House Captains

Congratulations to the students successfully elected as House Captain representatives for 2016 last Friday. These students have already started to think about the war cries for the swimming carnival.

Yrs 3-6 Swim Carnival

Permission notes are online

Where: Des Renford Aquatic Centre and Heffron Park

When: Tuesday 16th February, 2016  Cost: $12

Travel: Bus.

Students will leave school at 8.25am and return by 3.00pm.

Please note the early departure time.

What to wear: Children are to wear swimmers under their clothes which can be house colours or sports uniform. They must have their school hat and appropriate shoes.

What to bring: Underwear, towel and goggles, morning tea, lunch and water bottle. Whilst the canteen is open at the pool please discuss with your child the appropriateness of the food they are able to purchase.

Parents are of course welcome to support the children.

Students are asked to bring a disposable bag in which to place their rubbish.

Mascots are encouraged, although they remain the students’ responsibility.

Absent: Dave (Pindaree)
Performing Arts News

**Choir:** It was great to see so many children from Year 1 to Year 6 signing up for choir. If your child didn’t receive a letter about choir and would like to join please collect a choir note from the school office.

Choir starts next week on Tuesday 16th for all choirs, please note that there are a few changes to rooms.

**Infant choir:** (Years 1 & 2) with Miss Pitt and Ms Fredman in the Performing Arts Room @ 8.10am-8.50am.

**Junior Choir:** (Year 3 & 4) with Ms Noordewier and Mrs Krivosic in the hall @ 8.10am -8.50am

**Senior Choir:** (Year 5 & 6) with Ms Fredman in the Performing Arts Room@ 1.10pm-1.45pm

**Aladdin:** 2016 plans to be a very exciting year full of Arabian nights, camels and genies. All students in Years 3-6 will be involved in the school musical which will be held at NIDA on Tuesday 16th of August.

The students in Years 5 and 6 will be given audition material in Week 6 if they would like to audition for lead roles. Auditions will take place in Week 7. All students who take on the commitment of a lead role will be required to rehearse on a Thursday afternoon in Terms 2 and 3, until 4.30pm.

I am also looking for costume and prop makers. If you are interested, please email the school. Also we would love parent helpers with makeup before the shows.

**Band:**
Band will commence Thursday 11th of February. All new instruments will be handed out at 7.50am in the school hall.

Junior band will rehearse in the Performing Arts room and Senior Band in the school hall. Students will be given timetables and instructions for their tutorials on Thursday.

It is important that you arrive early to band rehearsals to help set up and be ready to rehearse by 8 am. Our first Soiree will be Tuesday May 24th and all students performing will need a Performance Uniform.

I am looking forward to a great year. **Emma Fredman**

Skoolbag App

As you can see the school has 918 followers on our Skoolbag app. This is a wonderful following!

![Skoolbag App](image)

Before School Safety

There has been an overwhelming increase in the number of students and parents entering corridors and classrooms before 9.00am. This results in disruption to staff and compromises student safety. Please be advised of the following morning rules:

- All students are required to stay in Area 1 between 8.30am and 8.50am where there is a teacher on duty. At 8.50am a teacher will be on duty in Area 3 and children may move to that area as the playground becomes busy.
- Children are required to keep their belongings with them in the playground and will hang up their bags with their teachers after the bell has gone. PLEASE DO NOT take your child inside to hang up their school bag. (Exception- On Thursdays, members of the school band may hang their bags before their lesson).
- Please note there is no formal supervision for children arriving at school before 8.30am. Students should not be in the playground before this time and should be timing their arrival to meet this important safety issue.
- **All students are required to wear their school hat for morning play (NO HAT= NO PLAY)**

Thank you for your cooperation and support of student and staff safety.

**K-2 Term 1 Assembly Roster** Tuesday 2.20pm

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- Child Protection Notes K-6

**For all parents to consider.** Two minor issues are arising at the start and end of the school day. Firstly we are reminding parents not to seek a quick chat with teachers at 9am. This is important as the class is left waiting, for what may seem just seconds to you but usually takes longer. Student learning time is delayed.

Secondly, we have invested a large amount of staff time, **all voluntary it must be stressed**, in making sure the car pick up zone is safe. We have an increased number of parents starting to use Bowral Street which is causing a number of complaints, as double parking and interference with neighbours driveways is occurring. I have asked the rangers to patrol the area and can result in over $300 fines. We are bamboozled as to why drivers do not want to use the zone at the front of the school which is much safer for your child.
The school photographer will be at school on Wednesday 17 February to take two sets of photos.

Firstly, the traditional 'My First Day'- Kindergarten Photos will be taken.

These photos will be followed with the students who are participating in the following extra-curricular activities:

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To make payment for school photos after photography day you can choose one of the following options -

1. Go to the School Photographer website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the "Click here for Online Payments" button and follow the on screen instructions. OR

2. Call the office on 9674 9824 and we will take your credit card payment over the phone. (Note - there is a processing fee of $5 for phone payments)

Kindest regards, The School Photographer

**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.

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**Music Tuition Opportunities**

**Violin**

Over the last year violin classes have been offered to the school in order to promote music education and contribute to the thriving arts program at Kensington Public. After tuition for a year the students will be eligible to participate in the Kensington Public String Ensemble. Violin lessons for continuing students will commence in Week 3 on Wednesday February 10.

For new students interested in learning the violin, classes are offered to those students in Year One and above. The costs of lessons are below:

- $18 per half hour shared lessons
- $20 for a 20 mins individual lesson
- $35 per half hour individual lesson

Lessons will be held on a Wednesday during school time. For those interested in learning the violin please give your name to Chris in the office and email Joanna Drimatis - jdrimatis@gmail.com.

**Guitar**

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.

There are enough children to proceed with lessons commencing very shortly. Parents will be individually contacted by Ricky.

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**Canteen**

A reminder that the canteen will remain closed for Term 1. However, a tendering process has been started with a view for a new operator in place by Term 2.

Thank you for your understanding with this issue.
**Parent Online Payments (POP)**

I am pleased to advise that POP, is now user friendly on mobile devices.

Behind the scenes Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school’s website. In the past using the ‘$ Make a payment’ page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, when parents click on this page, via a mobile device, they will be able to complete the online form with ease.

**MindQuest**

Gifted and Talented Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students Years 1-6 at St George Girls High School on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 April 2016. Brochures are located in the office. Closing date is Friday 4 March.

**Uniform Shop News**

Winter jackets need to be ordered and pre-paid to the Uniform Shop by February 11, 2016. There are two styles available:

1. Winter – waterproof with a hood and fleece lined for extra warmth $40.
2. Sport – lightweight. Worn alone or over a Sloppy Joe for extra warmth $35.

Sample sizes are available at the Uniform Shop.

We will Skoolbag when the orders arrive for collection.

Please note that students in Year 1 Choir or Band and new students may need to buy a performance uniform before Wednesday 17 February for school photos. Ties and pants can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Lemon shirts are available for purchase at Wylies, 629 Anzac Parade, Maroubra, phone 9344 5796.
I am very excited about teaching the library lessons. Lessons have started this week and thank you to all those students who had a library bag so that they could begin to borrow some of our wonderful books.

If any parent can spare some time covering books, please drop in and see me either before or after school. Books can be taken home to cover with contact and all equipment provided.

**Important information about library lessons**

**Timetable:** Students will attend weekly library lessons. Library lesson days for each class are listed in the table below.

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**Library bag:** Students will borrow books during library class time. They must have a library bag in order to take the books home. Library bags are sold for $10 each at school uniform shop.

**Loans:** Students may borrow books for one week at a time. Loaned items can be renewed. Loan limits are shown in the table below.

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**Lunchtime activity:** Students will have the opportunity to use the library facilities during second half of lunch (Mon-Thurs). Students may enjoy activities such as reading, board games, Mathletics and Reading Eggs.

Please see me if you have any questions.

Grant Rimmer  
Assistant Principal

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**Meet the Teacher**

Arrangements for next week’s Parent/ Teacher Night are as follows:

**2pm: New Arrival Students.** Parents with children who are newly arrived from overseas will have an opportunity to discuss the NSW school system. Some translation services available. Parents will be individually contacted and invited.

**5.15pm: Kindergarten.** 2016 Kinder parents are welcome to join the teachers in the hall for a discussion about general Kindergarten routines before moving to your child’s classroom.

**6.00pm: Years 1-2.** Starting in the classrooms with individual teachers parents will move to the hall at 6.30pm.

**6.00pm: Years 3-6.** Starting in the hall for a general session parents will move to individual classrooms at 6.30pm.
Uniform Shop

Firstly, a big thank you to our Uniform Shop volunteers who have opened up almost everyday this term ensuring that both new and returning children have the correct uniform.

Hopefully the start of year uniform craziness has calmed down now so the volunteers can take a bit of a break!

Going forward the uniform shop will only be open on the following days:

Tuesday - 8.30am – 9.00am
Thursday – 8.30am – 9.00am

Please keep an eye on future P&C newsletters and Skool Bag alerts as the days may change later in the term subject to volunteer availability.

Three things you should know...

1. All profits from the uniform shop go directly to the P&C. Last year the P&C donated over $55,000 to the school for a variety of projects and educational resources. So think of it this way – everytime you buy an item from the uniform shop you are making a direct and positive impact on school resources.

2. The shop is 100% staffed by volunteers. For the 7th year in a row our shop is kept going (and profitable) by Rachael. Rachael manages the shop and takes responsibility for ordering all the stock as well as serving. She is joined this year by a mix of new and returning volunteers. Good luck to the new volunteers!

3. Second Hand Uniform Sales There is a small cupboard of donated uniforms for sale at the shop. Second hand uniforms sell for $1-$2 dollars per item. Uniform donations are gladly accepted. Please leave donations outside the uniform shop in a plastic bag on Tuesdays. We kindly ask that you only donate items in a clean and good order.

The School Canteen

‘Love Food Canteen’ will be attending the P&C meeting on the 23rd February to explain their food philosophy. Love Food Canteen will be submitting a tender to run the school canteen from Term 2. If you are interested in hearing what they have to say, please come along to the meeting.

P&C AGM – Tuesday 23rd February

Perhaps the most important P&C meeting of the year will take place this month.

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be on Tuesday 23rd February at 7.30pm in the Library and all KPS parents are invited to attend.

All P&C Committee positions are up for re-election at the AGM.

These positions are:
- President
- Vice Presidents x 2
- Treasurer
- Secretary

If you would like to be an active member of your school community, raise much needed funds for educational resources, be a great role model for your kids and get that warm and fuzzy feeling from volunteering then please consider a position on the committee.

If you don’t feel a committee position is for you then there are still lots of ways you can help out the school including; sausage sizzles, bake sales, selling raffle tickets, creating posters and making decorations for discos. I think the crucial thing is to be involved with the school in whatever capacity you can because as someone wise once said “Many hands make light work”.

By subscribing to the Skool Bag app and reading the school’s weekly newsletter (which has a weekly P&C section) you can keep up to date with what’s happening and learn how to get involved.

If You Would Like To Vote on P&C Decisions

If you would like voting rights then you will need to become a P&C member. Annual memberships are organised at the AGM where you can pay your membership fees (a gold coin). This will give you voting rights on all major P&C decisions - usually to do with how the money is best spent.

You do not have to be a committee member to be a P&C member. Membership is open to all parents who attend the AGM.

I hope to see you there!