Band

While it takes a couple of weeks to get band members into a routine and to set up instruments, the band is starting to come together and make music.

From these early beginnings come great sounds during the Soirees to be held later in the year.

Kurpinta House Wins Swimming Carnival

Free Mandarin Lessons for Parents

Wishing to talk to your child about their Mandarin lessons at school?

Through the Confucius Classroom initiative Miss Wang will be holding Mandarin lessons for adults each Tuesday 2.15-3.00 and Thursdays from 11.30-1.00pm. These are free for parents who wish to make one or both of these sessions. Complete the attached form and send back to school.
Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage in students a love of reading for enjoyment, enrichment and to enable students to experience quality literature. The Challenge is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9. Participation by schools and students is voluntary.

For more information go to www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

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Road Safety

Some parents continue to cross the road through busy traffic.

This is dangerous!

Young eyes are watching and 2 weeks ago one very young child crossed the road to get to their parent.

Children copy adults.

PSSA Results

PSSA results from games played 27 February 2015

T-ball/Softball v Bellevue Hill at Queens Park
Juniors won Score 18-3
Player of the Week Claudia & Holly
Seniors won Score 7-3
Player of the Week Jaime

Highlights: Another fantastic effort from both teams. The T-ballers fielded well and were great between the bases. In softball Lucy pitched very well and Sammi produced some great hits.

Cricket v Bronte at Queens Park
Junior Boys won Score 40-36
Player of the Week Jonas
Senior Boys won Score 60-54
Player of the Week Joel

Highlights: Both teams won their first games today, showing good improvement in the process. The Juniors bowled particularly well. Jesse took 2 wickets while Jai, Tri, and Jonas were also accurate and economical. Jonas made some good hits when batting. Joel scored crucial runs in a high-scoring Seniors game.

Hats

We teach students to place their hats in their closed bags when not being worn.

However, despite our best efforts not all children manage to remember this and as a parent, I am sure you witness this regularly.

Occasionally we are asked for spare hats. As we do not have any, we are unable to accommodate. Even if we did, we would NOT encourage this habit as the spread of head lice is always prevalent.

We have noticed adults taking other students hats to solve the problem for their own child. This has a flow on effect causing distress for both teachers and students.

Please do not share or swap hats. The school follows a 'No Hat, No Play' rule.

Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your children of head lice and nits.


From School A to Z

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/

Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help children to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


Reading with your child at home

When your children see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your children with reading.

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here [video link]

New Confucius Classroom Teacher- urgently repeated

Very shortly the school will host a second volunteer Confucius Classroom 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 3.15 pm.

Soccer Champs

Congratulations to our vice-captain Daniel for his selection in the Soccer Trials for Sydney Coastal PSSA

Save the Date- Sun 19th April

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Selective Schools Test

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2016 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Thursday 12 March 2015.

The test centre for students for our school is: Sydney Girls High School Moore Park, SURRY HILLS NSW 2010.

1C News

1C has been inspired to learn more about elephants after reading the picture book “Too Many Elephants in this House” by Ursula Dubosarsky.

We have used the information that we have learned about elephants to write interesting descriptions of these amazing animals. Here are some examples of our wonderful writing.

All of our work can be seen on the K-2 class blog.

Elephants are animals. They are also mammals and they are enormous. They live in Africa and the zoo or the circus. They like swimming. And they are herbivores that means they only eat plants. Elephants are big. They have big big strong white tusks and you can ride them. Elephants can stomp loudly. The edges of their ears are very wavy. They can snorkel with their trunk. By Eden

Elephants are humungous animals. Elephants live in the zoo and Africa. Elephants have big floppy ears and small eyes. They have a long trunk and a large belly and a small tail. By Rafael

They have white tusks. They live in the zoo. They have a long trunk and wrinkled grey skin. They are loud. They are nice. They have big floppy ears. They have small eyes. They stomp loudly. They pick up heavy food. By Anya

Elephants are huge animals. They live in Africa and the zoo. Elephants have long trunks and big floppy ears. Elephants are special because I didn't know that they can pick up peanuts. By Oscar

Elephants are humungous animals. Elephants live out in the wild. Elephant tusks are big and long. The ears on the elephant are wavy on the edges. The elephant trunk is like a snorkel. Elephants like mud baths. By Leah

The elephant has small eyes. It has big floppy ears. It has a long trunk. By Tony

School Council

The Council met Tuesday 24th February.

President- Stephanie Francis
Secretary – John Sunman
P&C President – Jude Swain
Elected Parent Reps: Miriam Nagib and Rola Hijwell
Staff Reps: Nicole Vlahos, Julie Parsons and Ryan O'Connor

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Enrichment Groups Update

Last week, students in 3-6 began their enrichment activities for the year. Classrooms were buzzing with excitement as they moved to their first lessons. Throughout the year the students will move through five or six week rotations covering a range of engaging activities which promote creativity, critical and higher order thinking, logic, inquiry and social responsibility.

This year the activities include:
Stage 2: Xylophone with Mrs Parsons, Computer software and programming with Mr Rimmer, Film narratives with Ms Straker, Visual art and artist study with Ms Espinosa and philosophy/school improvement projects (including gardening) with Miss Croft.

Stage 3: Debating with Ms Davis, Lateral thinking with Mr O’Connor, Chess with Ms Wanless, Chinese Chess with Ms Guo and Miss Wang and Cooking with Ms Fredman, using fresh vegetables and herbs from our very own gardens including the vertical gardens.

There is a strong focus on project-based learning and collaboration. For example, students will complete gardening projects to produce the ingredients for cooking with the resulting food to be shared. These processes will be documented digitally through the film and computer programs and shared with the Kensington community and our sister school in Nanjing.

Randwick Boys’ High School is a PBL school. PBL is an acronym for Positive Behaviour for Learning, a framework that allows for the explicit teaching of behavioural expectations in specific circumstances. Visitors to the school will see, on our external library wall, a matrix which outlines the expectations on students in a variety of school settings: classrooms, the playground, the canteen and the library for example.

PBL is a “living framework”. It is reviewed regularly and also on a regular basis, lessons are taught to focus on both the principles and the specifics of the framework. It enables us to identify areas where work is needed to help guide young men to success. The word “positive” is an important part of the framework. We aim to give students the skills to succeed in their lives. Doing this in a positive manner, through explicit teaching, is most likely to ensure that young people, often at times in their lives when they want to challenge authority, have the skills to think before they act.

The framework is working well in supporting students at the school. PBL for us has been a success.

Gifted & Talented Visual Arts

A group of 18 students from Year 2 to Year 6 participated in the first of three Gifted and Talented (G&T) Visual Art Workshops with Ms Michele Middleton. Michele specialises in visual art education. These students were nominated by their class teachers because they had demonstrated a particular talent for drawing and painting. During the first workshop students learned to use various materials which were designed to enhance their skills. All students had a thoroughly enjoyable day. The next two workshops will run on Wednesday 11 March (Week 7) and Wednesday 18 March (Week 8).
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**End of Term 1** Thursday 2 April
**Term 2** starts Tuesday 21 April
Name: ____________________ Children’s name__________________

Children’s Class: ___________ Language class:  ☐ L1 ☐ L2 ☐ Greek

Date:________________________

1. Have you ever been to China?  ☐ Business  ☐ Leisure
   Places visited

2. Have you ever learnt Chinese before?

3. Why do you want to learn Chinese?

4. Which of the following do you want to focus on more?
   A. speaking          B. listening
   C. writing            D. reading

5. Which part of Chinese culture are you most interested in?
   A. paper cutting       B. Peking opera mask
   C. calligraphy         D. Chinese kungfu/Taichi
   E. others __________________

6. Comments/suggestions:

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Kindergarten Parents Evening

Building on the success of last year’s Kindergarten parents’ cocktail party, the P&C organised a ‘Starting School Celebration’ evening held at Café Jacks on Thursday 26th February. There was lots of socialising, getting to know one another and enjoying the fabulous food and drinks. Dads were organising rounds of golf and two people realised they were at high school together!

Many thanks to Mary Wong, Helen Pellegrino and Susan Mitchell for organising this important community event and making it a success.

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!