

together we achieve
together we achieve

Dragon Tales



No. 0913, 5 June 2013

Congratulations to the following award winners for the past fortnight.

Virtue Awards 29/5/13

| | | | |
|------|---------|-------|--------|
| Rm 1 | William | Rm 8 | Mia |
| Rm 2 | Griffin | Rm 9 | Riley |
| Rm 3 | Emma | Rm 10 | Lucas |
| Rm 4 | Kieran | Rm S1 | Thomas |
| Rm 5 | Liam | Rm S2 | Maya |
| Rm 6 | Gia | Rm S3 | Ashton |
| Rm 7 | Tyneale | | |

Honour Certificates 29/5/13

| | | | |
|------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Rm 1 | Chanlee | Rm 8 | Madeline Kiarn |
| Rm 2 | Zoe | Rm 9 | Mackinley Lucas |
| Rm 3 | Tyde | Rm 10 | Noah |
| Rm 4 | Josephine | Rm S1 | Emma |
| Rm 5 | Tom | Rm S2 | Sophie Jaime |
| Rm 6 | Samantha | Rm S3 | Erin |
| Rm 7 | Sophie | | |
| PP1 | Owen Harriet | Music | Alice Lucy |
| PP2 | Harper Jessica | | Ashton Alex |
| PP3 | Wesley Ella | | Syrah |

COMING EVENTS

- Fri 7 June Eagles Cup KPS vs Vic Pk PS
- Tues 11 June P&C
- Wed 12 June Assembly Rm 7
- Fri 14 June Eagles Cup KPS vs Millen PS
- Wed 19 June School Council

FLEXIBILITY

Flexibility is being open to the need for change. Many unexpected things happen to us. We cannot control the things that happen. When upsetting things happen this can be a message that we need to do things differently or improve ourselves in some way. Being flexible means that instead of just getting upset you see difficulties as a challenge. You are willing to make necessary changes.

Flexibility means not always having to have your own way. You are open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility you are willing to change your mind.

If something doesn't work you try a new way. Flexibility means getting rid of bad habits and learning new ones. You look honestly at yourself and decide if you need to change the way you are acting. Making changes doesn't mean you are losing yourself only that you are becoming better.



Rm 6 celebrated WA Week at last weeks Assembly. The costumes and set were amazing!! Well done Rm 6.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council met on Wednesday 22 May and discussed the following agenda items;

Communication

- Development of school PR document.
- Council Responsibilities
- Who are your Councillors?
- Newsletter updates.

Parking Around the School

- No response from parents who may have traffic management engineering skills.

P&C Report

2014

- How classes are formed and schools staffed.
- Year 6 and 7 final year arrangements
- School to seek enrolment details of student in Years 5, 6 and 7 (2014)

High Visibility Vests for Kindergarten.

Curtin Education Community

- Professional Learning Day 31 May.

If you have any questions in regards to the following please seek clarification from your Parent Representatives;

Mr Geoff Smith (Chairperson)

Mrs Martha Walters (Secretary)

Mr Steve Davis

Ms Belinda Moharich

Mr Andrew Steers

Mr Michael Rosich

Ms Tanya Elson (P& C Rep)

Ms Cara Finch

Ms Marie Short

MILLENNIUM KIDS

On Wednesday and Thursday two week ago ten of our upper school students attended the Millennium Kids Science program at South Perth Community Centre. An aim of Millennium Kids is to engage young people in environmental programs that help save our precious rivers and the organisms that live in and around them. Over one hundred students from schools around Perth and Indonesia took part in a range of hands on learning experiences based around the Swan and Canning Rivers – Derbarl Yerrigan as it is known by the local traditional owners.

Over the next few weeks this group of children will meet to decide on a project that they will coordinate to help make an improvement to our river environment.



ZUMBA

What a high energy start to the day our students get on a Tuesday morning. Ms de Prazer (our resident Zumba expert) leads the school in 20 minutes of high aerobic dance/exercise and the children just love it. Thanks Ms de Prazer.

WELCOME LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN AT KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hello, my name is Stephen Motteram (kids and teachers know me as Steve). I am the school chaplain for Kensington Primary School and will be at the school on Wednesdays.

You may wonder what a chaplain’s role is at the school. A chaplain represents the churches in the area, providing a positive Christian presence in the school. This is not a religious role or formal teaching role, but rather a pastoral care role that respects the rights of individuals and their belief systems.

The role within Kensington PS is to speak individually with children who self refer to the service because of something they want to talk about. Often the issues are around friendship, conflict with other students and occasionally something else.

The chaplain role also involves running programs in the classrooms such as BUZ (Build UP Zone). These programs involve working with the whole class around making and keeping friends, dealing with conflict and building resilience within the children. It encourages a friendly and supportive environment within the school. The class teacher is also involved in these programs and can reinforce the values at other times in the classroom.

Occasionally a parent or teacher may ask that I talk with a student. The child’s behaviour may have changed in class or something has happened like parents separating, or an illness in the family. If necessary I will provide information about services outside the school that can assist the child and/or family.

The role also provides pastoral support for staff and families. If an issue arises for you and you would like to discuss it, or find out about resources for yourself this is something else that the role provides.

If you do not want your child to access these services you must write a letter stating your wishes and hand it into the school office.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child during your time at the school.

Stephen Motteram
Kensington Primary School Chaplain

Kensington Primary School Chaplain Service

As Steve pointed out in his introductory letter children at the school have an opportunity to self refer to him to discuss a range of issues that may be affecting them. If you would prefer Steve **not** to meet with your child(ren) please complete the slip below and return it to the front office.

I do not want my child(ren)

To be given access to meet with the school chaplain, Steve Motteram.

(Parent signature)

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.

NEW PRE-PRIMARY GARDEN

The Pre Primary are delighted with the new patch of garden at our entrance gate. An enormous thank you to our dedicated gardening Mums; Jo Kapica and Patti Algie for giving up a Saturday Morning to create this friendly spot. It is not only loved by the children and teachers in Pre Primary...some very special visitors arrived and have decided to call it "home".

Please pop past and have a look, if you have not done so already.



WALK TO SCHOOL

Thank you to all the families who decided to support our Walk to School Day on Friday 24 May. We gave away two cartons of apples to our 'walkers' who braved the chilly conditions.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

This Friday afternoon Victoria Park Primary School will travel to Kensington to be involved in friendly competition in soccer, football and netball (A and B). Soccer and netball will be played at school and the football at Kent St Senior High School. All spectators are welcome to cheer the mighty green and gold teams along. Games should start at around 1.30pm-ish.

Football players need to return the permission slip to Mr Macauley on Thursday.

Next Friday, 14 June we will be taking on Millen Primary School.

RUNNING CLUB

Don't forget that running club happens every Monday and Wednesday morning on the school oval commencing at 8.00am. Mrs Stanford and a band of keen parents are developing our students' fitness levels and everyone is welcome.

FAST FORWARD

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 Taichi, R7 Dylan, R9 Mackinley, Kobe & Riley, R10 Lochlan

MATHLETICS

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

PP3 Nick
R2 Noah
R4 Emily, Cameron, Lachlan, Kieran, Charlie
R7 Dylan, Sean, Davin, Alastair
R10 Emika, Mitchell, Sophie C, Liam, Joshua



SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to all our super bankers! At last count we had 24 of our students in the draw for the awesome Dollarmites' Treasure competition. We still have four weeks left of this term so even new account openers could have the chance to go into the draw if they get moving! If you are a little forgetful like me, pop a reminder into your phones to remember Tuesday morning is banking Day. It is not always easy when we have a Monday off, but that trusty "Beep Beep" at 7 am is priceless. The new "express banking box" is making life easier as well. Thanks to all the parents at home who make this possible!

Happy Banking, Shannon and Jenny J

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

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

Perth Entertainment™ Books for the 2013|2014 are now availableorder online <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/859a57> or you should have received the order form from your child, place the order forms with payment in the P&C box. The new Books are better than ever and **will again sell for only \$65, with \$13 contributing to your fund-raising cause.**



Parenting Workshop

- Do you connect with one child more than the other?
- Are there frequent misunderstandings or conflict between siblings or with you as a parent?
- Would you like a happier, more harmonious household?

To learn more about how personality styles influence our communication, perception of the world, and approach to parenting, Discover Parent Magic is running a series of introductory workshops in June/July.

For more details, see our website:

www.discoverparentmagic.com

Tel: 0419 714 149 or 0433 100 981- Email: admin@discoverparentmagic.com

READY SET GROW OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

To enquire or enrol please call 0434 313 884 or email kensington-oshc@readyssetgrow.net.au

KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL WASTE AUDIT

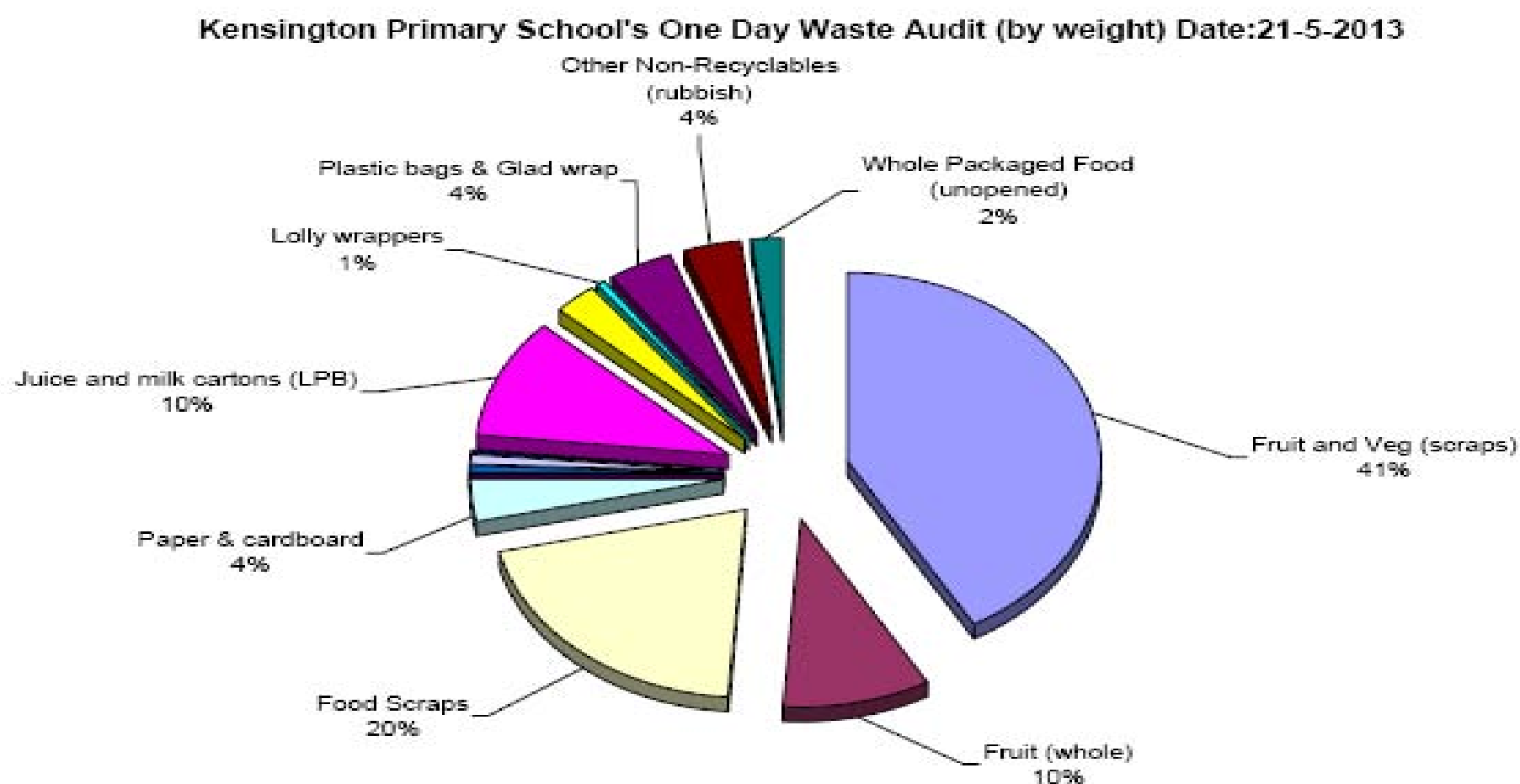
On 21st May, Patrick Hamill and Laura from the Waste Wise Schools Program, visited Kensington Primary to conduct a waste audit. You are probably wondering what a Waste Audit is. It's an inspection or examination of the waste you produce. S1 assisted him by collecting all rubbish bins throughout the school and sorting their contents into categories. It was a messy job but someone had to do it.

Did Kensington Primary pass the Waste Audit? I'm sure most people probably believe we are a waste wise school. Well they would be wrong. We were astounded at how much rubbish we created everyday as well as the type of items we were throwing away. Would you believe that more than 70% of the rubbish we sorted should be composted or fed to chickens? It was alarming. Another 20% of the waste sorted could be reduced or even eliminated just by students bringing a rubbish free lunch every day. I'm sure you have done the math just like we did. That is more than 90% of our daily rubbish that could be recycled or reduced significantly. That means we throw away more than 3000kg of rubbish that could be recycled. Appalling, alarming and unacceptable!

Our class came up with some ways to reduce the amount of waste that we produced.

- re-usable lunch boxes and packaging
- having worm farms and chickens
- compost bins in eating areas

It's not that difficult to make these changes in our school and we will be helping to reduce the amount of rubbish in our world.



Learning how to reduce our lunchbox rubbish



The messy job of sorting the rubbish



Weighing and counting rubbish items