GUIDELINES FOR THE
ELECTION OF SCHOOL
CAPTAINS AND VICE
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- Candidates can self-nominate using a supplied nomination form. The form will ask questions relating to how he/she has demonstrated leadership as well as the capacity to lead. Responses must be handwritten and not exceed two pages.
- At a staff meeting, all forms will be tabled and will be determined to have or have not met the specific criteria according to the Student Leadership Framework for Primary Schools and a rubric for each of the four aspects.
- Captains and Vice Captains will be elected by staff and students. Years 3-5 students, current year School Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains and House Vice Captains and teachers will vote.
- One vote per person.
- Parents will be informed of these guidelines in Term 4 in the Newsletter.
- A student will be ineligible for nomination if he/she has had to submit two Conduct Reflection Sheets this year.
- A student will be ineligible for nomination if he/she has been reported to the Principal for misbehaviour this year and has warranted a Principal's involvement in a parent interview.
- All Year 3-6 students will be familiar with these guidelines.
- Any elected student who is in breach of these guidelines will be replaced by the student with the next highest number of votes, after two warnings. Parents will be informed of all warnings.

2015 Nomination and Elections

Forms will be distributed to Year 5 students on Wednesday 12th November (Week 6).

The nomination form must be submitted by 3pm on Friday 14th November.

A staff meeting will take place on Monday 17th November to determine who is eligible for placement on the election ballot according to the criteria.

Confirmation of nomination will be take place on Tuesday 18th November (Week 7)

Speeches will take place on: Thursday 20th November (K-2 audience 2:15 pm) and Friday 21st November at a special Year 3-6 Assembly at 11:45am.

Voting will take place on Friday 21st November.

Candidates will have a maximum of two (2) minutes when speaking at the assembly.

Attention Year 5 parents

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry into Selective High Schools in 2016.

If your child is in Year 5 and you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2016, you need to do so at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Online applications close on 17 November 2014. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted. If you would like to receive an information booklet, please let me know.

Mr Rimmer
Year 3 Excursion

Last Tuesday, Year 3 students spent the day exploring Gibberagong, an environmental education centre nestled in the Ku-ring-gai National Park. The students had a great time learning about the animals and plants that live in the area. It was a wonderful way to bring to life their understanding of taxonomy, which Stage 2 has been learning about in Science this semester.

Susanna’s reflections:
I thought it was interesting when David, our tour guide, told 3B and 3W that the only difference between a moth and a butterfly is that a moth’s wings are flat when it lands but a butterfly’s wings are straight up.

I especially loved the part when we got to scratch different types of leaves that we could find around the area we were in. I also loved listening to the birds around us because it was so quiet, I could even hear the wind!!

I think that it was the best school day this year and I recommend Gibberagong to all the people who haven’t been yet.

Aiden’s reflections:
My favourite parts were catching bugs, bird watching and drawing leaves. I caught a spider that I called the ‘Sock Spider’ because it looked like it had socks on. I could not hear any birdcalls but my friends did. I drew 4 different types of leaves.

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.

HONK! DVD

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**
Performing Arts News

On Tuesday 18th November in Week 7 we will be holding a music soiree evening. All students in String Ensemble, Junior and Senior Band and Infant Choir will be performing. All students performing need to wear the performance uniform which is available at the uniform shop. Students in the bands need to be at school at 5.30pm and choir at 5.45pm. Soiree commences at 6pm with a gold coin donation. Any children wanting to do solos please see Ms. Fredman as soon as possible.

SRC News

Thank you to all those children who supported Bandanna Day. All proceeds will help CanTeen which looks after children living with cancer.

On Friday 21st November the children at school will be supporting White Ribbon Day. We ask that children wear white socks to school instead of green and place white ribbons in their hair. Each child will receive a white ribbon to show our support in stopping violence against women. We will also be decorating the school. A gold coin will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Emma Fredman and Nicole Vlahos

Halloween Photo

Crowd Funding Donation

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 $1897

Our Walkathon, which is also being put to this activity, has now reached $10,412. Combined with the OOSH donation of $10,000 we are half way towards the replacement cost. The school will advise the community of the exact cost once we finalise quotes.

Year 6 Fundraising Day

Every year, Year 6 students conduct fundraising events in order to purchase a gift for the school. In previous years, their efforts have seen them buy a lectern, mats for the hall, house banners and a sound system.

This year the fundraising activities will take place on Thursday the 6th of November. These activities will take place from 10:30am. Children will require small change in order to participate and to buy items at the fundraising stalls. Types of activities this year include guessing competitions, sponge throwing, games and food and drink stalls.

It should be a lot of fun while also achieving a pleasing outcome.
WIN $1,500 for our school!

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.
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.


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

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2015 Kinder/P&C Playdates

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

See the P&C Blog for details

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.

Maths Olympiad Results

Congratulations to all the students in Mr O'Connor’s Stage 3 Maths group who participated in this year’s Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad.

You should be very proud of your efforts.

The following students finished in the top 25% of all entrants:

Liana, Ian, Patrick, Julian, Adam, Edward, Han, Agatha, Serra, Vanessa, Natalie Maisie, Charlotte

The following students finished in the top 10% of all entrants:

Nirooshan, Shakira, Mikaela, Min Yong

Special congratulations to Nirooshan, who achieved the highest individual score from Kensington Public School with 23 out of a possible 25. What an amazing effort!

Peer Support

All Year 6 leaders have been doing a wonderful job with delivering great lessons to their peer group about bullying. So far the students have been looking at some of the reasons why bullying occurs and what sort of activities could be undertaken instead. Bullying behaviour is often the result of anger, loneliness, boredom or the desire for fun or attention. It is also linked to a lack of empathy by those doing the bullying. If children can encourage one another to engage in more productive activities then the incidence of bullying behaviour may decrease. The number of children directly involved in bullying behaviours is usually quite low; however, the number of children who know that bullying is occurring is significantly higher. For the next two weeks in Peer Support, children will have the opportunity to discuss the ways they can speak up against bullying behaviours and make a difference. This will involve the children examining their role as a bystander and how to seek help for someone who is being bullied.

C. Espinosa

Peer Support Coordinator
Halloween Disco

A big thank you to all the parents and Mr Rimmer who helped out on Friday night at the Halloween Disco. We could not have done it without you. A special big thank you goes to Graeme Petrie our DJ who brought everyone to the dance floor with his selection of great tunes. The disco raised approximately $1,900 which will go towards funding presentation day at the end of term.

Next P&C Meeting
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the library. We hope to see you there!