



Kenmore South State School

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Newsletter 04, Term 1, Week 05

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

March

Wed	2 nd	Year 4 – Living History Presentation
Tues	8 th	P&C – General Meeting
Wed	9 th	Year 2 – Hands on Toys Education
Wed	16 th	Year 5 – 5N & 5W – St Helena Stories
Wed	23 rd	Year 3 – Star Lab Education
Thurs	24 th	Year 5 – 5L – St Helena Stories

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	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

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NEWS FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

As part of our Strategic Plan for 2016, our school is focused on the Explicit Teaching of Writing. On Monday our school was visited by John Fleming from Haileybury School in Melbourne, accompanied by two of his teachers to support us in this journey. The visiting teachers modelled lessons in our classrooms while the teachers and teacher aides observed. The learning was invaluable – strategies, ideas, resources as well as reinforcing that the methods and delivery we use are of a high standard. Our afternoon twilight session then followed up on discussions around daily writing and the importance of vocabulary to extend our writers. The visitors were impressed with the children's extensive vocabulary. Why not ask your child about their word wall and the words they are working with this week.

Parent teacher interviews will be in week 8 and 9 of this term. This is an opportunity to meet with your class teacher, offer any information that will support your child in the classroom and to hear feedback from the teacher. A letter with the process for signing up a time slot will be sent out to all families shortly.

Junior Engineers

Thank you to those who have been emailing me. Please continue to do so over the next week so as I can evaluate if this is a worthwhile program to run within the school.

Which the excitement that the LEGO robotics program has generated within the school, I have reached out to the Junior Engineers program to determine if a morning or afternoon program would be suitable within the school. I would encourage families of students from year 3 to year 6 to access the website at www.jnreengineers.com to determine if a program like this would suit your child. If so, I would ask that you send me an email indicating your interest, if a morning or afternoon program would be best and the days(s) of the week that would suit. This information will then help me form up if it is worthwhile bringing Junior Engineers into the school.

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

Religious Instruction

Religious Instruction will commence on Thursday 25th February for all students in years 2 to 6. All classroom teachers have a list of the current status of participation for their students. If you would like to check if your child is, or isn't participating in RI, please see your 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.

Newsletter distribution

In regards to this newsletter, I will be only printing a hard copy of the school newsletter for the month of February. Commencing Wednesday 2nd March, the newsletter will go electronic. Please ensure that over the next four weeks you get yourself organised on how to receive the newsletter electronically.

How do you ensure that you get the newsletter when the print distributed version ceases? You have several options. The school website will contain the school newsletter. A small number of paper copies are available at the school administration for you or your child to pick up. You can load the QSchools app onto your smart phone which links to the school website.

Here is how to get your QSchools App to be notified of events and newsletters as they are uploaded to the school website.

Option 1

- Go to our school website
<https://kenmoresouthss.eq.edu.au>
- On the bottom of the webpage, go to QSchools and follow the links to download the QSchools app direct to your smartphone.

Option 2

- Go to Google Play or the Apple App store and download / install the app.
- Once you run the app, search for our school and press the star in the top right hand corner to favourite this school. You will then be notified when any update occurs on the school update.

Here is some more information in regards to the QSchool app.

The [QSchools app](#) is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools. The app is designed to integrate with school websites, and allows users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app. The QSchools app will be particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view. All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app.

Robyn Cooney - Acting Principal & Pedagogical Coach
Pia Adriaansz - Acting Deputy, Head of Curriculum & Technology

SPORTS PHYS/ED NEWS

District Trials

Good luck to the athletes who are trialling for district teams in soccer, netball or basketball. I also have information on boys hockey (across district trial) and squash - if there are any players please see me.

Inter school Sport Years 5 and 6

The excitement of participating in an inter school sporting competition this semester is at an all time high! Training has begun at lunchtimes and everyone is looking forward to playing in a team. We now have 2 touch teams, 4 soccer teams, 4 AFL teams (2 girls!), and 4 netball teams. We begin on March 11th.

Letters regarding inter school sport will be going home this week. Please read carefully. Students must return the permission/ payment/ medical forms before being permitted to participate.

Swimming (Year 2 and 3)

We have seen huge progress in the swimming ability of these children. Well done! It certainly has been great weather to be in the pool!

Ten Pin Bowling (Year 4-6)

We have enjoyed a few 10 Pin Bowling sessions after borrowing equipment from the AFP Bowling centre at Mt Gravatt. Just in case you are thinking of having a family bowling day out, watch out! Our players are good!! I hope they have shared their success stories with you.

Alison Pegg – HPE

YOU CAN DO IT!

This week in You Can Do It! the focus is around understanding and defining the meaning of the nine values: Caring, Do Your Best!, Fair Go, Freedom, Honesty, Doing the Right Thing, Respect, Responsibility, Accepting Others. Students will describe how these values influence the way they act, with the older students identifying those values which they would like to strengthen. This week's theme, the nine values, was introduced by Ms Cooney 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

EHC ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP NEWS

It was a pleasure to meet our THREE new Environmental Captains for 2016. We have Brad, Belicia and Rachel from Year 6. They have already thrown themselves into the role, drawing up a chart to record student gardener participation and planning what they will say each week at assembly. They've made a great start!

We have almost finished weeding our vege patch in preparation for a new year of growing. It has been so hot that we have stuck to the shady bits! Despite the heat there have been a lot of eager student gardeners so far this year, including a group of amateur entomologists who it seems are only interested in what we do as far as what bugs we can dig up! This week it was a native cockroach, a centipede and a rhinoceros beetle larva. That's a pretty good haul considering that most bugs would have heard us coming and got well out of the way. (*No bugs were hurt - we delivered them to a quieter corner of the garden).

Our student gardeners meet every Monday lunchtime at 1pm at Mrs Lenane's classroom (look for the classroom opposite the vege patch with a worm farm out the front). All students are welcome to come.

See you in the garden!

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

SCHOOL BANKING

Thanks to everyone for their continued support of the banking program. If you would like to be involved as a parent volunteer, please contact us on the email address below.

Banker of the Week: Jed F.

Sarah & Sachiko - School Banking Coordinators
pipermail222@yahoo.com.au

TENNIS COACHING

Dear Tennis Parents, I am sorry for the delay in updating on my broken wrist, but I have just seen my surgeon last week. I have been advised, as a result of my injury, that I will be unable to begin lessons until next term.

I am very grateful for your support and kind wishes after my recent accident. I am sure all students are very eager to get back on the court as I will be to have a hit with them.

The last week of term all pupils are welcome to a free lesson on Monday 21st March (at 1 pm grades 3, 4, 5 and 6) and Wednesday 23rd March (grade 1 at 11am and grade 2 at 1pm). Classes will begin on Monday 11th April and Wednesday 13th April.

All fees for first term can be forwarded to second term or I can refund fees to your account. Thank you for your support.

Lexie Croke – Tennis Coach

CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

It's time for our first parent/ carer coffee morning of the year- Next Wednesday 2 March! This is a time where we can get to know each other, glean from each other's parenting wisdom and connect! If you're new to the school this year, or have never come along, we'd love to see you there. All the details are below. Please feel free to just turn up on the day, but if you know you're going to be there, please send me an email for booking purposes. Thank you!



YOU'RE INVITED!

Parent/ Carer Coffee Mornings
First Wednesday of every month

Date: Wednesday 2 March
Where: Plum Café, Kenmore Plaza,
Shop 17/841 Moggill Rd
Time: Just after morning drop-off, from 9:15am
Why: To connect and chat with other parents

Hope to see you there.



Jilanna Craig – Chaplain
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

CLASS	STUDENT	ACHIEVEMENT
PG	Ayda R	For using a clear voice during her daily talks presentations.
PJ	William P	For some excellent listening in class and following instructions. Well done William, you are a star!
1B	Tristan K	For a fantastic effort writing a retell of 'Koala Lou' and awesome use of full stops and vocabulary.
1C	Lily T	For her wonderful retell of the story 'The Pocket Dogs' this week. Lily accurately described all the events in the middle and end of the book. Well done, Lily!
1F	Georgia B	For being a cheerful, well-mannered student who is always willing to help others.
1R	Oakley R	For always working hard and enthusiastically, taking on any academic challenges that come his way.
2C	Katelyn P	For showing great resilience and confidence in class and always willing to help her classmates! Well done Katelyn!
2J	Shanen J	For showing persistence during spelling and never giving up.
2L	Chloe E	For showing her mathematical thinking and sharing it with her peers.
3D	Ern Nee N	You have demonstrated excellent knowledge of the structure of a persuasive text. Your word choice in your writing has been well thought out. Keep up the good work.
3F	Kalin P	For her outstanding observational skills in helping a friend find a very special item. Well done Kalin.
3S	George M	For showing incredible growth in attitude and effort in class. resulting in some fantastic presentations and results in class.
4G	Isaac F	For writing some fantastic, creative and interesting sentences using his vocabulary words.
4H	Michael J	For being focused and working to achieve the best possible results in all areas.
4M	Emily H	For her hard work in improving speed and recall of basic facts this week. Emily can be relied upon to act responsibly and respectfully in all class settings and subjects. What a great week!
4P	Eliza L	For a great effort to write a creative conversation between The Twits. Well done, Eliza. Your conversation was interesting and enjoyable to read.
5L	Isabel D	For outstanding organisation, consideration for others and always attempting to apply what is taught.
5N	Tharaniah S	For always taking pride in her work and doing her personal best to complete set tasks.
5W	Kaizen S	For being a super sensational speller, an imaginative writer and an enthusiastic reader. Well done Kaizen!
6L	Anna C	For applying her knowledge of segregation to her prefix sentences.
6M	Rachel B	For good concentration and work habits
6R	Marnie H	For a great improvement in organising herself for the day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES/PAID ADVERTISING

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



KSSS Fete is coming on the
29th July 2017.



Coordinators needed.
Please contact the P&C. Thanks!

P&C PostCard

join us : 7:30 pm

2nd Tuesday of the month

Kenmore South staffroom

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