Chinese Immersion Day

Last Wednesday was a very exciting and busy day for Kensington students. We had school open day, book fair, visitors from our sister school Nanjing Youfuxijie School, China and Chinese Language Immersion Day. The day started off smoothly and promptly after the arrival of 45 students and 3 teachers from Eastwood Public School. All participating Kensington and Eastwood Public School students were placed into 3 groups and the first rotation started at 9:30 am.

Students in the hall learnt how to perform the first 12 moves of Tai Chi with our Confucius teacher Mr Yang, they learnt to draw the lotus flower using Chinese calligraphy brushes and special inks with Ms Wong in the Confucius classroom. In the school kitchen, with Ms Guo and Ms Chen students learnt how to make and cook Wonton Soup.

The first activity rotation finished at 10:30 am and students greeted our sister school students and teachers in the hall. Our visitors brought a gift all the way from China; it is a Chinese calligraphy painting scroll which was painted by a student. Kensington also presented a gift of greeting cards and letters written by our Years 3 to 6 Chinese L1 and L2 students. After recess our visitors stayed to join in the activities and they left at 12:30 pm to rush to the airport as they were due to fly back home in the afternoon.

For many participating students the highlight of the day was the lunch at the local Chinese restaurant. Students enjoyed over 10 different dishes, like special crispy chicken, sweet and sour pork and many other tasty Chinese dishes.

Notes home

1. Stage 1 Excursion to La Perouse

Book Fair Poster Winners
PSSA Results
Friday 31st July

Soccer v at Queens Park

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Highlights: The Seniors played well in a heated match against Rose Bay. Highlights were Joel’s goal keeping and Frankie’s goal. Juniors were unlucky to go down in a close match. Jonas and Zac both played well.

Netball v at Heffron Park

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Highlights: Georgia and Carla again shot goals with amazing accuracy, in the Senior B team. Sammi, Lucy and Eden pulled together in the attack end for the Senior A’s, whilst the tight defence of Jaimee and Ayesha deflected many balls, to our advantage. Both Junior teams made yet another effort, in particular Claudia prevented the ball from reaching the oppositions goal on numerous occasions. The Junior teams have displayed great co-operation and effort.

Book Fair

Congratulations Kensington! We’ve had a most successful Book Fair! This is due to our children being such enthusiastic, avid readers and to the wonderful parents who encourage reading in order to increase their children’s skills and knowledge and to provide a great form of relaxation.

We have been able to purchase a collection of books for the Library with the commission we have received. Congratulations also to the children who entered our poster competition. Their efforts were of a high standard, as is evident in the posters adorning the walls and windows around the school. Our sincere thanks to the parents whose assistance ensured that the Fair ran so smoothly.

MindQuest 2015

Students have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day MindQuest 2015 program to be held on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September at St George Girls High School, Kogarah. This program is for gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. The cost of the weekend is $180. Brochures are in the school office. Closing date is Monday 17th August.

Refer to the school website for changes to dates in the calendar.
www.kensington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The Chambermaids

Musica Viva has been aspiring students throughout Australia for over thirty years. More than thirty groups from all genres of music tour to over 1000 schools each year. This year there will be a performance at our school by The Chambermaids.

The Chambermaids are one of Australia’s premiere chamber music groups and offer students the perfect introduction to the wind family. This is an uplifting and fun performance in which the musicians play wind instruments both familiar and foreign, including flute, clarinet, bassoon, French horn and the noisy hosepipe horn. This bright and bubbly quintet perform a variety of engaging repertoire, ranging from Disney’s Aladdin to a new Australian wind quintet piece by Elena Kats-Chernin, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Klezmer folk music.

This performance is part of our school’s learning program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom utilising The Chambermaids resource kit. The kit’s teaching resources are linked directly to the music curriculum as well as other curriculum areas especially literacy and numeracy.

Ms Fredman

Debating

Last Friday was the fourth round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge with opponents Camdenville.

Our team consisted of Amy, Carla, Vanessa and Eugenia with Jaime our chairperson and Zoe timekeeper. The topic was ‘That we should ban fast food companies’ and we chose the affirmative. In a close debate we were successful arguing that illnesses and obesity are the result of too much fast food.

Congratulations- 40 Years of Service

Mrs Mary Carroll received a ‘40 Year of Service Certificate’. It is a simple way, by the Secretary of the Department of Education- Dr Michele Bruniges, to say thank you for Mrs Carroll’s dedication in supporting students and the community.

K-2 Assembly Roster

Tuesday 2.20pm, School Hall

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Congratulations to the following winners of certificates in the Whitlam Institute’s ‘What Matters?’ writing competition.

Zoe, Isabella, Nabidul, Carla, Sophie, Georgia, Katrina, Maithreyi, Anuj, Amy, Alisiya, Lily, Eugenia, Aidan and Edward.

Across the 3500 entries in the competition students wrote with passion on a diverse range of topics including climate change, homelessness, tolerance, disability, bullying and the impacts of social media as well as the importance of embracing opportunities. This competition is a part of the civics and citizenship schools program.

NAPLAN Student Reports Years 3&5

In the next couple of weeks, with the date yet to be confirmed in a forthcoming newsletter, The NAPLAN student reports for Years 3 and 5 will be sent home.

The NAPLAN student report will show your child’s results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school’s average for each test. This means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling.

The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly.

A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child’s progress through the years.

Should you wish to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s results and how to interpret the NAPLAN reports, please contact them through the office.

2N Assembly Wombat Stew

A tremendous Readers Theatre piece by the students of 2N was performed at this week’s assembly of the classic book ‘Wombat Stew’
Mufti Day – TOMORROW!
To celebrate Education Week we will be holding a Mufti Day where children can come dressed as their favourite character from a book. There will be a parade at 1.45pm to which parents are invited. Please remember a gold coin donation and that children are still required to wear their school hats. Please also remember it’s a school day and children have to participate in normal school activities so sensible, comfortable costumes only please!

Bake Sale at the Walkathon – Friday 18th September – Volunteers Needed
Last year the P&C organised a bake sale at the Walkathon held at Kensington Oval. This was a successful event as we raised over $500 for the school and more importantly, it brought smiles to the faces of our children who were delighted to be treated to a cake or cookie after walking all morning.

This year the P&C Committee are appealing to the Kensington community for a lovely individual or group of people to coordinate this event. I will be overseas and the remainder of the committee have work commitments on a Friday so we find ourselves without a team!

The main responsibilities for this person will be to coordinate the volunteer sellers, collect the cakes at school and transport them to Kensington Oval. We will still be appealing to the community for volunteers to help sell and donate cakes. Without a volunteer to manage this event it will not go ahead which would be shame in terms of the potential fundraising lost and all the hungry, sad little children at the walkathon. If you are able to help please email me at: kensopandc@gmail.com

Father’s Day
We are currently looking into ideas to celebrate Father’s Day so watch this space.

A Good Problem To Have
We find ourselves in the happy position of having surplus cash in the P&C bank account. I welcome ideas from the community about how to spend this money within the school. These ideas can be discussed at the next P&C meeting (25th August) and all members with voting rights will be asked to vote. If you have any ideas, please email me at: kensopandc@gmail.com

Reusables Etc
Resuables Etc sell lunch box solutions online. If you make a purchase Kensington school will receive 10% of the purchase price. Simply go to www.reusablesetc.com.au and enter the code F18KENS when you reach the checkout. Visit www.reusablesetc.com.au/schooldemo to see how.

Date of the Next Meeting
The date of the next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday 25th August at 7.30pm in the Library. I hope to see you there.