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# Dragon Tales



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*Congratulations to the following award winners for the past fortnight.*

## Virtue Awards 13/03/13

Rm 1	Ava	Rm 8	Bailey
Rm 2	Noah	Rm 9	Kiana
Rm 3	Tyra	Rm 10	Layla
Rm 4	Jade	Rm S1	Bailey
Rm 5	Henry	Rm S2	James
Rm 6	Amberley	Rm S3	Lucy
Rm 7	Moreno		

## Honour Certificates 13/03/13

Rm 1	Joshua	Rm 8	Beau
Rm 2	Josie	Rm 9	Samantha Sean
Rm 3	Lielle	Rm 10	Jasmine
Rm 4	Lachlan Ingrid	Rm S1	Aanchel
Rm 5	Indie	Rm S2	Holly
Rm 6	George	Rm S3	Chaia Alex
Rm 7	Jessica		

## **TRUST**

Trust is having faith. It is relying and believing in someone or something. It is having confidence that the right thing will come about without trying to control it or make it happen, just as you trust the sun will rise in the morning without having to do a single thing. Trusting others is believing that people will do what they say without having to get them to do it. Trusting yourself is having faith in your own capacity to learn and grow.

## **SCHOOL CONCERT BAND**

It was an absolute pleasure to be able watch and listen to the Kensington Primary School Concert Band play at the South Perth Fiesta on a shaded verge in South Perth last Sunday afternoon. Quite a crowd gathered to listen to some outstanding pieces performed by the band and soloists. I overheard a member of the public state, "If the future of our country is in the hands of children such as these then we should feel very satisfied." I couldn't have agreed more! The whole Kensington community is proud of our students and the teachers who lead them. Thank you to Mrs Dewing for her extra efforts to ensure a professional sound and look is achieved, to the parents who supported the band and of course to the children who took part. They certainly deserved their ice-cream. Thanks to South Perth Fresh Food Market for your support of our school and the concert band.

## COMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 20 March School Council
- Wednesday 27 March Faction Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 28 March Assembly
- Friday 29 March Good Friday Public Holiday
- Monday 1 April Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 2 April Easter Tuesday - School Closed



## INTRODUCING OUR FACTION CAPTAINS FOR 2013

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who are our new faction Captains and Vice Captains;

### Cygnets

Chaia and Alex Captains  
Taylah and Simran Vice Captains

### Parmelia

Cheyenne and Raven Captains  
Breanna and Nathan Vice Captains

### Endeavour

Alicia and Declan Captains  
Joshua Vice Captain

### Investigator

Shantale and Alice Captains  
Gorgina and Sapphire Vice Captains



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulation to Mr Michael Rosich who has joined the School Council for 2013/14. Special thanks to all the parents who nominated and showed their support of this school and its children by doing so. As reported in our last news letter we were going to run an election process to decide the new parent representative, however with the withdrawal of 3 of our candidates from the process we were able invite Mr Rosich to join us without the election.

Thank you to Mrs Evelyn Greenway for her support of the Council during 2012. Mrs Greenway stepped down as a parent representative due to work commitments at our last meeting.

The next School Council meeting will be held this afternoon commencing at 5.00pm in the school's staff room. I will include a brief report in the next newsletter.

## CIRCUS

Students are now into their second week of circus as part of their physical education program. I know that the children are thoroughly enjoying the challenges of a variety of circus tricks that are being taught to them by Mr Ran Weinreb. He is an excellent teacher and brilliant performer and is instilling qualities of persistence, concentration and humour into all of his lessons. "Remember to practice, practice, and practice if you want to get better at something."



## KISS AND DRIVE

Thanks to all parents who have been using the Kiss and Drive area in the correct manner. The safety of our children is greatly enhanced by your actions.

## ARRIVAL TIME

Just a reminder to parents that students who arrive early at school (before 8.30am) should report to the undercover area where they will be supervised – please not before 8.00am. At 8.30am the gates are opened and class teachers are on hand for students to get themselves ready for the day. Unfortunately we cannot open the rooms before this time as teachers are preparing for the day and may not be in the room full time.

## FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

Permission notes have been sent home to all Year 4 -7's and some Year 2's and 3's. You must have passed stage 5 to swim in the events at the carnival. Stage 1 -4 swimmers will take part in supervised water activities with Ms Cook.

The Carnival is at Aqualife from 9.15am – 12.15pm.

Parent volunteers are required for timing – no experience necessary. Please let Raema Stanford know if you can assist.

The Interschool team will be chosen from times recorded at the carnival.



## BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS

Our Year 6 and 7 students are able to access before school Art and Maths classes thanks to the efforts of Mrs Cook and Mrs Millar. These teachers give up valuable planning and preparation time to ensure students who wish to be challenged can engage in extra curricular activities. The students working with Mrs Millar over the last few years have been able to produce outstanding portfolios which have helped many get special placements in art based programs at various high schools in Perth.

## CYBERSMART OUTREACH PROGRAM – INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Please don't forget that the school will be hosting a CyberSmart presentation for parents on Tuesday 16 April commencing at 7.00pm in the library. This will be a very informative session and a must for parents who want to keep abreast of the current trends in social media and its impacts on our children.

## COUNCILLORS NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

The four student councillors, Lucy (Head Girl), Elliot (Head Boy), Erin (Student Councillor Girl) and Zac (Student Councillor Boy) were all invited to the National Young Leaders Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2013. The day came and we were driven by Mr Macauley down to the Perth Zoo. We parked there and then walked down to the ferry. When we got off of the ferry we walked to the Perth Convention Centre and sat right up the back ready for the next speaker. We listened to Toni Cronk (The goalie of the Hockey-roos), Creel Price (A man that became a millionaire at 25), Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Willis (CO of the SAS) and Brad Robbins (The former co-captain of the Wildcats Basketball Team). They were all very inspirational speakers and they all talked to us about their life, what they had overcome and how they all did it. We then came back across on the ferry and Mr Macauley bought us an ice cream. When we got back to school it was 3:30 but overall it was an awesome day and very interesting, inspirational and irresistibly EPIC!



## THE ANALYTICAL ARTICLE

The Headless Chicken Imitations

It is said that a chicken can run around in circles for minutes after its head has been cut off. The same can be said for excited kids – just without the beheading part.

Last Friday S3 went down to Room 3, and vice versa. We stayed in their class and drew pretty pictures for them, while they were “doing fractions and converting megatons to milligrams”. Yeah, as if. The reality was mayhem. Mrs Cook led them onto the oval and, being year ones, they are usually never allowed onto the oval. So they went *ballistic!* They ran laps around the oval, climbed trees, and played chasey, just being completely oblivious to the fact that they looked like headless chickens.

The Pirate/Ninja Conundrum

There are two kinds of banks – one you put money in, and the other is the slope that joins a lower and a higher area. Big kids run into the money bank. But little kids – they run up the other kind of bank. Kids in Year 2 and above are allowed on the oval, but how they get on to the oval is a different matter. Most students run up and down the banks, which leaves prominent footmarks (yes, we have our own force of detectives, mostly consisting of the teachers). This also disturbs the plant life and, being Aussie natives, they snap easily. Kids also pull out the plants and pretend they're Captain Jack Sparrow or Zorro. I mean, get real! So with all due haste we must stop these pirates and ninjas before it's too late!

By Lucy, Head Girl

## SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is **every Tuesday morning 8.30—8.50 outside the staff room**

We are happy to open new accounts (KPS gets \$5 per new account and equivalent of 5 percent of all savings). A great way to teach your children how to save!!



## P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open each Thursday during term from 8.20 to 8.50am in the music room.

**The uniform shop now also stocks Tri Pod triangle grip 2B pencils for \$1 which are the recommended pencil for all Kindy to Yr 2 students.**

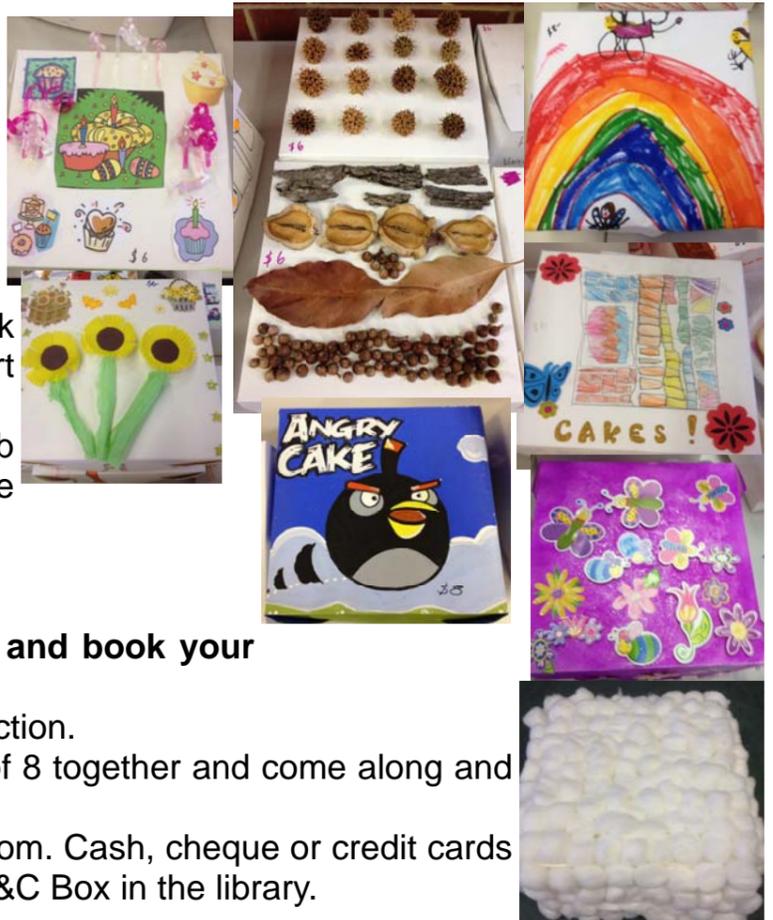
## CAKE STALL & SAUSAGE SIZZLE A GREAT SUCCESS

A **BIG** thank you to everyone who donated something delicious for the cake stall or bought a sausage from the sausage sizzle.

The P&C raised \$1500 from the cake stall and over \$600 from the sausage sizzle so this was a great start to our fundraising efforts.

Thank you also to the parents who helped price cakes, cook sausages, set up the stalls and sell on the day, your support was sincerely appreciated.

The children (and some talented parents) did a fantastic job decorating their cake boxes so we have included some photographs of the boxes in the newsletter.



## QUIZ NIGHT

**There are only a few weeks until the Quiz Night so hurry and book your tickets this week!**

We have sourced some great prizes and items for the silent auction.

At \$20 per ticket it is a cheap, fun night out so get your table of 8 together and come along and support our major fundraiser for the year.

Tickets will be for sale on Friday morning outside of the staff room. Cash, cheque or credit cards accepted. Order forms and payments can also be left in the P&C Box in the library.

# Australian Facts.

Aboriginal people painted pictures on cave walls, to tell their stories.

**Year 3**

Emily

A boomerang used for hunting was larger and not as curved as other boomerangs.

Aidan

In the 1850s people came to Australia to find gold. Clara Sammie called Shilling days 10c was for a bob.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge took nine years to build.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge cost 15 million dollars. Angus many people from other countries came to Australia after World War II. The hottest place in Australia is the Desert-Gibson Desert.

Tasmania is the smallest little state. The Sydney Harbour Bridge took nine years to build. Jash

Australia is the biggest island. The Sydney Harbour Bridge took nine years to build and was completed in 1932. Bushangers were bad people. Elizabeth

Day is on the 26th Jan. To build the Sydney Bridge was 19 million. bridge was a massive bushranger. Arianne

A spear thrower or woomera helped bushers to be more accurate. It's the Sydney Harbour Bridge was built in 1932. Anderson. The cost to build the Sydney Harbour Bridge was 19 million dollars. This was a massive amount of money in the 1930s. Amelie

On the 14th of February 1966 Australia changed its currency or money. Before that date Australia used the British system of pounds, shillings and pence. Zoe Walters

