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WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO

Term Two commenced for our staff on Monday with a Professional Development Day held at school for the Year 3 to 7 teachers and education assistants with our ECE staff at the South of Perth Yacht Club. Staff at school were inserviced on the Department's policies around the use of social media. This focussed on the positive aspects for our student learning and the pitfalls that can come with accessing the World Wide Web. We then spent time looking at the digital resources available to assist teachers implement the new Australian Curriculum in particular around Literacy, Numeracy, Science and History.

The K to 2 teachers, whilst in the salubrious surroundings of the South of Perth Yacht Club, were busy coming to grips with the Australian Curriculum and Early Years Learning Framework as it pertains to our youngest students. A number of Departmental experts worked with the ladies on sustained shared conversations and implementation of the curriculum in a child friendly manner including the place of play and explicit teaching strategies.

NEW STAFF

I would like to welcome a number of new staff to our school for Term Two.

Mrs Christina Mold is teaching in Year 2, Room 8 – Mrs Bennett has commenced her maternity leave.

Ms Shannon May is teaching in Year 2, Room 5 – Mrs Lisa has been promoted to acting deputy principal in place of Mr Booker whilst he accesses his long service leave.

Ms Cassandra de Prazer is teaching in Year 6/7, S1 – Mrs Cook has been promoted to acting deputy principal in place of Ms Cook who has transferred to Walpole Primary School as the new principal.

Ms Rielle Fowler is teaching full time in Year 4, Room 9 – Mrs Nichols is accessing leave for Term 2.

Mrs Joanne Shuard will teach in PP3 on Friday's – Ms May will be teaching in Room 5 for Term 2.

I'm sure everyone will make our new staff feel welcome at Kensington Primary School.

ANZAC SERVICE

On the last day of Term One the school held its commemorative ANZAC service in the undercover area. The service was conducted by our School Leaders and attended by students, staff, parents, friends and special guests. Our leaders did an outstanding job with a very dignified service appropriate to all who attended. The school's choir and concert band certainly added to the distinguished feel of the service.



Special thanks to Mrs S Cook and Mr Booker for their overall coordination, Mrs Dewing for once again turning out a fantastic choir and band, Mr Kevin Trent – representing the RSL, Mr Nigel Barrett – RAN bugler and parents for sending in flowers for our floral wreaths.

I was once again made to feel very proud of the way all Kensington Primary School students participated showing that we are "The Best School in Western Australia".

COMING EVENTS

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| • <i>Fri 10 May</i> | <i>Edu-Dance classes start</i> |
| • <i>Mon 13 May—Friday 17 May</i> | <i>NAPLAN</i> |
| • <i>Tues 14 May</i> | <i>P&C Meeting</i> |
| • <i>Wed 15 May</i> | <i>Assembly</i> |
| • <i>Mon 20 May—Wed 23 May</i> | <i>Library Week Yrs 1-5</i> |
| • <i>Wed 22 May</i> | <i>School Council</i> |
| • <i>Fri 24 May</i> | <i>Walk to school day</i> |

NAPLAN TESTING

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for 2013 will take place next week. All Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be involved in testing on Tuesday (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday (Reading) and Thursday (Numeracy). Parents should have received an information pamphlet during Term One informing them of the testing program and importance to the system.

STUDENT INFORMATION

It is important that student information records are kept up to date throughout the year. Parents and carers are requested to ensure the school is kept informed of any changes to student details as they occur. Please check that your home address and telephone number(s) as well as emergency contact details reflect the current situation for your child(ren).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

The school will be participating in a Curtin Education Community School Development Day on Friday 31 May. Children **do not** come to school on this day. This means students will get an extra long weekend due to the fact that Western Australia Day (Foundation Day) is on Monday 3 June.

Our staff will meet with staffs from surrounding schools to discuss the Australian Curriculum and its implementation.

GOOD LUCK

Thank you to Mrs Jennifer de Vries for relieving in Room 8 at the end of Term One. We thought we had snared Mrs de Vries for the remainder of the year, however she has been awarded a full scholarship to complete her doctoral studies at Curtin University. This is a great honour considering only two of these scholarships are awarded per year. We wish Mrs de Vries all the best in her studies and hope she can come back to our school in the future.



PRE PRIMARY 'P' DAY

The pre-primary's had great fun dressing up last term as a character starting with 'P' on their 'P Day'. Can you guess what character the Pre-Primary staff dressed as?

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to the following families for their donations of preloved toys and books - Rosich, Pascoe, Groom, Paulin, Carey and a some others that were left with no name attached in the Office.

If other families have preloved books and toys suitable for 0-4 years, I would be very pleased to accept them.
Miss Lisa

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS OFFICE...

Running club will start again from next Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.30am

If you ordered Circus Equipment it has arrived and will be delivered to your class for you to take home this week.

Walk to School Day will be on Friday 24th May more info to follow in the next newsletter.

Edudance starts this week please make sure you return your permission slip and payment if you haven't done so already.

WANTED FOR THE ART ROOM

Empty squeeze sauce bottles(any size) and old candles or wax. Please see Mrs Millar or Mrs Daly if you can help.

Our library now subscribes to the **WORLD BOOK WEB**



Good news! Our library now subscribes to the following **World Book Web** products:

World Book Kids is designed to give younger students, ESL students and reluctant readers a rewarding online learning experience. The site illustrations, diagrams and maps enrich thousands of articles selected for appeal and relevance. Includes facility to compare animals and compare places side by side, plus interactive games and activities, and science projects.

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Save your user name and password for faster login – simply tick the box labelled “Remember my ID and password”. The next time you visit World Book the login prompt will already contain your username and password.

Once you arrive at the World Book home page, you should bookmark the page or add to favourites for easy access to World Book in the future.

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.

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Johnny Moran Karate teaches karate classes to children and adults in the local area. A special offer for the school's students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons! Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment and for adults to get fit.



Karate has many benefits which includes confidence, respect and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial. Mob No. 0402 830 402

KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 2, 2013					
	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
Week 1 Determination	6 May SD Day (No school for students)	7 1st Day Term 2 School banking every Tues am	8 Dental Screening NL Term Planner School banking every Wed am	9 Uniform Shop every Thurs am	10 Edu-dance PP- Yr5
Week 2	13 Edu-dance pm.	14 No Fitness P&C - 7.30pm NAPLAN	15 Assembly (Councillors) NAPLAN	16 NAPLAN	17 Edu-dance
Week 3	20 Edu-dance pm Library excursion yrs 1-5	21 Waste Wise 1.20pm Library excursion yrs 1-5	22 NL (S3) School Council Library excursion yrs 1-5	23	24 Edu-dance Walk to School Day
Week 4	27 Edu-dance pm	28	29 Assembly (Rm 6) WA Week Dress Up Day (gold coin)	30	31 SD Day (No School for students)
Week 5 Flexibility	3 June WA Day (School closed)	4	5 NL (Rm 1)	6 Edu-dance pm	7 Edu-dance I/S vs Vic Pk
Week 6	10 Edu-dance pm	11 P&C - 7.30pm	12 Assembly (Rm 2)	13	14 Edu-dance I/S Vs Millen
Week 7	17 Edu-dance pm	18	19 NL (Rm 9) School Council	20	21 Edu-dance I/S Vs E Vic Pk
Week 8	24 Edu-dance pm Recycling incursion	25 Recycling incursion	26 Assembly (Rm 10) Recycling incursion	27 VPASSA Winter Carnival	28 Edu-dance
Week 9 Courage	1 July Year 7 Camp Edu-dance Concert Recycling incursion	2 Year 7 Camp	3 NL (Rm 2) Year 7 Camp Wirra excursion	4 Pizza in the Park Reports sent home	5 Edu-dance Con- cert Last Day Term 2

Junior Choir – Wed 8.15 – 8.50 – Alternating with Assembly
Senior Choir – Wed 2.05 – 3.00
Band – Friday 8.00 – 9.00