



## School Newsletter 1818, 28 November 2018

### Coming Events



- Wednesday 5 December – Christmas Concert, 9.30am
- Wednesday 5 December – Parent volunteer morning tea, after the Christmas concert
- Monday 10 December – Rms 1-5 Scitech excursion
- Tuesday 11 December – Yr 6 Graduation, 5pm start, followed by the Social Dance
- Wednesday 12 December – Yr 6 Bounce excursion
- Thursday 13 December – Year 6 river excursion
- Thursday 13 December – **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**
- Friday 1 February – 2019 class lists posted at 12 noon
- Friday 1 February – Uniform Shop opening, 12 noon – 2pm
- **Monday 4 February – First day for students for Term 1, 2019**

### Principal's Message



#### Staff Changes

We are coming to the end of the year where we will be saying farewell to some staff and welcoming new staff. Miss Lisa will be taking leave for all of 2019.

We have completed the process for appointing a new deputy principal in charge of Student Services and Early Childhood Education (ECE) for 2019. I can announce that Clare Brook from Como PS will take over for Miss Lisa. She is an experienced Early Childhood teacher and has been the relieving deputy at Como PS. We hope she will be able to visit our school before the end of the year to get to know our school.

For your information:

She has a Master of Education specialising in instructional technology. She also has a B. Ed in ECE and a Dip of Ed in ECE, PE and Music.

She has been an Early Childhood teacher at Como PS for the past 10 years. She has worked at a number of schools, both in the country and city. Clare also lectured at Curtin University on instructional technology and was an ECE School Development Officer in district office too.

Some of you may already know her and all of you will have plenty of opportunities to get to know her over the next year.

We recognise that she has big shoes to fill but we know you will all be very supportive as she gets to know us and our ways. I wish to publicly thank Miss Lisa for her years of dedication to KPS and her wonderful work. We wish her a fabulous 2019.

In the final newsletter of the year, I hope to be able to announce the class structures and staff for 2019. While you will not be informed about which teacher your child will have, this will narrow down the field for you.

### **Contributions and Charges**

The contributions and charges for 2019 have been approved by the School Board – please [click here](#) to view. This document discusses both the school component and the P&C component of the voluntary contributions. We would ask that these are paid via OfficeMax if you purchase your booklist items online or alternatively, in the school office at the commencement of the 2019 school year.

It also provides information regarding the upfront charges for 2019 which again, can be paid at the commencement of the school year.

### **Booklists**

2019 booklists are now available by clicking on the direct link:

<https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/WA/Kensington/Kensington-Primary-School>

The access code is **W4BJ9S**.

Booklists will also be posted on the school app and website by the end of the week.

## **Artist in Residence**

Tim and Shani from Ecoburbia have started their Artist in Residence week. Tim is working on a large art work in the quadrangle based around the theme of peace and friendship. He has offered to any interested parents the opportunity to have a go at sand sculpting – please pop in and introduce yourself.



Shani has been working with the kindy students on their own sand sculptures and the rest of the school will begin their lessons on Thursday. Thank you to the P&C for supporting this program financially.

## **Certificates**

We handed out a number of special certificates at last week's assembly.

Primary Extension and Academic Challenge (PEAC) – Congratulations to the PEAC students who have completed six programs – Jamie, David, Jimmy, Jay, Josie and Matthew. Congratulations also go to the students who have been accepted into next year's program – Samuel, Cooper, Viraj, Beau, Mia and Harper.

Australian Maths Competition – we had some great results from this competition. Best in the school, with a high distinction, was Matthew in Year 6. We also had 18 distinctions, 29 credits, 26 proficiency and 8 participation certificates : a total of 82 participants.

We wish to replace this program with BEBRAS Computational Thinking Challenge next year as that is free, so all students can participate and the school can benefit from receiving that information. Currently, the Australian Maths Competition is a user pays system and so we don't get this information for every student.

NAIDOC Medallion – Audrie won a NAIDOC medallion for her colouring competition entry. Thank you to Councillor Greg Milner for attending the assembly to present this medallion.

Fred Hollows Humanity Award – Sadie, Ava, Maddy and Jaegger from Year 6 were all nominated for this award and attended the ceremony at the Constitutional Centre last week with Mr Griffiths, Ms Millar and me. They were all very deserving nominees – showing positivity, leadership and initiative and being solutions focused, calm, open-minded, resilient and thinking outside the box.

### **Mud Kitchens**

Due to Miss Lisa's initiative, we now have two mud kitchens at the school – one in the junior playground and one in the Early Childhood area. These were beautifully made by Mr Palencia, the grandfather of Samuele and Santiago, while he was holidaying in Perth. We are very grateful for his donation of skills and time. He is a very thoughtful and generous person.

### **Surveys**

This is your last chance to complete the biennial National Schools Surveys. If you print off the last page (thank you page) and give it to your child, they will receive an icy pole in Week 10. The School Board will review the information received and use it to monitor and review the Business Plan.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/MDsupaSx>

### **DUCKS Campout**

A big thank you to Justin and Dave for organising this annual event. We are also very grateful that Mr Griffiths was able to attend, representing the school. This is a highlight of the year.

### **Talking with your children about being bullied**

Many children who are bullied do not tell a trusted adult, as they think they are dobbing.

**'Dobbing'** is when a person deliberately tries to get attention or to get someone else into trouble.

**'Asking for help'** is when someone feels the situation is out of his/her control and he/she is unable to deal with it alone. If anyone sees someone else in this situation, they should also ask for help.

## What are students being taught at school to help them deal with bullying situations?

All students at our school are being taught that:

When I have a problem I can:

- Try to stand up for myself in a positive way
- Try to talk with the person I am having a problem with
- Walk away and ignore the person completely
- Get help from a teacher or another person I trust
- Ignore the situation and keep playing or working
- Talk to a friend to get some ideas to help me make a decision; or
- Try coming to an agreement with the other person

You can reinforce these messages by discussing them with your children at home.

*Bronwyn Jones*  
**PRINCIPAL**

### Foyer Display

The students in K1 and K2 have been asking “I wonder what you might find in your garden?” They have come up with lots of ideas about what you might find!



## Virtue & Honour Awards



### Reliability

Reliability means that others can depend on you. It is doing something that you have agreed to do in a predictable way, without forgetting or having to be reminded. When you are practising reliability, others can count on you to do your best to keep your commitments.

Congratulations to the following award winners from last week's assembly.

#### Virtue Awards 21/11/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Samuele	1	Clara
2	---	3	Benji
4	Isabel	5	Liam
7	Ethan	8	Bridget
9	Ryan	10	Andy
S1	Hannah	S2	Olivia
S3	Rory	S4	Xavier

#### Honour Awards 21/11/2018

<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Name</i>
P/1	Clover & Ethan	P3	Penny & Ella
1	Ruby	2	Sienna & William
3	Ava	4	Abby
5	Riley	7	Leon & Ava
8	Oscar	9	Felice & Mia
10	Samuel	S1	Karol
S2	Liam	S3	Charlie
S4	Hamish	Deputy Principal	William



## Swim Challenge

On Saturday 17 November, 26 swimmers from Years 3 to 6 competed in an interschool swim meet at Wesley College. 13 schools participated – the girls’ team came 4th, the boys’ came 3<sup>rd</sup> and overall we came 2<sup>nd</sup> to Applecross PS. Our year 5/6 boys, Marc, Lachlan, William, Toby, Griffin and Liam were equal first in a very exciting freestyle relay. Congratulations to Marc- Year 6 Champion Boy, Liam – Runner Up Year 5 Champion Boy, Niamh – Year 3 Champion Girl and Sophia – Year 3 Runner Up Champion Girl.



## Summer Carnival

Last Thursday was our last interschool carnival for the year. We competed in tee ball, boys and girls cricket, volleyball and newcombe ball against Victoria Park, East Victoria Park, Bentley, Lathlain and Millen. It was a great day and we all had a lot of fun as well as great competition. The Green Girls Cricket team went through the day undefeated with some amazing batting, bowling and fielding, including a hat trick by Jamie! They won our only shield for the day (Thanks coach Rowena). Thanks to Miss Pedley, Miss Roso, Ms Millar, Ms Brehaut and parents Rowena, Brent, Mel and Martine for coaching our teams.



The results for all teams and the overall shield are as follows:-

### Individual Sport Shield Placings

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cricket (Boys)</b>	Lath	Mill	Kens (Green)	VP	EVP	Kens (Gold)
<b>Cricket (Girls)</b>	Kens (Green)	Mill	EVP	Lath	Kens (Gold)	VP
<b>Tee Ball</b>	Lath	VP	Kens	<i>EVP</i> <i>Mill</i>		Bent
<b>Volleyball</b>	EVP	Kens	Mill	VP	Bent	Lath
<b>Newcombe Ball</b>	Mill	<i>VP</i> <i>EVP</i>		Lath	Kens	Bent

### Overall Points and Final Positions

	Kens	Bentley	East Victoria Park	Lathlain	Millen	Victoria Park
<b>Cricket (Boys)</b>	6	0	2	16	10	4
<b>Cricket (Girls)</b>	16	0	6	4	10	2
<b>Tee Ball</b>	6	1	3	16	3	10
<b>Volleyball</b>	10	2	16	1	6	4
<b>Newcombe Ball</b>	2	1	8	4	16	8
<b>Total Pts</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>

### **Running Club**

Our last Running Club session will be next Tuesday 4 December, when we have a short run followed by breakfast. All runners who have attended this year are welcome to come. Thanks to the parents who have assisted with Running Club this year – it has been greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Tina, Nick, Stuart, Mel and Sarah. We will recommence after the swimming carnival in Term 1. Students, take your parents out for a run on the holidays.

## Ultimate Frisbee

Thanks to Curtin University Stadium, the Year 6 students have played Ultimate Frisbee in their PE sessions this term. It has been a lot of fun learning a new game – sometimes a little tricky in the windy conditions.



## Sporting Schools

Thanks to Sporting Schools funding, we have had specialist coaches in for basketball, tee ball and Free G running for some of our PE lessons.





Hi there parents,

Just a heads up that for those that are used to, and waiting for, the summer and winter uniform order forms, these have not been going out this year. In its place is the ability to place rolling orders all year round through an online ordering system that will be delivered to you within the week. For those that prefer to come into the shop, we are open each week (except for Term 3 when we are open fortnightly) and are keeping most items in stock all year round. We only have around 50 families that have made use of the online ordering system so far, so I encourage you to go to the school Smartlink app (click on School Documents – click on Uniform Shop online ordering information) or the school website (click on Information – click on Uniforms) to learn more about how to do this.

For those that want to stock up for 2019, we have quite a lot of stock on hand that you can purchase now, but we are also opening the store from 12noon-2 pm on Friday 1February, the same day the class lists go up for 2019. That is always a really busy day so if you want to avoid a long wait in lines, feel free to order online and you can pick up your order on the day from a table outside, as long as the order is in at least 24 hours before.

Thanks for your patience this year as the new system has been implemented, see you in 2019!

The Uniform Committee

## General Information



### **Free parenting discussion groups – for every parent**

#### ***Register now for Term 1, 2019***

Mostly, parenting is an enjoyable and positive experience – though it can be challenging at times. **Triple P Discussion Groups** are relaxed, small group sessions that offer practical advice for tackling specific problem behaviours for children aged 3-8 years. Free take-home workbooks are provided for each topic, so skills and concepts can be shared and practiced at home.

There are four topics, and you may do as many or as few as you like. One, two, three or four – it's up to you. You'll be surprised at how a few small changes can make big differences!

Topics include (recommended for parents of children aged 3 – 8 years old): dealing with disobedience, developing good bedtime routines, managing fighting and aggression, and hassle-free shopping.

This series of classes will be held in the **Music Room here at Kensington PS**, starting on 14 February 2019.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer below with the *active links* to register and for queries.



## TRIPLE P – POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

**FREE PARENTING DISCUSSION GROUPS – for EVERY PARENT**

**Is this you?**

Mostly, parenting is an enjoyable and positive experience for you. There may be times that you wish you knew how to deal with specific problem behaviour. Maybe your child won't go to bed without a fight. Perhaps they have a meltdown almost everytime you shop. They may be frequently disobedient, or they bite, fight or hit.

If any of this sounds familiar to you, Triple P Discussion Groups can help.

**What are Triple P Discussion Groups?**

Triple P Discussion Groups are relaxed, small group sessions (with at most 10 – 12 parents). These last for two hours, and provide practical advice for tackling a specific problem behaviour. Tips and strategies are discussed, video examples are shown, and there are opportunities to share your thoughts with other parents in the group. You also receive your own workbook to help you try out new strategies at home.

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*Topics include (recommended for parents of children aged 3 – 8 years old):*

**Discussion Group 1 – Dealing with Disobedience**

Topics include: Examples of common forms of disobedience, why they occur, and positive strategies to develop plans to prevent and manage disobedience when necessary.

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 9-11 am in the Music Room (Week 2, Term 1) – free workbook included*

**Discussion Group 2 – Developing Good Bedtime Routines**

Topics include: Examples of common problems faced at bedtime, why they occur, and positive strategies to prevent and manage problems when needed.

*Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 9-11 am in the Music Room (Week 4, Term 1) – free workbook included*

**Discussion Group 3 – Managing Fighting and Aggression**

Topics include: Examples of common problems with fighting and aggression, why they occur, and positive strategies to help your child solve problems and get along with others.

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 9-11 am in the Music Room (Week 6, Term 1) – free workbook included*

**Discussion Group 4 – Hassle-free Shopping**

Topics include: Examples of common problems encountered when shopping, why they occur, and positive strategies to prevent and manage problems when shopping.

*Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 9-11 am in the Music Room (Week 8, Term 1) – free workbook included*

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- TO REGISTER -

Register online at: [www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa), then search by location to find these sessions held at Kensington PS. You can register for one or more sessions.

All sessions will be run at the Kensington Primary School music room. No child-minding services available.

Any queries, please email: [Claire.Watson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Claire.Watson@education.wa.edu.au)

*Places are limited, so early registrations are encouraged!*



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## OUR MOST WANTED THIS CHRISTMAS

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2. CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
3. SPREADS  
(JAM/VEGEMITE/HONEY)
4. TEA
5. COFFEE
6. CANNED FISH
7. CANNED FRUIT
8. CANNED VEGETABLES

**ALL NON PERISHABLE ITEMS  
NOT PASSED THEIR EXPIRY  
DATE ARE ACCEPTED**



Collection boxes have been placed in every classroom.



### Young Engineers Club

**Young Engineers Club (YEC) @ Room 6** (Mondays 3:15pm to 4:30pm) – calling all PP-Year 2 students. A brand new Young Engineers club is starting in Term 1 of next year. YEC meets weekly on Mondays after school in Room 6. If you will be in Years 1-3 in 2019, then this is your chance to get in from the start of the program. We have lots of fun building and learning about Lego machines & robots. It's the perfect way to prepare for the robotics revolution. Limited to 16 places only. Fees apply.

>> Registration: Open 5pm this Thursday 29 November –  
<https://www.trybooking.com/203835>

>> Questions: [perth@young-engineers.com.au](mailto:perth@young-engineers.com.au) / 0423 267 517



Come along and have a fun afternoon at the movies, whilst helping support the Como Secondary College Hockey Academy. [Click here](#) for booking details and further information.



School holiday 3 day sports camps for 6-16 year olds. Have fun playing and keeping active with your friends, all while learning new skills and improving your game. [Click here](#) for more details and to view the flyer.



Unleash your child's imagination – learn to code these holidays! [Click here](#) to view the latest flyer.



New to cricket and looking for school holiday fun? We're running school holiday programs this January for boys and girls of all abilities from 5-10 years old. [Click here](#) for more information



The UWA Kids Sports Holiday Programs are fun and exciting, multi-sport day camps for children aged 4-12 that run during the school holidays.

[Click here to view the new activity schedule!](#)



Registrations are now open for the next Better Health Program running at Cannington BOUNCE in Term 1, 2019. Funded by the Department of Health, the Better Health Program is a FREE healthy lifestyle program delivering fun, interactive sessions supporting children aged 7-13 years and families to adopt healthy attitudes to food and nutrition, to encourage regular exercise, make informed food choices and learn essential health skills and knowledge. [Click here](#) to view the flyer.

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