29th July 2016

Dear Parents

Stop ‘N Drop Zone
Thank you so much for your support in using the Stop ‘N Drop Zone appropriately. By having your children ready to leave the car when it is safely parked allows you to leave in a timely manner which then enables others to move quickly through the same process.

Likewise at the end of the day, if parents could move out of the zone if their children are not already outside and waiting, it allows others (whose children are already outside) to collect their children and move off. Parents who have then driven around the roundabouts on Tenterfield Drive, or driven around the block, can move back into vacant places.

We have already noticed a great improvement in the way the zone has been used which not only contributes to both our student safety and parents being able to access spaces to drop off and collect their children.

Thank you!

100 Days of School
It is such as joy to see the smiling faces of our children as they continue their journey in the first year of schooling. Today marks the 100th day of school for our Preps, many of whom have not missed one day! Parents joined children as they donned their painted t-shirts and proudly showed parents their artworks.
Curriculum Day
Just a reminder we have a student-free curriculum day coming up on Monday August 15th. Students will not attend school on this day.

School Review
Many thanks to the many parents of KCPS who have taken the opportunity to contribute to the School Review by sharing their thoughts through “Two Stars and a Wish”. Our School Reviewer, Peter Cole, will be working with us between August 9th and August 22nd when he will review the past four years and make recommendations on future directions. Nicole Edwards (Chair KCPS Council), Tony Simpson (Senior Education Improvement Leader), Hannah Newton, Beth Saunders, Sarah Afiouni, Andrew Comley (AP’s) and I will work with our Challenge Partners; Susan Lee (Seabrook Primary School) and Rosa Marchionda together with Peter as we develop a new 4 Year Strategic Plan. When the Report is finalized, both the Review and Strategic Plan will be published on the School’s website.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Natalie Bakai
Principal.
NUMERACY @ KCPS

MATHEMATICAL DRAWING

This term across all Prep-6 classes, our students have been (or will be) involved in learning experiences focused on developing drawing skills which assist with mathematical thinking. Students will be engaged in tasks based on sketching, tracing within and around objects, creating tessellations, drawing patterns and interpreting instructions and diagrams.

These learning experiences are aimed at improving students’ visual and spatial understanding and developing their fine motor skills, while providing them with the skills to use drawing as a way of representing their mathematical understanding.

In Grades 3-6, one learning experience was based around students using dot paper to create images of connected cubes to create 3-Dimensional objects. Students then had the opportunity to work with these images in a digital format.

Grades P-2 will be working with a variety of 2-Dimensional shapes to create patterns and tessellations (which are repeated patterns without gaps or overlap). The opportunity to draw these and create them with materials encourages the development of visualisation and manipulation.

TIMES TABLES WRIST BANDS

It has been fabulous to see so many students receiving wrist bands for mastering particular sets of times tables. Some students have shown great commitment and enthusiasm as they continue to practice and make regular requests to be tested for the various bands.

Notable mentions this week go to Vincent from H03 and Aiden from H37, who have both persisted and received their ‘Einstein’ multi-coloured band, for mastering all times tables with automaticity.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

On Thursday this week, 90 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This was an option made available to all students in Grades 3, 4 and 5, and it was fabulous to see so many students take advantage of this opportunity to put their problem solving skills to the test.

The tests involved 30 multiple choice problems which students had to answer in 60 minutes. Some of the questions proved to be incredibly challenging, but students are to be congratulated for displaying the attributes of the IB Learner Profile as they approached complex problems.

Results from the competition will be available at a later date, with all those who participated receiving a detailed report from the Australian Mathematics Trust.
Western Metropolitan Divisional Netball Tournament

Friday 22nd of July was the Western Metropolitan Divisional Tournament. We were the only school to have a mixed and girls’ netball team competing which was very exciting as we only had the girls team competing in the 2015 competitions. Each team played 3 games with two 12 minute halves.

The competition was strong and both teams felt the pressure.

The girls team played three unbelievable games with the following results: 4-1 win against Our Lady’s, 10-10 draw against Holy Eucharist and 7-17 loss against Sydenham Hillside.

They all improved as individuals and as team and that showed in today’s games.

The mixed team played 3 intense contact games with the following results 18-4 win against Albion, 9-7 win against St. Alban’s North and 19-12 win against Taylors Lakes.

They too improved as individuals and as a team and as a result have made it through to Regionals in Geelong.

Both teams will continue with training over the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to Susan Otene and our intrepid PE teacher, Beck, who helped coach both teams and ensured they had the best positive opportunity to play their best and win.

Once again Congratulations to the mixed team, we wish you all the very best at the next stage.

Natalie

Girls Team: Sarah, Thisangi, Huntah, Charlotte, Cassandra, Joan and Kassi
Mixed Team: Sienna, Zhane, Malcolm, Andrea, Alexis, Hamza and Xavier
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Wednesday the 27th of July was the school's Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' day. After having rain and dark clouds looming, students showed spirit and were excited to demonstrate their skills. It was great to see teachers getting involved and skipping with the students and cooperating together when skipping ropes were in short supply. Well done to all students who participated and presented their skills. Thank you to the parents who came to watch as the students were very excited to show off their skills.
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Children’s Book Week: 20-26th August 2016

The Children’s Book Council of Australia brings children and books together every year to celebrate Children’s Book Week. Annual book awards were established in 1946, with the aim to promote quality literature for young Australians, whilst also supporting and encouraging a wide range of Australian writers and illustrators. Awards are judged in 5 categories: Picture Book of the Year, Younger Readers, Early Readers, Older Readers, & Information Books, with the 5 winning titles announced at the start of Book Week.

This year’s theme is Australia! Story Country, & celebrated Australian artist, writer and filmmaker, Shaun Tan, created the theme poster. His quirky and vibrant illustration is a wonderful celebration of 70 Years of the CBCA Book of the Year Awards, & references many iconic Australian children’s books and traditional Indigenous legends.

Dates to Remember

1st August – Year 3 Camp Information session 5pm
12th August – Walk Safely to School/Fun Hat Friday
15th August – Curriculum Day (Students not required at school on this day)
18th August – Year 1 Excursion Werribee Zoo H01, H02, H03 & H09
19th August – Year 1 Excursion Werribee Zoo H04, H05, H06, H07 & H08
31st October – Curriculum Day (Students not required at school on this day)
Crazy Hat Day
Walk to School Day
Term 3

Walk Safely to School Day 12th August 2016

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, National event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Kororoit Creek encourages students, families and friends to walk to school.

For students

Kororoit Creek will be have FUN HAT Friday day on the 12th August to encourage and celebrate walking safely to school. Each student will receive a raffle ticket for walking and a second ticket if you have a fun, innovative and creative hat.

We can’t wait to see all the amazing hats.

Some photos from Fun Hat Fridays on the Walking School Bus

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