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# Dragon Tales



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

## Virtue Awards 12/6/13

Rm 1	Ashlyn	Rm 9	Alexandra
Rm 2	Riley	Rm 10	Sophie
Rm 4	Matilda	Rm S1	Laura
Rm 5	Jet	Rm S2	Emma
Rm 6	Luis		
Rm 7	Evie		

## Honour Certificates 12/6/13

Rm 1	Blake	Rm 8	Allen Leyland
Rm 2	Eva Zach	Rm 9	James
Rm 4	Emily Daniel	Rm 10	Jessica
Rm 5	Francesca Taichi	Rm S1	Devon
Rm 6	Elizabeth	Rm S2	Abhinav
Rm 7	Davin	Rm S3	Nathan
PP1	Charlotte Aarnav	Music	Syrah
PP2	Beatrice Samuel		
PP3	Isabella Nick		

## COMING EVENTS

- **Wed 19 June** **School Council**
- **Fri 21 June** **Eagles Cup KPS vs East Vic Pk**
- **Thurs 27 June** **VPASSA Winter Carnival**
- **Mon 1 July to**
- **Wed 3 July** **Yr 7's away at Camp**
- **Mon 1 July** **1st Edu-dance concert**
- **Fri 5 July** **2nd Edu-dance concert**
- **Fri 5 July** **Last day Term 2**

## **FLEXIBILITY**

When you are flexible you adjust and adapt. You keep making positive changes. When you are open to change you can accomplish more. Instead of doing things the same old way you think of new and better ways to do them. When things get tough flexible people bend and become stronger. They keep learning and growing. When people have a hard time being flexible they keep doing things the same old way when new things are needed. When we don't practice flexibility we become rigid. We get angry and upset when things don't go our way or when they don't happen as we expected. When you practice flexibility you accept things cannot change. You don't insist on having your own way all the time. You don't try to control other people. You know you can only control yourself. When you are flexible you enjoy surprises.

## **INTERSCHOOL SPORTS**

On Friday 7 June Victoria Park Primary School travelled to our school to play us in a range of sports. The results from this first round of fixtures were;

Netball A	Kensington	8	Vic Park	10
Netball B	Kensington	22	Vic Park	1
Soccer	Kensington	4	Vic Park	2
Football	KPS	2:3 (15)	Vic Park	1:2 (8)

We then were visited by Millen Primary School on Friday 14 June. Being a smaller school we only played two sports with the results;  
Netball Kensington 5 Millen 11  
Football Kensington 3:5 (23) Millen 13:2 (80)

Over both weeks our students 'Played the Game' and distinguished themselves with their fair play, sportsmanship and endeavour. Well done to all our sporting representatives. We play East Victoria Park at Kensington this Friday. All parents and friends are welcome to come along and cheer the mighty 'Green and Gold'!

## PHILLIP PENDAL 'YOUNG HERITAGE' AWARD

I would like to acknowledge the great work of students in Years 3 and 4 for their efforts in entering photographic and written assignments to the Phillip Pendal Awards for 2013. I know that many of our children received fantastic support from family to help them research and photograph culturally significant areas around South Perth, which we appreciate greatly.

Congratulations to the following students who have been invited to the announcement ceremony on Thursday evening;

Josephine	Year 4
Lochlan	Year 3
Sophie	Year 3
Sophie	Year 4.

Thank you to Mrs Lisa and Mrs Carter for collating the entries and sending them on.

## EDU-DANCE CONCERTS

With the end of term coming up our Edu-Dance program will culminate in two concerts which all parents and friends are invited to come along and watch in our undercover area. The children have worked particularly well in these sessions and I'm sure you'll be impressed by their style!



The first concert will be on Monday 1 July commencing at 2:20pm. The classes involved will be;

Room 5 Year 2	Cotton-Eyed Joe
Room 2 Year 1	Jai Ho
Room 7 Year 2/3	Marry You
Room 1 Year 1	Staying Alive
Room 10 Year 3/4	Kung Fu Fighting
PP 3 Pre-primary	What Makes You Beautiful
Room 9 Year 4	Move Ya Feet

On Friday 5 July commencing at 2.20pm the following classes will complete their routines;

Room 6 Year 3	Kung Fu Fighting
Room 8 Year 2	Marry You
PP 2 Pre-primary	Jai Ho
Room 4 Year 1	Staying Alive
PP1 Pre-primary	What Makes You Beautiful
Room 3 Year 1	Cotton Eyed Joe

## TABLES

Believe it or not, but I'm noticing a marked improvement in automatic response to tables around the school. Instead of running away from me in the playground students are coming up and asking me to quiz them on their knowledge. Keep practicing at home and you'll see (and hear) the difference in no time at all.

## UNIFORMS

Just another reminder that 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.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

Students from Years 1 to 7 will receive their school reports on Thursday 4 July. Unfortunately we are unable to provide reports earlier than this due to printing deadlines. If you are going away during the last weeks of the school term and would like the report posted to you please see our school officer (front office) and provide the necessary information.

Pre-primary reports will be sent home on Thursday 27 June. Parents will be rostered to meet with pre-primary teachers from the June 28 to discuss their child's report. Kindergarten reports will be sent home on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 July, depending on the session.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMS

Applications are open for Gifted and Talented Programs for students in Year 6 in 2014 for entry into Year 7 (secondary school) in 2015.

The programs provide unique and challenging curriculum designed specifically to bring out the very best in students with exceptional academic and creative talent.

These elite academic, languages and arts programs are offered at 17 public secondary schools and allow students to learn from expert teachers alongside like minded peers.

Applications close 10 February 2014.

Academic testing will be held 15 March 2014 with placements finalised on 4 July 2014.

More information at [www.det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented)

## FINAL YEAR PRACTICUM STUDENTS

Next Term our school is fortunate enough to have several final year Teacher Prac. students in a variety of classes across the school. These students are attached to Curtin University and as a partnership school within the Curtin Educational Community, we are a preferred school to send Prac.teachers to. It is also a credit to the high quality staff that these student teachers are placed with, that we have been asked to take them.

The student teachers have already been into their respective classes and will come into the school on several more occasions before the end of this Term, so they can begin their Prac. with a solid understanding of the school and class context and culture.

As with all final year student teachers they will build up to teach what we call a 100% loading, which means they are responsible for the day to day, face to face teaching, planning, & preparation for the class.

As they are all still student teachers, programming requirements are determined and monitored by the teacher, who will remain in the class to offer direction and guidance at all times.

One of the many benefits of having a student teacher is that it allows the class teacher to spend some extra one on one time with students that they may not otherwise get.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child during Term 3 it is a requirement that the classroom teacher is also present during all discussions or interviews.

Just as the staff welcome these final year students, we hope that you will also give them a warm Kensington welcome to help make their final Practicum a positive and rewarding experience.

## 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.

## DINOSAUR TALK

On Monday morning the children in Room 4 were treated to an excellent presentation on dinosaurs by Mr and Mrs Thompson. Mr Thompson is a geologist and part time palaeontologist with some amazing stories about finding and preserving dinosaurs from all over the world. His special message to the class was that you can do anything you want to – you just have to work at it. Thank you to the Thompson's; the children were very excited by the presentation and artefacts.



## FAST FORWARD

Well done to these children who have already passed a level in this program:

Lachlan Rm 9 and Tom S2



## MATHLETICS

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

PP2 Kyohka  
R1 Ava D  
R4 Molly, Jade & Charlie



## RECYCLING INCURSION

In keeping with our schools waste wise program, all classes from Pre Primary to Yr 7 will participate in a recycling incursion which will be held during weeks 8 and 9 this term.

## ASTHMA PUFFERS

The cold weather and outdoor exercise program has seen a rise in the number of children requiring to use their asthma puffers. Could parents please ensure their child(ren) bring their puffers to school each day so they can be used if necessary.

## COMO SECONDARY COLLEGE

Enrolment for Yr 8 2014 for Como Secondary College close on 26 July 2013. For more information please call the College on 9365 2000 or check their website at [www.como.wa.edu.au](http://www.como.wa.edu.au)



Looking for something fun for your child to do during the July school holidays?

**PROJECT K.I.D.S** at UWA is a child development study that explores how children typically think, feel, act and learn. In the past 18 years we have had more than 2,500 children attend our holiday activity program. Your child will join other children in playing a range of computer games, puzzles and other fun activities.

If your child is currently **aged 7 or 9**, or is within 3 months of turning this age, and has **not** attended Project KIDS in the past two years, please contact us to book your child in for two consecutive days of activities during the July school holidays (8<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July). These sessions are held at **no cost** to parents.

Please contact the Project KIDS Coordinator, Louise: **6488 8150** or [delanl01@student.uwa.edu.au](mailto:delanl01@student.uwa.edu.au).

The current research project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at UWA and PMH. All staff members will have Working with Children Check approval.



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## P&C SCITECH NIGHT

You are all invited to a fun packed P&C fundraising event at Scitech on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2013 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Get ready for an evening of code breaking and intrigue at Scitech's current exhibition 'Top Secret' Tickets - \$10.00 per person. Food will be available on a **pre-order basis only** with drinks/desserts (only) available for purchase on the night. Please see flyer/order form being sent home with your child today for more details.



## P&C TILE MURAL

Over the last couple of weeks the children and staff at Kensington Primary have been busy completing their self portraits for the Faction Portrait Mural. Currently the tiles are being fired and the next step will be to have them put up in the undercover area. To adhere the tiles to the wall we are looking for a professional tiler. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping the school with this project please contact Samantha Thompson on 0419 122 006 or email [samanthaclayton@hotmail.com](mailto:samanthaclayton@hotmail.com)

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Perth Entertainment™ Books for the 2013|2014 are now available .....order 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.** Any queries please contact Nicola Williams [rossandnic@westnet.com.au](mailto:rossandnic@westnet.com.au) or 0415135782

## P&C UNIFORM SHOP

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

## SCHOOL BANKING

Well another huge week in banking thanks to our 47 bankers this week!!!! The express box is working wonderfully thank you parents for completed slips and correct money. We only have two weeks left in the term so any of you who have not completed your 3 deposits for this term to enter the awesome "Dollarmites, Win a holiday" competition make sure to come see us on Tuesday morning from 8.30 to make your deposits. Keep your eyes open in the coming week for the Bronze Certificates for excellent banking that shall be coming into your class rooms for our top bankers.... Happy Banking, Jenny and Shannon



## WINTER CLOTHES AND BEDDING REQUIRED

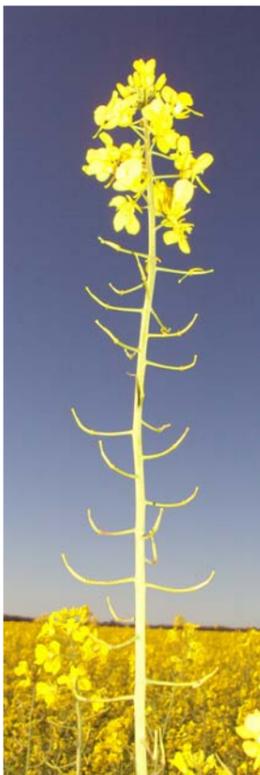
Audrey (Room 10) is on a mission to keep the homeless people of Perth warm over winter. She would like to ask if you have any doonas, blankets or winter clothes that you no longer need, that you put them in a box outside Room 10 by end of Term 2. Otherwise you can drop at her house 23 Oxford Street Kensington. Or call her Mum Linda on 0412088308. Thank you

# Year Four Room 9 Our Theme



This term the year fours in Room 9 have been introduced to farming. We began by finding out where our food comes from and the different products that come from the different types of farms. Our theme has been integrated into all learning areas. In mathematics we have done a picture graph demonstrating our favourite fruits and used objects to solve sheep farming problems in problems solving. For Society and Environment we are looking at geography and where different types of farming are done around Australia and why. We have investigated, devised and produced a Lupin Carrier in Technology and Enterprise so we can take some lupins home to grow ourselves. We have been mainly looking at grain farming. We have created flow charts to show how grain gets from the silo on a farm into the ground during seeding and the when ready, how it is harvested. During Science classes we have looked at a range of grains, categorised them and are currently growing them in our classroom.

Here are some comments from two students about what they have learnt this term and some photos of our growing grains and some farm equipment.



We have been looking at seeds, growing seeds and studying the different types of seeds. Some of the types we are learning about are wheat, lupins, chickpeas, barley and canola. We are growing all of them for Science. The lupins look amazing! *Joskun*

In class we have been learning about farming, seeding and harvest. We have learnt where wheat grows. One fact is that Australian Standard White wheat is mainly grown in Victoria. Also grain terminals are places where wheat is shipped off. It is fun learning about farming. *Amelie*

