Puppets Stage 2 created shadow puppet shows with the items they brought in from home.

Leadership Last week two activities were held to promote student leadership. Year 6 took part in the Young Leaders Day at Homebush and Matt Thistlethwaite MP presented certificates to our Captains and Vice Captains in the SRC and sporting houses.

The School Photographer - School Group Photos

Samples of the School Captains, Choir, String Ensemble, Band, Softball, Oz Tag and T-ball photos are on display in the hallway or can be viewed and ordered online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au. The School Online Code is S480PRE36K.

Envelopes are available at the office and need to be returned to the school.

If ordering online envelopes are not required.

The photo prices are: $16.00 each, 2 for $30.00, 3 for $42.00, 4 for $52.00 or 5 for $60.00.

See page 4 for examples of the photos.

All Orders are to be made by Thursday 31st March 2016.
Homestay visit required for 12 students from China - EOI

We are seeking an expression of interest from families willing to host a student, or two, from Jiangsu province from 1 August – 5 August inclusive.

12 students and two teachers will be visiting Kensington Public School for a stay of five days and they will be involved in school activities.

To determine if the trip will go ahead we need an Expression of Interest (EOI) of any family who would be prepared to host one of these students or one of the two Chinese teachers for that 5 day period.

Commonwealth Day

Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year by 53 Commonwealth countries on the second Monday in March. This year it was on Monday 14 March 2016. The aim of commemorating Commonwealth Day is to promote understanding of global issues, international co-operation and the work of the Commonwealth of Nations to improve the lives of its citizens.

The theme for Commonwealth Day 2016 is ‘An Inclusive Commonwealth’, which celebrates the diversity of the Commonwealth, which is made up of more than two billion people. Every one of them is different, and each of them has something unique to offer. Further information about this year’s theme is available at http://thecommonwealth.org/inclusivecommonwealth

Mandarin Tutoring

The school is fortunate in having Mr Ryan Yang as its Confucius Classroom teacher. He is a volunteer teacher provided to support the Chinese language and cultural program.

Mr Yang is able to tutor students, including high school students, in Mandarin out of school hours.

Students at Kensington Public School are fortunate enough to receive up to two hours per week in languages, both Modern Greek and Mandarin. There is very clear research which details the benefit to students of learning a second language as well as the value to the home language.

Please contact Mr Yang at KPS should you wish your child to receive outside of school hours tutoring. Mr Yang can advise of the after school hours fees for this service.

Performing Arts News

This week the students in Years 5 and 6 will be auditioning for the lead roles in the upcoming musical Aladdin. Only the chosen leads will be required to attend after school rehearsals. The cast list will be posted up on the Performing Arts Notice Board on Monday 21st March.

I’m also looking for 4 dedicated and mature Year 6 students who would be interested in helping back stage. If interested please write a letter to Ms Fredman explaining your reasons why you would be suited to this job.

All leads will be required to attend the first rehearsal on Thursday 24th March at lunch time in Ms Fredman's room. Scripts and CDs will be distributed.

All rehearsals after school will begin in Term 2 on a Thursday till 4.30pm. Please ensure all students attending these rehearsals have a drink and snack as they will not be allowed to leave the school grounds.

Newtown Performing Arts High

Auditions for Years 7 2017

Students currently in Year 6 2016 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 in 2017 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops. Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Year 7 Audition Dates: Friday 24 June – Thursday 30 June 2016. Closing date for registration is 1 May.
PSSA Results

PSSA results from games played on 11 March 2016.

T-Ball/ Softball v Rose Bay at Queens Park

T-ball lost Score 20-10 Player of the Week Alva

Highlights: We are continuing to learn and improve each week. Our batting is consistent and we learnt a lot in the field this week.

Softball lost Score 11-2 Player of the Week Ale

Highlights: Ale took a spectacular catch and also pitched well. Sammi and Carla are working well together pitching and catching. Zoe managed to keep playing despite being 'bowled over' on 2nd base.

Oz tag at Queens Park

Junior Boys v Randwick C won Score 4-0 Player of the Week Lachlan J.
Senior Boys Gold v Waverley won Score 5-0 Player of the Week Richard
Senior Boys Green v Rose Bay B won Score 3-1 Player of the Week Jesse

Highlights: A calmness descended upon each of the teams as they strode onto the field, wearing the Green and Gold with pride. Their heads were clear and the plan was simple; apply pressure. The Juniors opened the round with an impressive 5 -0 win. With the most superb passing combinations we’ve seen this season, the ball was pushed wide on a number of occasions to see some speedy legs, carry the ball over the line for tries to Lachlan J and Christian.

As the Senior Gold team gathered the ball from the kick-off, their attacking line was well spread and poised to puncture the defensive line. Jonas plucked a long ball from the air to intercept it, going on to cross the line. Frankie was desperate for the ball and Richard forged on even after sustaining an injury. A big wrap should go to Zac who stepped up into the Gold team this week and supported the team beautifully to a 5-0 win.

Congratulations to Frankie who has been selected as part of the Sydney East Team in Football on Tuesday 29 March at Kareela. A great honour for you, Frankie.

Notes Home

• Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival

NAPLAN

For parents who wish to know more about the types of questions used in the NAPLAN have a look at the following link

https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan/test-preparation

Opportunity Class 2017

Online applications for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2017 will open on Tuesday 26 April 2016 and close on Friday 13 May 2016. Late applications will not accepted.

The key dates for application for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2017 are as follows:

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Videos explain the process can be found at these links

OC Application Process Video 1

OC Application Process Video 2

Uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.30 am to 9.00 am.
Repeated items – for your information

Easter Raffle
Easter is just around the corner and each year at Kensington Public School, we hold an Easter egg raffle to raise money for the Sydney Children’s Hospital in Randwick. Each child is asked to bring in an Easter egg or festive item to be placed in their class prize baskets. There will be 4 prize baskets for each class to win. SRC reps will begin selling raffle tickets in class from Thursday 10th March. Each ticket will cost 50 cents or 5 for $2.00. Please notify your child’s teacher if you are able to assist with making up the prize baskets.

Easter Hat Parade
There will also be K-2 Fancy Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March. It will be held under the COLA from 9.15-10.15am. Parents and friends are invited to attend, or come along early to enjoy hot cross buns and coffee, which is being sold by the P & C. Each child in K-2 is asked to make or decorate a festive hat at home with their parents/carers and bring to school on Monday 21st March. Thank you and Happy Easter! Ms Fredman

Harmony Day
On Monday 21st March our school will be celebrating Harmony Day which celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common.

The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

We ask that children wear something orange and bring in a cut-up orange to eat at recess.

We will also collect a gold coin that goes to our sponsor child Sor in Cambodia.

3R- English Group
Joint Construction of a Persuasive Text
Should Children do Sport?

We strongly believe that all children should do sport. There are lots of benefits to doing sport.

Firstly, sport makes you fit. Running around and getting exercise helps your muscles and bones to become strong. It is very good for your heart.

Secondly sport is fun. You can play games with your friends or family. If you win games you receive awards.

Finally sport teaches you rules and sportsmanship. If you don’t follow the rules you can’t play the game properly. Sportsmanship means being encouraging to others and not only an excited winner, but a gracious loser.

In conclusion, these are the reasons why we believe that all children should do sport. We personally think that sport is fun because you get to play and it’s like having free time.

By Eric, Hunter, Hugh and Samara 3R

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