Gifted and Talented Art Workshops

The gifted and talented art workshops have been a great success. Michele Middleton from 'Artz Class' has worked with 18 students across Years 2-6 who were selected by their class teachers. Over three Wednesdays the students worked hard to plan, design and produce some wonderful paintings. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are very proud of their work. (see more on page 6)

All the paintings are on display in the school hall this week and parents are invited to view the work while they wait for their parent teacher interview. Michele commented that the students were always well-behaved and eager to learn.

On Saturday 28th March from 8:30-9:30pm people all over Australia will take part in Earth Hour. This event is designed to draw attention to and initiate discussion about the impact of global warming. On Friday this week students at Kensington will also take part by switching off our lights from 11:30-12:30.
Free Mandarin Lessons for Parents

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

Through the Confucius Classroom initiative Miss Wang is currently 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.

RBHS ‘A Great Open Night’

A big “thank you” to all of those primary school parents who visited Randwick Boys High School for our Open Night on March 10. We had in excess of three hundred visitors! The library was filled to capacity and there were loads of events that reported large numbers in attendance.

It’s always great to meet potential parents to speak about the school, and for parents, it’s an opportunity not only to see the school, but also to speak to students and other parents about the school and its potential.

I am sure parents and potential students left us with a very positive impression of Randwick Boys High and I am optimistic for the future of Randwick Boys High School as a great public school in the Eastern Suburbs. Wayne Dunscombe – Principal

Notes Home

- Anzac Day Commemoration Note
- Stage 3 Bathurst/ Hill End Excursion Note

Fundraising Thank You

$274 was raised through Harmony Day donations to support Sharmin and Sor, our sponsored children in Cambodia and Bangladesh.

Book Club

Order Forms were sent home last Wednesday. All orders must be returned to the Library by Friday 27th March.

Family Histories Display

Help Needed

Sunday 19th April at 10.00am at our school, Kensington RSL will hold its 100th Anniversary of the Landings at Gallipoli. 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, please drop them into the office or email copies to kensington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au 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.
The cooking group during enrichment lessons made pasta using basil from our garden.

They compared flavours from store purchased basil (no smell with weak taste) and some taken fresh from our garden, which was aromatic and tasty.

Kindergarten children dressing up as the characters from ‘Little Red Riding Hood’ in performing arts class where they acted out a retelling of the story, identifying the orientation, complication and resolution through performance. Ms Fredman is a vital component of our language development program.

**Kensington Public School GIANT P&C Raffle**

**TICKETS**

1 FOR $2.00  
3 FOR $5.00

**FIRST PRIZE**
Framed Sydney Roosters T-shirt signed by Anthony Minichiello (© copyright of the Daily Telegraph)

**SECOND PRIZE**
Cricket bat signed by Mike Hussey

**THIRD PRIZE**
Family photoshoot with Vision Portraits including digital copy of all prints (around 50 shots)

Tickets on sale: Saturday March 20 at the State Election BBQ
Before school from 8.30am - 9.00am outside the library on Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st, Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd
Prizes will be drawn on Thursday 2nd at the Easter Hat Parade.

**CHANGE OF DATE**

K-2 CELEBRATION HAT PARADE  
THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL 2015

Parents are invited to join us in a K-2 Celebration Hat Parade on Thursday 2nd April 2015 at 9.10 am in the school playground. Please make a celebration hat at home with your child and bring it to school in week 10.

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here [http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4](http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4)
Band Open Rehearsals

Thursday 2nd April

There will be an opportunity to hear band members playing music and working together during an open rehearsal at the end of this school term. Open rehearsals provide parents with time to observe the progression achieved by their children and to connect with the learning that is happening each week in the band program.

Parents are invited to come along to the Open Rehearsal and all band members are reminded to attend their regular band rehearsal times through to the end of the term. The open rehearsal has been planned during regular band rehearsal times for Term 1.

Event: Open Band Rehearsal (Senior & Junior Band) - Week 10 (next week)
Date: Thursday 2nd April       Time: 8:00am
Parents are invited into the rehearsal room to see all the action and hear the music making progress as it unfolds. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's conductor and introduce yourself.

Bellinda Jones
Program Manager

Chocolate Egg Class Raffles
As is the tradition at KPS, each class contributes to a number of class chocolate egg baskets that are raffled. Tickets for your class raffle are purchased from your class teacher. **Tickets are 50 cents each or 5 for $2.** Money can be sent to school with your child in a clearly marked envelope. Proceeds will be split between the Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick and towards our new COLA. Please start bringing in chocolate eggs so your class parents can prepare the baskets.

Thank you, Nicolette Marshall and Nicole Vlahos

Speech and Drama Lessons (8am-9am Tuesdays)
This was a successful out of school hours activity during term 1. Letters have been sent home to those involved. There are a few places available for any Years 3-6 student interested. Lessons will start back on Tuesday, 5th May until 16 June for a 7 week term.

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here [http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4](http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4)
Greek National Independence Day

On Wednesday 25th March, Greece will celebrate Greek National Independence Day. On this day in 1821, Greece broke away from Turkish rule, after 400 years. It is also an important religious occasion. On this day the angel came down to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby. Everyone who is named Angelo, Angela, Evaggelia or Evaggelos celebrates their name day.

The Greek flag that is used today was first used in 1821. The nine stripes symbolise the nine syllables in the Greek words ‘Freedom or Death’.

The blue represents the sky and sea. The white represents peace. The cross represents the Christian religion of Greece.

5E News

The students in 5E have read the book, My Place written by Nadia Wheatley. They were asked to choose a character and write a recount based on a chapter in the book. Here are a few for you to read.

Barangaroo in 1788

My name is Barangaroo. Last week we came here to the creek because the water was so good and it was so easy to fish. When we got here we found the huts that were still up from last summer. We lived with my mum, dad, aunty, uncle, grandma, grandpa, my cousins and my pet dingo. I slept with my dingo in the hut.

Every day we swam in the creek. Father said that he had swum there when he was a little boy and grandpa said that he swam there too. I swim in the creek with my cousins in the swimming hole.

The next day a gigantic whale got washed up on the shore. We all decided to have a feast. My mum and aunty went out to get vegetables and fresh water. My dad and uncle started to cut up the whale. My cousins and I went to invite the other clans around the area.

In the evening we had a large feast. We barbecued the whale and I ate so much I felt like a bubble about to explode. The men did a tribal dance and played the didgeridoo.

I couldn't stay up all night, so I thought that I should climb the big tree. I looked at the magnificent sunset. When I looked one way I could see the sea as far as the sunset. If I looked the other way I saw the land as far as it touched the sky. I wished that this life would stay the same forever.  

By Anuj 5E

Life in 1788

My name is Barangaroo and I belong to this place. About a year ago, in summer, a whale washed up onto the beach near my camp and it wasn't breathing.

So we decided not to waste the meat and ran back to our camp to tell Mum and the whole family. My mum told me to spread the word to the other clans nearby while she made a huge feast with heaps of vegetables.

I invited about ten clans that were fishing nearby. We divided the whale into small portions and made a huge campfire for cooking the whale meat. When it was night we had a party. The other clans danced and tapped their sticks. The air was filled with strange sounds of the didgeridoo, feet stomping and other types of strange instruments. I danced around the campfire. The party lasted till the next day.

At sunrise, I climbed the big tree and enjoyed the view and pretended I was the only person in the world. My grandma says this land has belonged to us for generations.  

By Florence 5E

More Gifted and Talented Art (Landscapes)

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4
ANZAC Service – Band Information

The Senior Band from Kensington Public School has been invited to perform at the ANZAC service being held on the school grounds on Sunday 19th April at 10:00am. This event will be the last Sunday of the school holidays and we do require a firm commitment from the members of the band in order to be able to perform.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to perform at a very special service marking the 100th anniversary of the Landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli.

All details for this event are listed below – could you please reply with your child’s name and either a confirmation of attendance or a decline of attendance for this event?

Event: ANZAC Performance (Senior Band Only) - Sunday 19th April 2015
Date: Sunday 19th April
Time: 10:00am – students would need to arrive at around 9:30am to set up and warm up their instruments
Location: School playground under the COLA
Wear: School Performance Uniform

If you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.
Belinda Jones, Program Manager

Performing Art News

‘Under the Big Top’
Friday 27th March at 2.30pm in the performing arts room for a short meeting regarding costumes for the year 1 and 2 show. All interested please come along and we will be handing out materials for you to have fun with over the holidays.
If unable to attend and still interested in helping please contact Ms Fredman by email.

PSSA Results

PSSA Results from games played on 20th March 2015
T-ball/Softball v BYE
Cricket at Rowland Park
Junior Boys v Randwick A lost Score 61-41 Player of the Week Jonas
Senior Boys v Randwick A lost Score 56-34 Player of the Week Dean
Highlights Unfortunately both teams lost their last game. The Seniors fielded very well but a few wides enabled Randwick to post a good score. Dean batted well to get 14 runs. Jonas top-scored in the Juniors game. Wickets were shared around.
Young Leaders Day

Yesterday, Year 6 attended Youth Leadership Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. There were students from all over NSW to listen to famous people including Bindi Irwin, Mike Baird and James and Dylan who were the inspiration for the film 'Paper planes'. Here are some thoughts from some students....

Yesterday I was inspired. Before this event I had always doubted what I was capable of. I hardly had any conviction. My mind was stuck on an island without any leadership rolls surrounding it. Then, when I started listening, those feelings completely disappeared. All the speakers convinced me in all kinds of different ways. I could feel their passion, their determination to persuade us. It had sure worked. I had never felt like this before.

Patrick

You don’t have to let anyone else tell you who to be. If you try something and you don’t get in, keep trying and don’t give up.

Louis

I learnt that knowing what’s right doesn’t mean much unless you do what’s right. Don’t worry about what other people think of you, just do what you think is right. You can become anything you want to, you’ve just got to try, I believe if I change my weaknesses into strengths then I can help myself and lots of other people as well. If I do what is right I can help make a change in the world.

Vanessa

I learnt that you can do much more than you thought possible and that you have far more courage than you can imagine.

Joel

I learnt that leadership involves doing things that not everyone will like. Also be with people who support your passion not those who don’t like it.

Kevin

School A to Z Snippets

Practise to be a journalist: This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snipet.asp

Safetytown website – A road safety education
This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades).

For further details, visit https://www.safetytown.com.au

Back by popular demand: 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 kids of head lice and nits.


Cyberbullying: When cyberbullying hits home - what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyberbullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using.


Chicken Pox: We have a reported case of chicken pox in the school. For details about this childhood illness and symptoms to look for visit http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Chickenpox.aspx

Last week’s plea to solve the brightly coloured bags has not resulted in one purchase from the uniform shop. Please help to solve this image issue.

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4
Hello everyone! Can you believe it’s almost holiday time? But before we can ‘relax’ with our kids, let’s make a mental note of the following events: Mufti Day, the State Election, the P&C Morning Meeting and the Easter Hat Parade.

**Mufti Day this Thursday 26th March**

The beauty of not having to worry if you have a clean uniform available! Please bring a gold coin donation to contribute towards speakers and lights for our sparkling new COLA. (Children should still wear hats and school shoes).

**State Election – This Saturday 28th March 2015!**

Thank you everyone who has volunteered for the first event organised by the P&C this year. We’ve had a great response, which is quite inspiring. We are looking forward to having a great day on Saturday!

If you are baking cakes, cupcakes, biscuits or slices please drop them at school on Friday 27th March between 2.30pm and 3.15pm (in the kindergarten area), or Saturday morning at the BBQ.

Year 6 kids!! So far we haven’t had much response. It would be great if some Year 6 kids could help us sell raffle tickets. As we said before, this could be a great learning experience or, let’s face it, a very easy way to win two tickets to the movies. These tickets will be given to the child that sells the most raffle tickets. Easy!!! 😊 Please secure your chance to win by emailing marykwong@outlook.com.

Raffle tickets will be also sold in the mornings at school after the election, and prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, on Thursday 2nd April. Good luck!!

**Class Parents**

Thank you to the lovely parents who have put their hands up to be Class Parents! The following classes now are covered: KH, KP, 2/1V, 2C, 3 B, 4/3W and 5/4O. We would love the remaining classes to have a Class Parent as well. It really isn’t a hard job, and anyone is more than welcome to pair up with a friend, share the role and both become Class Parents. Please email marescott@gmail.com if you are keen to assist.

**Coming up... Anzac Ceremony Sausage Sizzle**

On 19th April the P&C will be running a sausage sizzle from 10.30am to 11.30am, as part of the Anzac Ceremony celebrations. More details on that soon!

**Morning P&C Meeting 9.15am Monday 30th March**

We will hold our first P&C Morning Meeting next Monday! Please come along, these meetings are the best way to be in touch with what is going on at school. Just come as an observer to experience it! Please meet us in the OOSH room.

Have a fantastic week!