This Term Year 2 have been doing an artist study on Paul Klee. This week we looked at his artwork called ‘Castle and Sun’ and have used this as inspiration for our own art. We used either warm or cool colours and 2D shapes to construct our castles.

Many of his works and their titles reflect his dry humour and varying moods. They frequently refer to poetry, music and dreams and sometimes include a word which is why the class used a page of text to arrange their drawings.

‘Castle and Sun’ by Paul Klee

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Well Done!

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

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

1. Enter your details
   - First 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”.

265 Booking have been made with 210 parents attending.

Thank you to the Ford Family

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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 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.

National Day of Action Against Bullying

Last year our Years 3 and 4 students participated with Macquarie University in a research project across Australia about bullying. The purpose was to gain information about the thoughts and experiences of our students as well as to have access to the latest materials being developed through this project. The report for our school was released this week with some interesting results.

Whenever there is one case of this behaviour by another student or adult which affects a student then the entire community needs to take action.

- Compared to other schools in the project, fewer students at Kensington PS reported being avoided by others or physically victimised.
- Fewer students at Kensington PS reported elevated symptoms of generalised anxiety, depressive symptoms, and social anxiety.

While none of the indicators surveyed showed the students at Kensington Public School were higher than any other school, there were areas for us to focus upon. However, the overall report for all schools highlighted that one in three students have experienced at least one bullying issue. It is interesting to note that 8% of students report an issue over the internet or text. This is an area where parents need to become very vigilant with their child’s use of social media.

Overall the students experienced better emotional health outcomes, compared to other schools in the PAVe project.

Attached to this bulletin is the school’s anti-bullying pamphlet to remind the community of our policy in dealing with these issues. The full policy can be found on our website, under the ‘Caring for Students’ tab and ‘Student Safety’ page.

Student Bags and Shoes

There are many elements of a school which are easy to observe which indicate how students and parents feel about the school.

One of the consistent themes at Kensington Public School is the look of the uniform.

The P&C and our volunteer uniform shop coordinator, Rachael, have consistently made sure that the uniforms are of a high standard, are competitively priced and meet the many varying viewpoints of families.

Therefore, it is disappointing to see a slip in standards at the school. There is an increased number of brightly coloured school bags on display throughout the school. Whilst we have a terrific compliance in our uniform, even down to the green socks and hats by all students, we do not have that same compliance with bags and black shoes.

Many brightly coloured sneakers are starting to creep into the school as a part of non-sport day wear.

School bags are also becoming quite varied in colour and style. I am hoping that parents will make a decision to return to a consistent approach in everything that we do and in this message what we wear.

This may be viewed as a small point to some. However, as principal, I am fortunate enough to hear how this school is viewed in the community in terms of student behaviour, the presentation and pride of the students when attending Kensington Public School. Thanks to all who take this seriously.

Cost of KPS Bags at the Uniform Shop $40

Family Histories Display Help Needed

Sunday 19 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, could you please email copies to (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.
School A to Z

Public speaking
Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school

Science starters
Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know

2RP News

Expositions
This term 2RP have been learning about how to convince and give our point of view. We have written some expositions about our favourite fruits – here are a couple for you to read. Have they convinced you to try a new fruit?

Delicious Watermelon
I think that watermelons are the best fruit because they are delicious and juicy. Don’t you agree??

Firstly, watermelon is the best fruit because you can have it in different ways. You can have it in ice cream, fruit salad, smoothies, juice or you can eat it by itself.

Secondly, watermelon has lots of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants so it’s really healthy and it makes you grow big and strong, did you know that?

Finally, watermelons have lots of flavour and juice. When the watermelon goes between your teeth it is fun when the juice runs down your chin!!

There are the reasons that I think that watermelon is the best fruit in the world. Why don’t you try one yourself?? By Hugh

Juicy Raspberries
I think that raspberries are the most delicious and healthy fruit. They are yummy too! Don’t you agree?

Firstly raspberries are so good because they can be used in lots of different ways. You can have a raspberry smoothie, raspberry bubble-gum, raspberry yogurt or ice cream, raspberry cake or eat raspberries by themselves!

Secondly, raspberries are really healthy and they have lots of vitamins that are really good for you. Raspberries give you lots of energy and help you grow up big and healthy!

Finally, raspberries have lots of flavour and they are very juice and messy! The best part of eating a raspberry is that you can throw them in a bathtub and have a raspberry bath so when you’re hungry you can have a snack that you are in!!!

That’s why I thin raspberries are the best fruit in the world! Why don’t you try one yourself? By Alina

Notes Home

- Best Start Reports (Kindergarten)
- Cross Country Excursion Yrs 3-6 & Year 2 who turn 8 this year
- Student Statement of Account
- Book Club Order Forms
- Anti-bullying Brochure

Reminder
Year 6 students will be attending the Young Leaders Day at Sydney Entertainment Centre next Monday 23rd March. We are catching public buses at 7.45 am. Each student will need a return bus ticket for use on the day. Four adults are travelling with the students. Please be at school promptly. We will be returning by 3.30 pm. (approx)

Book Club Order Forms have been sent home today. All orders must be returned to the Library by Friday 27th March.

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here: http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4
**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.

**Chocolate Egg Class Raffles**

As is 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. All proceeds will go to the Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick.

Please start bringing in chocolate eggs so your class parents can prepare the baskets.

Thank you, Nicolette Marshall and Nicole Vlahos

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Children are more likely to enjoy their **Crunch & Sip** if their produce is fresh and delicious. Choose fruit and veg that are currently in season and that feel firm, smell nice and look appealing.

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Hello everyone! It’s been quite an exciting week, with parents volunteering for the State Election BBQ. It does feel so good when people say they will be involved as well! And we can guarantee that the feeling is reciprocated, donating a little bit of your time to school related events is not only rewarding, but fun, and so important for the kids.

**State Election - Saturday 28th March 2015**
We still need volunteers in particular for the 12pm-2pm and 2pm-4pm time slots. If you can’t be there for two hours, but would like to participate, let us know, any help is much appreciated!

You can help:
- Selling cakes;
- Cooking the BBQ and
- Selling raffle tickets (your child can help you sell, they feel quite grown up doing it!).

You can also help baking cakes, cupcakes, biscuits or slices. Please 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.

We are asking for Year 6 kids to help us sell raffle tickets. This could be a great learning experience! The child who sells the most tickets will win two tickets to the movies.

**FANCY WINNING A CRICKET BAT SIGNED BY MIKE HUSSEY, A FRAMED T-SHIRT SIGNED BY THE ROOSTERS OR A 20 MINUTE PHOTO SHOOT WITH YOUR FAMILY?**

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.

If you are able to help please contact: marykwwong@outlook.com

**Class Parents**
Thank you to KC (Kumcheng Chui), who volunteered to be the Class Parent for 2C and KP. We would love more people to step into this role. It really isn’t hard to do, the Class Parent will act as a source of communication between parents and the P&C. Please email marescott@gmail.com if you are keen to assist. Alternatively you can pair up with a friend and you can both be Class Parents! 😊

**Uniform Shop**
The P&C Uniform Shop is run by a fantastic team of volunteers, and 100 per cent of the profits go back to our children. Every effort is made to keep stock up to date, but at the beginning of the year or during change of seasons some items may be out of stock. This is always rectified ASAP. Updates on stock will be sent via Skoolbag or the newsletter. Thanks for your understanding!

- Hours of operation: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am to 9am.
- Price list can be found online!
- Cash/cheque only – limited cash so small notes appreciated.
- Limited second hand stock available. We gratefully accept any clean uniform donations.

**Don’t forget Mufti Day!! Thursday 26th March**
Please bring in a gold coin donation to contribute towards speakers and lights for our new COLA. (Children should still wear hats and school shoes).

**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**
The next P&C Meeting will take place in the morning, to give the chance for people who can’t attend the evening ones. Please come along and meet us in the OOSH room.

Have a great week!
Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. This Friday, KPS will celebrate the vibrant cultures, races and religions that make up KPS. Teachers will engage students in a rich collection of lessons. Students are invited to wear orange socks, hair ribbons and T-shirts (PSSA students will need to wear their normal sports uniform to PSSA sport). A gold coin donation will be collected by class teachers and forwarded to the PLAN organisation for Sor our Cambodian sponsored child.

Don’t forget to bring in an orange tomorrow for the SRC to cut up and distribute to classes as part of Harmony Day celebrations.

KOORI KIDS WRIST BANDS

As part of Harmony Day, the SRC will be selling KOORI KIDS wrist bands from 8.30am outside the library. The cost of the bands is $2. To avoid disappointment, be there early as numbers are limited!

Emma Fredman and Nicole Vlahos