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Dragon Tales



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FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday was the Faction Swimming Carnival, everyone from Year 4 – 7 participated as well as some Year 2 and 3 swimmers. It was a great day with all swimmers trying hard and earning points for their faction. Those swimmers who had not passed Stage 5 enjoyed some fun relays in the inside pool organised by Ms Cook and Ms Fowler. Congratulations to the Faction Captains who did a fantastic job in marshalling their faction. Thanks to Lee Watkins for her organisation and the team of parents for timekeeping.

CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS UP 2013

Year	Champion	Faction	Runner Up	
Year 3 & Under Boy	Tom	Investigator	Damon	Parmelia
Year 3 & Under Girl	Zoe	Endeavour	Evie Emily	Investigator Cygnet
Year 4 Boy	James	Parmelia	Kai	Parmelia
Year 4 Girl	Sophie	Parmelia	Pia	Endeavour
Year 5 Boy	Finn	Parmelia	Oliver	Parmelia
Year 5 Girl	Zoe	Endeavour	Keely	Investigator
Year 6 Boy	Ethan	Investigator	Brayden	Cygnets
Year 6 Girl	Kiana	Endeavour	Syrah	Cygnets
Year 7 Boy	Declan	Endeavour	Elliot	Investigator
Year 7 Girl	Breanna	Parmelia	Lucy	Investigator

FINAL SCORES

1 st	Investigator	1499
2 nd	Endeavour	1465
3 rd	Parmelia	1445
4 th	Cygnets	1315



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECORD BREAKERS:-

Kiana : Girls Open 100m Freestyle - 1.21.99 (1.22.80 - Charlotte)

Sophie : Girls Yr 4 50m Backstroke - 51.28 (53.81- Charlotte)

Breanna – Girls Yr 7 50m Freestyle - 36.92 (38.03 Jamee)

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Next Wednesday's assembly will be Mr Booker's last as our Deputy Principal. He will be taking Long Service Leave and then retiring towards the end of the year after being at the school for 23 years. All parents and friends (past and present) of the school are welcome to join us as the students say their goodbyes to a stalwart of the school.

MATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following children who have already completed a year level of Mathletics.

PP1 Liam	Rm 8 Phoebe
Rm 1 Luka, Joshua	Rm 9 Amelie
Rm 2 Joshua	Rm 10 James, Audrey, Lochlan
Rm 3 Flynn T	Francesca, Kenzo
Rm 4 David, Jamie, Cameron, Ingrid	
Rm 5 Samuel, Mahan	
Rm 6 Elizabeth	
Rm 7 Alastair, Amos, Evie	



COMING EVENTS

- Friday 5 April VPASSA Swimming Carnival
- Friday 5 April P&C Quiz Night
- Wed 10 April Assembly Room 9
- **Wed 10 April Early close 12.15 pm**
Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tues 16 April Cybersafety talk for Parents 7pm

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Please be reminded that Parent Interviews are scheduled for next week. Class teachers have made arrangements for a time next Wednesday afternoon or at a more convenient time. **Students will be released from school to go home at 12.15 on Wednesday 10th April** in order for staff to be released for these interviews. For those families who are unable to arrange care for their children on that afternoon remaining children will be able to be sent to the library at 12.15 where they will be supervised until pickup. Please correspond to your teacher if your child will be in this situation.

SCHOOL'S TRAFFIC WOES

The School Council discussed the issue of before and after school traffic flow, especially in Banskia Terrace and Fourth Avenue at its last meeting. We are putting out a call to any parent who may have Traffic Engineering qualifications and is willing to give us a hand in drawing up some solutions that we can pass onto Main Roads

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At our last School Council meeting held on Wednesday 20 March the following items were discussed;

Communication – Developing a school public relations document.

Council responsibilities – what is it the Council wants to achieve?

Parking and traffic issues around the school.

Welcome to new Councillors for 2013.

Male teaching staff – why the lack of males in primary education?

Year 6 and 7 students leaving at the end of 2014 – school's response.

Deployment of teaching staff in a primary setting.

If you wish to find out more information on any of the above please see our minutes posted on the web site www.kensingtonps.det.wa.edu.au or speak with one of our parent representatives.

PRE-PRIMARY CURRICULUM EVENING

On Wednesday evening the Pre-primary staff conducted a Curriculum Evening for their parents. The night focussed strongly on the Australian Curriculum and how the activities in the Early Childhood area link to the new standards. Parents were challenged to undertake a range of activities and to see how learning occurs through play, explicit teaching and hands on activities. I would like to congratulate our ECE staff on the evening and the parents who took time out of busy schedules to attend.



CIRCUS SKILLS

Parents are invited to come along and watch the students during their last Circus Skills class for the term. Please see the timetable below for session times.

Time	Monday 15/4	Tuesday 16/4	Time	Friday 19/4
8.55-9.55	Rm 8	Rm 7	8.50-9.40	Rm 6
9.55-10.30	S2	S1	9.40-10.30	Rm 9
10.50-11.15	S2	S1	10.50-11.50	Rm 4
11.15-12.15	Rm10	S3		
1.00-2.00	Rm 5	Rm 1		
2.00-3.00	Rm 3	Rm 2		

MATHLETICS

Staff discussed the Mathletics programme at our last meeting and I am taking this opportunity to let parents know the school's stance in regards to this programme. Mathletics has been purchased by the school as an 'extra' for our students and parents and as a consolidation tool for the teachers. The programme aims at strengthening our students' grasp of mathematical concepts and recall of tables (multiplication, division, addition and subtraction). The teachers encourage the use of Mathletics in spare class time and at home. The programme is not a substitute for the class teachers' mathematics program. Some children put a lot of time into Mathletics and enjoy this style of computer assisted learning. Other students don't. Progress is monitored but results do not form part of the class teachers' end of semester reports. They report against the "C" descriptors from our mathematics curriculum (soon to be the Australian Curriculum). Whilst the year level your child is working in on Mathletics is one indicator of ability (or time spent on the programme) teachers' have far more detailed information taken from daily classroom observations, work books, tests, student feedback and NAPLAN. If you are concerned about your child's progress in mathematics the best source of information is from semester reports and the child's maths teacher.

PIZZA IN THE GARDEN

There will be pizza for lunch on Thursday 18h April for all those students who have received Virtue Awards this term. Students will receive an invite from Mr Macauley by next Wednesday. A variety of Pizzas will be shared at lunchtime. Those invited students who are not 'pizza lovers' are most welcome to join us with a lunch prepared from home. Well done to all recipients.

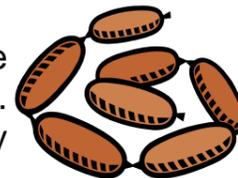


INTERSTATE TEAMS.

Students who were born in 2001 and turn 12 this year are eligible to 'try out' for Inter State teams. National events that SSWA will be participating in for 2013 are AFL, Netball, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, Touch Football, Rugby League, Tennis, Cross Country and Swimming. Further details regarding the Interstate events are available on the website <http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au/Sports/Index%20Interstate.htm>. Please see Mrs Stanford for more details

THE EMBLEMS CONSUMPTION

Since Ms Miller's and Mrs Cook's class have been doing a project on horsemeat, they had the brilliant (and delicious) idea of having a sausage sizzle. But this is no ordinary sausage sizzle. Instead of plain old beef, we had kangaroo, emu and ostrich. All I can say is, some were very lucky that there were vegetarian sausages, or they'd be in deep trouble. Lucy, Head Girl



CAN YOU HELP?

Miss Lisa in Room 5 is looking for donations of good quality board games, puzzles and books for 0-4 years. If you can help please see Miss Lisa. Thank you

EAGLES P.D.

Lisa Williamson, Elise Pedley and Raema Stanford attended an Eagles PD at Subiaco oval on 25th March. The PD included information from Darren Glass and John Worsfold, a guided tour of the club facilities, participation in football drills and an opportunity to talk to the Eagles players.



EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter raffle was drawn by Mr. Macauley at the Swimming Assembly on Thursday 28th March. Thanks to the fantastic generosity of the the Yr 2 students and parents, three major prizes and five additional small prizes were awarded. The lucky winners were:

Prize		Won by:
	Easter Baskets	
1 st		A. Bruster
2 nd		J Burling
3 rd		N. Otobe

Prize		Won by:
	Lucky Easter Bags	
4 th		Arnold family
5 th		L. Jeges
6 th		B. Dewar
7 th		C. Visona
8 th		A. Peacey

The raffle raised over \$1000 for future P&C projects, so thank-you all for supporting this effort. We hope you had a great Easter! P&C Fundraising team

WINTER UNIFORM ORDER REMINDER

Please remember to place your winter uniform order. Orders are due back no later than Friday 12th April. Please place orders (and payments) in the P & C box in the library. The uniform shop will be closed for stocktaking on Thursday 18th April. Thank you, The Uniform Ladies.

SCHOOL BANKING

Pru the Dolermite visited Kensington Primary School to help promote school banking. Pru was a big hit with the students and we would like to thank the Commonwealth Bank for their assistance with encouraging us to look after our money. Thanks to Jenny Safstrom and Shannon Kynaston for their time and efforts for our students.



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!!

MOUNT HENRY DENTAL CLINIC

The Mount Henry Dental Therapy Centres opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8.15-4.30 (except public holidays).



If anyone has changed address, phone number or there is any other additional information which you think we may require, please notify us at MtHenryDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au or alternatively phone us on 9313 0552.

Room 3 Easter Fun!



Term 1 has been demanding and Room 3 has been working hard keeping up with curriculum demands and the fast pace of Year 1 at Kensington Primary School! So, to reward ourselves we decided to make Easter egg biscuits and host an Easter feast. It was such an exciting way to start the Easter weekend and we are now relaxed and ready to finish Term 1.

