The Governor General and lady Cosgrove visited the school on Wednesday 11 June. The purpose was to view how Asian Education and in particular how Mandarin and the Confucius Classroom is being implemented. The teachers organised a series of lessons which involved:
- Cooking.
- Conversational mandarin.
- The life of Confucius.
- eNGage an iPad app that develops language development.
- Chinese National Anthem.

Our school captain Adam, and vice captains Hannah and Ian, led the proceedings superbly demonstrating excellent leadership skills.

A special thank you to Miss Chen, Miss Gou and Miss Wang for their teaching activities. Miss McDoanld and Mrs Alexandrou also supported the organisation for this special honour.

For more pictures click on this link or any of these pictures to go to the gallery on the website.

String Ensemble: In preparation for the Opera House Performance the String Ensemble took the opportunity to play for the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove today.

A sound recording of their performance can be found using this link on our website. Or go to the news section of the website.
Please make sure your child has their name on each jacket, jumper and hat.

Students have created self-portraits using water paints. The Visual Arts syllabus for Stage 2 encourages students to make artworks that represent a variety of subject matter and make choices about the forms and techniques used to best represent the qualities of the subject matter. They discuss reasons why artists make particular artworks and why different interpretations are possible, recognising similarities and differences in how subject matter is represented.

Coming Up
- 23 June Reports go home
- 24 June 7.30pm P&C Meeting
- 25 June String and Recorder Concert Opera House
- 26 June P&C Mufti Day
- 27 June end of Term 2
- Tuesday 15 July Term 3 starts

P&C News
BAKE SALE: The bake sale raised an amazing $765 towards the vertical gardens project. Thanks so much to the parents who donated delicious baked goods to sell and/or supported us by purchasing.

MOVIE NIGHT: Last few tickets available. Tell your friends and family. Remember we are seeing this movie before the rest of Australia!

Christmas in July Trivia Night
Brought to you by popular demand, we are looking for a team to plan this fun community event for the beginning of Term 3. Please contact kensopandc@gmail.com or Helen Pellegrino on 0431 959295, if you are able to be involved in this team.

Please make cheques payable to KPS P & C

Christmas in July

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PSSA 6 June 2014
There was no PSSA played due to bad weather.

Reminders

Years 3-6
Presents
Honk! Junior
Music: George Styles

Book and Lyrics: Anthony Drewe
A part of the Broadway Junior Collection
Thursday 4th September 2014 @ 7pm
NIDA, Parade Theatre
Child $15.00  Adult $25.00

Payment @ www.kensington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The International Day of the African Child is celebrated on June 16 as a part of Refugee Week. It honours children who participated in the Soweto Uprising in 1976 on that day and raises awareness of the continuing need for the improvement of education provided to African children. The theme for 2014 is ‘a child friendly, quality, free and compulsory education for all children in Africa’.

Chess Team

Rookies Grade: Kensington B team played Claremont C and won 3.5 to 0.5.
Intermediate Grade: Kensington A team played Coogee Prep D and won 4 nil.

Well done to all the students in the chess team and good luck for the rest of the competition.

Strengthening the future provision of public secondary education in the inner Sydney area

Community Consultation continues into what secondary education will look like across the inner Sydney area. The first of the newsletters summarising the work thus far is available is available on our website which you can access by clicking here: Newsletter 1, 6 June 2013
For further information visit www.dec.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhsconsultation

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Public Speaking

Congratulations to Jaime, Kayla, Sophie and Samuel who participated in the Multicultural Public Speaking day at Waverley Public School on Tuesday.

It is clear that with the talents of these children through the class based public speaking program across the school, we have students who know how to speak so well when arguing a case. Thank you to Miss Howley for taking the students.

In addition, Mrs. Mendelsohn is running an inter-house house public speaking competition for classes across the school. Kurpinta (negative) and Mirabooka (affirmative) were represented by Adem, Carla and Han and Sarfarez, Anuj and Eugenia this week debating the topic ‘That Technology Is Destroying Our Lives’. A piece of Carla’s debate can be found under school years on the website.

Mr. O’Connor is also running the Premier’s Debating Challenge and later this year Miss Howley will be conducting the Public Speaking Championships for the Eastern Suburbs at Kensington Public School.
School Banking

Congratulations to Oscar who earned a reward through the school banking program.

It is a credit to the community and students for their perseverance in banking each week. Our terrific band of volunteers braving the cold and supporting the students as they develop a practical understanding of some of the issues of financial literacy is a great feature of parents ongoing support of a student program.

Notes Home

Thank you to the many parents who have made sure that the contributions to excursions and in school performances have been paid. In particular thank you to parents who have paid for the various sporting commitments such as PSSA, Sportspro and our various school sport experts who come into the school each week.

Thank you to the community for making the Parent Online Payments (POP) a success this year.

There are a few outstanding accounts. About 1 in 4 parents will receive a statement today of accounts that may be outstanding.

Whilst every care is taken in the office we will of course check out any payment that has not been credited to your account. Of course should any parent be unable to pay for any activity the school is willing to work out a payment plan or make a co-contribution where possible. Please contact Mr Johnston for a confidential discussion.

Mrs Carroll is beginning to organize the Premier’s Spelling Bee. This is a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to engage with spelling and to promote improved literacy in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus. Please note that you can download this information as a PDF by clicking here.