KPS Rewards System 2016

At KPS, we are always eager to acknowledge our students as they grow into responsible and productive members of the community. We do this in many ways throughout our classrooms and in the playground.

In the classroom

Students receive 1 or 2 ticks at a time for positive behaviour. Teachers will clearly state what the positive behaviour was and which of the three school values it links to (Honour, Knowledge or Community).

For example:

- **Honour:** Being helpful, showing respect for others, taking responsibility
- **Knowledge:** Effort and/ or academic achievement
- **Community:** Helping classmates, effective teamwork

These ticks are recorded on Class Dojo, a software based system, which teachers have set up to align with the three school values.

The Keys to Kensington

As students achieve each level, they may choose from the three ‘Keys to Kensington’- silver badges which represent our three school values. Throughout the year, students strive to achieve all three keys, which they may proudly wear on their school hats. A student who achieves all three badges then works towards the highest reward - a gold Merit Key, which will be presented at our end of year Presentation Day Assembly!

How your child can achieve the Keys to Kensington:

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In the playground

Students are rewarded for displaying Honour, Knowledge and Community with stickers. When a student returns to class with a sticker their class teacher will give them 5 house points. Keep an eye out for one of these special stickers on your child’s collar- a sure sign that they have had a great day at school!
Welcome Back
The start of a new school year begins with a freshness and excitement, challenges and new directions with 2016 no exception.

A special welcome to our new families starting across all grades from today. Our Kindergarten students start on Tuesday 2 February. However, the Kindergarten students will be at school for an hour’s individual assessment activity in the hall. This program is known as Best Start.

New teachers have joined the team this year. Kensington Public School is always fortunate to have passionate and hardworking staff to consistently support student learning in a safe environment. Our emphasis on student achievement is well documented and we will endeavour to make this the basis for our entire decision making.

We welcome the following new teachers to the teaching team at Kensington Public School.

Ms Rachael Heywood, Ms Emma Tuxworth, Ms Sally Blackwood, Mr Andrew Clifton and Mr Dacre England.

Classes will be formed next Tuesday 2 February, once we are aware of our final numbers. In next week’s newsletter there will be a list of classes and teachers.

This timeline is slightly later than the past couple of years. However, the pressures of enrolment impacts once again on our limited classroom teaching spaces with most grades already full. One more student in any one of those areas may cause a redesign of the plan we have been aiming towards. By Tuesday we should have the majority of enrolments in place, or at least be aware of those returning and their expected dates.

We trust you will understand children will remain in last year’s class groups. Lessons will commence today on new programs as teachers have already collaboratively planned rich learning tasks.

Assistant Principals for 2016 are:

Kindergarten: Mrs Meghan Curtis (Mon – Wed) and Mrs Rana Straker (Thurs- Fri)
Stage 1: Miss Bettina Croft
Stage 2: Mr Grant Rimmer (Librarian)
Stage 3: Mr Ben Colmer

K-2 Term 1 Assembly Roster Tuesday 2.20pm

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Notes Home
- K-2 Sportspro note
- Years 1-6 School Supplies Note

Congratulations
Amy and Karla were lucky enough to be selected to attend Admiralty House for Australia Day celebrations with the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove. The event was spectacular and very memorable.

Speech and Drama  GRADES 3 – 6
Give your children the gift of Effective Communication by enrolling them in Speech and Drama Classes with Sheila Hammond, Voice Power. They will learn to:
- Express Ideas clearly and confidently
- Gain Confidence
- Learn Poetry, Mime and Improvisation skills
- Develop their Imagination
- Develop Skills for Public Speaking.

Classes Resume on the 16th February, 2016 from 3 pm – 4 pm in the School Library for a 7 week term. For Fees, further information and enrolment, please contact Sheila on 0404 961 358, or give details to school office prior to that date.

Private Guitar Tuition
A private instructor is offering to hold classes in Guitar Tuition. The instructor is Ricky Kradolfer whose website details his experiences.
http://rickykradolfer.wix.com/rickykradolfer
The program involves teaching and coaching of guitar students, but spans to learning to play as a group, song writing, stage performance and recording.

Details of costs and timetabled days are yet to be negotiated

To gauge interest before proceeding with further negotiations please contact the school office leaving your child’s name and your contact details.
Canteen  Unfortunately, the canteen operator leasing the school canteen sent an email last week stating that the canteen service would cease effective from Term 1. This affected the canteen services across 5 schools.

The Department of Education has a process seeking tenders for the canteen which must be advertised widely. Next week we will start that process.

It is unlikely that a new canteen operator can be secured before the start of Term 2.

Until then the canteen will remain closed.

My Dream World by Aliya

The scent of sea-salt wafting through the air, with magnificent orangish-pink skies as sunset and sunrise comes. With tropical palm trees swaying hither and thither. Delicate, soft sand laying restlessly beneath your feet. A colourful hammock in between two vast, palm trees.

A tropical resort filled with rooms that are snug and at ease. The walls are creamy-white and subtle and the roof remain solid and pearly-coloured. The ground was warm and carpeted. Frangipanis sprouting from the grass, its fragile, elegant petals stand out from the bright green grass.

I was in the multi-coloured hammock with my rose printed swimming costume lying beneath the radiant faraway sun. Kids splashing about and toddlers running away to shore believing that vast waves will chase them.

I woke up to reality. Everything was a dream. A wonderful dream. My dream world is a beach in Hawaii as it is a relaxation zone.

My Dream Holiday Poem by Florence

If I could choose a dream holiday,  
And be back on Friday,  
I would choose a private jet,  
And beat my brother’s daring bet.

4 stops on my list,  
But there’s a whole lot I’ve missed,  
1st stop, the Eiffel Tower in Paris,  
Fashion and the Mona Lisa,  
Next stop, the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

In Italy, the Leaning Tower of Pisa,  
Which sounds a lot like pizza,  
While I’m there I’ll go to Florence,  
Maybe when I’m done,  
I’ll go back there to have some fun.

And last, Big Ben in London,  
That goes tic, toc,  
Maybe perhaps a grandfather clock.

When I’m finished I’ll write a book,  
About monuments people would want to look,  
In university, I’ll study architecture,  
Maybe I’ll include my journey in a lecture.

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![Image of a clock]  
**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....**

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*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day... Check the time your school starts. Don't be late!*
School development days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year. Check with your school, as schools may vary some of these dates.

Don’t forget that school zone speed limits apply on ALL school days including school development days.

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Welcome Back students and to our new families
Kinder Playdate

SRC Class Reps to be elected by this date

Year 6 Young Leaders Day Excursion to All Phones Arena at Sydney Olympic Park

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