



KENT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018





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TERM ONE

Friday, 2nd February, 2018

Monday	5 th	February	First assembly for Years 1 to 6 - <i>Preps to assemble on Prep side</i>
Thursday	8 th	February	Swimming Trials for selected students – notice home today
Monday	12 th	February	Whole School Special Assembly - Presentation of Badges to School Leaders
Monday	12 th	February	SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING at 7pm
Monday	12 th	February	Years 1/2 Parent Information Session – 3.50pm to 4.30pm – see below
Tuesday	13 th	February	Years 3/4 Parent Information Session – 3.50pm to 4.30pm – see below
Wednesday	14 th	February	Years 5/6 Parent Information Session – 3.50pm to 4.30pm – see below
Friday	23 rd	February	PUPIL FREE DAY – Professional Learning Day for staff
Friday	23 rd	February	District Swimming Carnival – selected students 
Friday	23 rd	February	KPPS COMMUNITY MARKET NIGHT – more information soon 
Tuesday	27 th	February	Year 6 Coach Approach program – notice sent home

WELCOME BACK to 2018!

We trust that everyone has had a restful break. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff, to include Cara and James (cleaners) for their excellent preparation during the holidays and for ensuring that our 2018 school year has commenced so positively and smoothly.



A very special welcome to our 2018 Foundation students and to all new students in Years 1-6.
We also welcome Miss Alycia Faife (1/2F class teacher) and Mr Rick Scott (Specialist and support teacher) to our teaching and learning team.



The NO HAT, NO PLAY policy applies in all government schools.

Please ensure that students have their bucket hat at school to wear every day until April 30th.

Reminder - All newly enrolled students F to 6 are provided with a complimentary school sunhat. Please let the office know if you require a hat.

Important reminder - please apply sunscreen on students before arriving at school and provide a 'roll on' sunscreen for students to reapply before lunch play.



PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SESSIONS for 2018

As per dates and times above, the teachers from Years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 will facilitate information sessions in the assembly hall on the designated days to provide an overview of the teaching and learning programs for 2018.

Parents are more than welcome to request a time to discuss their child's progress throughout the year. Please also note – a mid-year reporting day/night is scheduled for June 26th. More information will be provided in Term Two.

Please note – This year each year level team will be introducing a Class Dojo to share and celebrate class news and information with parents.

Coming soon!

PLAY BREAK TIMES for 2018

10.40am to 11.05am - RECESS
12.50pm to 1pm - EATING TIME in classrooms
1pm to 1.40pm - LUNCH PLAY

TERM DATES for 2018

TERM ONE - 30th/31st JANUARY to 29th MARCH
TERM TWO - 16th APRIL to 29th JUNE
TERM THREE - 16th JULY to 21st SEPTEMBER
TERM FOUR - 8th OCTOBER to 21st DECEMBER

SCHOOL COUNCIL APPROVED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING and PUPIL FREE DAYS for 2018

29TH JANUARY 2018
23rd FEBRUARY 2018
26th JUNE 2018 - Parent Teacher Exchange 12 noon to 8pm
5TH NOVEMBER 2018 (CUP EVE)



EXCITING CANTEEN NEWS for 2018

The canteen will be opening on **TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**, commencing the 6th of February, for counter sales and lunch orders.

The canteen will be managed and operated by Tina who comes highly recommended by other local schools.

2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MEMBER OF OUR 2017/2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Nominations will open on 14TH FEBRUARY FOR 6 PARENT and 3 TEACHER VACANCIES FOR OUR 2018/2019 SCHOOL COUNCIL.

We encourage and invite parents to be actively involved and play a role in continuing to provide the optimum community based learning environment. If you are interested or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students and assist with improving our grounds and play spaces. School councillors are only required to attend one monthly meeting to be actively involved.

Effective school councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

For more information on what's involved see: [Parent Participation at School](http://www.education.vic.gov.au) on the DET website
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au>

Nominations will close on FEBRUARY 21st and forms will be available from the school office from Monday 12th February.


IMPORTANT SCHOOL COUNCIL REMINDERS

- As excursions, incursions and sports activities are now being organised for 2018, *please ensure that all deadline dates are met for the return of notices and money*. This prevents the re-issuing of notices, assists the teachers and office staff in ensuring that programs are catered for effectively and efficiently, and **most importantly, avoids disappointment for the children**. Please note - All camps and excursions are to be paid in full prior to participation, *unless special confidential arrangements are made with Alison Macauley. (Please don't hesitate to make an appointment if required).* It is therefore critical that fortnightly newsletters and Flexibuzz updates are carefully read and important dates noted. The newsletters are posted on the website.
- Knox Council officers will continue to patrol schools, particularly in peak drop off and pick up times. We urge all

drivers to be safe around the school and abide by the parking and speed limit rules.

Pedestrians (students and parents) are also reminded to use the Council crossings **before and after school**.

- Students riding **to and from** school on bikes and scooters are reminded to follow the road rules and wear helmets at all times. **PLEASE NOTE** - Parents are required to complete the KPPS **PERMISSION to RIDE to and from SCHOOL OUTSIDE of SCHOOL HOURS** form before a child commences riding. If this form was completed in 2017 there is no necessity to complete another in 2018. Please collect the form from the Office asap.
- Any student arriving after the bell at 9am **is required to** report to the Office **with their parent** to sign in. The student **must** then be escorted to the classroom with their parent.
- Please ensure that the **pedestrian gates** are **closed** if you are exiting the school grounds after **9.00am**.
- **Students** (even when accompanied by a parent) **are reminded not to enter or exit** the school via **the staff car park** before and after school. *Please note that this rule is a DET safety regulation.*
- All students P to 6 require an art smock and library bag to participate effectively in these programs.
- **In line with DET regulations dogs are not permitted in the school grounds at any time.**
- **STUDENT BANKING** will resume on Wednesday **7th February**.
- **SMOKING** is **STRICTLY prohibited within 4 metres of the ENTRANCE GATES of DET schools.**



What's on at school?

Find out with FlexiBuzz

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Kent Park is using FlexiBuzz to communicate with you on everything that is happening at school, being an excellent way to communicate electronically with our families in this digital age.

- FlexiBuzz is so easy to use and a great way of notifying families immediately of any last minute requirements for school. It could be something as simple as an excursion/ incursion/sport day reminder or a camp/excursion bus is running ½ hr late.
- A quick and easy way for parents to notify the school of their child's absence.

Download the app, subscribe to your student's current year level (communication group) and get alerted on news, events and more....

Stay in touch with FlexiBuzz


STEP 01 Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login
Search "FlexiBuzz" in your app store. Go to web.flexibuzz.com and click "Sign Up".

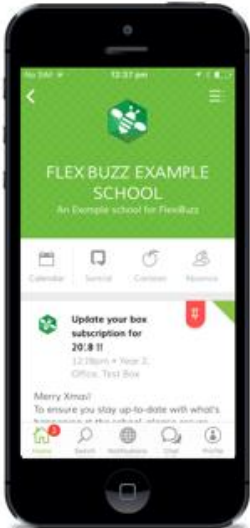
STEP 02 Connect to us
Select the "Search" icon and type in our name. Select us from the results.

STEP 03 Select your communication groups
Click the "Add" icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.

STEP 04 Get started
Click the "Home" icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance please visit our website www.flexibuzz.com or email us via support@flexibuzz.com





Now with the app installed on your smart phone you will receive all the latest news and events from us...

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, 2018. Please present the card as proof of eligibility. The completed claim form for 2018 C.S.E.F. must be handed in to the office no later than Friday **23rd February, 2018 in order to be eligible for the first payment batch.**

Forms have been handed out to the eldest child in each year level today. Additional forms may also be collected from the office.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATON 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, excursions 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
- \$225 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



Hi Everyone,

My name is Tina, I would like to introduce myself to you all as the person that will be running your school canteen this year. I currently provide a lunch order service to other schools in the area and I'm looking forward to reopening the canteen at Kent Park in 2018.

The canteen will be open every Tuesday and Thursday for recess and lunch orders. Opening day is next Tuesday the 6th of February.

At recess time menu items can be purchased over the counter along with some daily specials.

All lunch orders are to be written on a lunch bag or envelope and to be placed in the lunch order tub in the classroom. These orders will be returned to the classroom at lunchtime.

The canteen will be open at lunchtime at 1:00pm for children to purchase any frozen items over the counter in term one and term four.

When ordering lunch orders please write name, class and order clearly. If a bag is not provided please enclose an extra 10 cents for a brown paper bag. Please secure money as well as possible as it easily falls out. In line with DET Health and Safety Regulations **NO STAPLES PLEASE.**

If there are any concerns at all with allergies/menu items or any other queries please pop in and see me or email me on tbutler31@hotmail.com

Looking forward to a great 2018

Thank-you |
Tina

KENT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU

TERM 1, 2018

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays, recess & lunch



