Kensington RSL Donation

$7 600 was presented by Kevin from Kensington RSL, to Sasha and Teina, our captains. This amount was kindly donated to the school to create three vertical gardens to commemorate the centenary of the landings at Gallipoli. Miss Croft’s enrichment group is creating these gardens in time for the ANZAC Day service.

Claim the Date - Sunday 19 April

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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 form in last week’s newsletter or on our website and send back to school.

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PSSA Results

PSSA results from games played 6 March 2015
T-ball/Softball v Rose Bay at Queens Park
Junior won Score 27-15
Player of the Week Georgia
Senior won Score 22-8
Player of the Week Jaime & Sammi
Highlights: Some great hitting from both teams, especially Sammi and Georgia, who both hit home runs with loaded bases. Great effort girls, bring on Randwick!
Cricket v Rose Bay B at Queens Park
Junior Boys won Score 68-65
Player of the Week Tri
Senior Boys won Score 76-33
Player of the Week Joel
Highlights: Both teams won their second game. In the Senior game, Joel had to retire on 25 runs. He was well supported by Frankie. Aidan took 2 wickets in a row and Teina took 2 catches and 2 wickets.

Notes Home

- K-6 P&C Class Parent Details Sheet
- Kindergarten – State Election Sausage Sizzle
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- ICAS Tests Yrs 3-6 for English, Maths, Science, Spelling, Writing & Digital Technologies

KPS Newsworthy Event

Last Thursday, the Sydney Morning Herald ran an article as well as other news outlets such as TV news stating that Kensington Public School was one of the top performers in the NAPLAN tests. Specifically, the growth every student shows in the years between Years 3 and 5 for both literacy and numeracy. This was the first time the growth data had been reported. Whilst state news concentrated on just NSW other news outlets showed that we were heading lists Australia wide.

Kensington PS (NSW), Maribyrnong PS (ACT), Wandong PS (VIC), Greenslopes (QLD), Seven Hills PS (NSW) Sunrise Christian School (SA), Woodthorpe PS (WA) and Goulburn Street PS (TAS).

Our Annual School Report released last month, (on the website) shows that we knew that we were doing well in this area. 87 hits have been made on that report according to website data.


What we are trying to say in the Annual School Report is that for every one year of teaching, there should be at least one year of learning for every student. Of course everyone has an opinion on how to measure that growth and schools work hard to make sure that we do, so that it is practical, fair to students and as easy as possible to communicate. At Kensington Public School we can prove that all students receive an education beyond that one year measurement.

We did not know how well our data compared to other schools until last week. Of the 30 NSW primary schools that showed the highest growth, only four showed significant student growth for all students in both Literacy and Numeracy and KPS was one.

Some members of the community have tried to tell the school that these results are because of the coaching some of our students receive. The data does not reflect this point as each and every child reflects the growth. For those low percentage of students who do receive coaching it has traditionally been in numeracy and the school received great results in both literacy and numeracy. We also have a large percentage of students in Year 4 who go to other schools, (such as Opportunity Classes) and those students are not reflected in these results.

One thing research tells us, is that it takes a community to raise a child.

So to the teachers, past and present, the students and the parents well done all of us!

Our colleagues at Rainbow Street PS were also on the list and we congratulate them for their achievement.
**Lord Howe Island – Max (5E)**

Max, a budding author and environmentalist, has been published, about his observations during a recent trip to Lord Howe Island, in a book with the following story. With permission of the author, Max, we reproduce his story.

*During the holidays, I went to Lord Howe Island and it is so different from the streets in Sydney because the environment isn’t broken. In Lord Howe there is no rubbish anywhere, not even in the water or on the beach. The water at Lord Howe is so beautiful and clear; I loved it. I bought a shirt at Lord Howe saying ‘extinction is forever’.*

People should stop polluting as it is so terrible because it destroys the environment where animals die and global warming happens.

*I also got another shirt with a picture of a shark. I like sharks and I want people to stop polluting the water because it can kill sharks and other amazing sea creatures. At Lord Howe Island the environment isn’t broken but could be if global warming does not stop.*

We have to STOP global warming.

**Performing Arts News**

Thank you to all the Kindergarten students who brought in their socks. We made gorgeous sock puppets and will be performing with them next week in Performing Arts.

On Sunday 19th April we will be having a very special ANZAC day memorial service. It will be a whole community event. We would like everyone to join us and especially all the children in senior band, infant choir, junior choir and senior choir. Year 5 students will also be performing a short dramatic piece about Gallipoli. Please diarise now as this is the Sunday of the last day of the school holidays. Students will need to arrive at 10am.

**SRC News**

On Friday 20th March we will be celebrating Harmony Day at school. We ask that students wear something orange. It could be orange socks, an orange t-shirt or orange ribbons in the hair. Those students in 3-6 competing in PSSA will need to change into their orange attire after sport. We also ask that all students in K-6 bring in one orange so we can cut them up and hand out to the children at recess.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be selling Koori bracelets for $2.00 outside the Library before school at 8.30am. They will ask for a gold coin donation that will go to Sor our Cambodian sponsored child.

K-2 will be having their Easter/holiday hat parade on Wednesday 1st April. All students in K-2 are asked to make/decorate a hat at home and bring it to school on Monday in Week 10.

**Family Histories Display Help Needed**

Sunday 19 April at 10.00am Kensington RSL will hold its 100th Anniversary of the Landings at Gallipoli at our school. We would love to give this momentous event a personal touch from our school community. So many brave men and women contributed to the war effort from 1914-1918 and we would like to highlight the contributions of your relatives. If you have any information (diary entries, letters, etc) and/or pictures of your relatives during World War 1 and are comfortable sharing them, could you please email copies to [kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or drop them in to the office so we can scan and reproduce them over the next few weeks. We are hoping to put together a collection of these to display on the Sunday the 19th.

Many thanks, Mrs Marshall.

As a tradition at our school we ask all students to bring in an Easter egg or Easter items that we can put into baskets, which we raffle. Each class then sells raffles tickets and all the money goes to The Children’s Hospital in Randwick. This is a fun and exciting fundraiser and we ask that you start bringing your contributions in now.

Stewart House is an organisation which looks after children in need and to have a holiday when things are tough in the family. This organisation has been operating since 1937 with a clothing appeal in which we always take part. Students will be given a bag and asked to fill it with good/clean children’s clothing that doesn’t fit them any more. Bags can be placed in the wet area near the primary toilets.

Ms Fredman and Ms Vlahos

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here [http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4](http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4)
Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the 26 children who represented Kensington Public School at the Sydney Coastal Zone Swimming Carnival.

As always their behaviour and sportsmanship was exemplary.

Special mention to Jaime who competed in seven events and finished in the top ten in six of her races. Well done also to Aleksandr, Vanessa and Lucy who competed in five events with Aleksandr coming third in Breaststroke. It was a long, hot, tiring day for everyone.

Thank you so much to all the parents and grandparents who were able to take their children to the carnival. Thanks also to Veronica Venianakis who managed the excitement of the children in the stand all day. All children who competed should be extremely proud of their efforts as they did their best.

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Parents...

Booking interviews with your child’s teacher is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:

1. **Enter your details**
   - First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.

2. **Choose teachers**
   - On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet.
   - First select the subject or year, then choose from the list of teachers.

3. **Choose times**
   - Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

You can start right now - just enter the school code and press "Go".

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Hello there! It’s all gone a bit crazy for the P&C committee…..
The Committee met last week and after much discussion and chocolate we drew up a 2015 calendar of events. The calendar will be published on the Blog and School Website soon. The following events however are coming up and we need your help!

Mufti Day
Thursday 26th March is our first mufti day of the year. Please bring in a gold coin donation. The money raised will go towards speakers and lights for the new COLA. Don’t forget your child is still required to wear their school hat and school shoes.

State Election - Saturday 28th March 2015
With a steady flow of locals filtering though the school to vote, it seems an ideal time to organise a sausage sizzle and bake sale.

If you can bake some delicious cakes (whole cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, slices) and drop them off at school on Friday 27th March between 2.30pm and 3.15pm (in the Kindergarten area) or Saturday morning at the BBQ that would be much appreciated.

We also need volunteers to BBQ and to sell cakes. It’s a Saturday and everyone wants to spend time with their families so we have divided the day into 2 hour time slots.
8am-10am / 10am-12pm / 12pm-2pm / 2pm-4pm
If you are able to help please contact: marykwwong@outlook.com

FANCY WINNING A CRICKET BAT SIGNED BY MIKE HUSSEY, A T-SHIRT SIGNED BY THE ROOSTERS OR A 20 MINUTE PHOTO SHOOT WITH YOUR FAMILY?
Raffle tickets for these fabulous prizes (and more prizes to be announced) are going to be sold at the State Election BBQ and in the mornings at school on the last week of term. The prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 1st April.

We need some Year 6 students to help us sell the raffle tickets on Saturday 28th March. This is a great way to show how you are contributing to the school community. The Year 6 student who sells the most tickets at the BBQ will win two tickets to the movies. Please contact Mary on the email address above if your child can help.

Class Parents
Last year we instigated a Class Parent system and it worked very well. The Class Parent would receive information from the P&C and then filter this information out to their class via email. If you would like to volunteer to be a Class Parent please email Megan Escott at marescott@gmail.com Obviously we need at least one parent per class for this to work. We will publish a list of class parent places filled next week in the newsletter.

A note will be coming home today from the P&C asking you if you would like to sign up to receive information from your Class Parent. Please return this to your Class Teacher.

Time for a Change?
We are going to trial run P&C meetings in the day. We are going to alternate month by month running day time and night time meetings. Therefore, as an amendment to the last P&C update, the next P&C meeting will be at 9.15am on Monday 30th March in the OOSH room.
**Save the Date**

**Gallipoli School 2015**

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KEEP CALM
AND
REMEMBER
MUFTI DAY

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH
PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION

Organised by the P&C