6/5C Autobiographies

Behind each one of the faces on the wall in 6/5C is a story written by the students about themselves. Using the autobiographical genre the students wrote about themselves. Many are too long to reproduce here but have a look at Ari’s first and last paragraphs.

Hello, sorry I didn’t see you there. This is the story of a young man who was born on a cold and rainy day on the 20th of August 2004. A Hero was born. Well maybe not a Hero but a baby boy. Ilea were my parents’ first choice of name and then Jack and then Ari. I am very happy it wasn’t the other two because Ari is the only one I liked. I wasn’t the first child, my brother Zac was.

And his last paragraph…..

A wise person once said don’t judge my choices without understanding my reasons. Ever since then I have always done my own thing. My name is Ari and this is a story about well maybe not a hero but in a way a new generation of man.

I hope the students enter their stories in the Write 4 Fun competition http://www.write4fun.net/

Sock and Wooden Spoon Puppets with Ms Fredman

English Classes for Parents and Family

TIME: TUESDAY 1.45 pm – 2.45 pm
LOCATION: EAL/D Classroom

This Tuesday, we started our English conversation classes for parents and family of Kensington Public School students who speak English as an additional language.

The class is led by our experienced EAL/D teacher Sue Mendelsohn, and provides the opportunity for participants to practise and improve their English language. We would like to invite parents and family who speak English as a second or additional language to join us for our English classes. The classes are held every Tuesday from 1.45 pm – 2.45 pm.
PSSA Results

PSSA results from games played on 26 February 2016

T-Ball/ Softball v Bellevue Hill at Queens Park

Juniors lost Score 22-20 Player of the Week Bronte

Seniors won Score 18-1 Player of the Week Ale

Highlights: The softballers displayed fantastic batting skills and great team work when fielding which contributed to their convincing win. The T-ballers continue to develop their fielding skills and demonstrated a big improvement in their batting and ability to run between bases.

Oztag at Queens Park

Junior Boys Bye
Senior Boys Gold v Coogee lost Score 5-3 Player of the Week James
Senior Boys Green v Clovelly won Score 4-2 Player of the Week Nathan

Highlights: Outstanding defence was the key to two brilliant games this week. All of the boys worked hard to play as a team, rarely letting the opposition break their defensive line. Some quick hands allowed the ball to swing wide and with some fast footwork, we went over for a few tries in each game.

2017 Year 7 Selective High Tests

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2017 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Thursday 10 March 2016.

The test centre for students from your school is:
Sydney Boys High School
Moore Park
SURRY HILLS NSW 2010

All parents were sent a letter telling them which test centre their child is required to attend. They were also sent a copy of a document called, Test information for parents and students.

K-2 Term 1 Assembly Roster Tuesday 2.20pm

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Fiji Appeal – Cyclone Winston
One of our parents has set up a go fund page for the school to channel any fundraising for the Fiji cyclone appeal. https://www.gofundme.com/rkr9wq3j.

Thank you to Jaylei (4C) and Tahlia (2O) and their mother for providing the school community an opportunity to support our Pacific neighbour.

School Council Elections
Our School Council is due for re-election and we are seeking nominations. All parent nominations should be in a sealed envelope to the Office by 3pm Friday 4th March 2016.

- Ballot papers will be in the newsletter of Wednesday, 9th March with voting papers to be returned to school by 3pm, Friday, 18th March 2014.
- The election process must be concluded before the next Meeting to be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 23 March, 2016.

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School Council Parent Nomination Form 2016
Nominee’s name ____________________________
Nominated by ________________________________
Seconded by _________________________________
Nomination accepted _________________________

Date

BYOD update
Students in 5/4K have been learning how to use Google Apps, e.g. Google Docs and Google Slides, to collaboratively write stories and gather information. We have been utilising our school’s technology and students’ personal devices to conduct an historical enquiry as part of the Stage 2 Community and Remembrance unit of work. 5/4 K students who wish to bring their devices to school may do so once their parents have signed the BYOD Agreement (which can be found on our school website). Students are invited to bring their devices on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Mrs Krivosic
Ethics Teachers – Volunteers Required.

Would you like to volunteer and be trained to facilitate ethics classes at Kensington Public School?
Primary Ethics is a not for profit organisation which provides an introduction to ethical values through learning activities and discussions around age appropriate ethical issues. In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence. The program is delivered with the approval and validation of the Education Department, for children of families who choose not to participate in faith based scripture programs.
Currently, the program is available in four stages for all years from kindergarten to year 6. To maintain this program we need additional class facilitators to volunteer for the Kensington Primary Ethics team. Parents and friends of the KPS community are invited to apply and will receive thorough training to facilitate classes in the Primary Ethics program. Ongoing support and feedback for facilitators is available at a local level and throughout the Primary Ethics teachers’ network through online forums and regular workshop programs.
Please visit the Primary Ethics website www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more and reply to the KPS Ethics Coordinator, Brad Tarlington (btarlington@gmail.com), if you are interested in participating.
Regards, Brad Tarlington
Primary Ethics Coordinator – Kensington PS

2016 Census of Population and Housing, Job Opportunities in the Sydney area

As you may be aware, the next Census of Population and Housing will be held on Tuesday 9 August 2016.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is now seeking motivated and community minded Area Supervisors to work on the 2016 Census.

The quality of Census data relies heavily on the quality field staff we are able to recruit.

The following is a link to the Census website and careers page.


Library News  Three new additions to the library for our Stage 3 readers. They are all on the Premier’s Reading Challenge list and were shortlisted on the Children’s Book Council of Australia list.

Bleakboy and Hunter Stand Out in the Rain - written by Steven Herrick, it is an inspiring and funny story about how small gestures can help make the world a better place.

The Simple Things - written by Bill Condon, about family, friendship and, growing old and growing up!

Figgy In the World - written by Tamsin Janu, about Figgy and her Grandma Ama and how Figgy tries to help her Grandma get better after an illness.

### School Events and Notes

#### March 2016

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**MON**
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  - 2.20pm K-2 Assembly
  - Jellybeans music

**TUE**
- 8
  - 2.20pm K-2 Assembly
  - Jellybeans music

**WED**
- 9
  - Interview bookings opens at 9.15am
  - Sportspro

**THU**
- 10
  - Selective high school placement test

**FRI**
- 4
  - 9am PSSA & 3-6 sport
  - 2.15 Yr 3-6 Assembly

**SAT**
- 5

**SUN**
- 6

**Please note:** School zone speed limits apply on ALL school days including school development days.

- Public holidays
- Selective high school placement test 10 March / NAPLAN tests 10-12 May / Opportunity class placement test 27 July / HSC commences 13 Oct
- Education Week

#### Term 1 – Week 10

- **29**
  - G&T Art Class
  - 2.20pm K-2 Assembly
  - Jellybeans music

- **30**
  - Sportspro

- **31**
  - 2.20pm K-2 Assembly

**Week 10-Tues - Fri Parent Teacher Interviews. Check Week 7 Newsletter for details.**

**Book online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au**

Using the code: **nv3sp**

**Bookings close Monday 28 March - Easter Monday**
About the P&C

The role of the P&C is to support parents and carers as partners in our children’s education. That means working to build the parent/carer community, being the collective voice of parents/carers, as well as raising money to supplement learning and a positive school experience for all our kids.

The **2015 P&C Committee did an amazing job last year**, raising more than $45,000. This contributed to the covered outdoor COLA area at school, paid for the 2016 Jellybeans music Program for all kids, as well as buying lots of new readers for our kindy learners - just to name a few of their stellar contributions.

The **new 2016 P&C Committee has big shoes to fill!** We’re committed to working hard to building and serving the parent community. We’ll be meeting over the next few weeks to plan social and fun raising activities for the year. Look out for updates, and how you can get involved, in next issues of this newsletter.

If you’d like to get in touch with any ideas, questions or feedback, please email [kensopandcgmail.com.au](mailto:kensopandcgmail.com.au)

Come and join us

*We’d love your help, in any shape or form.* Come along to the meetings and share your ideas - all parents and carers are warmly welcomed to P&C meetings. It’s a great way to find out what’s happening at the school, with regular updates from our Principal Mr Johnston. Other ways you might contribute: lending a hand at P&C activities such as the Hot Cross Bun sale (see below), bake sales, sausage sizzles, decorating/setting up events and sourcing fabulous prizes for raffles/auctions.

Stay in the loop

Stay up to date so you don’t miss out on P&C events:

- **P&C News** every week in this newsletter
- **Skoolbag App** for important notifications

Oh Yum! Hot Cross Buns...

Yum... Fresh, delicious **Hot Cross Buns + real coffee** from **8.30am Thu 24 March** at school, coinciding with this year’s **K-2 Easter Hat Parade**. You can also pre-order buns and we’ll send them home with your kids. Too easy! Pre-order details coming soon.

Remember, the more you buy, the more we have to invest in enhancing our kids’ school experience. Proceeds from the **Hot Cross Buns** pays for Year 6 Leavers’ T-shirts, which the P&C has supported for a number of years now.

Every single contribution you make really helps!

Mark your diary...

- **Hot Cross Buns & Coffee** from **8.30am Thu 24 March** at school (or pre-order, details to follow)
- **MUFTI Day** **Tue 5 April** – a uniform-free day for the kids, gold coin donation
- **Class Parent Forms** – if you haven’t already, please return via your child’s Communications Folder. Having your emails helps us all stay in the loop!