Year 2 Swimming School

The sun was shining upon us for two weeks of (mostly) beautiful weather during our Year 2 intensive swimming program at Botany Aquatic Centre. The program caters for all levels of swimming ability and progresses from water familiarisation to stroke correction for the more advanced swimmers. Our students learnt essential survival and water safety skills such as back sculling, treading water, gliding & recovering, floating and a safety survival sequence which will help to remove them from dangerous aquatic situations. They also made huge improvements in their swimming stroke, particularly freestyle, and we now have a number of students who are confidently and correctly side-breathing to swim longer distances of freestyle. Below are some statistics to show how much we improved throughout the program.

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After beginning the swimming program with a number of students feeling very apprehensive about even entering the water, now every single student can do a survival stroke to keep them safe from drowning for between 1 and 10m. Some students can do a survival stroke for more than 50m. What a fantastic result! All of the Year 2 teachers were incredibly proud of students’ behaviour and the effort they put in to improve their swimming skills.

Here is what some of the students had to say about their swimming experience.

*I can do 25 m of freestyle and 50m of back scull. I had so much fun at swimming! **Harry***

I learnt how to float on my back. **Sumaiya**

*I learnt how to do the face down float, face down swim and face down kick. **Kiyara**

In swimming I learnt back scull and pencil jump. **Liam**

*I learnt how to back scull and rescue. I can now do 50m of back sculling. **Zara**

I can now swim 50m in back scull and 25m in freestyle. **Sebastian**

I learnt to always swim between the flags at the beach. **Elena**

I learnt how to back scull 50 metres. I went to the deep end of the pool and the water was very cool. **Sienna**

I learnt how to backstroke 50 metres and I had fun. **Peter**

If someone is in trouble you must never jump in and save them. You use a noodle and throw or reach to your friend. I love swimming! **Ethan**

I learnt how to back scull 50 metres. **Gaby**
Special Announcement

**A descendant of Lewis Carroll, the author of ‘Alice in Wonderland’** will be our guest speaker at the 3-6 Presentation Day. Charles Dodgson is an ex Kensington PS student and journalist who will provide insights into this famous author and his book as well as being a past KPS student.

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.

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.

**BYOD**

There is a new page on our website which contains a range of resources to support Year 4 parents to understand how the BYOD 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 Victimization 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](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 27 November 2015

**T-ball v Rose Bay**

*Softball v Clovelly at Queens Park*  
**Junior** won **Score** 14-10  
**Players of the Week** Georgia and Amelia  
**Seniors** won **Score** 14-12  
**Players of the Week** Lucy and Sophie  
**Highlights:** The T-ballers are through to the grand final after losing only one game all season. The Seniors won their match to secure 5th place in the softball competition. Good luck to the T-ballers next week!

**Cricket at Queens Park**  
**Junior Boys v Randwick A** lost **Score** 62-31  
**Player of the Week** Harrison  
**Senior Boys v Rose Bay** won **Score** 48-37  
**Player of the Week** Dean  
**Highlights:** The Juniors unfortunately lost their semi-final. All players tried very hard but were outplayed by a better opponent on the day. They now play off for 3rd position. The Seniors did really well in their game. There were many great pieces of fielding and attacking cricket.

**K-2 Term 4 Assembly Roster**  
*Tuesday 2.20pm*

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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.

KS News This term KS have been busy learning all about fairy tales. We read a variety of traditional and modern stories. KS were excited to create their very own stories about a spider.

The Magic Spider, the Princess and the Prince
Once upon a time there was a princess called Leah. Leah was the most beautiful princess of all. But, one night when Leah was asleep a scary, cheeky, naughty spider cast a spell on Leah the princess. Then BOOM! The spider became a prince. When morning came Leah was surprised to see the prince. The King and Queen were also surprised to see the prince. They became friends and lived happily ever after. By Raelynn

The Bear and the Spider
Once upon a time there lived a bear who loved his home made out of candy. He would play in his garden of candy. Once a spider bit the bear. The bear turned into a spider-bear. He could shoot out webs and could also shoot out spiders. The spell ended. The bear lived happily ever after. The bear married another bear. Then the bears became the queen and king. The bear said “I like my life”. By Samara

Lessa and the Magical Spider
Once upon a time there lived a girl called Lessa. She was beautiful. In the castle everybody loved her. One night Leesa slept on her bed. When Leesa was asleep a spider bit her. Leesa cried. The spider turned into a fairy. The fairy was nice to Leesa. Then the fairy took Leesa to a magical world. Leesa loved the world. It had a castle. Leesa did not know what to say. It was beautiful. Everyone loved Lessa. Leesa was happy. By Francesco

Spider Bat
Once upon a time there lived a boy called Jack. When Jack was going to school he got bitten by a radioactive spider. After school he went into the forest and that is where he lived. Then a bat came and bit him. Then he went inside and fell onto the floor. When he woke up he could shoot out webs. He had a great life. By Noah

Matthew’s Greek Project
Congratulations to Matthew for completing a well-researched and superbly presented project about weather in Australia. This project was written in Greek and read aloud in this language as well. When reading it, he sounded like a weather presenter on SBS. He referred to the map to make it more like a weather forecaster. Well done!

Photos: On display in the hall are student photos from our various extra curricula and sporting activities throughout 2015. Teams and groups were assembled today in school uniform to capture a record of their involvement. Ms Fredman used her expertise with a camera to capture these groups of students. For parents who wish a copy of a photo, we are happy to forward via email the photo chosen where parents can then use a photo service to have it printed for as little as 85 cents for each 8x10 photo. These online services can be found at Harvey Norman Photo Centre or Woolworths Photo Centre and are very easy to navigate. For those families wishing assistance with a printed version please contact the office and they can assist in using these photo centres to get your memory printed. Thanks to Mrs Nordon for her assistance with this plan.
Playdates 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 playdates. Please note, these are not official school events, they are organised by the P&C. The playdates are a great way to get to know other families and make the first day a bit less daunting.

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 Committee

All P&C Committee positions are up for re-election at the P&C AGM (Annual General Meeting) in February. If you think you might like to be on the Committee next year please feel free to contact me (Jude) or any of the current committee members for further information. Please email us on kensopandc@gmail.com

Mufti Day, TOMORROW!

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

Mufti Day for Term 4 will take place tomorrow 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 is approximately $6,000 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.

Our uniform shop is run solely by volunteers and we need a group of lovely dedicated volunteers to help out next year.

If you would like to volunteer just 30 minutes a week please contact: kensopandc@gmail.com