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# Dragon Tales



No. 0613, 17 April 2013

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

## Virtue Awards 10/4/13

Rm 1	Aiden	Rm 8	Tayla
Rm 2	Cameron	Rm 9	Taylah
Rm 3	Charlotte	Rm 10	Kenzo
Rm 4	Jamie	Rm S1	Oliver
Rm 5	Cora	Rm S2	Katrina
Rm 6	Joshua	Rm S3	Alex
Rm 7	Zamantha		

## Honour Certificates 10/4/13

Rm 1	Maddy	Rm 8	Kiera
Rm 2	Nate	Rm 9	Joskun Tayla
Rm 3	Kathleen	Rm 10	Francesca
Rm 4	Charlie	Rm S1	Alex
Rm 5	Ava	Rm S2	Madigan
Rm 6	Zoe	Rm S3	Declan Shantale
Rm 7	Alastair Sienna Michael		
PP1	Holly Alexander	PP2	Eva Jordan
PP3	Sage Emily		

### COMING EVENTS

- **Thurs 18 Apr** **Pizza in the Garden**
- **Fri 19 Apr** **ANZAC Assembly 2pm**
- **Fri 19 Apr** **LAST DAY TERM 1**
- **Tues 7 May** **FIRST DAY TERM 2**

### **DOUBLE SURPRISE**

Late last week Ms Christine Cook, our deputy principal for the last 10 years, informed the school that she had been merit selected as the new principal of Walpole Primary School in the south of the state. Chris has been working towards her own principalship for a number of years and her successful stint as the acting principal at Kensington Primary School last year certainly enhanced her credentials. We are extremely happy for Chris but devastated by the vacuum that will be created by the loss of over 34 years experience with the departure of both the deputies.

As Mr Booker is accessing Long Service Leave (in the first instance) the school is responsible for the selection of an acting deputy principal from within the staff. It is my great pleasure to inform you that Mrs Lisa Williamson has been selected through a merit process to fill this acting position for at least Term 2. Lisa has recently performed the task and her experience will be invaluable to me and the staff. Lisa replacement is a matter for our staffing branch and I'm hoping to find out about a replacement teacher in the coming days.

The departure of Ms Cook is a permanent move and as such needs to be reviewed for redeployment by Department of Education Staffing Branch. As such I will have to await their decision as to how this position will be filled. Be assured I will keep the school community fully informed as information becomes available.

### **HOLIDAYS**

We would like to wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday. School finishes at 3:00pm this Friday afternoon and students return for Term 2 on Tuesday 7 May.





### **ANZAC SERVICE**

Kensington Primary School is conducting a 2013 ANZAC Day Commemorative Service in the assembly area of the school on Friday 19 April at 2:00pm.

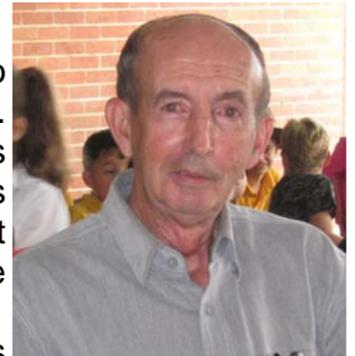
The service will be child centred and will include readings, tributes and items from our senior choir and concert band. To enable class wreaths to be made we would appreciate it if each child could bring along a flower to school on Friday morning.

Parents are encouraged to attend this special event.

### **FAREWELL MR BOOKER**

After forty years working in and around the southern districts of Perth, Alan has decided to call it a day and retire from his position of Deputy Principal of Kensington Primary School. Alan has been the steady hand at Kensington for 23 years and has made many friends amongst the staff, parents and students over this time. I know we are going to miss Alan's wisdom, calmness and knowledge. I'm going to miss having a 'bloke' to run things past (but like the idea of my own toilet block!) to get a well rounded perspective and make me stop and think before jumping in.

We all wish Alan a great retirement and hope that he can do the things he has always wanted to without the interruption of work.



### **FAREWELL CHRIS COOK**

I would like to congratulate Chris on her successful application to become the new Principal of Walpole Primary School. Chris will take over the school at the beginning of next term. Being an IPS, Chris will be able to use her excellent managerial skills and curriculum knowledge in a creative way to enhance the school's standing in the community and the performance of the students.

I will truly miss Chris and would like to acknowledge 10 fantastic years as the Deputy and Principal of Kensington Primary School. I am sure we are going to find it difficult to keep things running smoothly as Chris took on so many aspects of the school's improvement planning, day to day organisation and in-class help and teaching.

Walpole is a lucky community and I know as much as we will miss Chris we wish her and Keith all the very best in this new venture.



### **MRS BENNETT – MATERNITY LEAVE**

As most of you would be aware Mrs Natalie Bennett (Room 8) is due to have a baby in June. It was her hope to work through until the end of week 2 next term but unfortunately she has experienced some complications and has been on sick leave for the last 10 days or so. As with the above positions I have requested Departmental clearance to fill Mrs Bennett's position and am awaiting their direction. I'm sure the whole school community joins with me in wishing Mrs Bennett all the very best in the coming weeks and that both her new baby and she will come through this period with no further problems.

### **MRS NICHOLAS – LEAVE**

Mrs Janet Nicholas (Room 9) will be taking leave during Term 2. Ms Rielle Fowler, her share teacher will be taking over full time teaching duties whilst Mrs Nicholas is away. We wish Mrs Nicholas a good break.

### **SCHOOL SECURITY**

During the holiday period school premises are more vulnerable than usual and can become targets to a small number of offenders. The upcoming holiday period is from Friday 19 April to Monday 6 May.

If you live near the school or are just passing by, I would ask you to keep an eye out for us. Listen for unusual noises, look for suspicious vehicles parked at the school and notice if groups of children or teenagers are hanging around the school. Your involvement can really make a difference in preventing damage to our school.

I urge you to report any suspicious activity immediately to;

School Watch – 1800 177 777

Police – 131 444

### **SCHOOL TRAFFIC**

Thanks to Mr Dierden for his thoughts on the matter of traffic flow;

I have this idea as to how to solve the traffic problem on Banksia Tce and Fourth Ave. It's a radical concept but it has worked in bygone days and I think it may still work ..... Courtesy and common sense from parents. If you see someone coming the other way don't try and race them through the chicane, if they are closer than you, let them through first. And if someone lets you through, smile and mouth "Thank you".

### **PIZZA IN THE GARDEN**

This Thursday will be our pizza in the garden reward luncheon to recognise all our Virtue Awards winners for this term. The students and Mr Macauley will enjoy a range of pizzas and the chance of being recognised by the school. Well done to you all.



## INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 29 swimmers competed in the Victoria Park Area Schools Swimming Carnival at Aqualife. We had a great morning with the whole team swimming well. We did especially well in the relays showing great depth in our swimming talent.

Thanks to Shantale for being our team manager. She did a great job marshalling competitors for their events.

The final results were:-

1<sup>st</sup> - Kensington - 210

2<sup>nd</sup> - Victoria Park - 103

3<sup>rd</sup> - East Victoria Park - 85.

The following swimmers were winners of individual awards.

Year 4: Champion – Sophie .

Runner Up – Pia .

Year 5: Champion – Finn .

Year 6: Champion – Syrah .

Runner Up – Kiana .

Year 7: Runner Up – Breanna .

A big thank you to.....

Raema and Ryan Stanford for their coaching of the successful team.

To Mr Booker for his outstanding contribution to swimming over many years and as the starter on Friday.

Raema for her excellent organizing of the team and the day.

Shantelle for her great work as a marshal.

Our fantastic team for their efforts!



## GIRLS CRICKET

Kensington Primary School put two teams into the Western Fury Cricket Knockout Competition held last Friday evening. Mrs Stanford trained the girls so that they were able to compete against other schools from the area in friendly but competitive competition. Our Year 5/6 team won their division and received a signed cricket bat for their efforts. Whilst our Year 6/7 team did not do quite as well they were certainly the best dancers and seemed to enjoy the whole experience immensely. Well done girls and thank you Mrs Stanford.

## CIRCUS SKILLS

Thanks to all the parents who have participated in their children's Circus skills session this week. We have all had a lot of fun and learnt many new skills.

Orders for circus equipment due on Friday in the P&C box in the Library.

## BACK EDUCATION PROGRAM

The year 6/7 class participated in a Back Education Program conducted by 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Physiotherapy students from Curtin University. Year 5/6 will be involved in the program early next term.

## EDU-DANCE

Edu-dance program commences next term for PP – Yr 5. The Year 6/7 students will do Social Dance in Term 4.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2013

We are excited to be taking part in the 2013 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

Last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until 8th June 2013, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths, you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back to school and drop them into the green collection boxes which are outside Room 8, Vista St Kindy and Senior Block.

## MATHLETICS

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

Rm 1 Ashleigh, Yoji

Rm 4 Lachlan S, Kieran

Rm 5 Ava

Rm 7 Sophie, Dylan, Moreno

Rm 9 Sean, Lachlan

Rm10 Sophie, Lucia, Blake, Ella



## KENSINGTON FACTION PORTRAIT MURAL

You may have notice the tile murals in our quadrangle and on the front of the school building next to the office. A local Kensington PS mum and ceramic artist, Melanie Sharpham, facilitated that mural with the help of many teachers and parents about 5 years ago and is again organising a whole school mural project.

All the children at Kensington Primary from Kindy to Year 7 will paint a self portrait (with the background in their faction colour and Kindy Children in Orange) onto a ceramic tile.

Once finished the tiles will be adhered to the wall/s in the undercover area as a fabulous whole school mural. It will be big, bright and inclusive of our whole school community.

Melanie is looking for parents who can help with this project aimed to be run in week three and four of next term. She has asked that interested parents can spend at least half a day helping and attend a short evening training workshop.

If you are interested in being involved please email Melanie directly.

[melanie@eucalypthomewares.com.au](mailto:melanie@eucalypthomewares.com.au)

## UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED THIS WEEK

Just a reminder to everyone the Uniform Shop is closed this Thursday for stocktaking. We will reopen next term on Thursday mornings as per usual.

## SCHOOL BANKING

Well the first term for the new school bankers might have been a bit slow but we made it!

Thank you all for your patience each Tuesday morning. Next term we have an exciting banking competition to announce and we are planning to collate an email/phone data base of all the KPS banking families to email out exciting changes, any issues with individual banking and to notify of your child receiving an assembly award that we shall be starting in term 2 for banking excellence. Feel free to email your details to us at [kynaston@iinet.net.au](mailto:kynaston@iinet.net.au). Have a safe break and see you term 2. Jenny and Shannon.

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## P&C FUNDRAISING KINDY MOVIE NIGHT - THURSDAY 30 MAY

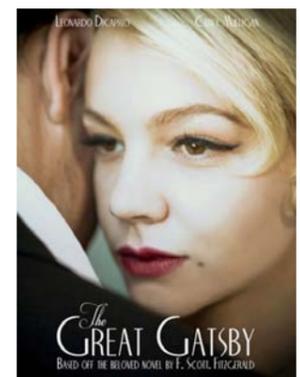
The Great Gatsby, Cygnet Theatre, Preston Street, Como

Champagne & Nibbles 8pm - Movie 8.30pm

Tickets \$20 (includes glass of champagne & nibbles)

This evening is being organized by the Kindy Parents. Please support them and buy a ticket.

Order Forms must be put in the P&C Box in the Library by Friday 24 May.



## NOTICE FROM COMO SECONDARY COLLEGE

Just a reminder that the cut off date for our special programs (Hockey, Golf, Music, EMITS) for 2014 is 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

Please also be aware of the enrolment procedures regarding residing out of area applications (see below).

An eligible student whose place of **residence** is within Como's local-intake area is guaranteed enrolment. Students **residing** outside the local-intake area are accommodated where possible. Enrolment at a school in the compulsory primary years **does not** guarantee future enrolment at a specific secondary school including one in the vicinity of the primary school.

Please refer to our website for more information regarding enrolments and boundary map.

COMO SECONDARY COLLEGE

**MULTISPORTS, TERM 2**  
@ **George Burnett Leisure Centre,**  
Manning Road Karawara,

8 x week program, Total cost: \$16.00

Tuesdays 15 May–2 July (8wks)  
3.45pm - 4.30pm (6-7yo) 4.30- 5.30pm (8-9yo).

Saturdays 12 May – 29 Jun (8wks)  
8.30-9.15am(6-7yo),9.15-10am(6-7yo),10-11am(8-9yo)

Kids of all levels can try different physical activities in a safe, fun and friendly environment each week.

Sports Include: ~Indoor Soccer ~Volleyball ~Hockey ~Basketball ~Badminton  
~Football ~Cricket ~Tabloid



**Pre-Mother's Day Studio Open**

1-4pm Sunday 28th April 57 Dyson St Kensington