Literary Retellings by 1S

Students in 1S have been learning how to write literary recounts. Below are some examples written after reading the book Bartholomew and the Oobleck by Dr Suess.

Once there lived a king who lived in Didd. He was sick of the rain, snow, fog and hail coming from the sky. He decided to have something new.

Next the king called his magicians. They said they would make oobleck.

After, the king was stuck on his throne by the oobleck and his crown was stuck to his head. Bartholomew told the king that he needed to say sorry.

Finally the king said sorry and then the sun came and chased the oobleck away. Bartholomew took the king to the holiday bell to make it a holiday and they all lived happily ever after. By Jessica

Once there lived a king that was mad at the sky because of the four things that came from it. These were rain, snow, fog and sunshine. He wanted something new to come down.

He called his magicians and told them to make oobleck. Bartholomew saw the oobleck. The king was so happy that he wanted to make it a holiday but the holiday bell couldn’t ring because oobleck was stuck in it.

The kingdom was full of oobleck, even the people there were stuck. Then the king said sorry and the oobleck went away. By Dini

Stage 1 Prepares for ‘Under the Big Top’
More Staffing News

Mrs Jennifer Saunders started her maternity leave yesterday, Tuesday 12 May. Mrs Saunders undertook the Learning and Support Teacher (LaST) position at the school over the past 12 months bringing her usual skill and organisational ability to such a critical position within the school. Miss Rosemary McDonald, who retired last year is returning for the remainder of this term in this position to work with the students, whom she knows very well. From Term 3 Mrs Wendy Hayfield has been transferred into this position permanently. When Mrs Saunders returns from maternity leave she will return to a classroom based position.

Mrs Alyce Samarakoon commences her maternity leave this Friday 15 May. Parents have been notified by letter that the temporary replacement for 1S is Miss Lauren Brash. Miss Brash is a well-respected educator with skills in dance and is on the Eastern Suburbs PSSA committee. In fact Miss Brash will be the convenor for the forthcoming Zone Cross Country Carnival on the 19th May.

The school is currently undertaking a merit selection process for a teacher and an announcement will be made next week as to the successful candidate.

NAPLAN

The Years 3 and 5 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests are being held this week. Language and Writing were held on Tuesday with Reading being held today. On Thursday the Numeracy section will be held.

Music on Thursday

With the Years 3 and 5 students all participating in the NAPLAN tests this may affect the individual lessons. Normal lessons will commence after recess for those affected students.

Notes Home

Year 2: Sydney Observatory Excursion
Years 3-6 Premiers’ Debating Challenge (selected students)

OC Year 5 2016

Online applications opened on Monday 27 April and close 10 pm Friday 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications must be made online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Multicultural Day 2015

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

Tuesday 9 June.

Sydney Morning Herald

Kensington Public School was mentioned in last weekend’s Sydney Morning Herald for the way the community used Crowd Sourcing to fund its Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). Congratulations everyone for your efforts. Whilst the figures quoted were incorrect it was terrific that the community’s efforts were recognised.


K-2 Assembly Roster

Tuesdays 2.20pm
Week 5 19/6 KH
Week 6 26/5 KK
Week 7 2/6 Athletics Carnival
Week 8 9/6 Multicultural Day
Week 9 16/6 KS
Week 10 23/6 KP

RBHS News

With NAPLAN approaching, Randwick Boys’ High School is looking to continue its trend of high levels of value adding to our students’ results. In 2014, in all sections of the NAPLAN tests, our Year 9 students achieved high levels of improvement (value adding) compared to boys across the state in both government and non-government sections. In literacy in particular, growth was as much as three times the expected level.

The school has spent some time focussing our students’ attention on what is required in the tests and we think this is paying dividends as our boys understand more clearly what the tests are examining and how they need to respond.

I look forward to seeing the 2015 NAPLAN results.
Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here  http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4

Just letting you know that Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is coming up on Friday of week 5 (22nd May). Our school will be taking part in the event as a way of raising Road Safety awareness in our students.

The SRC will be taking names of students, the distance they walked from their home and how many were in their group starting next week. A free healthy breakfast will be available for registered walkers once they get to school.

The attached brochure is a reminder of safety issues when getting to and from school. It is important for everyone to remember that your driving and riding behaviour impacts upon others.

PSSA Results from games played on Friday 8th May.

**Soccer V Randwick B at Queen’s Park.**
- **Juniors:** Won  Score 4 - 0
- **Player of the Week:** Jonas
- **Seniors:** Won  Score 9 - 0
- **Player of the week:** Kyle

**Highlights:** After a few years in the soccer wilderness, both teams recorded strong wins in their first games. Kyle (in seniors) and Jonas (juniors) both scored 4 goals. The passing was very impressive.

**Next Opponent:** Bellevue Hill B

**Netball v Double Bay Blue at Moore Park.**
- **Junior A:** Won  Score: 6-3
- **Player of the Week:** Georgia F
- **Junior B:** Draw  Score: 1-1
- **Player of the Week:** Catalina
- **Senior A:** Lost  Score 15 -2
- **Player of the Week:** Eden
- **Senior B:** Lost  Score: 13-2
- **Player of the Week:** Zoe

**Highlights:** Great start to the season, with all teams showing great teamwork and effort. Georgia and Eden displayed fairness and strength. Our defence was excellent.

**Next Opponent:** Paddington

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**Cross Country News** Congratulations to the following children who will represent Kensington at the Sydney Coastal Cross Country Carnival next Tuesday, 19th May at Centennial Park.
- 8/9 Yrs…..Evie, Jo, Catalina, Zac, Curtis, Harrison, Macauley and Sandy
- 10 Yrs……Claudia, Charlotte, Sienna, Ren-Shyan, Kyle, Jai and Will
- 11 Yrs……Zoe, Teina and Frankie
- 12 Yrs……Eden, Vanessa, Patrick and Daniel

*We wish them luck!*

**NEC Donation** One of our parents Binh (Dean in 3B) and Mrs Vlahos worked on a submission for a grant of $1 000 to assist with resources for units of work which develop understandings about Aboriginal culture. The grant was successful with resources being added to the school library. Thank you to both for your hard work in getting these funds for the school.

Mrs Vlahos has had a successful time this year with the movies the students made being shown at Event Cinemas in Bondi Junction, being selected to present “How a unit of work was developed” at a state conference and other activities in which she has involved herself.

**Mandarin Tutoring**

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**Yanli Wang**
- Master of Teaching Chinese as a foreign language
- Nanjing Normal University
- Certificate of Mandarin Proficiency

**Ryan Yang**
- Bachelor of Economics
- Nanjing Xiaozhuang University
- Certificate of Mandarin Proficiency

Our Uniform Shop Video can be viewed here  http://youtu.be/HEIdmbYJoO4
Winter Uniform
A huge thank you for the increase numbers of students wearing the correct trousers for school uniform. The smart look is coming back rather than the track suit pants that began to detract from the image of the school.

Now if we can only get to work on those few remaining school bags that are a rainbow of colours.

Debating News
Congratulations to the following six children who have been chosen to represent Kensington in the Premier’s Debating Challenge.

Yr 6. Eugenia, Jaime and Vanessa
Yr 5. Amy, Carla and Zoe

Four students will be selected and rotated from this group for each debate. Our first debate will be at Crown St Public School next week.

It was pleasing to see so many students try out for the team and they will have the chance to develop their debating skills in the house competition we will have at school.

Kinder Enrolments 2016
Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 are being taken now. Please get your applications in urgently to secure your spot.

During June there will be discussions to share with the community about boundary changes to manage the expected growth in the school, which is expected to grow by seven more classes by 2021. School Enrolment Form. Have a look at the school’s enrolment policy which can be found on our website Enrolment.

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P&C News…
Term 2, Week 4

Mother’s Day Photoshoot
As you can see the photographers took some great shots of our students and their families. We hope all the mum’s out there had a great Mother’s Day and enjoyed the photoshoot. Many thanks to Mary Wong for organising. Please send in feedback if you attended the photoshoot as this is the first time we have used this company.

Bake Sale at the Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 2nd June
Can you bake or shop? If so please can you bring in a cake, cupcakes, biscuits or slices for the P&C bake sale which will be taking place at the Athletics Carnival. Please drop off your cakes at school on Tuesday 2nd June from 08.30-9.00 or bring them to the Athletics Carnival.

We also need a team of lovely people to help sell the cakes. The more people volunteer the shorter the shifts. Please email kensopandc@gmail.com if you can help.

Mufti Day – Thursday 11th June
Mufti Day for all students is on Thursday 11th June. Please bring a gold coin donation. Please remember that children are still required to wear their school hats and shoes.

Minions Movie Night – Friday 19th June
Minions the Movie is fast approaching. Tickets will cost $15 each and will be on sale soon via www.trybooking.com. Proceeds from the movie night will pay for new readers for years K-2.

Trivia Night  (Adults only) - Friday 24th July at The Randwick Club, Alison Road
The Randwick Club has now been confirmed for the Trivia Night on Friday 24th July. The theme will once again be ‘Christmas in July’. The Committee has started to put plans together and think about prizes for the raffle, live auction and silent auction. The Trivia Night is the main fundraiser for the year so let’s make it a success. Last year $7,000 was raised and this year we are aiming to match, if not better that figure so we can purchase speakers for the new shade shelter.

Books of raffle tickets will be coming home at the end of May/early June for you to sell to family and friends. We will be communicating the great prizes we have so far also at that time. Last year only 17% of the raffle tickets which went home were sold. All proceeds from P&C events goes directly back to our school so please get involved and sell sell sell!

If you are able to donate a prize please contact kensopandc@gmail.com. We are looking for experience prizes, sporting memorabilia, beauty products, electrical products etc.

Date of the Next Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be in the daytime on Monday 25th May at 9.15am in the OOSH room.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

Maintaining positive and constructive channels of communication is one of the most important skills that adults must have when living with teenagers. This workshop aims to provide parents with effective tools and strategies in the following:

- Identifying normal and acceptable teenage behaviour
- Family life with teenagers and how to build positive and respectful relationships
- How to manage challenging behaviour from your teenager

**WHEN:** Saturday 27 June 2015

**TIME:** Please arrive at 9.15am for registration.
The course runs from 9.30am to 3.30pm

**WHERE:** Pagewood Central Library,
Westfield Eastgardens Shopping Centre
Banks Ave, Eastgardens NSW 2035

**COST:** FREE GROUP. Workbook, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided.

**BOOKINGS:** Please contact Patrick or Yasmin on 9366 3889 or Secimy@botanybay.nsw.gov.au

This group has been proudly sponsored and supported by Commonwealth Bank and is a partnership with Botany Bay City Council and The Deli Women & Children’s Centre

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This course is being run by a Parents® licensed practitioner.  www.parentshop.com.au
Tips for making the school run safer

Most schools experience heavy traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up times. You can assist by delaying your pick up by 5-10 minutes.

However, it is still the responsibility of all parents and carers to ensure they follow the road rules around Kensington Public School.

Parking restrictions are in place around Kensington Public School to assist in the management of the drop off and pick up of your children, and to increase the safety of all students.

Collect your child from the school gate and always use pedestrian crossings where possible – never call OR WALK your child across or through the traffic.

Always ensure your child enters and exits the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.

A 40km school speed zone is in place around the school safety zone.

Please do not use devices such as mobile phones, IPads, or IPods with earphones/headphones in the road environment. Looking and listening are essential to keeping safe. Please encourage the same safe behaviour with your child.

Road safety practices are essential around all schools. Please read the following road safety advice specifically for our school.

All children must be picked up by 3.25pm at the latest unless at an after care activity.
Travelling to school

There are two pedestrian crossings at Kensington Public School located at the traffic lights on the corner of Doncaster and Todman Avenues and the one on Bowral Street.

**Supervision**

Until they are 8 years old, children should hold hands with an adult:
- on the footpath
- in the car park and
- when crossing the road.

Until children are 10 years old, they should still be closely supervised in the traffic environment and hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.

Penalties exceed $338 and 2 demerit points for stopping your car on or near a crossing.

Safe car travel

Children should enter and exit your vehicle via the rear passenger door on the footpath side, as this is the safest way.

Children up to 7 years old are required to sit in an approved booster seat, with the seat belt fastened, in the back seat of the car.

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommend that children under 12 years do **not** travel in the front seat of a vehicle.

**Penalties exceed $1859 and loss of 7 demerit points for speeding in a school zone.**

**Riding on wheels**

Until children are 10 years old they should cycle in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways. If children ride to school, parents and carers should actively supervise them particularly if they cross Anzac Parade.

They are to dismount and walk their bikes through the school grounds. Bikes are to be stored near the library stairwell at the owner’s risk.

Students who ride to school without a helmet will not be allowed to take their bike home.

Each year we are made aware of stories of students riding unsafely across ANZAC Parade without parent supervision.

Where and how to park

**Kiss and drop zone**

There is a 2 minute Kiss and Drop Zone on Doncaster Avenue. The rules of the zone mean that drivers are not to park their cars in this area for more than 2 minutes between 8.00am and 9.30pm as well as 2.30pm and 4.00pm. It is important drivers do not leave their cars unattended during this time.

**Randwick Council Donates Bike Racks**

Randwick Council will be donating Bike Racks and creating a dedicated space for about 12 bikes under the stairwell. A concrete slab and installation of the dedicated bike space will be undertaken during the July school holidays 2015. We are very grateful to the Mayor, General Manager and Infrastructure Projects Team at Randwick Council for this free service.

**Be Aware of the Parking signs**

Parking is extremely limited and about to more so with the Light Rail about to start construction. Please make sure you are aware of the time changes occurring within all surrounding streets.