And yet another win!

Thank you to Mrs Krivosic for entering our Green Wall into the Randwick City Council’s Sustainability Awards.

The wall was created during Years 3-6 Enrichment groups each Thursday afternoon during Term 2 by students under the supervision of Ms Fredman and Miss Croft. Thank you to the many families who provided the succulents for the wall.

Grandparents’ Day

What a wonderful morning, as Grandparents and friends were entertained and feasted on a magnificent morning tea. Students interviewed grandparents about what school was like ‘in the old days’.
P&C

The P&C is looking for volunteers to sit on a committee to assist in the selection of a menu with the prospective tender for the canteen. Please call Helen Pellegrino, P&C President on 0431 959 295

New kindergarten playdates
If your child is starting school in 2015, introduce them to other children form their year group at the P&C playdates. These are not official school events, but a great way to get to know other families and make the first day a bit less daunting.

Tuesday 16th December 2014 3.15pm Kokoda Park
Friday 16th January 2015 10.30am Duke Street playground
Wed 28th January 2015 1pm Kensington Oval playground

Sausage Sizzle
We still need a few more volunteers for the sausage sizzle on the last day of term. Wednesday 17th Dec. Please call Helen 0431 959295 if you can help cook or serve the orders

Special Request for Volunteers – 2 projects

We are looking for a volunteer who has experience and a keen eye to attach self-adhesive plastic lettering to our water tank in the new sandpit area. The letters will spell HONOUR, KNOWLEDGE and COMMUNITY and will be a wonderful reminder to everyone who passes by to remember the ethos of Kensington Public School.

and

We need a volunteer who has experience laying pavers for our Alumni Garden in the garden opposite the canteen.

Grandparents’ Day

Student Merit Awards

Knowledge, Honour and Community

3B Adriano, Bianca Gold Charlotte
3W Ivan Silver Zara, Nathan, Alannah
Gold Maddy, James S.
4/3C Aiden W., Samuel N. Silver Andy, Georgia, Kevin, Aiden, Claudia, Edeline
4R Alejandra, Ari Silver Mohit
5/40C Safaraz, Sumi Silver Louis, Heidi, Peter, Aaron, Chris, Alex, Edward Gold Safaraz, Eden, Amy, Audrey
6/5E Silver Eugenia Gold Agatha, Amy, Mikaela, Kayla, Nathaneal

PSSA Results 5 December 2014

T-ball v Double Bay, Softball v Double Bay at Queens Park
Juniors won Score 20-15 Players of the Week: Amelia and Sammi
Seniors won Score 5-2 Player of the Week: Pia
Summary: Congratulations to the T-ballers who won their game to finish 3rd overall. It was a great effort! The softballers finished off the year with a strong win against Double Bay.
Next opponent: TBA

Oz Tag at Queens Park
Junior Boys v Coogee drew Score 2-2 Player of the Week: Chris
Senior Girls v Bellevue Hill won Score 3-2 Player of the Week: Hannah
Senior Boys v Glenmore Rd won Score 3-0 Player of the Week: Akul
Summary: The Senior Boys WON the Zone competition defeating Glenmore Rd in a very competitive game. The defence was outstanding. The Senior Girls finished 3rd in the competition while the Juniors finished a creditable 10th.
Next opponent: TBA
Reminder

Bus passes
All students with current bus passes in Year 2, entering Year 3 in 2015 will need to complete a new Transport for NSW application form now.
All students moving from Year 6 to Year 7 in 2015 will also need to complete a new application form and the form must be signed off by the high school they are attending.
Any student who has changed address or will be changing address before return to school in 2015 should also complete a new application form.
Please see the office ASAP for the forms.

Newsletter item KH

During Sportspro lessons KH is developing music appreciation and body awareness.

Children have been introduced to many new and challenging fundamental movement skills and techniques that are vital to the effective execution of skills in dance. Students have also developed an appreciation of music through understanding rhythm and beat exercises and learnt the importance of moving in time with the beat.

Some of the activities and games KH has been involved in are:

1. Dance Game - coordination with body and movement. Identifying movement with different actions.
2. Technique – children observe and repeat movements using the whole body.
3. Dance routine - Children are learning a dance routine that will be taught over several weeks.
Student Wellbeing Program

Next week the Student Wellbeing Program at our school will come to an end.

Ms Lynne Boyce has done an outstanding job for the wellbeing of students at Kensington Public School. For two days a week for over a year Ms Boyce has worked with families and students on a variety of issues. Those families and students with whom Ms Boyce has worked know what a valuable resource she has been. On a broader scale Ms Boyce organised the recent Cyber bullying parent information workshop. It is with deep regret that we have to say goodbye to Ms Boyce. Her affect on students’ wellbeing can never be measured but we know that her job was well done!

This program was funded by the Federal Government National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. From 2015 the funding will only be available recognized as Chaplains. Lynne Boyce who has worked in our school is a secular worker with the program managed by Good Beginnings, a non-religious organisation.

A list of community agencies that might be useful for families in our school community is being developed by the Student Wellbeing Worker and will be left in the school office.

Thank you for your support and your patience with the funding of this program.

For the information of our families, some good websites to consult about support for families and children are:  
http://raisingchildren.net.au/  
http://goodbeginnings.org.au/  

Kindergarten 2015

Kindergarten students start school on Monday 2 February, 2015. However, all Kindergarten students will participate in the Best Start Assessment. If you have not yet booked a 45 minutes session, please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code 3D7EX

Canteen Tenders  Tenders are called for the license of the school canteen for the school year commencing 2nd February, 2015 and for a term of 1 year with the option for up to 5 years.

Annual school enrolments will be approximately 410.

General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:  
Mrs Sibel McKenna, Senior Administrative Manager, Kensington Public School  
kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential School Canteen Tender” and sent to:  
The Principal, Kensington Public School, 77-79 Doncaster Avenue, Kensington 2033

Tenders close at 3pm on Thursday 23 January 2015.

A tender visit and briefing session can be arranged upon request before 18 December 2014.

All applicants must make themselves familiar with clause 2 of the tender offer.