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Newsletter 05, Term 1, Week 06

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

March

Fri	4 th	Clean Up Australia Day
Tues	8 th	P&C – General Meeting – 7:00pm
Wed	9 th	Year 2 – Hands on Toys Education
Thurs	10 th	Assistive Technologies for Literacy
Mon	14 th	Halogen Leaders Day
Wed	16 th	Year 5 – 5N & 5W – St Helena Stories
Sat	19 th	Year 6 – Fundraising Cake Stall
Mon	21 st	Student Leader Induction
Tus	22 nd	Cross Country
Wed	23 rd	Sing-a-long
Wed	23 rd	Year 3 – Star Lab Education - 5:15pm-8:30pm
Thurs	24 th	Year 5 – 5L – St Helena Stories
Thurs	24 th	Harmony & Bullying Day
Fri	25 th	End of Term – School Holidays

April

Mon	11 th	Term 2 – School Commences
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FINANCE DUE DATES

March

Wed	2 nd	Year 2 – Hands on Toys Education
Fri	4 th	Interscholar Sport
Wed	9 th	Year 5 – 5N & 5W – St Helena Stories
Thurs	11 th	Halogen Leaders Day
Thurs	17 th	Year 5 – 5L – St Helena Stories
Thurs	24 th	ICAS Testing

SWIMMING DATES

Monday 29th February

Class	Depart	Lesson	Return
2L	9:05	9:20-10:00	10:20
2S	9:45	10:00-10:40	11:00
2C	11:05	11:20-12:00	12:20
2J	11:45	12:00-12:40	1:00

Wednesday 2nd March

Class	Depart	Lesson	Return
3L	9:05	9:20-10:00	10:20
3F	9:45	10:00-10:40	11:00
3D	11:05	11:20-12:00	12:20
3SG	11:45	12:00-12:40	1:00

INTERSHOOL SPORT DATES

Friday 11th March

Depart 10:55am – Return 14:40pm

Team	Field
Netball	Chapel Hill State School

NEWS FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

On Monday Mrs Adriaansz and I attended the Regional School Teams Symposium for all the schools in our region. It was an opportunity to listen to Patrea Walton, Deputy Director-General of State Schools and our Regional Director, Mark Campling. They spoke of having a sharp and narrow focus, with clear lines of sight. This reflects our whole school focus on the Explicit Teaching of Writing in our school. It was also a chance to speak with colleagues and gain insight into our own, and other practices.

On Tuesday 1st March, Japanese university students from Tokyo visited our school as part of their professional learning. These students came through the University of

Queensland and spent the day in the Prep to Year 3 classes observing our teachers and children and joining in some of the activities. These students gained much from our school of the practices, procedures and pedagogy at Kenmore South. They were impressed by the quality of teaching, the positive behaviour of the children, the exciting classrooms and our lovely grounds.

Planning Days

Our year level planning days will commence in week 7 and continue over the following week. This is an opportunity for all the teachers in the year level to come off class and work together to plan the following terms work. They are lead by our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Adriaansz, guiding them through the expectations, assessments and course work. This day then culminates into the Overview of Expected Outcomes that will eventually be put up on the website

Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction began last Thursday for all students in years 2 to 6. The afternoon ran very smoothly. All classroom teachers have a list of the current status of participation for their students. If there was any confusion as to your child attending or not, please contact your class teacher. **To change your consent either way, you must advise the principal in writing.** For students in year 1, further information about your program will be coming soon.

ICAS

It is once again the time of year when we start collecting names and payments of students who wish to participate in the University of New South Wales ICAS testing program. Please look at the table below and consider if you want to participate in this program. This year's testing will be completed before school time from approximately 7:30 am on the day of the testing. **The closing date for the entries is the last day of school this term, Thursday 24th March.**

If you are interested in your child participating in any/all of these tests please come to the front office to collect a permission and payment form to be completed.

Computer Skills	Year 3 – 6	17 May	\$8.00
Science	Year 2 – 6	31 May	\$8.00
Spelling	Year 3 – 6	15 June	\$11.00
Writing	Year 2 – 6	14 June	\$17.00
English	Year 2 – 6	2 August	\$8.00
Mathematics	Year 2 – 6	16 August	\$8.00

Robyn Cooney – A/Principal & Pedagogical Coach
Pia Adriaansz – A/Deputy, Head of Curriculum & ICT Coordinator

APP OF THE WEEK

This week I continue to take a look at some of the Apps we are using here at Kenmore South State School. This week's App "**Spellboard**" is a tremendously useful and fun spelling tool that supports children with their spelling words. Year 4 classes at Kenmore South are using this App in their Literacy Rotations to help reinforce their knowledge and understanding of the Words their Way focus words each week.

App: Spellboard

Age: 8 years +

Price: \$4.99

What's it about?

Parents need to know that SpellBoard is a tremendously useful self-study aid, as long as students enter the words and phrases correctly. Kids can enjoy creating their own list on the app and recording the word and a clue phrase to be spoken back in their own voice during the app's spelling test. Kids can also upload a photo and look up the definition on the app, as well as share the spelling list with other SpellBoard users. There's a study mode to practice before taking the test and a white board with coloured markers to finger write the words before typing them into the quiz. Parents will find many ways to track their kids' studying, too: Time studied, number of questions answered correctly, and a complete list of all quizzes saved.

First a student selects whether to enter a spelling list or practice a list already included. In addition to entering their own spelling list words, kids can also speak the word or a phrase containing the word, add a photo, and look up the definition. Kids choose to study or take a quiz and the app records scores. The tests can also be shared via email or iTunes, and kids can connect with other SpellBoard users via Bluetooth. For more fun ways to practice than lists there are also three activities: Word Scramble, Word Search, and Missing Letters.

Engagement:

SpellBoard encourages kids to be involved in the making and taking of spelling tests. There are also three fun games -- "Word Scramble," "Word Search," and "Missing Letters" -- to play.

Learning Approach:

Offers detailed assessment of individual kids' progress. There are myriad ways kids can choose to study -- voice recording, definitions, finger tracing, even uploading pictures -- great for different learning styles.

Is it any good?

SPELLBOARD is easy to use and helpful in assessing a student's progress. Depending on how your kid learns, there are myriad ways that he or she can choose to study on this app: Voice recording, definitions, finger tracing, typing, even uploading pictures. Kids new to spelling tests may need their parents to enter the words as a safeguard -- if the spelling and proper meaning of the word in the clue phrase aren't entered correctly, the student could be studying an error. For older kids, this app is essentially do-it-yourself studying. It would be nice if the correct spelling of a word would pop up immediately after a kid misspells it during the actual quiz; currently, all of the correct spellings are given at the end of each quiz. This app could be a great supplemental spelling tool for struggling spellers, since it already has numerous Dolch lists of common words to learn and more to download. Kids can share lists if they all have this app, so only one student, parent, or teacher would have to enter the list.

This app is available to download from iTunes.



YOU CAN DO IT!

This week in the You Can Do It! program, students will describe the five qualities (Feeling worried, Feeling sad/down, Feeling lazy, Feeling angry and misbehaving, Not paying attention and distracting others) that block them from being happy and successful. The older students will be able to state that negative ways of thinking has a big impact on the 5 blockers which makes it harder for them to be happy and successful. They will discuss how they can weaken the 5 blockers and strengthen the Foundations that support success and happiness. This week's theme was discussed by Mrs Martin on assembly and is being reinforced throughout the week by all staff. Please take the opportunity to find some time to discuss this week's topic with your child/children.

Stephaine Pedley – Student Welfare Co-ordinator

SPORTS PHYS/ED NEWS

Regional Swimmers

Congratulations to our Regional Swimmers on their super fast swims at the trials last week. Many PB's (Personal Bests) were achieved as well as experiencing the 'next level' of competition (much tougher!). Results for 50m events are: Josef BK 18th, Nadia FS 18th, Kaizen Fly 10th, Riley Fly 12th and BK 6th, Ayla FS 23rd BK 12th and BR 14th, Annabel FS 8th BK 3th and 100 FS 9th, Nicholas FS 17th BR 14th BK 11th and Fly 7th, Megan FS 4th BR 6th Fly 6th BK 9th 100m FS 6th and 200m IM 5th. Given that the top 5 in each event are invited to go onto the State Trial, we certainly had a number who were close but not quite there! This year only one swimmer will go on - Megan. Good luck to Megan at the next level (which is really tough!) and well done to all our swimmers who took part in the Regional Trials.

District Trials (11 and 12 year olds)

I have information on the upcoming AFL, squash and hockey trials. Please see me if you are of a high standard at these sports and wish to trial at the next level.

Cross Country - Tuesday 22nd March

We have been running and everyone should now be familiar with the course. A map is on the sports notice board. Distances are ; 11 and 12 year olds - 2450m (4 large laps), 10 year olds - 1850m (3 large laps), 9 year olds - 1250m (2 large laps), 8 year olds from Year 3 - 950m (3 small laps), Year 2 - 650m (2 small laps), Year 1 and Prep - 350m (1 small laps). Not much time left so keep up the running!!

Inter school Sport Year 5 and 6

The competition begins next Friday! Teams are busy training. We can hardly wait! Thankyou coaches.

Alison Pegg – HPE

SCHOOL BANKING

Banking Slip Shortcuts

We here at School Banking are parent volunteers, and we know how little time there can be in the mornings, trying to get the kids to school on time. To save you a few moments, you can leave out a few items from your school banking deposit slip. The crucial information we need is: Name, Student ID number, Date and the amount of money to be banked. Unless you are a first time banker, you are very welcome to leave out the bank account number and branch details. Or better yet, get your children to fill out their own forms! It'll save you some time and will give them valuable real-world experience.

Banker of the Week: Laura McN.

Sarah & Sachiko - School Banking Coordinators

pipermail222@yahoo.com.au

EHC ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP NEWS

Today while we ate our lunch in Mrs Lenane's classroom we talked about mulch. Mulching is an important part of gardening, especially in our climate. Mulch acts as a kind of blanket for the soil. It holds water itself and prevents runoff. It provides protection from the sun, keeping the top of the soil from drying out. It prevents weeds popping up which compete with plants for moisture and nutrients. It also keeps the soil temperature constant, and using an organic mulch such as sugar cane means that as it breaks down, more nutrients will be added to the soil.

We had got most of the weeds out of the long vege bed (it's too hot still to worry too much about the square bed) so we added three bales of sugar cane today. We had lots of first timers so it was a new experience for many of our student gardeners. It was good to see them getting in and having a go.

We also gave Mr Donoghue a hand by sprinkling his new patch of grass with some of our favourite seaweed emulsion. It will help green up the lawn and help it resist this dry spell. We only had one watering can for every four gardeners to do it and they all waited patiently for their turn too. Good on you kids! Off to the hardware store Mrs C!

Kenmore South will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day this Friday. Each class has been assigned a part of the school to clean up. Please bring a pair of gloves from home - rubber, latex or gardening gloves are all good. A big thanks to Mrs Lenane for organising this.



Cathy Collins - Parent Volunteer ethac@hotmail.com
Facebook: KSSS EHC Environmental Group

P&C NEWS

The P&C executives voted in at the AGM are:

President: Kelly Underwood

Vice President: Andrew Hayes

Treasurer: Meliza Malherbe

Secretary: Peter Brady

This year our major project is moving the Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) facility to the Activities Centre freeing up much needed teaching spaces, as well as providing a substantially improved OSHC facility. Big projects require big decisions to be made. On Tuesday 8th March at 7:00pm the P&C will be holding a briefing and discussion for all community members to inform the decision on how to proceed and the allocation of funds to the project. We urge all members of the school community and OSHC users to attend this meeting. This is a very substantial project, and we need to understand community views on the options available. The OSHC briefing/discussion will be followed by a P&C general meeting starting at 7.30pm.

P&C Executives

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Lasagne & Soups

Hello all. Just a note to let you know that our Lasagne and Soups will return to the menu in Term 2. Munchmonitor is

always the best way to find out what we have in stock each week.

Pizza Price

Due to an increase in ingredient costs and as our pizzas are nice and generous they will now be priced at \$5. As many of you are already aware, all of our food is made in house, with the finest quality ingredients.

Carla Potts & Wendy Alexander
Tuckshop Convenors

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER CAKE STALL – 19 MARCH 2016

Our Cake Stall date (on Election Day) is drawing closer and we will need your help! We would love as many items as we can to sell on the day and are calling for all bakers and non-bakers alike to join in our cause. We are after whole cakes, cupcakes, cake pops, muffins, biscuits, sweets (coconut ice, fudge etc), savoury nibbles, anything you think will be tempting on the day! Bake as little or as much as you like and don't forget, there's nothing wrong with buying a box of cake mix from Woolies and cooking it up! Baked items can be dropped off at the school on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March. Details regarding packaging and ingredients lists will appear in the Week 7 newsletter. We will also need adults to help at the stall on the day. Our Year 6 students will be asked to assist on the day, especially our new Student Leaders as this fundraiser directly benefits our Year 6 students. We look forward to a fun event that will hopefully raise big \$\$\$.

Wendy Alexander and Janelle Shorrock-Browne
Year 6 Parents

P&C SCHOOL DISCO

Once again we are gearing up for another School Disco and are hoping for yet another big turnout and excellent night.

As usual the disco will be held on the second last Friday night of the school term. There is no theme this time just come and have fun!

The School disco is a big event for the kids and parents alike and it has been a terrific fundraising opportunity for the school. This event also gives raising an average of \$2500 each term and giving the kids a reward for their hard work throughout the term and contributes towards the installation of the new school hall fans.

Once again the disco will feature:

- Food: Sushi, Sausage Sizzle, Hamburgers, Pizza
- Drinks: Soft Drink, Water Esky's
- Lolly Stall
- Bar for mum and dad
- DJ
- Jumping Castle

When: Friday the 18th March 2016

Where: KSSS School Hall

Time: 5:30 to 7:30pm

Cost: \$6 entry or \$8 entry for unlimited time on Jumping Castle as well

Please bring small change

As always, this event is only possible through the hard work of our amazing volunteers so if you feel up for it please put your hand up and let me know. I would love to hear from you as we need between 25-30 people to successfully run this event!

Keyewest Mason - Disco Coordinator
0410 600 919

keyewest.mason@hpw.qld.gov.au

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STUDENT	ACHIEVEMENT
PG	Anastasia M	For doing a great job of communicating with others in English. Well Done Anastasia!
PJ	Micah M	For being a kind friend and looking after people in the playground. Thank you Micah for being such a lovely classmate.
PM	Gwendolen T	For being extremely caring and helpful towards Prep M friends all the time. Thank you so much!
1B	Alysha McN	For a fabulous effort writing sentences with vocabulary words and always having a positive attitude toward her school work.
1F	Harris McC	For a more positive attitude and increased confidence when completing tasks. Keep it up!
1R	Liam B	For his fantastic use of noun groups and verb groups to create an entertaining complex sentence using challenge words.
2C	Nichloas R	For always using such imaginative and descriptive vocabulary in Daily Writing activities. It is always a joy to read.
2J	Elizabeth D	For a fantastic effort using interesting vocabulary words in her writing! Keep up the great work!
2L	Vanessa B	For writing a creative and interesting narrative.
2S	Nate B	For being an active listener in Math, and displaying a good understanding of mathematical concepts when working with a partner and individually. Well done, Nate!
3D	Oskar V	For excellent contributions during Persuasive writing in class. You are demonstrating a positive attitude to learning. Keep up the good work Oskar!
3L	Zoe H	For consistently working to the best of your ability and helping others along the way.
3L	Isabel D	For outstanding organisation, consideration for others and always attempting to apply what is taught.
4G	Ruby S	For showing an enthusiasm for learning and trying her very best in all class activities. Keep it up, Ruby!
4H	Lillian M	For her generosity and selflessness in caring for others.
4M	Joshua P	For his determined and positive approach to school and class activities. He always gives challenging literacy and numeracy tasks a 'red-hot' go! Well done Josh!
4P	Oliver U	For a great effort to write creatively. Well done, Oliver. Your imaginative piece of writing was enjoyable to read.
5N	Alex D	For his thoughtful contributions to class discussions and writing a fantastic short story about, "The Girl in the Forest".
5W	Patrick L	For putting in a great effort to complete all homework tasks. Your hard work at home is paying off in the classroom. Well done Patrick!
6L	Laura B	For her exceptionally creative design and execution of a rotator pop-up!
6M	Emily W	For taking pride in her written work.
6R	Robert C	For working persistently to improve the standard of his spelling results. Well done.

COMMUNITY NOTICES/PAID ADVERTISING

Please note that the following paid advertisements are not indorsed by Kenmore South State School.

Monthly P&C meeting
Tuesday 8th March
7:30pm in the Staffroom



Preceded by a discussion about the
OSHC / Activity Hall refurbishment
(7:00pm to 7:30pm)

Everyone welcome!

P&C PostCard

join us : 7:30 pm

2nd Tuesday of the month

Kenmore South staffroom

pandc@kenmoresouthss.eq.edu.au

Assistive Technologies for Literacy.
Information Evening for parents and teachers.

- Thursday 10th March
- 5.15pm – 7pm (approximate finish time)
- Kenmore South SS, Miss Nadeem's classroom (upstairs above OSHC)

Speakers:

- Mark Parker (Livescribe): Will discuss Smart Pens and the desktop applications you need to be familiar with for uploading, saving, emailing your child's documents.
- Shannon Brown (Private Speech Language Pathologist): Shannon will demonstrate popular Speech-to-text and Read-aloud programs suitable for upper primary and high school. Invaluable information if your child or student is already using a smart pen or needing some further technology support as they move towards high school.

Please register your interest in attending to Fiona Ormiston, SLP:

formi1@eq.edu.au.

Please feel free to bring your own refreshment to this session.

PACIFIC SMILES

As many of you have heard from the news, Fiji has just encountered a Category 5 cyclone causing massive destruction throughout parts of the country. Most people have been affected by TC Winston, some minor and in some cases whole villages have been flattened leaving them with nothing.

Pacific Smiles - a non-profit organisation, is working tirelessly to collect goods to send to Fiji urgently to provide relief for the communities in desperate need. My family has been donating to this organisation for many years and you can see the tremendous work they do each year to help those in need in all of the Pacific islands. If you want to know more about this organisation you can follow them on Facebook page via their website (link below).

If you or someone you know is able to help in anyway, please see information attached. It does not have to be a huge donation every little bit counts. There is a list of items that are urgently required and drop off points/contact numbers which you can contact directly to organise for drop off's or collections.

Please read the following and call or txt to arrange drop off time:

Ashgrove - Angela 0476797158
Upper Coomera - Rose 0449556794
Nerang - Elizabeth 0432385245
Bracken Ridge - Rae 0421 742 085
Griffin - Stacey 0450428705
Springfield - Sarah & Ratu 0431289641

Donations Needed:

- Tents (temporary shelters)
- Tarps
- Linen (excellent condition)
- Pillows (new)
- Fishing lines and hooks
- Mosquito coils
- Matches
- Cooking utensils
- Wash boards
- Scrubbing brushes
- Rope
- Tools
- Medical Supplies
- Non-perishable food
- Toiletries
- (including sanitary packs for ladies)

- Mosquito Sprays
- Mosquito Nets
- Water-borne Vaccines and Medications
- Infant Formula and Bottles
- Baby food
- Learning Materials
- Purification Tablets
- Self-Inflating Mattresses (new or good conditions)

NO CLOTHES, SHOES OR TOYS PLEASE!!!

All these items must be new and boxed, labelled weighing 15kg or under. If linen is second hand please make sure it's CLEAN!

Alternately, boxes will be placed outside the classrooms as of Thursday 25th Feb, if you wish to donate and I can arrange to collect.

Cut off for donations is 9.30am Friday 4 March 2016

Website Link - <http://www.pacificsmiles.org>



Fun, Friends and Adventure!

Kenmore Gumnut Guides currently have spaces available.

Gumnut Guides take part in age appropriate indoor and outdoor games and activities, that challenge them to do their best while having fun and building confidence.

If your daughter is aged 5-7, and would like to join, please contact Inez on 0414 532 974

or email

kenmoregg.membership@gmail.com

jigsaw speech, language and literacy

Bethany Stapleton, local speech pathologist with 20 years exp. ph.31464114 or 0450 940 406 www.jigsawspeech.com.au

Helping children throughout their primary school years...

- say their sounds & words clearly
- understand what is said in the classroom
- respond with appropriate & grammatically correct sentences
- improve their reading & writing skills.

Kenmore Studio of Speech & Drama

Limited places available Wednesdays!

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Mrs Louise Raben
B.Ed.(Sec), L.T.C.L., A.T.C.L.

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Piano lessons for all primary aged children.
When: Thursday 7:00–7:30am and 8:00–8:30am
Cost: \$32 per half hour.
Teacher: Leanne Hodges *BMus (Hons), PGradDipEd.*
Email: hodges3010@gmail.com
Phone: 0437 088 668



Speech and drama classes - Free trial lesson

Speech and drama helps students build confidence and feel good about speaking up!

Speak Up is back at KSSS for term 1, 2016.
Join us for a free trial lesson on Thursday
11th Feb in the music room.

- + Chatterbees (p-2) 3.10pm-3.40pm
- + Chatterboxes (3-6) 3.40pm-4.25pm
- + Chatterboxes (3-6) 4.25pm-5.10pm

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