6D at NIDA

On Wednesday 29 April Year 6 students went to the Institute of Dramatic Art for a play building/improvisation workshop. The students mixed with other school students and created some great scenes.

3P Art Work

Stage 2 are developing the Visual Arts syllabus objective ‘Represents the qualities of experiences and things that are interesting or beautiful by choosing among aspects of subject matter’. In addition the students experiment with techniques in painting and drawing such to create movement in their artworks.

The koi fish were created by first viewing moving fish to observe the movement they create in the water, then sketching wavy lines to show this movement. The fish were drawn and then using water colours of orange, white and red, the fish were painted. The background uses blue and green watercolours to show the water. The fish were then emphasised using oil pastels.

Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments

The school is currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. More than any other year places are very limited. If you know of any local resident with a child who turns 5 by July 31 2016 please encourage them to contact the school urgently.

Proposed Zone Changes

The Department of Education is considering a number of proposals to change the catchment area of Kensington Public School. Revised data shows that the school will need to create 7 extra classes by 2021 based on people living in the catchment at that time, let alone those who are temporary residents. This is not sustainable.

It is proposed that the changes will need to be consulted with the community by the end of this term for a 2016 implementation. Last week’s P&C and School Council discussed models and at a Department meeting last week, further models for zoning arose. Whichever model is accepted, the reality is that the site is 0.7 of a hectare and there are only so many students you can safely accommodate on the school site.
Reminders

Parent CPR and First Aid Course

CPR Kids empowers parents and families with the lifesaving skills of baby and child CPR & First Aid. Our hands-on 2.5 hour class covers the most common First Aid scenarios affecting children, including:

- CPR
- Choking
- Drowning
- Head injury
- Poisoning
- Broken bones
- Burns and more

All our expert instructors are paediatric nurses, midwives or paramedics, who have experienced first-hand everything they teach. All participants receive:
- A3 poster covering topics learned for fast reference
- Access to CPR Kids TV – videos to refresh your skills
- Emailed copy of A life. A finger. A pea up a nose – a practical guide to baby and child First Aid

By Sarah Hunstead

Babies and breastfeeding are always welcome. Limited spaces, book now to secure your place.

Date: 13th of May      Time: 10:30am
Venue: School Hall      Cost per person: $90
Contact: Nicholas Breslin and Jacqui Byrnes

To secure your place, please email Jacqui Byrnes at jacqui.byrnes@hotmail.com.

Disclaimer (This family have no connection to the company – just thought the course was excellent and possibly of interest to others at school, including Nick who will be doing it)

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Randwick Boys’ High School

2016 Year 7
Gifted and Talented Program

A parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 26th May, 2015, 5 - 6.30pm.

Applications open on Monday, 25 May 2015 and close on Tuesday, 30 June 2015.

For further information please contact Ms A Edwards, Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning or download the information package from our website: https://www.randwick-bhschools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/gifted-and-talented-students

Staffing Changes

Parents of KM were notified yesterday that Mrs Nicolette Marshall, a long time temporary teacher at the school, has accepted a permanent position at Claremont College commencing Term 3.

Mrs Akiko Gavinet who has worked with KH/KM extensively will commence as the KM teacher from 14 July. The Kensington community will miss Mrs Marshall’s expertise and generous nature with all students with whom she works.
Writing by 3P

Narrative Pyramid by Macauley
Ahn Doh
Young, scared
Vietnam, sea, Australia
Hunger because of storm
Escaped Vietnam on little boat
Had pirates attack on little boat
Ahn Doh became class captain at school
If something is bad, something good will come

Recount Kidflicks by Laila
On the 24th of March, Stage Two caught the bus to Event Cinemas Bondi Junction. When we got there, we rode up the escalators. Then we went to sit down in the seats and Ebrel and I chose a really good spot. Next, the lady compere said that the main topic for the movies was Aboriginal and Multicultural films made by children. Finally, we had crunch and sip. As soon as we were taking our lunch boxes out of our bags, the cinema went black. Ebrel and I ate as we watched the films. I had a fun day and my favourite animation was Youthpaste because it was funny and scary.

Holiday Recount by Maddie
During the holidays, I went to the Blue Mountains and went to a center in the Blue Mountains that had the world’s steepest train. When we hopped on the train, we were getting excited, especially my brother Daniel. He loves trains. The train had three settings for the seats, which were normal, laidback and cliffhanger. We went down the descent with our seats on the normal setting and came back up on the cliffhanger setting. Then we had a ride on a cable car. We stayed for one day, before heading for home and when I went to bed that night, I knew that it was the best day of my life!

Art Appreciation by Ebrel
3P viewed artworks by students at KPS today. The artwork that I liked was a beautiful peacock. I liked the patterns, because they looked realistic. I liked the colours, because there were warm and cold. I also liked the background because it was like a warm sunset. This drawing was by Eleni in 3B.

The Night in Space by Tia
One afternoon, in the middle of summer, Charlotte and her Mother went to the park to have a play. When they got there, Charlotte and her friend Olivia. “Hi Olivia,” announced Charlotte. They started to play in the playground. It was getting late, so Olivia decided to leave the park with her Mother, but when they left the park, a spaceship arrived. When they saw it, they rushed out of the park as fast as a cheetah. “Hurry!” cried Charlotte’s Mother. But Charlotte liked to discover new things. “Hop on,” whispered ET shyly and Charlotte hopped on.

Are Dogs Better Pets Than Cats? By LeAnn
I strongly believe that dogs make the best pets.
My first reason why I feel that dogs make the best pets, is because you will always have someone to play with and you won’t feel lonely when you have a dog. Furthermore, I know that dogs make great pets because you can stay fit when you go for runs in the park with them. In addition to this, dogs make great pets because they guard your house at all times, so that you will be safe. These are the three main reasons why dogs make the best pets.

The Spooky Forest by David
One morning, Percy woke up and he went down the stairs. He saw the door was opened so he closed it. Then he heard creepy sounds. They were coming from upstairs, so he went up the stairs and noticed shadows coming from the kitchen. Percy whispered, “I should tell my dad,” but none of his family were there. Something was knocking on the door. He opened the door and shouted, “Help!” Someone had played a trick on him. It was only his friend Tom and his family catching Tom’s pet mouse.

Uniforms
Track suit pants for boys ARE NOT a part of the school uniform. Let us PLEASE have a return to the superb standard that this school is known for. It is so disappointing to see this decline in the uniform standards. School trousers are available.

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4
Operation Art 2015

Every school in New South Wales is invited to participate in Operation Art 2015, an initiative of The Children’s Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities.

The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Congratulations to Emily, in Year 6 who is submitting her brilliant painting titled, “Contented Giraffe” to the Operation Art exhibition.

Also, Congratulations to Anni in Year 3 who is submitting her creative painting titled, “Little Miss Speckle”.

Continuing the push for promoting the visual art talent at the school it is pleasing to see the large numbers of families take up the Wednesday afternoon art classes led by Michele Middleton, an external provider. They are so popular there is talk of extending to a second day per week.

In addition the school has benefited from the new ‘Squiggles’ OOSH centre where a staff member will work with Stage 2 classes every afternoon in the school as well as a four day per week lunchtime art club for interested students. This is an exciting development encouraging the talents of our students.

Our afternoon programs continue to extend with the excellent services of the following services which are just for Kensington Public School students.

- KPS OOSH (onsite)
- Squiggler OOSH (permanent venue soon to be announced)
- Homework Club operated by school staff
- Science Group
- Technotastic Computer group
- Speech and Drama (Tues 8am-9am)

Peer Support 2015

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates for 30 minutes each week. We will be working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concepts of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship.

Squiggler OOSH

We have had a very exciting first week of squiggles and giggles.

For all the new parents whose children will be starting with us this week, your children can find us under the big fig tree next to the kindergarten block. We will always have balloons to let the kids know where we are.

We hope to have our permanent site open very soon so that we can get approval for the child care rebate (CCB). As we are the 2nd OOSH for KPS, this is a reminder that we are not competing with the onsite KPS OOSH but just an option to handle the over flow of kids that are on the waiting list.

Please Note: We have had to make an adjustment on the pricing which will start from the next payment cycle from $15/afternoon to $17/afternoon.

Our accounts team will be sending invoices this week to your email. Please feel free to call me if this will be a problem.

Regards, Daryl Lo | Founder | M 0434 720 094 | squiggler.com.au
Multicultural Day 2015

The annual celebration of our school’s wonderfully diverse community is to be held on:

**Tuesday 9 June**

**What is Multicultural Day?**

To start the day, students will be involved in lessons to learn more about the different cultures that make up our diverse school.

**How can families be involved?**

We would like to invite parents, grandparents, families and friends of KPS to join us for a shared lunch in the playground at 12.30 pm.

All children are asked to bring along a **plate of food to share**. You may like to bring along something that you enjoy eating from your country of birth or that is unique to your culture. Please **bring a paper plate or an empty lunchbox and fork** for your child and your guests to use.

*Parents can bring the plate of food with them at lunchtime. Alternatively, children can bring their plate in the morning and deliver it to the staffroom – please note we do not have facilities to heat food. Please label containers and platters.*

*Please remember to keep the food **NUT FREE** (including food cooked in peanut oil) to ensure the food is **safe for all children to eat**.*

Shortly in the newsletter, we will send a form home for you to complete to label all of the ingredients in your plate of food.

After lunch, you are invited to join us for a **concert at 1.45pm in the playground**.

**What do students wear?**

Students are invited to wear national costumes of significance on the day. If not, school uniform (Australian colours) is to be worn.

**Gold Coin Donation**

As you are all aware, we sponsor 2 children, Sharmin in Bangladesh and Sor in Cambodia. We raised funds to pay Sor’s annual sponsorship on Harmony Day and ask everyone to bring in a gold coin donation to go towards Sharmin’s annual sponsorship on Multicultural Day.

*If it is raining our shared lunch will still be on but in classrooms. The concert will be postponed to a later date.*
**Mother’s Day Photoshoot**

Only 2 spaces left now so book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. [www.trybooking.com/HITO](http://www.trybooking.com/HITO) Refer to last week’s newsletter for further information.

**Uniform Shop**

Unfortunately the cash register in the Uniform Shop has broken down. A new machine is being delivered this week and we appreciate your patience whilst the ladies get to grips with the new technology!

**P&C Events for May, June and July**

Mother’s Day Photoshoot – Friday 8th and Saturday 9th May

Bake Sale at the Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 2nd June

Mufti Day – Thursday 11th June

Minions Movie Night – Friday 19th June

Trivia Night (Adults only) - Friday 24th July (TBC)

**Trivia Night**

Due to the great success of last year’s ‘Christmas in July Trivia Night’ we will be running this event again in 2015. This event is our primary fundraiser of the year so we need lots of help. If you can help with time or prizes for the raffle, please contact the P&C at kensopandc@gmail.com

**BLOG V Skool Bag – Important Information**

P&C updates will no longer be emailed out. All future P&C updates will be distributed via Skool Bag. The BLOG will still remain as a source of further P&C information and will be updated on a weekly basis. [http://kensingtonpandc.blogspot.com.au](http://kensingtonpandc.blogspot.com.au)

**Date of the Next Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting will be in the day on Monday 25th May at 9.15am in the OOSH room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Remember if you can’t make the P&C meetings, the minutes are always posted on the BLOG. [http://kensingtonpandc.blogspot.com.au/p/p-minutes.html](http://kensingtonpandc.blogspot.com.au/p/p-minutes.html)