Welcome to Week 5 at KPS

On Monday our staff spent a valuable day together learning about Instructional Approaches to Spelling, Managing Challenging Behaviours and worked in teams to assess and moderate student work in preparation for report writing. The curriculum days that are held throughout the year are an important opportunity for staff to further develop their skills to provide the best education we can for your child.

Maths Night

Last Thursday night we held our annual KPS Maths Night. A small but enthusiastic crowd participated in a number of measurement activities. Thank you to Miss Hecker and Ms McCarthy for organising the night. Thank you also to the teachers, parents and students who attended.

Working Bee

Thank you to the very dedicated parents, students and staff who take pride in developing and maintaining our school environment. A special thank you to those who were able to give a couple of hours on Friday afternoon to continue that great work. There are a number of projects underway at the moment around the school and there is always plenty of ongoing weeding and maintenance to be done. So if you are able to offer any help please let the office know and we will happily give you a job.

End of Year Excursions

Today you will have received information regarding the end of year excursion for your child’s grade. The end of year excursions are always a highlight for students and teachers and an opportunity to celebrate the hard work everyone has done throughout the year. Following is information regarding each excursion:
Prep – Tuesday 9th December: Bulla Railway and the surrounding parklands.
Grade 1 – Friday 12th December: Thomastown Recreation and Aquatic Center (TRAC) for a fun day of swimming and indoor climbing.
Grade 2 – Tuesday 9th December: Reading Cinemas Epping to watch ‘Paddington’ (rated G) and then lunch and a play at Golden Moth Park, Craigieburn.
Grade 3/4 – Wednesday 10th December: Airbourne Indoor Trampoline Park, Roxburgh Park followed by lunch and a play at Greenvale Reservoir.
Grade 5/6 – Wednesday 10th December: Seymour Sports and Aquatic Centre (including giant inflatables) and lunch at the park.

Have a great week

Jennene Cooney
Assistant Principal

Christmas Donations

Have you noticed the Christmas tree in the foyer?

This year as a school community, we would like to collect donations of non perishable food, gifts and toys (in new condition please) to give to the Salvation Army to distribute to families in need this Christmas.

If you like to make a donation during the month of November, please place your gifts in the boxes under the tree.

Thank you for your support.
Parent Pipeline

CAFE Strategy: Use Beginning and Ending Sounds

Often when learning new words, children apply the strategy of using the beginning sound to help them identify the word. When they do this, they often guess a word that may not fit in the sentence, it starts with the same letter so they guess and move on without looking at the rest of the word. They may not even know there is an end to the word. To gain accuracy it is important that children also learn to look at the end of the word when reading. Applying the accuracy strategy of using beginning and ending sounds helps with both accuracy and comprehension since reading the correct words will enhance the meaning of what is being read.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. When listening to your child read, encourage him/her to slow down enough to pay attention to the end of the word. Have your child point to the end of the word and tell you the sound it makes. This reinforces that there is an end to the word.

2. Have your child cross check the word he/she just read. Remind your child to ask, “Does it look right, does it sound right, does it make sense?” to help them identify the word.

3. If necessary, revisit letter sounds and the concept words of beginning and end. Then, when stumbling on a word, have your child stretch out the word, saying the beginning, middle, and end sounds. After having him/her focus on the beginning and ending sounds, help your child read the word correctly and ask, “Did that make sense?”

4. If your child is still struggling with this strategy, have your child write the word out. Slowing down to write the word can help focus his/her attention on the end sound.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

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Teaching and Learning

KPS Family Mathematics Night

Last Thursday evening a small band of students, parents and teachers enjoyed many measurement activities at the KPS Annual Family Mathematics Night. Thank you to all those who attended.
Manners Matter

This weeks focus—

I care about others

Happy Birthday

November
5 Tyler 2S, Harrison 56L
7 Adam 1N
8 Ashley PK, Tom 56R
9 Alexcia 2H

Teaching the teachers
On Monday our teachers spent a valuable day together, learning and further developing their skills. The curriculum days that are held throughout the year are an important opportunity for staff to further develop their skills to provide the best education we can for your child.

Icy Pole Day—Every Friday of Term 4
50c an icy pole with a limit of one per student.
Koolstix all natural icy poles supplied by ‘Home Icecream’

Rememberance Day
We are selling Poppies and wristbands on behalf of the RSL for Rememberance Day. These are available from the office for $2.00-$3.00. Thank you for your support.

Jack Milgate from 5/6L competed in his first Victorian Power Boat Association boat race at Lake Glen Maggie over the week end. Jack competed in the Formula Future class. He had 3 races and came away with a 1st and 3rd place. Well done Jack!
LOST

GOLD MENS DRESS RING
WITH SEVEN DIAMONDS

Could be in a bag of lollies given out on Halloween night to four little girls dressed as witches

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2nd Hand Uniform Sale
Monday, 10th November 2014
Monday, 1st December 2014
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
In the Art Room