



A Community of Learners – Knowing and Growing Our Students

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TERM ONE

Thursday, 18th February, 2016

Monday	15 th - 26 th	February	Intensive Swimming Program – Years 2 to 6
Friday	19 th	February	Wantirna District Swimming Sports – selected students
Monday	22 nd	February	Parent Teacher Exchange Evenings – 3.50pm to 7.50pm
Tuesday	23 rd	February	Parent Teacher Exchange Evenings – 3.50pm to 7.50pm
Tuesday	23 rd	February	Melbourne Storm Wellbeing Session
Friday	4 th	March	PUPIL FREE DAY/PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR TEACHERS
Thursday	24th	March	SPECIAL PERSON’S DAY/EASTER HAT PARADE – information to follow
Thursday	14th	April	WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS
Friday	15th	April	COMMUNITY MARKET and MOVIE NIGHT – information to follow

We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Peyton Mia to Leah and Craig Hughes on Tuesday 9th February. Mum, Dad and baby are all doing well.



On behalf of past students and staff the school has expressed its condolences to the family of Clarrie Adamson (Principal of KPPS in the 80’s) who sadly passed away last Friday.

<i>Excursion/Incursion Notices Sent Home – Please read carefully and ensure deadline dates are met</i>			
Year	Date of Event	Incursion/Excursion/Event	Due Date
Year 1	Monday, 21 st March	Taskworks Excursion	Mon, 7 th Mar
Year 2	Tuesday, 1 st March	Coach Approach Incursion	Wed, 24 th Feb
Year 3	Wednesday, 16 th March	Eureka Skydeck & Federation Square Excursion	Fri – 11 th Mar
Year 4	Tuesday, 8 th March	Knox City Council – Knox City Library	Tues – 1 st Mar
Year 5	Monday, 29 th February	CERES Environmental Park Excursion	Mon – 22 nd Feb
Year 6	Friday, 18 th March	Coach Approach Incursion	Fri – 11 th Mar
Selected students	Friday, 19 th February	Interschool Swimming Sports at Croydon Pool	

IMPORTANT 2016 REMINDERS and UPDATES



In line with DET community safety regulations DOGS (on/off a leash) are not permitted to enter the school grounds before and after school.

SAFE PLAY AND BALL GAMES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL in 2016 – a reminder that this is currently permitted, however closely monitored and discussed with teachers on duty to ensure the safety of the school community.

STUDENT WELLBEING INCURSION - On Wednesday 24th February between 11.30am and 1.30pm a representative from MELBOURNE STORM will be presenting a WELLBEING SESSION focusing on NUTRITION, HYDRATION and BELONGING. This session is being offered to all schools in the Knox area.



CANTEEN 2016 – The canteen will open from next Thursday 25th February. Thank you to Kylie Carter and a team of parents who have volunteered to provide this service to our community. The canteen will be open on Mondays and Thursdays for lunch orders and counter sales.

WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION - Please note – the school newsletter will be published fortnightly in 2016 and will work in conjunction with TIQBIZ to ensure clear communication and reminders to the community.

WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER for Term One

*Thankyou to Cassie Wright who has kindly offered to organise our first fundraiser for 2016.
The order form has been sent out to all families, to be ready for collection before Easter.*

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS for 2016

**An election is to be conducted for members of the KENT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL.
Nomination Forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 4pm on 2/3/2016.
A Notice of Election and call for nominations form (Schedule 4) has been posted in Office Foyer.**

Please note - There are 6 Parent and 3 DET Employee positions to be filled for 2016/2017.

A message from Jo Bortignon - School Council President

On behalf of school council I would like to invite all Parents to consider the role of School Councillor for themselves or another person for 2016/2017.

Being on school council is a great way to get further involved in your child's school and enables you to provide important viewpoints that can help shape the direction of the school.

School Council meets monthly and subcommittees are formed each year. The term of office is two years. Nomination forms are available from the Office and I encourage all of you to consider this opportunity.

Additional parent information is included in the newsletter regarding the role of the school council.

Please contact Alison MacAuley or myself (Josef Bortignon) with any further questions.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by March 31st. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Important Reminders

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Please consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Please contact Alison Macauley for any additional information regarding school council

\$1,446.61 raised through School Banking!



Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised **\$1,446.61** for our school through School Banking throughout the year. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Thank you to Maria and Nicolette for their ongoing help with student banking.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To be eligible, you must be a holder of a current Pension Concession, Health Care Benefit Card, Veteran Affairs Card valid as at the 29th January, 2016. Please present the card as proof of eligibility. The completed claim form for 2016 C.S.E.F. must be handed in to the office ***no later*** than Friday ***26th February, 2016***. Forms submitted later than 26th February will not be eligible for the first payment batch. ***Forms have been handed out to the eldest child in each year level. Additional forms may also be collected from the office.***

EDUCATION STATE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$125 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Merit Awards – Week Ending 12th February, 2016

Class	Student's Name	Reason
FH	Jet Rushton-Smith Tarryn Campbell	For always trying his very best and great listening. Well done. For an amazing start to school and being a kind and caring friend. Well done.
FJ	Sophie Ware Tyler McLeod	For helping others when practising to write our 'P's. Well done! For trying his best in his writing, even when he found it hard. Well done!
FN	Ellie Brough Thomas Steers	For her fabulous Number One shop. Well done Ellie! For his wonderful listening. Super job Thomas!
1B	Ryan Rogerson	For making an excellent start to Grade One!
1D	Hudson Hilton	For always listening well and doing his best work. Well done Hudson!
2B	Tyrese Ohi	For his fantastic work ethic and attitude to his learning.
2R	Isabelle Antonopoulos	For being a great helper without being asked and having a great start to Grade 2.
3B	Xavier Cubian	For making an excellent start to the year at Kent Park Primary School. Well done!
3M	Hannah Dickason	For attentive listening and application to all learning tasks. Well done!
3W	Jayde Costa	For her enthusiastic approach and commitment to learning.
4C	Daniel Rutter	For a fantastic start to grade 4. Great work and lovely manners.
4H	Emily Billingham	For an outstanding 'Me In A Bag' presentation.
4K	Marco Baker - Anthanassiou	For settling in at Kent Park so well.
5D	Hailey Bover- Groen	For showing resilience and persistence during challenging situations. Keep it up!
5L	Ben Grimshaw	For starting the school year in a positive way and being on task quickly and quietly.
5M	Mitchell Esplin	For an all-round positive start to year 5. Well done!
5P	Trisha Chandak	For a positive and productive start to Grade 5. Well done!
6C	Jesse Brown	For his awesome effort and perseverance with his maths.
6H	Chloe Heron	For her positive attitude and great start to Grade 6.
6M	Bailey Delaney	For his enthusiastic start to Grade 6 reading and applying himself in class.
P.E.	Kaydon Palmer	For his excellent start to P.E.
V. Arts	Marley Gogarty	For her amazing name design with great colours and patterns.
Japanese	Ruby Martin	For being the first Prep brave enough to say hello to Mrs Martin in Japanese outside of the classroom.
Ass Prin.	William Heron	For an excellent start to Grade 2. Well done William.
Principal	Zach Church Thomas Will	For being a kind and caring student and a good listener. For being a most responsible member of our school community.

HOUSE POINTS

Weekly Total			Progressive Total		
1 st	Daintree	92	1 st	Daintree	178
2 nd	Franklin	88	2 nd	Franklin	166
3 rd	Uluru	76	3 rd	Uluru	144
4 th	Eureka	74	4 th	Eureka	140

SCHOOL COUNCIL APPROVED UPDATED POLICIES for 2016

School Council regularly reviews and updates existing policies to ensure that they remain relevant and valid to the needs of our students.

Please take the opportunity to read the recently approved and ratified policies for

- **School Uniform**
- **ICT Acceptable Use – please note - the ICT Acceptable Use Student Agreement on Page 6 of the attached policy is to be completed and returned to the class teacher by Friday 26th February.**

UNIFORM POLICY



PHILOSOPHY/PURPOSE

The Kent Park School Council has made school uniform compulsory on all occasions. Procedures have been put in place to enable all students to have school uniform. The purpose is three fold - to improve general morale through a sense of identity and belonging, to promote the school through more readily identifiable groups of children and to ease the financial burden on parents through the removal of pressures of fashions.

GUIDELINES

- 1.1 A Uniform Shop will run under the guidance of School Council. The Uniform Shop will be managed by parent volunteers. A Uniform Shop supervisor/s will be appointed by School Council.
- 1.2 The Uniform Shop Supervisor/s will receipt monies collected and forward this to the office for banking. Any profits to be used to support school Fund Raising targets.
- 1.3 The Uniform Shop will be open on days and at times as notified annually, for the purchase of uniforms.
- 1.4 The Kent Park Primary School list with prices will be published annually for parents' reference but may be varied due to price rises.
 - 1.4.1 Prices of uniform items will not exceed more than a 10% mark up and be rounded to the nearest dollar thereafter to ensure this service continues to be provided for all parents at affordable prices.
- 1.5 The basic uniform for Kent Park Primary School is as follows:-

SUMMER: Girls* Maroon and blue gingham dress or shorts or maroon school skirt. Maroon bike shorts can be worn under school dress or skirt.

- * **Pale blue school T shirt or polo shirt**
- Pale blue, white or grey socks**
- Black school shoes or runners**
- * **Bucket hat with school logo**

Boys Grey school shorts or *maroon shorts – (No Cargo Pants)

- * **Pale blue school T shirt or polo shirt**
- Pale blue, white or grey socks**
- Black school shoes / black or white runners**
- * **Bucket Hat with school logo**

- WINTER: Girls*** **Maroon and blue gingham dress or shorts, maroon bootleg pants, maroon track pants, maroon school skirt or grey pinafore.**
- * **Pale blue school long or short sleeve polo shirt or T shirt**
 - Pale blue skivvies**
 - Pale blue, white or grey socks**
 - Maroon, pale blue or grey tights**
 - * **Maroon windcheater or maroon bomber jacket with school logo**
 - Black school shoes or runners**
 - Scarf pale blue, white or maroon**
 - * **School beanie**
- Boys** **Grey *school pants or shorts or *maroon track pants – (No Cargo Pants)**
- * **Maroon windcheater or maroon bomber jacket with school logo**
 - * **Pale blue school long or short sleeve polo shirt or T shirt**
 - Pale blue skivvies**
 - Pale blue, white or grey socks**
 - Black school shoes / black or white runners**
 - Scarf pale blue, white or maroon**
 - * **School beanie**

* Denotes available at Uniform Shop

- 1.6 Additional items as variations to the above will be notified to the community.
- 1.7 Year 6 will have the opportunity to purchase a special Year 6 Graduation windcheater and polo shirt to wear throughout their final year.
- 1.8 A sports uniform on loan will be provided for children to wear when competing in inter-school sports competitions.
- 1.9 As School Council supports the “SunSmart” principles, the wearing of school hats when outside from September 30th to April 1st, are compulsory at Kent Park Primary School.
All Preps will be given a complimentary school bucket hat before they commence at Kent Park Primary School. Other caps etc are not allowed.
School hats will be as approved by School Council and currently there is only one approved - the maroon bucket hat with school logo.
- 1.10 It is deemed inappropriate for children to wear make-up and nail polish at school.
- 1.11 For safety reasons, children may not wear jewellery to school. This includes rings, necklaces and bracelets, with the exception of sleepers or studs for pierced ears. Watches are permitted. For health and safety reasons, other forms of body piercing jewellery are not allowed.
- 1.12 Hair accessories should be maroon, pale blue or white. Hair colours should be in natural tones. It is deemed desirable that children with long hair should have it tied back for hygiene and safety reasons.
- 1.13 For hygiene reasons, all children are expected to wear socks with shoes and runners.
- 1.14 For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear thongs or scuffs during school hours.
- 1.15 Students may be asked to remove their shoes on entering the classrooms. Children may wear slippers indoors for comfort.