Kensington Public School will be celebrating Grandparents’ Day on Tuesday 1st December.

It recognises the vital role that grandparents play in our society, and the irreplaceable role they have in their families and in the wider community.

Grandparents are invited to come join their grandchildren in their classrooms from 9:30am, then enjoy a special assembly at 10:15am.
**Speech and Drama Performance**

**Tuesday 1st December 3.30pm Library**

Come along and see the talented Speech and Drama Performers who will amaze you with their poetry and performance. A delicious afternoon tea will follow and Sheila Hammond, Speech and Drama teacher will be able to answer all your questions. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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**Swimming Champ**

Montanah 4R is a talented athlete who has competed in many swimming meets throughout the year.

Like any athlete the training which goes into any sport to achieve success is often unseen and takes up many hours.

The trophies in this photo represent Montannah’s success this year. Congratulations!
Important School Dates

All students in Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to attend school until Wednesday 16 December, the last day of teaching for Term 4 2015. If parents are seeking permission for their child to be absent from school for a period of time, the current Exemption from School - Procedures should be used. Please see the office to get an Application for Leave Form.

The first day back for students in Year 1 to Year 6 in 2016 is Thursday 28th January.

Kindergarten will start on Tuesday 2nd February except for their Best Start individual assessments from 28 January to 1 February.

K-2 Term 4 Assembly Roster Tuesday 2.20pm

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BYOD

As discussed at last night’s school council and P&C meetings a new page on our website contains a range of resources to support Year 4 parents to understand how the program will impact their child. Keep checking the webpage for an update about an explanation of a deal with Apple to purchase items at a reduced price. Apple is only one of three recommendations we make as a part of BYOD.

Parent Questionnaire for PAVE Project

(Preventing Anxiety and Victimisation through education)

Our school is participating in the PAVE project - a research project at Macquarie University. Students in Years 3 &4 who have permission from their parents have now completed the second PAVE survey at school. We would like to invite parents of these children to also complete the PAVE parent survey.

Two schools with the highest return rate of parent surveys will win a $2,000 prize for their school.

This online survey will take about 12 minutes to fill out. Please go to http://tinyurl.com/paveparents to complete the survey. Alternatively, you can collect a paper version of the questionnaire from your school.

The information you provide will assist us evaluate programs that reduce peer victimization and anxiety in schools and also evaluate the health impact and costs to run these programs. The information will assist us plan future support for families to prevent victimization and anxiety in children.

Kensington Public School thanks you for participating in the PAVE Project.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sally Fitzpatrick (9850 8097) or paveadmin@mq.edu.au

PSSA Results

PSSA results from games played 20 October 2015

T-ball/Softball v Double Bay at Queens Park
Juniors lost Score 4-3
Player of the Week Bess
Seniors lost Score 4-0
Player of the Week Carla

Highlights: Unfortunately both teams lost their respective matches. Carla batted well in the Seniors and Bess had a great game as catcher for the Juniors.

Cricket v Randwick B at Queens Park
Junior Boys Bye
Senior Boys won Score 47-46
Player of the Week Teina

Highlights: The Seniors were involved in a very close contest, only winning the game in the last over. Joel and Teina produced a match-winning partnership in the middle stages of the game. Matthew, Joel, Teina and Dean got one catch each. Adem bowled very economically.

Uniform Shop News

Volunteers are needed for 2016. If you are available one morning a week from 8.20am to 9.10am and would like to help in the uniform shop, please leave your name and contact details with the office or come in to the uniform shop and introduce yourself.
KH Weekend Recounts

On Saturday I went swimming with my Mum and my Grandma and my sister. But my Grandpa and Dad stayed at home. When I was swimming I was swimming good. When I finished I went to East Gardens. We first bought food because we had run out. Then we went home. It was good.  

Ariel

Dudley’s Weekend

On Sunday I went to the playground with my Dad and Dudley. I played with Dudley. It was fun. Lisa

On the weekend my Nanna came over to my house. It was very exciting. Did you know what I had for dinner? Dominos! On my pizza I had garlic and it was very yummy. After my dinner I had lollies. It was 1 lollypop and 4 tiny lollies. After that we played soccer. It was Nan and me verses Jordan. Joshua

On the weekend I got out of bed and had breakfast. Then I got into my clothes and got into the car and went to Toys R Us. My Mum bought Shopkins for me. The Shopkins were 'milkshaker maker' and 'spaghetti' and 'chocolate cake'. Asher

Chess

Each Thursday at lunchtime during Terms 2 and 3, chess is an important part of the school. The Enrichment group also learns how to strategise the finer points of the game. Each Friday afternoon the students take part in competitions. Our two teams received certificates from Ms Wanless and Mrs Espinosa who supported the students this year.

School Banking

In a recent competition with school banking, Raelynn KS was the winner of an iPad which was presented to her by school banking coordinators.

2016 Class Placements

Enrolments cannot be settled until the beginning of the school year and this affects the makeup of classes. Many parents make requests to place their child in their new class with a particular group of friends. We ask that all requests be placed in writing marked confidential to ‘The Principal’. Please do not request a specific teacher. However, highlighting the preferred learning style of your child, from your perspective, does assist.

Our class placement policy is available on the website. However, whilst we try very hard to meet most requests, in what is a very complex process, not all requests can be fully met.
**P&C News…**  
**Term 4, Week 8**

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**Play dates for 2016 Kindergarten Children**

If your child is starting Kindergarten in 2016, why not introduce them to other children from their year group at the P&C play dates. Please note, these are not official school events, they are organised by the P&C. The play dates are a great way to get to know other families and make the first day a bit less daunting. Call Helen on 0431 959 295 with any questions.

The dates we have scheduled are:
- Monday 14th December, 3.15pm at Kokoda Park playground
- Wednesday 20th January, 10.30am at Duke Street playground
- Thursday 28th January, 1pm at Kensington Oval playground.

We hope you can make it!

**2016 Kindergarten Tea and Tissues, Tuesday 2nd February**

Just as it sounds! The P&C will provide a morning tea, as you drop off your kindergarten child for their very first day of school on Tuesday 2nd February 2016.

Tea and Tissues gives you the opportunity to meet other kindergarten parents and you can share the first day blues over tea and biscuits. Tissues will be available!

Tea and Tissues takes place immediately after children go to their classrooms. Venue TBC, it’s rather dependent on the weather – traditionally it rains!

**P&C Meetings**

The last P&C meeting of 2015 was held last night in the Library. Don’t forget that if you can’t make the meetings you can still read the minutes on the P&C Blog. Link below:


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**Mufti Day, Thursday 3rd December**

It’s the last P&C fundraiser of the year – phew!

Mufti Day for Term 4 will take place on Thursday 3rd December. Please give your child a gold coin donation to hand into their class teacher. All proceeds will go towards Presentation Day in December. The cost of Presentation Day will be approximately $4,000 of which the Halloween Disco contributed $2,700 so we have some way to go!

Please remember that children are still required to wear their school hats for mufti day.

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Uniform Shop Open  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am - 9.00am
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.