Minions Movie

It was a complete sell-out of the 244 seats for the Minions Movie held at EQ last Friday night. Thank you to the P&C for this community event which raised funds to update the Readers for K-2, which is a current project of Ms Noordewier.

Circus Quirkus

Bondi Rotary has donated 100 tickets for students to visit this wonderful show. Students who have received their bronze ribbon will be given the tickets for use during the holidays.

Each student will receive an extra ticket for an adult to attend.

We are very grateful to the Rotary club for this reward.

Stage 1 students were selected as they are in our Big Top show held at NIDA this week. We felt that this was a way of rewarding those students who have achieved their bronze ribbon, and, just like our show, it has a circus theme! www.circusquirkus.com.au

Congratulations

Ege and Tahlia from 5/4OC produced terrific reports for a class project. What impressed Mr O’Connor was the obvious research that had gone into the reports, turning the information gained into complex sentences of their own. The students demonstrated a sound understanding of the need to be careful with plagiarism by taking research and making it their own.

Notes Home

K-6: All reports have been sent home today
K-2: Sportspro Term 3
Kinder: Calmsley Park Farm Excursion - Aug 31
Years 3-6 Term 3 Sports Notes (last week)
It will come as no surprise to many parents that head lice infestations in children appear to be on the rise. Reasons for this increase are not clear although there is evidence from research conducted in schools that some head lice are becoming resistant to the common chemical head lice treatments available.

One program on the NSW Health website is a Nitbusters activity. See the following website:


There are some reports that Kensington Public has an infestation of head lice at the moment.

In order for Nitbusters to be successful in our school, every child should be involved. It takes just one infested head to infest the whole class. One of the key messages of the project is that anyone and everyone can contract nits, regardless of your age, sex or background. Treatment needs to be community-based and ongoing.

So let us all use the holidays to have a look at every child’s hair and use the mechanical method every second day during the holidays to bust this problem so we start off with a head lice free school from Term 3 and as long as we can after that.

Term 3

School recommences for students on Tuesday 14 July.

Teachers will be at school taking part in a professional learning opportunity on Monday 13 July where they will continue to investigate effective teaching practices in the areas of:

1. Teaching English Language Learners
2. Mathematics
3. Classroom Observations with colleagues.

All of these issues are a continuation of activities detailed in the school’s strategic plan.

Mechanical Removal

Mechanical removal involves applying normal store-bought conditioner to cover all of the hair and then using fine long toothed metal lice comb to comb the hair in sections. The conditioner does not kill lice but stuns them for about 20 minutes enabling easier removal. The long toothed metal comb will reach all nits and pull them off the hair. This method should be done every other day until none remain. These combs are available in your local chemist or online.

- With this method it’s easy to teach children to treat themselves. It is best done when they stand under the shower or bath and comb through the conditioner, rinsing off the comb after each stroke.

- Test for active lice or nits by wiping the comb on a white tissue and check for any lice or nits. Keep combing until no more appear on the tissue.

- This Nitbuster method also helps manage head lice before they become established on the head. Simply keep a good head lice comb in the shower and every time your family washes their hair use the fine comb through the hair. This will ensure lice are “caught” before they lay too many eggs. If your children are old enough to wash their own hair encourage them to use the comb themselves. Or keep a comb handy to where you wash your children’s hair and use it every shampoo.

Reminders will be sent through the holidays through the ‘skoolbag app’.

We would appreciate each and every parent’s support in this activity.
Minions Movie Night - Update
I hope you had a fab night at Minions last Friday. I loved it when all the children recognised Gru towards the end of the movie and there was a collective ‘Gru’ and cheering – priceless! Not only was it a great community event but we also raised $1,043 which will pay for new readers for K-2 children so well done everyone.

Christmas in July Trivia Night (Adults only) - Friday 24th July
Raffle Tickets – Please Sell Sell Sell! We have just over 4 weeks until Trivia Night so we need to get those raffle tickets sold. Take a look at Page 2 of the P&C newsletter and you will see that the prize list just keeps growing (I've had to drop font size to fit it all in). The Trivia Committee have literally been walking the streets and shopping malls, utilising every contact they know in order to produce such a great list of raffle and live auction prizes for you. Please sell your tickets to family or friends or perhaps purchase them yourself and you never know, you could be lucky and end up with an amazing prize!

When you sell your raffle tickets please mark each stub clearly with the name and mobile number of the recipient. Tickets and cash should be returned to your class teacher in an envelope. Each ticket is $2 or you can sell 10 tickets for $18. There are 20 tickets in a book so a book is worth $36. Don’t forget that as an incentive, we will be rewarding the class who sells the most raffle tickets with $100 to spend within their class. Please check that your book has your child’s class written on the inside front cover otherwise we won’t be able to attribute those sale to your child’s class. If you are a super seller there are more raffle tickets available from the School Office. I hear that 1C have already asked for another 5 books! Good on you 1C!

Tables – The Trivia Night was a sell out success last year so don’t leave it until the last minute to book and pay for your table. Booking forms can be found at the end of this newsletter. You can book a whole table of 8-10 or just book individual tickets and we will combine groups to make teams. It’s a great way of meeting fellow KPS parents. Booking forms and cash should be returned to your class teacher in an envelope please.

Turn to page 2 of the P&C newsletter to see the full list of live auction and raffle prizes.

Turn to page 3 for a Trivia Night booking form.

Any questions regarding the Trivia Night please email: kensingtontrivia@gmail.com


Which Class Is In The Lead So Far selling raffle tickets …… 2RP (well done keep it up)

PSSA Sport
You may or may not be aware that Centennial Parklands have increased their fees for Public Schools to use their playing fields for PSSA sports. The fee increase is so great that it could stop all local public schools participating in PSSA sports.

I don't know about you but I would be rather upset if the PSSA sport was to stop. I think kids benefit from this activity not only in terms of improving their sporting skills, but also they gain important social skills such as independence, taking responsibility for their belongings, mate-ship, learning to be part of a team and working together.

Our local paper, The Southern Courier, is doing a story this week on the subject and I arranged for some Kensington children to have their photos taken for this article (in the rain – sorry guys!). Look out for it this week!

If you want to take action, please write a quick email to your local Ward Councillor asking they support the motion to save PSSA and public school sport at Centennial Parklands, you can find their email here - http://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0011/29099/COUNCILLORS-PUBLIC-dlu-120515.pdf

And remember to sign the petition https://www.change.org/p/australian-health-and-recreation-ministers-allow-children-to-have-affordable-access-to-public-playing-fields

Thank You!
Get your family and friends together for a great night of trivia and games at the Kensington P&C Christmas in July Trivia Night.

Following the success of the 2014 Trivia Night we will once again be testing your knowledge at our school trivia night. This is the primary fundraiser this year for our school. All proceeds will fund speakers for the shade shelter.

Tickets are $20 per person which includes entry to the trivia night and nibbles. Drinks are available to purchase from the club bar.

If you would like to enter please list below the names of the people in your team (up to 8). If you do not have a team of 8 you can buy individual tickets and we will join you with another team.

Team Name: ________________________________

Team Leader Name: _________________________

Team Leader Email: _________________________

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No. of Tickets: _________ x $20 each  Total: $___________

Please return payment cash/cheque (made payable to Kensington Public School P&C) to your class teacher.

There will be a live auction and raffle on the night and we have some outstanding prizes. Check the P&C blog for more information.
New Prizes Added This Week:
Chasing Issy – Handmade jewellery. Valued at $100.
Olive & Bean – 2 x lunch vouchers for 2 people.
Café Jacks – 2 x vouchers. Valued at $40 each.
Colin’s Butchery (East Village) - $50 gift voucher.
Taste Grocers – 4 x $50 vouchers for ready meals. Valued at $50 each.
Pratten – Current Season Belini Cream Handbag. Valued at $110.
Gelatissimo (Coogee) - 2 x $25 ice-cream vouchers.
Anaconda – 1 x $40 gift card and 2 x $20 gift cards.
Skyzone – 4 x jump passes
Humble Beginnings - $50 voucher
Laugh and Learn - $50 gift voucher
Allsorts Fitness – 1 x $100 pass
Allsorts Fitness – 2 x $50 pass
Allsorts Fitness – 7 day pass to Allsorts Fitness
The Supplement Shack - $100 voucher.
Just Black & White (Photography) – Photography shoot. Valued at $150.

Prizes Published in Last Week’s Newsletter:
Crowne Plaza Hotel (Coogee) - One night B&B in an Ocean View Room.
Bondi Icebergs - $300 voucher (donated by TJS Services).
Catalina Restaurant - $250 voucher.
Fort Dennison - $250 voucher.
Pratten – Print bag in yellow with small purse. Valued at $145.
Pratten – Clutch bag with yellow print. Valued at $99.
Supa Centre – 2 x $100 gift vouchers.
Powerhouse Museum - 2 x family passes. Valued at $38 each.
Taronga Zoo - 2 x admit one passes. Valued at $46 each.
Bondi Pizza - 2 x gift vouchers.
Penny Farthing Design House - Canvas print of a Flavia Julius original. Valued at $595.
Kool Kizz - 2 x 1 day camp passes for 2 (ie 4 kids). Valued at $136 each.
Jendi - 2 x hampers of a hat, bag, scarf and gloves. Valued at $130 each.
Maths Not Squiggles - 1 term of tuition for one child. Valued at $500.
Kikoff Soccer - $250 voucher.
Johanna May Pilates - gift voucher.
EV Car Wash - 3 x car wash vouchers. Valued at $130 each.
Sydney Swans - 2 x jumpers.
Leahs Wax Works - Mini facial voucher.
Leahs Wax Works - Eyebrow and lip wax.
EastCourts Tennis - 4 x 1 day vouchers for Kids Holiday Tennis Camp.
EastCourts Tennis - 4 x 1 hour vouchers for Sunday court hire.
Eb & Ive - Black poncho. Valued at $120.
Transitional Body - One hour mobile massage.
Boiled Eggs and Soldiers - 1 weeks lunch box snacks.
Boiled Eggs and Soldiers - 3 x jars of special BE&S granola.
I Am Well - 3 months health coaching.
Just Cuts - 3 x haircuts.
Baan - 2 x 1/2 hour Thai massages.
Reborn Fitness - 2 x PT sessions and 4 group classes.
Ogalo - 4 x dinner voucher.
Lilly and Lolly Kids Furniture - King single sheet set and matching pillow. Valued at $185.
Gertrude’s and Petunias - Breakfast and coffee for 2 people.
PJ Gallagher’s Irish pub, EQ - $100 voucher for dinner and drinks.
Papillon Hairdressers (Paddington) - Cut and blow-dry. Valued at $130.
Distillme Coaching and Branding – 3 x 1Hr sessions of personal & professional coaching. Valued at $360.