Self Portraits were on display in many classes during the parent teacher meeting last week, particularly in Year 3. They were superbly drawn and here are a few with photos of their artists.

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### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students, staff, parents and grandparents on another successful Swimming Carnival. Every year we have more and more heats for our swimming races due to the increased confidence our students have in the water.

The winning house will be announced at this week’s assembly. The following children qualified for the Zone Carnival, which will take place on Wednesday 4th March. **12 Yrs** Jaime, Vanessa and Sasha. **11 Yrs** Lucy, Ayeshah, Aliya, Carla, Aleksandr, Aiden B, and Aiden W. **10Yrs** Cassini, Sammi, Isobel, Montanah, Sienna, Wilson, Ren-Shyan and Jesse **9 Yrs** Lara, Maria, Bess, Connor, Lucas and Luke **8 Yrs** Jo and Evie.
School Band News

Congratulations to all Junior Band students for completing their very first full band rehearsal this week. I’m sure you’ve all been practicing very hard and are now making a great sound on your instrument!

All Senior and Junior band students should also remember that during band lessons and tutorials you should be courteous and respectful to your teacher and fellow students in the class to ensure that every student can receive the best quality music education. Focusing on instructions given by the teacher and working to the best of your ability will achieve the best results.

On Thursdays, your teachers have requested that all instruments be stored very neatly at the back of the school hall during the day as they are clogging up the hallways near classrooms. Students may leave them there after band, collect them for their tutorial lesson, return them to the hall afterwards and then collect them at the end of the day to take home.

Happy practicing! Belinda Jones Program Manager

Calendar

Week 5
Thurs 26th – P&C/Kinder Night 6.30pm Café Jacks
Fri 27th – Clean Up Schools Day

Week 6
Tues 3rd March – Speech & Drama Lessons at 8am
Wed 4th March – Gifted and Talented Art Classes
- Zone Swimming
Fri 6th March – Matt Thistlethwaite Leadership Awards

Week 7
Wed 11th March - Gifted and Talented Art Classes
- Zone Swimming
Thur 12th March – Selective High Schools Test

PSSA Results

PSSA results from games played 20 February 2015
T-ball/Softball v Coogee B at Queens Park
Juniors won Score 18-7
Player of the Week Charlotte
Seniors won Score 20-16
Player of the Week Eugenia

Highlights: Another great effort from both the T-ballers andsoftballers. Charlotte produced some great hits for the Juniors while Eugenia did a great job pitching for the first time in the Seniors.

Cricket v Double Bay at Queens Park
Junior Boys lost Score 69-49
Player of the Week Christian
Senior Boys lost Score 58-26
Player of the Week Teina

Highlights: Teina took 4 wickets and created 2 run out chances in the Senior game. Too many wides again this week but they are on the improve. Frankie took a fine catch. The Juniors were able to score more runs this week.

Next Opponent Bronte

Sushi Ginza

Handroll Tofu Vegetable
Handroll Cooked Tuna Cucumber
Handroll Salmon Cucumber Brown Rice
Handroll Teriyaki Chicken Cucumber Brown Rice

Available at Lunch - Tuesday to Thursday
Sushi Ginza is available Tuesday to Thursday at Kensington Public School and is delivered fresh.
Please understand that initially we have limited supplies of Sushi Ginza until we understand the requirements of the students at Kensington Public School.
If you have any issues please contact us at kensington@yourfoodforthought.com.au
Where possible please order via the online ordering system MunchMonitor as this will update the Sushi available each day.

Save the Date- Sun 19th April

Sunday 19 April at 10.00am Kensington RSL will hold its 100th Anniversary of the Landings at Gallipoli at our school. Our bands and choirs have been asked to perform so we are seeking a commitment from our parents and students to perform at this special event.
MindQuest 2015
On Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 March 2015 the NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. The cost of the weekend is $180 including GST. Contact the school office for a brochure. Closing date Friday 6th March 2015.

New Confucius Classroom Teacher - repeated from last week
In the next few weeks the school will host a second volunteer Confucius Classroom CC Teacher. Mr Yang is from China and will be supporting Miss Wang our current volunteer CC teacher and also our Mandarin Languages program led by Miss Guo.

We are looking for accommodation for this teacher and are hoping that our community can assist with knowledge of a ‘granny’ flat or small apartment. These volunteer teachers receive a small weekly allowance from China, to assist them with accommodation. With the cost of rentals in this area and the broader Eastern Suburbs being so high, it is impossible to meet accommodation needs in the usual way.

Eighteen months ago a kind parent assisted the school with accommodation for Miss Wang as a new arrival into Australia.

COLA
Installation of the new Covered Outdoor Learning Area, COLA will recommence next week. Access to the school will again be limited before 8.15 am and after 3.15pm.

Tennis Champs
Congratulations to Patrick and Sammi who have been selected in the Sydney Coastal Zone PSSA Tennis Team to compete at the Regional Championships to be held on the 9th March.

Clean Up Kensington
This year Clean Up Australia Day falls on Sunday 1st March. In order to recognise this important event we will be cleaning up our playground on Friday afternoon, 27th February. Could parents please send in a pair of gardening gloves for their children by Friday to assist them with the clean-up. Thank you for your support.

2/1V have Too Many Elephants in their Classroom
This Term Year One is delving into the picture book “Too Many Elephants in this House” by Ursula Dubosarsky.

2/1V have found some very interesting facts about elephants. Did you know that elephants...
- have grey wrinkled skin Siobhan
- from India have a trunk with one tip Tom
- from Africa have a trunk with two tips Andra
- have two long ivory tusks that are really their front teeth Milly
- have small black beady eyes Audrey
- use plants as pillows Harry
- are very strong Ropata
- from Africa have much bigger ears than Indian elephants Amalia
- in groups are called a Herd Louis
- are the largest land animals alive today Eva
- live for about 70 years Xavier
- use their long trunk like a snorkel when swimming Nicholas
- have big floppy ears Cormac
- eat for 16 hours every day Chiy
- have skin as thick as three jumpers, but can feel insects landing on them Jayna
- have babies that weigh the same as 30 human babies Khoi
- can store four large bottles of water in their trunk Chelsea

2/1V also put the protagonist Eric and his mum in the “hotseat” to debate whether the elephants in the house should stay or go. Click on the link below to enjoy this discussion and our creativity.

2/1V YouTube Video

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here https://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4
Class of 1954

Ms Annie Jones and Mr Johnston were invited, last Thursday to attend the 60th reunion of the graduating class of 1954. Of the 42 students who graduated from the school, many of them credited Kensington Public School and in particular Mr Thomas Flowers, their Year 6 teacher, for contributing to their success in life.

This class established the ‘Thomas Flowers Memorial Library Fund’ at their 40th anniversary. This tax free fund still exists and this year our parents contributed over $10,000 for the purchase of resources for the school library. There is a photo of Thomas Flowers above the library office door as well as two honour boards with the names of people who have contributed $100 or more to the fund.

These people, without exception went on to lead amazing lives including the Head of Neuroscience at the Mayo Clinic for the past 30 years, many well-known business men and women who made their fortune in everything from a scrap metal business worldwide through to hairdressing and pharmaceuticals. One gentleman has made an international reputation in the world of cinema.

In addition the school hosted these past students at a morning tea held today, Wednesday 25th February. These people visited classrooms with our SRC filming a question and answer session comparing and contrasting school in 1954 with 2015. This ‘Wisdom Transfer’ (Marc Carnegie) opportunity is a wonderful way to look at history through a primary resource. We will put up their filmed responses on our website and our YouTube Channel.

Sydney Roosters Visit

On Monday afternoon Boyd Cordner and Samisoni Langi from the Sydney Roosters came to talk to Kensington Public School about eating healthy and staying active. The students had a great time and were very involved, with a few lucky ones walking away with some great prizes for participation. Well done KPS!
RBHS Gifted and Talented Program 2016

It is still early in the year, but the GATS coordinator at RBHS has already received a lot of information about the school's gifted and talented students' program for 2016. As a result, some key dates have been posted on our website earlier than usual.

The testing date has not yet been advertised as we are awaiting confirmation from our independent assessment company. In 2016, we will operate our academically selected Gifted and Talented Class in Years 7, 8 and 9. Applications will open on May 25 and close on June 30. An information evening will be held on May 26.

Our program has a number of attractive features including:

- The entry “gatekeeper” is the test conducted by an independent assessor.

- All students who are selected from the test results are interviewed and present a portfolio of work at the interview.

- We spend considerable effort looking at the dynamic of the class; we do not want to create a “hothouse”, but we do want to create an engaging and highly stimulating academic learning environment.

- The class is capped at 20 students in all classes for Years 7-8 and in core classes for Years 9 and 10.

If you are interested in the program, please consult the school website: www.randwickb-schools.nsw.edu.au. Questions may be directed to the GATS Coordinator, Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning Ms Anna Edwards on 9399-3122 or by email to randwickb-school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thanks Claudia

Thank you to Claudia from 4/3W who found a mobile phone outside the school realising that it belonged to a school person she and her family made sure the phone and its sensitive information was returned. Thank you for your honesty.

KidzFlicks

Our school will be part of “The Festival of Films by Children”. One film about Aboriginal Education and four films about Mandarin Education (displayed on our website) will be shown at various Event Cinemas throughout Sydney. We are planning an excursion. Thanks to the students, Mrs Vlahos, Miss Wang and Mrs Krivosic.

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4
Welcome back to the existing Kensington parents and a special welcome to the new kindergarten parents.

Kensington Public School has a wonderful community and the P&C events throughout the year provide a great opportunity to meet fellow parents, contribute to school fundraising and show your child what a great role model you are.

The first P&C meeting took place last night and the new committee was formed (see below):

**President** - Jude Swain  
**Vice Presidents** – Flavia Julius and Megan Escott  
**Treasurer** – Helen Mourkas  
**Secretary** – Mary Wong

The P&C committee will soon meet to work on a fundraising plan for the year. Once we have a calendar of events we ask that parents help out where they can. This may be by joining an event subcommittee, cooking sausages at a BBQ, selling raffle tickets or shopping for supplies.

Every event has a huge task list and if everybody does something it spreads the load!

State Election - Saturday 28th March 2015

Kensington Public School will be used as a polling station for the State Election and this presents us with a fantastic opportunity to hold our first fundraising event of the year. Traditionally the school raises money at elections by holding events in the school grounds such as a sausage sizzle and bake sale.

We are putting together a sub-committee for this event asap. If you would like to be part of this committee or you are available to help out on the day, please contact:

judeswain@yahoo.co.uk

The P&C blog will be updated soon and can be viewed at:
kensingtonpandc.blogspot.com.au

If you have any ideas, would like to volunteer your time/expertise or give feedback please contact the P&C at:
kensopandc@gmail.com

Date of the Next P&C Meeting:  
Tuesday 24th March - 7.30pm in the Library. Please come and share your ideas!  
I look forward to a successful, fun and community spirited fundraising year!

Thanks  
Jude