 5PM on Tuesday, 11 November 2014.

*School Challenge terms and conditions. Only available to households and schools located within the Randwick City Council LGA. Schools restricted to pre-schools and years K – 6 (excludes high schools). Only households living in the Randwick City Council LGA can create a GreenMoney reward account. School Challenge closes 5PM Tuesday, 11 November 2014 with the winners announced during National Recycling Week. Only GreenMoney household accounts created between 14 October 2014 and 5pm 11 November 2014 will be eligible to nominate a school. The school with the most nominations between 14 October 2014 and 5pm 11 November 2014 will win the first prize of $1,500.
**KH: Artist Study and Paintings**

A Unique Process.

When I am painting I have a general notion as to what I am about. I can control the flow of the paint. . . . There is no accident, just as there is no beginning and no end. **Jackson Pollock**

KH had the opportunity to learn about American artist Jackson Pollock (1912 – 1956). Jackson Pollock's revolutionary art bypassed traditional painting rules—he invented a method that was uniquely his.

Students were exposed to Pollock's method of painting and were able to experience the action of making a painting without using a paintbrush themselves. Instead students used pop sticks, cups, cotton swabs, pipe cleaners, straws, marbles and even ping pong balls. Using these items students were encouraged to use methods such as smudging, squirting, swirling, flinging, dribbling, dripping, pouring, squiggling, splashing, overlapping and splattering.

Students were asked to consider the following when creating their art work.

**Move** your whole body—not just your arm and hand—to reach all areas of the paper. Fill the paper from edge to edge so that there is an allover pattern.

**Think** about how to layer your colours. Pause and wait until one colour is dry before adding another layer.

**Experiment** with different types of lines—thick, thin, short, long, straight, curved, parallel, diagonal—by varying the height, angle, and speed of your action.

**Remember there are no mistakes. Chance occurrences are part of art making!**

Students also enjoyed listening to jazz music while they worked (Jackson Pollock favourite).

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**Student Merit Awards**

**Knowledge, Honour and Community**

3B Jesse, Georgia, Ren-Shyan, Ziyad, Harrison, Orlando **Gold** Harrison, Susanna
3W Amelia, Will, Rola, Jeramiah **Bronze** Arthur **Silver** Jonas, Jeramiah, Amelia
4C Peter, Florence, Kevin, Claudia, Jehudah
4R Adrian, Talia, Tristan, Carla **Silver** Zoe, Adem, Nicholas, Carla, Rowen
5/D 3BHey, Carina, Vanessa **Silver** Sophie, Ayeshah
6/5E Nabil, Ian, Saia, Julian **Bronze** Kevin
6D Maisie, Tamsin, Pia, Shakira, Serra, Grace, Safwan, Jonathan **Silver** Shakira, Tamsin, Nirooshan, Maisie, Akul
Greek Jesse, Peter, Shakira **Mandarin** Min Yong, Vanessa, Edeline

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**PSSA Results 24 October 2014**

T-ball/Softball v Coogee A at Moore Park
Juniors won **Score** 27-8 **Player of the Week:** Sammi
Senior Boys lost **Score** 5-6 **Players of the Week:** Arielle & Vanessa

**Summary:** Both teams played well considering this was the first game since Term 1. The T-ball team played very strongly to score a convincing win. The softball team was unlucky to go down by just one point.

**Next opponent:** Randwick B

**Oz Tag at Moore Park**
Junior Boys v Randwick C won **Score** 5-1 **Player of the Week:** Chris
Senior Girls v Coogee lost **Score** 6-3 **Player of the Week:** Hannah

**Senior Boys v Double Bay** won **Score** 12-0 **Player of the Week:** Nicholas

**Summary:** This was the first game of Term 4 and all three teams competed strongly. The Senior Girls had a great contest with Coogee. Lucas in the Senior Boys game scored a fantastic length of the field try; Aiden W. ran and tagged well for the Junior Boys.

**Next opponent:** Juniors: Clovelly B, Senior Boys: Glenmore Road, Senior Girls: Double Bay A.
Maroubra Fun Run 2014

Once again Kensington Public School students and parents demonstrated the value they place in the school community spirit by supporting, attending and participating in the Maroubra Fun Run.

Last Sunday morning, our school colours were prominent amongst the competitors as students and parents overcame the heat and hills of South Maroubra. For the second successive year, students from all Years proudly represented Kensington with enthusiasm and excellent team spirit, adding to the festive atmosphere that prevailed throughout the event.

Students are to be commended for their exemplary conduct and manner in which they presented themselves in our school athletic singlets.

A special mention to Mrs M Carroll, Mrs Parsons and of course the effervescent Ms Fredman for their support and encouragement on the day.

Congratulations to the following students for participating and upholding Kensington’s Community value and positioning us at the forefront of public education. They were acknowledged for their efforts before their peers at Monday’s Assembly.

Kindergarten: Harry KK
Year 1: Evie 1C, Soham 1V, Riley 1P
Year 2: Laila 2C, Zoe 2C, Lily 2/1S, Sebastian 2/1S, Danny 2C, Maddie 2RP, Ebrel 2/1S, Jemma 2/1S
Year 3: Ren-Shyan 3B, Charlotte 3B, Tri 4/3C, Jesse 3W, James 3B
Year 4: Jaime 5/4O, Alex 5/4O, Amina 4R
Year 5: Lucy 5/4O
Year 6: Kayla 6/5E, Miriam 6D

Congratulations to Jaime in 5/4O on winning the $100 gift voucher from Kenso Sports.

Ms Vlahos
Shade Shelter Crowd Funding
Thank you to the many families who have supported our request to raise funds for the replacement Shade Shelter structure. Thank you to KPS OOSH for their generous donation.

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*School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year. Check with your school, as schools may vary some of these dates. Don’t forget that school zone speed limits apply on ALL school days including school development days.

Get ready for exams at www.schoolatoz.com.au
Camping Update
Last weekend the Kenso P&C Camping Trip was held at Cattai National Park. The beautiful (hot) weather gave the kids an excuse to swim in the river and build fortresses from branches and mud. We cooked, we ate, we played mahjong, we ate, we saw kangaroos grazing, we roasted marshmallows, we chatted and gazed at the stars. It was a great weekend - thanks to Rick Merten for organising and for everyone who came along!

Photos from the weekend below....

Halloween Disco – THIS WEEK!
Yes it’s finally here, the Halloween Disco!!!!! Dress up your kids and come to school on Friday 31st October between 5pm and 7pm for Halloween fun. There will be a sausage sizzle, mini melt ice creams, drinks, glo sticks and games. It’s an event not to be missed!

Please note that parents must accompany their children.

We are still looking for one or two more volunteers so if you can help please contact Mary on marykwwong@outlook.com

P&C Meeting – CHANGE OF DATE
Please note the date of the next P&C meeting has changed. The meeting will now be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the library.