Elevated Garden  Two modules of gardens were completed during the holidays. This system uses a solar panel to provide the energy to draw water from the large storage tubs to filter through a sprinkler system each evening. In addition the special, non-toxic, mixture has fertilised the plants. You would agree that this caused the mixture of plants to grow exceedingly well.

Our special thanks to the KPS OOSH centre for partnering with us in this garden project.

Three more modules have been donated by Kensington RSL which will arrive shortly.

Working Bee  Sat 14/2 at 8am

On Saturday 14 February we are asking for volunteers to assist with three projects. This will be held from 8am – 11am.

1. To complete the sandpit for the K-2 students around the water tank opposite the Kinder rooms.

2. To start laying the pavers in the Alumni garden where students past and present can buy a brick and have their name recorded.

3. To place lettering around the water tank stating our core values.

Kindergarten Photos

This Friday the 5 kindergarten classes will be having their photos taken. Parents of Kindergarten students have received an order envelope. Please do not use the school’s online payment system for these photos. Follow the instructions on the order form for payment.

Moving Into Year 7 in 2016

Year 6 students will receive a High School Placement Booklet.

It is essential that the expression of Interest form is completed regardless of whether your child will be attending a government or non-government secondary school in 2015.
Band

The following performance schedule is being organised for the students involved in the Band program.

Further details will be announced once organisational arrangements has been finalised.

Term 1
Thursday 2nd April Open at 8.00am -9.00 am (COLA)

Term 2
Sunday 19th April 10.00am ANZAC Day - Kokoda Park
Last Two weeks of June - Engadine Music Festival (TBC)
Tuesday 16th June- 6pm Winter Soiree

Term 3
29 July Education Week Performance

Term 4
27th October 6pm Spring Soiree

We also welcome a new percussion teacher Mr Johan Rahman.

The Senior Band program starts Thursday 12th February with Junior Band Tutorials on this day. The Junior Band starts 19th February.

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Afternoon Activities

Our superb OOSH centre continues to provide a valuable service for the care of students before and after school. The demand is very strong with a large waiting list.

The school is trying to build upon its afternoon programs and offer the following for parents. Please do not pay for these activities online.

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From Term 2 Art classes - Tuesdays 3pm-5pm $286 per term. Please the ring school to register.

Classes

433 students are enrolled at Kensington Public School form 2015 across 18 classes, two more than last year.

**Kindergarten - Assistant Principal- Mrs Meghan Curtis**
KP- Miss Lauren Pitt
KH- Miss Kristyn Howley
KM- Mrs Nicolette Marshall
KS- Miss Sarah Montefiore
KK- Mrs Zrinka Krivosic

**Stage 1 - Assistant Principal- Mr Ben Colmer**
Year 1 -1C – Mrs Mary Carroll
1S- Mrs Alyce Samarakoon
2/1V- Mrs Nicole Vlahos

Year 2- 2C – Mr Ben Colmer
2N- Mrs Linda Noordewier
2RP- Ms Joanne Robinson (Mon-Wed) and Ms Aziyadee Peyrou (Thurs/Fri)

**Stages 2 & 3- Assistant Principal- Mr Grant Rimmer**
Year 3 -3B – Miss Bettina Croft
3P- Mrs Julie Parsons
Year 4 - 4/3W- Ms Gail Wanless
4R – Mr Grant Rimmer
Year 5 - 5/4OC- Mr Ryan O’Connor
5E – Mrs Cathy Espinosa
Year 6 - 6D- Mrs Karen Davis

Learning Support – Mrs Jennifer Saunders
Library – Mrs Meghan Curtis (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Sandy Blanch (Thurs/Fri)
English as a Second Language (ESL)- Mrs Rana Straker
Performing Arts- Mrs Emma Fredman
Languages- Greek Mrs Maria Alexandrou (Mon-Wed)
Mandarin Ms Ya’ima Guo (Mon-Thurs)
Ms Simy Chen (Mon-Wed)
Confucius Miss Yanli Wang
Specialist Teacher – Mrs Sue Mendlesoh (Mon-Tues)
Counsellor- Mr Wayne Gillies

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P&C Meeting 24/2 at 7.30pm
Thank you to all drivers

Last week the drivers moving around the Kiss and Drop Zones in Doncaster Ave and Bowral Street drove superbly during the afternoon. Some drivers seem to be delaying the pick up by 5-10 minutes which is assisting the traffic flow. Also drivers seem to have returned to the habit of driving around the block if a park is not available. This has reduced the traffic congestion when one driver waits to get into the Kiss and Drop Zone, holding up cars behind. Only one car was booked last week.

Pedestrians: However, one concern is the number of people not using the traffic light crossing on Doncaster Avenue. There seems to be a larger number of people crossing at the Bowral Street end weaving between the heavy traffic moving along Doncaster. The heavy rain last Wednesday made this habit even more dangerous. Many of these people had younger children in hand.

What are you teaching your children about Road Safety in a high traffic area?

Meet the Teacher

On Wednesday 18 February parents are invited to a Meet the Teacher Evening. Each Stage will meet for a general overview of how the stage is organised and an opportunity to move into the classrooms to hear how each class is specifically organised. At 6pm -3-6 in hall and K-2 are in classrooms.

To gauge how many people are expected to attend could you please respond via our online booking service at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code W3VJB then follow the prompts.

Social Media

Last week, students in the senior classes discussed how programs such as Facebook and Instagram can cause distress to students. Cases have become known to the school where students have used these programs to discuss other students, sometimes quite innocently and also in ways in which the students of Kensington Public School are not known for.

The legal age of these types of programs is 13. We do understand that some parents try to educate their children in the use of the programs and start earlier. However, many parents do not allow this. When students hear in the playground that they have been mentioned, albeit mostly innocently on these social media programs there can be quite a bit of distress.

It is causing more challenges at home for those parents who adhere to the legal age as in some cases peer pressure is building in the senior school to get students onto these programs.

We are negotiating to have the school liaison officers from the police come to the school to discuss with the senior students cyber safety issues.

Band Lessons will be starting in Week 3 with Senior Band rehearsal at 8:00am and all tutorials (Juniors & Seniors) during the day.

Junior Band will have their first rehearsal in Week 4 on Thursday 19th February at 8:00am.
**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be open on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February from 8.30am to 9.00am. From Week 3 uniform shop days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please note that payment is by cash or cheque only.

- Size 6 short sleeved polo tops are now in stock. Small and medium sized raincoats are now available.
- All winter jackets need to be ordered and paid prior to ordering. There are 2 styles available. All orders need to be at the Uniform shop by Friday 6th February.

**Notes Home this week**
Notes are generally sent home each Wednesday. We find that if we have one day where notes are sent home then parents are able to look for them on one day rather than being sent out on an adhoc basis.

- Year 6 Young Leaders
- **Years 3-6 PSSA and School Sport**
  - Softball and T Ball Note
  - Swimming
  - Transformers
  - AFL
- K-6 Class Notes sent home last Monday

**School Council Elections**
Our School Council is due for re-election and we are seeking nominations. All parent nominations should be in a sealed envelope to the Office by 3pm Friday 14th.

- Ballot papers will be in the newsletter of 19 February with voting papers to be returned to school by 3pm, 24th February 2014.
- The election process must be concluded before the Annual General Meeting to be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 24 February, 2015.

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**School Council Parent Nomination Form 2015**

Nominee's name ____________________________

Nominated by ____________________________

Seconded by ____________________________

Nomination accepted ____________________________

Date

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**Kinder Parents 'Get Together**

And remember the Parent Teacher Night where Kinder Teachers talk about how your child’s classroom operates will be held on Wednesday 18 February at 6.00pm.
KPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015

When? Tuesday 17th February
Where? Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra
Time? Students are leaving at 8.30am SHARP for a 9.00am start. The carnival finishes at 12.00 and then students and teachers go to Heffron Park for lunch and play.
Who? Year 3-6

(If your child is in Year 2 and turning 8 this year and can swim 50 metres freestyle in less than 50 seconds, please ask their swimming coach to time them and sign the note and send the note to your child's teacher)

What to wear
• Swimming costumes
• House colour t-shirt with shorts, skirt or sports shorts
• Shoes and socks
• School hat and sunscreen

What to bring
• Underwear, towel, goggles
• Plastic bag for wet swimming items
• Morning tea and lunch (canteen at the pool will be open)

Order Of Events
1. Open Boys 100m Freestyle
2. Open Girls 100m Freestyle

25m or 50m Breaststroke races (children choose to enter either race)
3. Junior Boys Breaststroke
4. Junior Girls Breaststroke
5. 11 years Boys Breaststroke
6. 11 years Girls Breaststroke
7. Senior Boys Breaststroke
8. Senior Girls Breaststroke

25m or 50m Freestyle races (children choose to enter either race)
9. 8 years Boys Freestyle
10. 8 years Girls Freestyle
11. 9 years Boys Freestyle
12. 9 years Girls Freestyle
13. 10 years Boys Freestyle
14. 10 years Girls Freestyle
15. 11 years Boys Freestyle
16. 11 years Girls Freestyle
17. 12 years Boys Freestyle
18. 12 years Girls Freestyle

50m Butterfly races (only 50m)
19. Junior Boys Butterfly
20. Junior Girls Butterfly
21. 11 years Boys Butterfly
22. 11 years Girls Butterfly
23. Senior Boys Butterfly
24. Senior Girls Butterfly

25m or 50m Backstroke races (children choose to enter either race)
25. Junior Boys Backstroke
26. Junior Girls Backstroke
27. 11 years Boys Backstroke
28. 11 years Girls Backstroke
29. Senior Boys Backstroke
30. Senior Girls Backstroke

* 4x25m Freestyle relays

*Please note that freestyle races are organised according to what age your child will be in 2015. All other races will be organised according to district guidelines, which are:
Junior (ages 8, 9 and 10 in 2015), 11 years and
Senior (ages 12 years and above in 2015).

** Morning tea will be slotted in whenever it is appropriate.
All winter jackets need to be ordered and pre-paid to the Uniform Shop by Friday 6th February 2015. There are 2 styles available:

1. Winter – waterproof with a hood and fleece lined for extra warmth.
2. Sport – lightweight. Worn alone or over a sloppy joe for extra warmth.

We will Skoolbag when the orders arrive for collection.

NAME: ........................................................................................................

CLASS: ........................................................................................................

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