The sponsorship of Kensington RSL enabled students to travel to the Kokoda Memorial Track in Rhodes last week. The walk compromises a series of stations retelling the significant events of the campaign. Led by three diggers who participated in the campaign, the students were able to ask questions of these men and women of the nursing station, listening to remarkable tales of the daily events of this significant period of Australia’s history.

Commonwealth Bank donates a signed cricket bat by Mike Hussey.
In recognition of the start of the Banking program at Kensington Public School where over 30% of the students have opened accounts, the local branch donated a commemorative bat signed by current cricketer Mike Hussey. It was presented to our captains.
P&C News
Including news about the Camping Weekend, Mothers Day Gifts, Informal Playdates and P&C Blog.

Camping Weekend.
Beautiful bushland and an amazing volcanic basin set the scene for a wonderful weekend of camping and outdoor fun.

Everybody had a fantastic weekend spent in the bush, with plenty of food cooked on the open campfire, including heaps of marshmallows!

Thankfully the rain stayed away for the whole weekend so we all spent plenty of time playing games, swimming and relaxing.

We all had such a great time that we agreed to have another weekend later this year, possibly in November.

We look forward to seeing more and more families coming to such a great community event. Thanks, Rick

Mothers’ Day Gifts
Don’t forget to return your order forms for beautiful gifts featuring your children’s artworks. The priority project for this fundraiser is the Student Welfare strategy. Signs will be made to promote and focus the community’s understanding of the academic and student wellbeing at KPS. Final date for orders 11th April 2014.

Informal Playdates
We have had 2 fun playdates this term. The Kinder families playdate was on a beautiful, sunny afternoon and the kids played on and on at Kensington Oval. We pressed on with the Y1/2 playdate, despite the rain, last week.

Ms Fredman very kindly allowed us to use her classroom and when the rain eased, we took the kids outside for a much-needed opportunity to burn off some energy. It was really great to hang out with other families who we might not generally see.

P&C Blog
To receive useful reminders, or to update your child/ren’s class details, please subscribe or update at http://kensingtonpandc.blogspot.com.au/
Visit our blog for a sketch of the whole year plan of events.
Minutes are available here. If you have any other queries, or want more information, approach a P&C committee member, or email kensopandc@gmail.com

Hot Cross Bun Bake Sale

Our bake sales are always popular and quickly sell out. Order soon to avoid disappointment. Thanks so Binh and Phong Pham, Y4 parents for donating their Bakers Delight hot cross buns, for us to sell at a great price. The priority project for our bake sales this year is the green wall.

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Every day children receive messages about what constitutes safe behaviour on the road, in cars and on their bikes. Few understand the science behind these messages making it easy for them to be ignored. While most children wear seatbelts and bike helmets many are not using them correctly and so will not gain the optimal protection should they crash.

What did the students learn? Investigate why correct seatbelt use is critical when travelling in a car.

- See how distraction is dangerous for drivers.
- Examine the forces and inertia involved in car crashes and how modern cars protect you in a crash.
- Learn about crumple zones in respect to car and helmet design.
- Delve into the science of bicycles, from reflectors to gyroscopic motion.
- Explore Australian Standards in respect to bike safety and learn legal obligations.
- Learn about the visibility of bicycle riders and hand signalling.
- Participate in an egg “crash dummy” design and make challenge.
- Demonstrate their learning through a variety of tasks.

NRMA Science and Bike Safety Day

This program takes a fresh approach to road safety education by using science demonstrations so students can see what happens to objects (humans) in motion (in cars and on bikes) so that key messages such as "use your seatbelt" and "wear your helmet" take on a new level of relevance in their lives.

ANZAC Day at School

As is tradition each year, our school will be commemorating ANZAC Day on Thursday 10th April (the last full school day before ANZAC Day) with a service planned for 10.40am under the COLA. Parents are very welcome to join us.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could send a small bunch of flowers to school on the morning of Thursday 10th April. The flowers will be laid at the bottom of our flag poles during our service and then later will be taken to Kokoda Park and placed at the ANZAC memorial on behalf of our school.

G Rimmer, Assistant Principal

Fancy Hat

We will also be holding a Fancy Hat Parade for Yrs K-2 in the last week of school (Week 11) on Thursday 10 April. Each child in K-2 is asked to make or decorate a festive hat at home with their parents/carers and bring to school. Parents and friends are invited to attend our special assembly and hat parade.

Thanks to all the students who took the time to decorate their helmets.
During the term 4R have been studying a visual literacy unit "Pictures tell the story".

Students have developed their understanding of how stories can be communicated using images - both still images and moving images.


The study also included an animated short film ‘For The Birds’ and have explored how visual narratives are constructed.

In the IT lab, students used the application, Comic Life, to relay what the frogs and other characters might be thinking or saying to one another.

Comic Life enabled them to use thought and speech bubbles in a comic strip format.

Students imported images from a shared file to create a text like those above.

See page 6 for more of Adrian’s story.
Randwick Boys and Girls High School Talks

Each year the principals of Randwick Girls’ and Boys’ High Schools visit local primary schools to talk with parents from Years 3-6 to illustrate the programs the schools are implementing to support and develop their academic achievements.

Mrs Heather Emerson and Mr Wayne Duncombe will be at the school on Wednesday 30 April from 6.15pm to share information about their schools and answer parents’ questions.

Performing Arts News

Well done to all those students in years 5 and 6 who auditioned for lead roles in our School Musical ‘Honk’. We have a fantastic cast of leads and our first rehearsal is this Friday morning (4th of April) at 8am in the Performing Arts room. As from Term 2, we will be rehearsing lunch times and before school on a Friday morning from 7.45am. Term 3 we will rehearse after school on a Thursday afternoon.

Each child will be getting a script and will need to bring this to every rehearsal.

Thanks from Ms Fredman, Mrs Samarakoon, Miss Wright and Mrs Marshall.

Green Wall

The green wall is one group during the Enrichment sessions, for Years 3-6, held each Thursday afternoon. Students have been involved in the researching, costing and planning phases of this project.

Reflecting upon their learning the students wrote paragraphs about what they learned through the project. Here are some snippets from their paragraphs.

In enrichment groups I was part of the Green Team and I have been learning to make a beautiful green wall. It was amazing. I felt happy because I was getting involved. I have learned a lot on how to prepare a pot for succulents to hang on the mesh. Katia

I got to cut the irrigation lines with Nathan. Maddy

For the past few weeks I have been making a green wall. I have planted pots and watered succulents. I felt happy because we worked as a team. Harrison

Since I have been on the green wall team I have changed the way I think about gardens. I have learned that succulents only grow during the spring. Anuj

Vertical Garden Donations

Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who have donated various cuttings for our Green Wall.
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**More of Adrian’s Graphic Novel**

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Want to play Chess in Term 2? Look for the note in this newsletter or on our website.
Why active kids are less likely to be cyberbullied?
We all know that getting kids off the computer and outside to play is important for their health. But researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.


Maths assignment starters
Planning a budget or choosing the most suitable mobile phone plan involves understanding numbers and numeracy. These maths assignment starters will give you a handy start.


More Greenwall Stories from the Enrichment Group
I have had a great time gardening and helping planting. I felt happy and excited when teachers told me about this. I have learnt that a vertical garden saves more room for children to play. **Claudia**

I felt very contented planting the pots on the wall because it was fun and lots of team work. I really enjoyed the green team. **Kevin**
Mother’s Day

The P&C is sharing the love with mothers and the special women in our lives who look after us by thanking them in a special way.

This year we are incorporating your child’s artwork and giving you the opportunity to purchase a personalised gift to treasure forever.

By supporting our Mother’s Day fundraiser, you are helping to raise valuable funds for Kensington Public School. All money raised from this fundraiser will be donated to the school to further enhance our Student Welfare Program.

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Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Educational Benefits of Chess:
- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Combines learning with fun!

Kensington Public School Chess Classes, 2014
[Thursdays 1:00pm - 1:45pm]

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*No chess on 4th Sep (school musical)

TO ENROL:
Please collect a form from Ms Wanless.

Sydney Academy of Chess Pty Ltd
Sydney Chess Centre, Level 1, 30A George Street Burwood, NSW
P: 9745 1170  F: 9745 1176  PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1805
E: info@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au  W: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
Kensington Public School Chess Classes – Term 2, 2014

Classes will take place on Thursdays from 1:00pm – 1:45pm.

To enrol, please tick the appropriate boxes below:

- Workbook 1 – Cost: $22
  [Beginner / Rookie]
- Workbook 2 – Cost: $22
  [Intermediate]
- Workbooks 1&2 – Cost: $35
  [SPECIAL OFFER]
- Chess clock – Cost: $85
  [DGT Easy Gametimer]
- Chess set – Cost: $22
  [Roll-up chess board + pieces]
- NEW Advanced Book – Cost: $33
  [Exploration in Chess Beauty]

Term 2 – Cost: $40
[1st May – 26th Jun] □

Cheques should be made payable to Kensington Public School. All forms and payments must be handed in to the school office only.

Total amount paid: $__________

If your payment is not received by the day of the first lesson, your child cannot take part in the class. There will be no refunds for students who miss classes during the term.

Grading of Students
To give our chess coach an idea of the skill level of the group, please indicate your child’s approximate playing ability in the boxes below. If numbers are sufficient, students will be divided into groups according to their level. If you are unsure, here is a brief explanation of each level.

Beginner: Children who can’t play or only know a few of the rules of chess
Rookie: Children who know the rules of chess, movements, special rules, check, checkmate, stalemate and can play a game of chess
Intermediate: Children who understand opening principles, how to finish off the game, positional elements and tactics, and compete in tournaments.

□ Beginner Level □ Rookie Level □ Intermediate Level

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in this form and return it to the school office, along with payment for the appropriate term. Please ensure that you place the permission slip and payment inside a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class clearly written on the front.

Student’s Name: __________________________ Date of Birth: __ / __ / __ __ __

Class: __________ Parent’s Name: ______________________________

Contact Numbers: (Home) ______________ (Work) ______________ (Mobile) ______________

Email: ______________________________

Relevant medical conditions / allergies: __________________________________________

Signed: ______________________________ Date: __ / __ / __ __ __

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