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# Dragon Tales



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

## Virtue Awards 15/05/13

Rm 1	Hamish	Rm 8	Kiera
Rm 2	Ava	Rm 9	Haeun
Rm 3	Toby	Rm 10	Joshua
Rm 4	Shakayla	Rm S1	Carman
Rm 5	Anjelique	Rm S2	Ethan
Rm 6	Clara	Rm S3	Cheyenne
Rm 7	Amos		

## Honour Certificates 15/5/13

Rm 1	Xavier	Rm 8	Georgia Madeline
Rm 2	Ellie	Rm 9	Sophie
Rm 3	Xanthe	Rm 10	Lucia
Rm 4	Molly Cameron	Rm S1	Aanchal Greg
Rm 5	Shanoa Mahan	Rm S2	Katrina
Rm 6	Lina	Rm S3	Lucy
Rm 7	Elle		
PP1	Liam Olivia	PP2	Maddison Akina
PP3	No certificates awarded in PP3 due to teacher absence		

## COMING EVENTS

- *Fri 24 May* Walk to School day
- *Wed 29 May* Assembly Rm 6
- *Wed 29 May* WA Dress up Day
- *Fri 31 May* **Staff Development day— NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS THIS DAY**
- *Mon 3 Jun* **Public Holiday—WA Day—SCHOOL CLOSED**
- *Tues 4 Jun* World environment day—bring a waste free lunch to school

## **DETERMINATION**

Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a particular task and then sticking with it until it is done. Determination is using your willpower to do something even when it isn't easy.

When you are determined to do something, you know that it is very important. Determination means you care about doing something so much that even when it is really hard or you are being tested you still keep going. When people are determined even the hardest thing becomes a challenge they are willing to accept. They get important things done. They grow strong. They do things that matter in the world.

## **LIBRARY EXCURSION ROOMS 3 AND 6**

Year 3's Room 6 and Room 10 visited the South Perth Library to celebrate library week. We saw illustrator Marc McBride. Marc is very famous for creating the author Emily Rodda's science fiction covers. Many art techniques were demonstrated and children learnt more about line, shape, colour and texture. Marc showed other students how to use an air brush over a cut stencil. We were encouraged to use our imagination. Everybody had a go at drawing a dragon and all thoroughly enjoyed the excursion.



## TILE MURAL

An exciting project sponsored by our P&C Association commences this week. The students will each be completing a self-portrait in their classes (along with the teachers and assistants) which will be transferred to a ceramic tile, fired and then permanently displayed in the undercover area.

Mrs Mel Sharpham has donated her time and expertise to oversee the project and has spent considerable time organising funding, materials and personnel to help with the venture. The end result should be spectacular with every student contributing to the mural.

If you are interested in helping and have at least half a day to spare please contact Mel at [melanie@eucalypthomewares.com.au](mailto:melanie@eucalypthomewares.com.au).

## WA DRESS-UP DAY

Don't forget that as part of our celebration for Western Australia Week we are having a WA themed assembly presented by the Year 3 children in Room 6 on Wednesday 29 May, commencing at 9.00am. As part of the day we are asking children to come along to school dressed as their favourite Western Australian (past or present) or as an early pioneer. The School Councillors will be collecting a gold coin donation on the day which we will be sending to Wheelchairs for Kids (a charity that builds sturdy wheelchairs for children in under-resourced countries who are victims of mines, disease and/or birth defects).

## COLD AND FLU SEASON

With the onset of winter we get to see a lot of children come down with colds and even influenza. Class teachers spend time teaching the children about hygiene and how to prevent the spread of germs by using tissues and covering their mouth when sneezing. However, it is probably best for parents to keep their children at home if they are feeling unwell, have coughs and/or runny noses for the sake of their classmates and the staff.



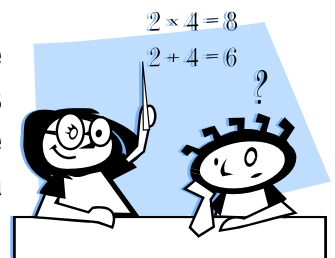
## UNIFORMS

The colder weather has seen a marked deterioration in the standard of uniform from some of our students. Kensington Primary School encourages all students to be in uniform as it helps build school tone and pride. The students are being reminded to "Play the Game" which is part of the uniform and referred to by staff in daily conversations with them.

I would like to request parents to consider purchasing green tights if these are going to be worn on colder days. I'm aware that the P&C uniform committee have been waiting for some items of uniform which may be causing some difficulties for parents. They do stock items of second hand uniforms and can be accessed on Thursday mornings in the music room.

## TABLES

At last week's school assembly I asked students (with parental support) to try to spend time each night learning the mathematical tables. The automatic response to "tables" enables students to complete their work with accuracy and in a speedier fashion. Old fashioned rote learning (chanting) of tables has worked for many people over a long period of time and is a simple way to commit them to memory. Charts strategically placed around the house can also help. I have asked teachers to set aside some time for tables practice each day.



## PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING OF STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

Please be aware that there are a number of students in the school that have not had their guardians' permission for their images taken at school to be released in a public arena. Therefore any still or video film taken at school needs to be handled with sensitivity in mind and under no circumstances put into the public domain through such outlets as Facebook or blogs. Please help the school in this matter.

## WASTE WISE VISIT

A waste audit was conducted in the school yesterday as part of the process of KPS becoming a waste wise school. A full report of the results of this audit will be provided in the next newsletter.



## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 4TH JUNE 2013

To support World Environment Day on Tuesday 4th June we will be encouraging the children to bring a waste free lunch to school that day. More details of what a waste free lunch is will be sent home closer to the date.

## ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS FOR 2014

Applications for enrolments of students entering Kindergarten, Pre-primary or changing schools in the 2014 school year are to be completed by **Friday 26 July 2014**. Parents/persons responsible are encouraged to submit their application before the end of Term 2.

An 'Application for Enrolment' is required for all students entering Kindy and Pre-Primary, even if your child is currently enrolled at Kensington in Kindy.

## RUNNING CLUB

Every Monday and Wednesday morning 8am to 8.30am on the oval. All students K to Yr 7 can attend. Come and join an enthusiastic group of runners!!



**CATCH THE WALKING BUS**

A Walking Bus is a fun, safe and easy way for kindy and primary school children to walk to and from school. A Walking School Bus is a group of students, with adult supervision, walking along a set route between their homes and school. Children can join along the route to and from school, near their homes, or they can be taken to a collection point to commence the walk. All children are welcome to join! If you live within one kilometre our school then the Walking School Bus could be ideal for you. BENEFITS for your child include an increase in exercise, socialising and better road awareness skills. Who Can be a Volunteer – The Walking School Bus is accompanied by at least two trained volunteers. A volunteer can be a parent, grandparent, aunty, uncle or a community member interested in helping children get to school. Training only takes one hour and is provided by the Department of Transport and partner agencies free of charge

**Like to see a Walking School Bus at Kensington Primary School?**  
Please return the slip below to the front office by Friday 24 May 2013

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level of your children: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the boxes indicating your preference/s. I am able to:

Send my child on the Walking School Bus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regularly walk as a volunteer (once a week)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer occasionally (once a month)	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am unable to volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am unable to send my child on the Walking School Bus	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further information can be found at [www.transport.wa.gov.au/TravelSmart](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/TravelSmart)

**MATHLETICS**

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

- PP3 Aidan
- R4 Emily
- R5 Anjelique
- R6 Elizabeth
- R7 Jessica
- R10 Ryan & Francesca



As many of you know, Kensington PS is running the Fast ForWord program with great results for all the children involved. A huge congratulations to these children who have already passed a level in this program:

- R5 Michael, Samuel
- R6 Neve
- R7 Evie, Dylan
- R8 Ben
- R9 Charlotte
- R10 Aingeal, Sophie
- S1 Thomas



**STAFF CARPARK**

Just a reminder to all parents that the staff carpark on Banksia Tce is for staff only and under no circumstances to be used by parents at any time for pick up or drop off.



**WANTED FOR THE ART ROOM**

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

**SCHOOL BANKING**

WOW... Thank you KPS families for the wonderful response to the school banking email. And a very big thank you for the patience of all those kids and parents for waiting patiently on Tuesday morning. We saw so many lapsed bankers again, "bravo!" and lots of emails enquiring about new accounts. Jenny and I are thrilled. To deal with the increase we shall introduce the "EXPRESS DEPOSIT BOX".

Just complete a deposit slip with the correct money into a zip lock money bag and **drop – grab a token - and run**. No queues or being late for work or class. So keep up the good banking. Jenny and Shannon

**P&C MOVIE NIGHT NEXT THURSDAY**

Don't miss out on a great night and join the Kindy parents for a special showing of "The Great Gatsby" at the Cygnet Theatre in Como. Being held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May with drinks at 8pm & movie at 8.30pm. Nibblies have been kindly sponsored by IGA Preston St. Fabulous hampers will be raffled on the night so bring your small change. Tickets are only \$20 and include a glass of champagne & nibblies.

Please note that your order forms should be returned to the P&C box in the library by no later than this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Kindy mums, please remember to have the money for your allocated tickets & any unsold tickets returned by Friday also. If you have any queries please call Nicola Alderton 0403 199 092.

**P&C UNIFORM SHOP**

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

## Term 1 in the Senior Block

The first term in the Senior Block was full of excitement. The Year 7s had swimming lessons at Cottesloe Beach for one week. We thoroughly enjoyed it and everyone passed their levels. The rest of the school will have their swimming lessons later in the year.



S3 and S2 were doing a short unit on meat. Although 'meat' is a bit of a generalisation. Firstly we wrote a persuasive text on the 'Findus Scandal', where horsemeat was found in products labelled with 100% beef. Some points of views expressed were that it was false advertising, we shouldn't eat horsemeat or horsemeat doesn't differ from beef or lamb. At the end we had a sausage sizzle with a difference. We had horsemeat, kangaroo, emu and ostrich sausages, and the occasional vegetarian. Then we designed and made an informational poster, which was mainly on eating certain kinds of meat. We all enjoyed this unit very much (except for the vegetarians. Frankly, I think they hated it).



The T20 Girl's Cricket Carnival was a huge success. We had two teams and played at Raphael Park. Both of our teams played very well, but it was the Year 6 team who won, and Tayah also won a raffle where she won numerous prizes.