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TERM FOUR

Thursday, 13th December, 2018

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES for end of Term 4

Friday	14 th	December	Y6 Bike Ride to Dandenong National Park
Friday	14 th	December	STUDENT REPORTS AVAILABLE ON COMPASS to parents
Friday	14 th	December	10.30am-Special Morning Tea for school community helpers (See overleaf)
Monday	17 th	December	Year 6 GRADUATION
Tuesday	18 th	December	9am - Year 6 Special Awards Assembly AND Announcement of 2019 School Leaders
Tuesday	18 th	December	Christmas Colours Day and Class Parties
Tuesday	18 th	December	School Community Christmas Concert & Sausage Sizzle (more info overleaf)
Wednesday	19 th	December	9.30am-10.15am - Meet your 2019 teacher!
Wednesday	19 th	December	10.45am - Y3 Excursion to Kmart and Metro Cinemas Boronia
Thursday	20 th	December	Y6 Rollerama and Oasis Swimming End of Year Excursion
Friday	21 st	December	Lost Property items will be displayed outside staffroom
Friday	21 st	December	LAST DAY of Term 4 2018 - Assembly at 1.10pm - DISMISSAL at 1.30PM



2019 DATES

Thursday	24 th	January	Uniform Shop and Book Collection 8.45 am - 10.00 am (from the OFFICE)
Thursday	31 st	January	Years 1 to 6 students first day back at school
Friday	1 st	February	2019 Prep students first day of school

From the Acting Principal

There is SOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! much happening at KPPS over the next week and a bit. Try your best to keep an eye on everything in the diary dates listed above.

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

We've made our list, checked it twice and we're pretty sure we've been less naughty and more nice this year. At our final school council meeting on Monday night we put together our Christmas Wish List for Santa and sent it off to the North Pole. On the top of our list was a \$50,000 technology upgrade across the school for next year including new ipads, laptops, smart tv's and a few other cool things for all the students at KPPS. Super!

2019 Preps!

Our final Prep transition session and parent information night was held this Tuesday and we were very excited to welcome all of our new families to Kent Park. Our Prep families were also the first in the school to find out their grades, their teacher and their classroom for 2019.

2019 Meet your Teacher and Grade Structure

Next Wednesday morning our students will meet their new teachers and classmates for 2019.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, our staff spend a significant amount of time placing students into each grade and we take into consideration a wide range of factors in determining each group. We understand that not everyone will agree with these decisions, but we make them in what we believe to be the best interests of all students.

Listed overleaf is our grade structure for 2019.

A key feature of the structure listed below is that it gives us flexibility with each grade, ie we have at least two options for each year level.

Another feature is that the class sizes remain at a very low level, I am aware that some other schools in our area have grade sizes as high as 28 to 30 students. This also allows us to cater for new enrolments, since setting this structure we have received an additional 5 enrolments for 2019.

Listed below is our grade structure for 2019.

GRADE	No. of Students
Prep	17
Prep/1	17
1/2	23
2	24
3	22
3	22
4	24
4/5	24
5	24
6	20
6	19
6	19
Total number of grades: 12	Total 255

Kieran Denver
Acting Principal



Fantastic Student Achievement - Well done Breanna!!!

A fantastic achievement from one of our Grade 5 Students, Breanna Carter (5C), who has earned herself a spot in the U14 Vic Metro Development team for Basketball and now has the opportunity to play in the SCC (Southern Cross Challenge). Breanna is excited and very grateful to be chosen for this awesome opportunity for her.

2019 YEAR 6 SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY and ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2019 SCHOOL LEADERS - TUESDAY 18TH of DECEMBER at 9am

THE 2018 GRADUATION CEREMONY will take place on the evening of **MONDAY 17TH OF DECEMBER** for Year 6 students, invited guests and staff.

Nick Wakeling M.P. (State Member for Ferntree Gully), will attend Graduation to present the **Ferntree Gully Award for Endeavour** to the recipient.

A **special assembly** will then be held on **TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER at 9am** to announce the recipients of the **2018 Awards** in the presence of the whole school community.

Hon. Alan Tudge M.P. (Federal Member for Aston), will be attending the Community Carols evening **at 6.30pm** to present the award to the **Aston Shield Citizenship** recipient.

At this assembly the **2018 SCHOOL LEADERS** will announce the **SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2019**.

We look forward to parents and family members attending and supporting this celebratory whole school event.

PLEASE NOTE – the **2019 SCHOOL LEADER** recipients will not be communicated to parents prior to this assembly.

*The presentation of the badges to the 2019 SCHOOL LEADERS will take place at a special assembly on **MONDAY 4th February 2019 at 9am**, followed by a morning tea with the students and their family members.*

Monthly Merit Awards for November, 2018

Class	Student's Name	Reason
FN	Aaliya A	For always listening carefully and trying her best in all activities
FW	Oakley A	For always displaying a positive attitude towards all work tasks and for being a kind friend
	Lilly W	For always listening attentively, being a great helper and for always doing her best work
1/2B	Ethan R Kaydan P	For always listening carefully and trying your best
1/2F	Ethan P	For always trying his pest with learning tasks and for being a kind and caring friend
1/2T	Kenna L	For his outstanding poster about koalas
3B	Caleb L	For having a fantastic attitude and a brilliant sense of humour.
3M	Zali Moore	For always being a kind, caring and tolerant classmate
4C	Tyrese O	For always being a kind, thoughtful class member
4S	Jaedyn M	For being so positive and resilient at school – always determined to complete tasks
5C	Xavier C	For being a kind, caring and thoughtful class member
5H	Amy J Nathan C	For always having a positive attitude and being a great role model
5M	Grace B	For consistently approaching all learning tasks with a positive attitude
6C	Emily D	For always being a thoughtful and caring classmate
6M	Levi J	For his growing interest in reading
	Emily C	For her excellent effort with her school reflections
Music	Levi W	For always giving 100% in Performing Arts and always helping others
Asst Prin.	Riddhi J	For the outstanding efforts you are applying to all maths Olympiad sessions Well Done.
Principal	Cooper R	For always being a positive and helpful community member of Kent Park PS

Weekly Merit Awards for week Ending 8th December, 2018

Class	Student's Name	Reason
FN	Steele B.	For great listening skills at the excursion to the Museum.
FW	Kenzie K.	For always displaying a positive attitude towards all work tasks and for being a kind friend.
1/2B	Izabelle B.	For excellent writing with your Information Report.
	William H.	For excellent writing with your Information Report.
1/2F	Chloe K.	For her terrific report about Echidnas.
1/2H	Thomas S.	For adding extra details to his report about Echidnas. Well done Thomas!
	Kyan C,	For his interesting contributions to discussions about Australian Animals.
1/2T	Jacob M.	For the outstanding effort she has put into making items for the stall.
3M	Emily H.	For the extra effort she has put into making items for the stall.
4C	Ali C.	For being a good friend to others.
4S	Vanyo I.	For being a positive role model inside and outside and encouraging others to do the right thing.
5C	Jack H.	For an awesome presentation of a leader that he admires.
5H	Vaidehi K.	For positive attitude to all learning tasks.
5M	Grace C.	For your excellent work in robotics during the week. Well done!
	Sarah C.	For your excellent work in robotics during the week. Well done!
6C	Emily B.	For being a persistent learner.
Music	Izabelle B.	For fantastic leadership when practicing Christmas Carol Song and Dance.
Visual Arts	Alyssa B.	For her helpful nature and positive attitude in the Art room.
Physical Ed.	Boyd H.	For being a fantastic helper with 1/2 Tennis.
Japanese	Ian Z.	For mastering the first 10 kiragana and earning a yellow belt.
Asst Prin.	Ainslee H.	For demonstrating amazing school pride throughout the week. Well done!
Principal	Mrs. Hemley	For being a great helper with all of our special events at KPPS.

KENT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2018

We are very pleased to announce that Kent Park Primary School will be having an end of year Concert on Tuesday 18th December, commencing at 6.15 p.m.

The performance will take place outside the Grade 3 classrooms near the oval.

All grades will be performing an item and 3/4 dance group will also be performing.

Kent Park P.S. children will be sitting with their grade and grade teacher in front of the stage area. All students are required to be seated with their grade no later than 6.00 p.m. and must stay with their grade until the end of the concert.

Families and friends are welcome to sit anywhere around the assembled grades on the oval. B.Y.O. chair or rug. Strictly no alcohol at this family event please.

Unless your class teacher has specified otherwise, students have the option of wearing 'Christmas' attire. (Christmas t-shirts, Santa hats, tinsel, etc.)

If your child cannot attend could you please send a note to their grade teacher a.s.a.p., otherwise we will assume your child will be there on the night, and will plan accordingly.

Food will be on sale from 5.00 p.m. so feel free to come and eat before the concert.

We look forward to a fun and happy family night!

Viv McPherson
Performing Arts Teacher



**School Community Helpers' Thankyou Morning Tea -
Friday 14th December 2018 at 10.30am in the Assembly Hall**

Please note change of time from P.M. to A.M.

If you or a family member has assisted with any of the many, many tasks throughout the year, the staff would like to **invite you** to attend our **2018 Appreciation Afternoon Tea**, as a small way of showing our appreciation for the support you have given in helping to make our school a great place for students and community. This includes classroom helpers, PMP Program, School Council members, Canteen, Uniform Shop, Book Club, Library and School Banking facilitators and helpers, incursions, excursions and special event helpers. *** *To assist with catering, please contact the office on 9763-8055 if you*

WILL BE attending this special Morning Tea.

We look forward to seeing you there!

BOOK COLLECTION DATE for 2019

They may also be collected on **Thursday 24th January, 2019**
from **8.45 am - 10.00 am** from the **OFFICE**.

2019 UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 24th January, 2019 from 8.45 am - 10.00 am.

TERM DATES for 2019

TERM ONE - 31st JANUARY to 5th April - Year 1 to 6 students

- 1st February to 5th April - 2019 Preps

TERM TWO - 23rd APRIL to 28th JUNE


TERM THREE- 15th JULY to 20th SEPTEMBER

TERM FOUR - 7th OCTOBER to 20th DECEMBER

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, 2019. Please present the card as proof of eligibility. The completed claim form for 2019 C.S.E.F. must be handed in to the office ***no later*** than Friday **28th February, 2018**. Forms submitted later than 28th February will not be eligible for the first payment batch.

- *Due to the changes in the office over the past twelve months, we are requesting families currently in receipt of CSEF this year still complete a new Application Form for 2019.*
- *Forms are available from the office.*



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, 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 is 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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

