



Kensington
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Kensington Secondary School

An Independent Public Education Support School

Term 1, Issue 2
12 April 2018

From the Principal's Desk

School Times
8.30am-2.40pm

Recess
10.20am-10.40am

Lunch
12.25pm-12.55pm

Dates to Remember

Term 2 commences
Tues 1 May

Wed 16 May
P&C Annual AGM

Fri 25 May
Prospective Parent Morning Tea

Mon 4 June
WA DAY
School Closed

Fri 29 June
Term 2 ends

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**Term 3 Commences**  
**Tues 17 July**

The 2018 year has started very smoothly but oh how quickly the end of the first term has arrived! Whilst it has been an extremely busy 11 weeks, they have been productive with many of the improvements planned last year having a positive impact on student learning and behaviour. Trying to fit all these improvements in can be a delicate task at times and not everything has gone according to plan. The release of the IEPs was delayed because of technical issues with the Reporting to Parents program when trying to upgrade the system to better reflect all that is happening in our classrooms. This is a work in progress and minor changes will appear from time-to-time as we continue to bring better documentation to our parents.

Naturally enough, students are the central focus at the school and we work in multiple ways to support their learning and development. Staff spend a great deal of time each day listening to our students on a range of matters and these conversations form an important part of the educational process as students learn to engage with issues in appropriate and meaningful ways. It is also important that they have formal representation within the school and we achieve this by having student counsellors elected each year from within our senior cohort. It is therefore my pleasure to announce that Luke, Mathaw, Charlie, Ryan, Adrian, Leith and Brandon are our student counsellors for 2018. It was a close vote and I congratulate all those students who were elected and those who narrowly missed out.

Upcoming events for next term will include a Principal's morning tea in May and details of this will be forwarded early next term. I will also be forwarding letters to parents whose children are currently in Year 12, inviting them to consider Year 13 in 2019. These letters go out every year during term 2 as I must submit the names of students to the department by August each year. I will also be forwarding a quick survey to gauge parent responses to the idea of using Skype or similar communication apps that will enable busy parents to video link to meetings such as the School Board and the P&C. The general feeling amongst these committees is that more parents will be able to participate if we are able to provide this level of access. Both the School Board and the P&C are extremely important means for parents to connect with the school and we are actively looking for ways to engage parents more effectively and meaningfully.

In closing, I wish to extend my appreciation to the members of the Board and the P&C as well as the staff for the incredible work they have done in assisting me in addressing some of the issues that confronted the school early last year. As a result of the concerted effort of many people, the school commences this year in a much stronger financial and enrolment position than it did in 2017. This will allow our community to develop and grow and places us in a solid position to implement further improvements to supporting our young people and their ongoing development.

**Steve Hordacre**

## ***A Word from Admin***

Thank you to those parents and carers who have already paid the 2018 Charges and Voluntary Contributions. Full and part payments can be made by cash or cheque at the office.

Alternatively, payments can be made via EFT. Our school bank account details are:

**Bank:** Commonwealth  
**BSB:** 066040  
**Account:** 1990 0516  
**Name:** Kensington Secondary School

**Karen Trivanovic**  
**Manager Corporate Services**

Our new improved website went live this week. Please take the time to browse it.

The web address is <http://kensingtonss.wa.edu.au/>

We would also appreciate any feedback/comments/compliments/complaints etc.

**Eugene Maguire**  
**Deputy Principal**

## **Health Centre**

All year 8 and 10 students should have received their immunisation packs with consent forms. Please return as soon as possible.

In the coming months, we will experience the colder and wetter months of the year. Unfortunately, this can also bring illness. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough and are able to eat, drink and participate in class learning. Should your child require medication while at school for short-term illnesses, please complete an *Administration of Medication* form at the front desk. This form information must match the pharmacy label on the medication. Please call us if you require any guidance.

**Kerri & Sue**  
**Nurses**

## **Kensington School P&C**

Our P&C kindly ran an Easter raffle and a 'Staff' raffle this term which was very well supported by parents, staff and community members. Many thanks to those who donated Easter goodies and to all who sold or purchased tickets. Congratulations to Mrs Hegarty who was the lucky winner of a night at the Hyatt hotel!

Thank you also for the very generous donation to the P&C from the Sorbara family's 'Open Garden' recently.

**The P&C will be holding their annual AGM on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

Further information will be provided in Term 2.



## SPORTS

Kensington students have been actively participating in physical activities during the last session on a Friday! T-ball and soccer have been amongst the favourite sports to play as well as basketball, cricket and Jiggle Jam! Awesome effort to all of our sports enthusiasts, be sure to have a wonderful holiday and remember to stay active!

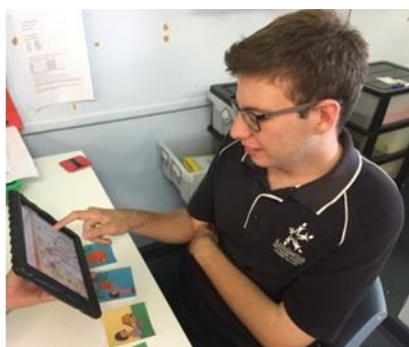
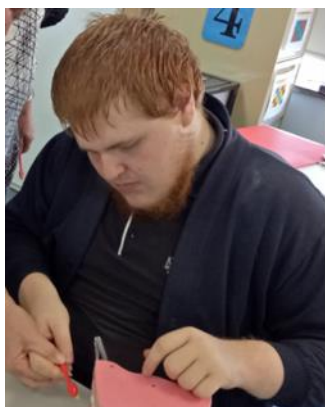


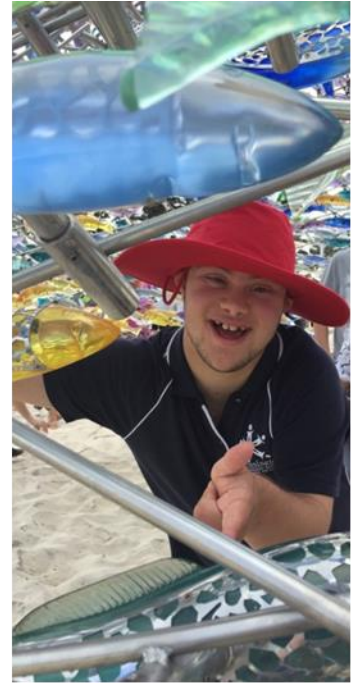


## ROOM 3

Room 3 students have had a great start to the year! Many of our students are preparing for life after school by participating in work placements. Others have been taking part in work preparation skills. Students have been working hard on numeracy and literacy skills in work stations, social skills at Rowethorpe, and independent living skills in cooking, shopping and life skills. Swimming this term has been at Aqua Life and in Horticulture/Farm we are honing in on Cert 1 AgriFood skills. Some students have had the opportunity to visit Sculptures By the Sea to support their art curriculum and others have attended the RAC 'bstreetsmart' presentation in preparation of them starting their Keys 4 Life learner driver education course.

*Mrs Makins and Mrs Stone*





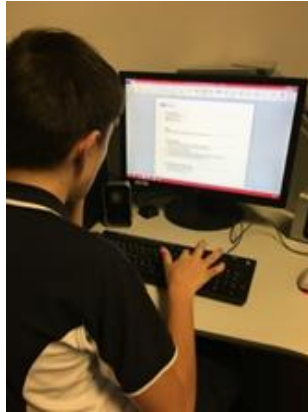
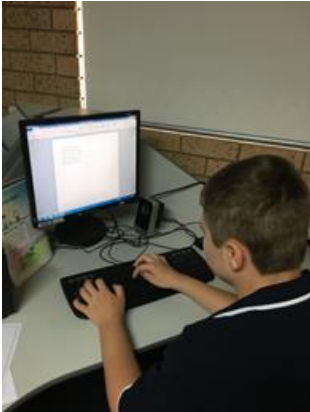
**Happy Holidays from all  
the Staff in Room 3!**



# ROOM 4 NEWS!

Room 4 have been really busy preparing for Canteen (selecting recipes, writing out the shopping list and shopping for the grocery items), as well as participating in their computing program (typing and printing the order forms, writing their resumes, completing budgeting work and so on).

It is great to see so much engagement in Room 4.



On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 9 Kensington students went to the RAC bstreetsmart workshop at the Perth Arena.

RAC bstreetsmart is a road safety awareness workshop which is aimed to highlight and explain the dangers and implications of driving a motor vehicle (or any vehicle with a motor).

The students really enjoyed the excursion.

Here's what a few of the students had to say about RAC bstreetsmart:

"Don't text and drive" *Breanna*.

"I didn't like the car crash part because I felt a bit worried but I really liked listening to people talk about their accidents" *Dakota*.

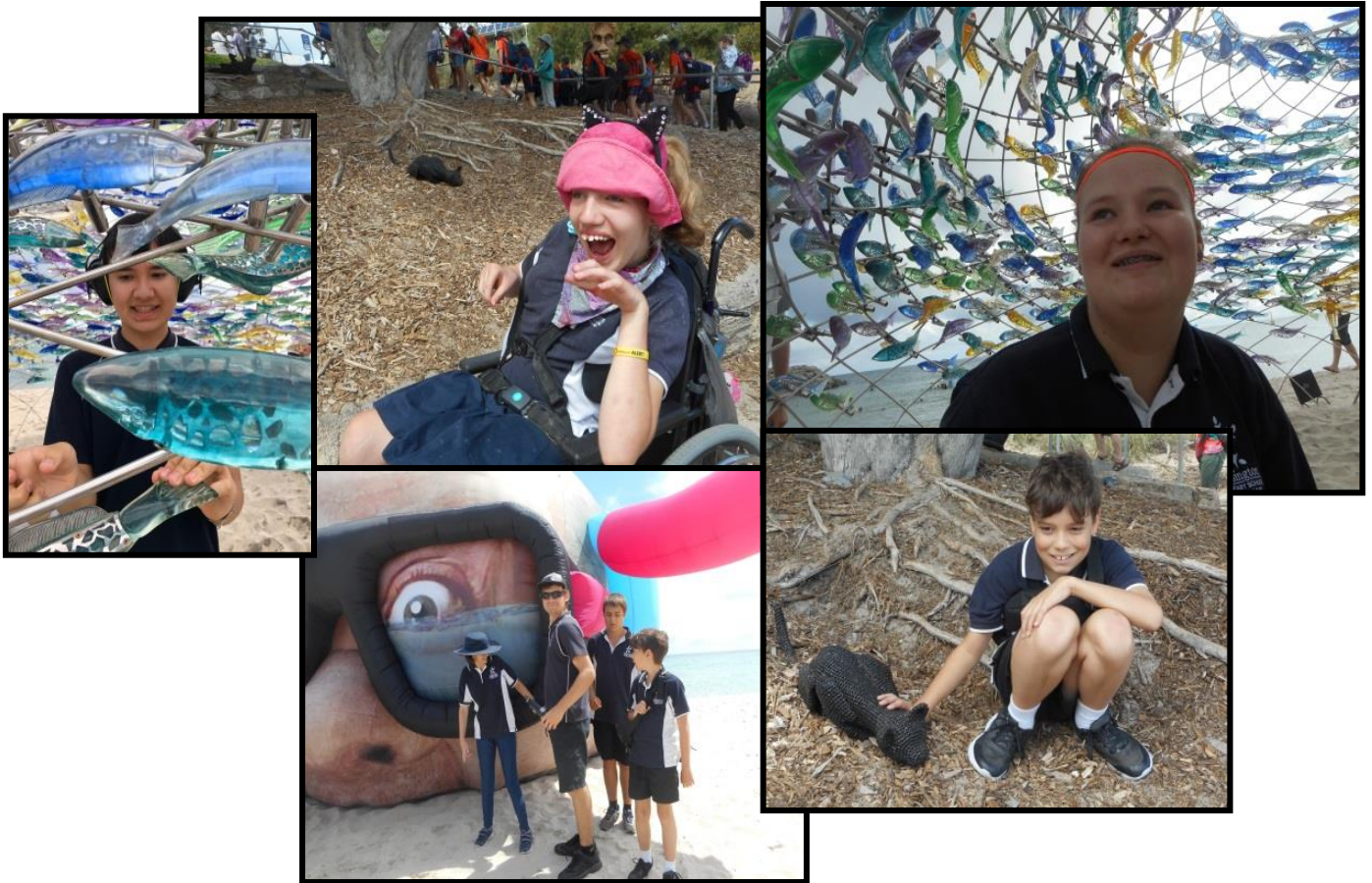
"I really enjoyed the excursion and learned a lot about what you shouldn't do when you are driving". *Matt*.

"Always wear a seatbelt in the car" *Michael G*.

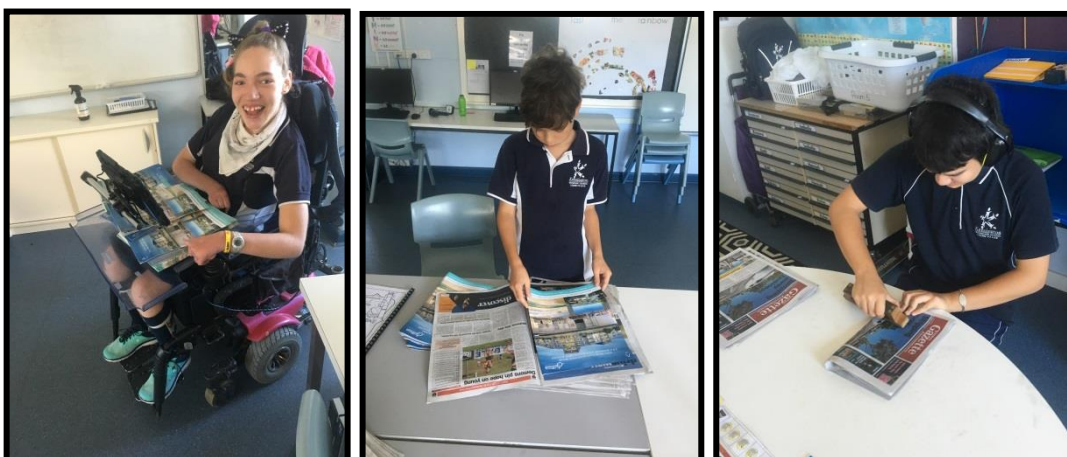




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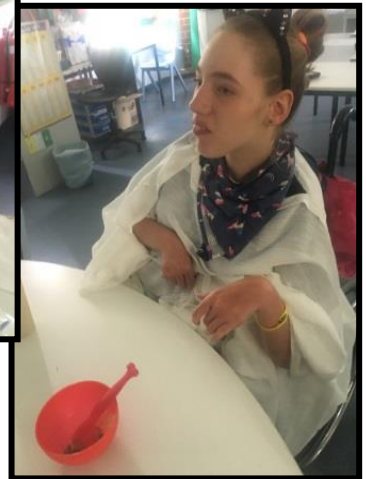


Everyone had a happy and interesting time at 'Sculptures by the Sea', consolidating what they had learned in Art this Term.



Newspaper delivery on a Tuesday is an important programme to learn skills and processes. Students acquire skills such as; collating, accurate folding, systematic delivery, crossing roads or driveways safely and behaving in a mature and appropriate manner in the community. The students have different roles which they take on with pride and enthusiasm. We look forward to continuing with this program during the following terms.





In HASS we have been learning about Ancient Greece and experiencing the ancient culture; food, dancing, clothing, theatre and more, also comparing it to modern Greek culture. Next term we will be learning about Ancient Egypt, get ready to walk like an Egyptian.



We have been taken by forces in Room 5 this term in Science. Next term we will be implementing the types of direct and indirect forces and using our creativity to build our very own 'Rube Goldberg machine'. Watch this space!

**Happy and safe holidays**  
**from everyone in Room 5 😊**

## Room 6

We are so impressed with the amount of work the students are completing this term. We went straight into the New Year without hesitation...it was full steam ahead for Room 6.

Our Science lessons this semester are discovering the joys of physics, including gravity and Newton's Three Rules of Motion. This has meant lots of pushing and pulling, kicking and bouncing, and stopping and starting as we experiment with force and mass.

Health has been interesting this term as we talk about the personal and often private subjects of puberty. Students have set rules to help engage in the topic in a respectful and mature way including Be Brave and Join In, Ask Questions, It's Ok to Feel Embarrassed, and Be Private (it is not for sharing in the playground). This is part of our Protective Behaviours curriculum using "Everybody Needs to Know" which is an excellent resource specifically created for our students.

To complement our shopping trips, students have been writing notes and letters to post each week to peers and teachers and this has proved to be a popular exercise. After all, who doesn't like getting a nice letter in the post?

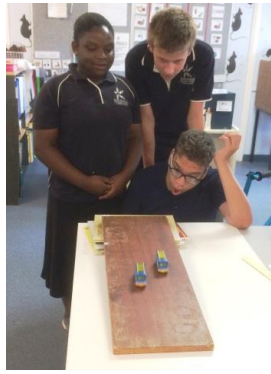
In HASS we have been studying the perils of The Black Death and the problems around the lack of understanding of hygiene. Students have created posters encouraging peers to DAB (Destroy All Disease) by coughing into your elbow instead of into your hand.

We would like to say thank you to all our parents for their support and for the excellent attendance record we have in Room 6. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday break.

The Room 6 Team







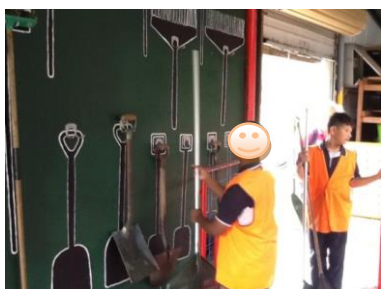


# ROOM 10

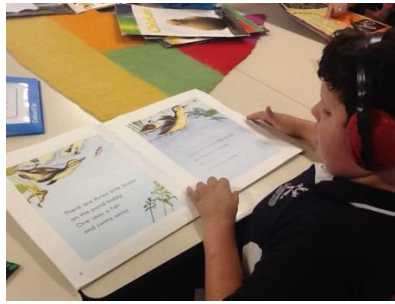
Students from Room 10 have been visiting Landsdale Farm School. We have been learning about the animals, plants and machinery on the farm. We are also learning how to care for and interact with domestic animals. The farm chores include raking up dead tree materials such as honky nuts, leaves, sticks and grass. After a busy time on the farm we go to the resource room for our Science lesson then to the sensory playground.

As a reward for our hard work, a farmer named Grant gives us the cart ride around the farm. We have lots of companions on the way such as goats and sheep. We bring lots of memories back to school as we take many photos and then we write stories that we share with our school peers. We often meet other students from different schools who are working there. We work hard but we always have good fun.

Room 10 Team









# THE FANTASTIC ROOM 11

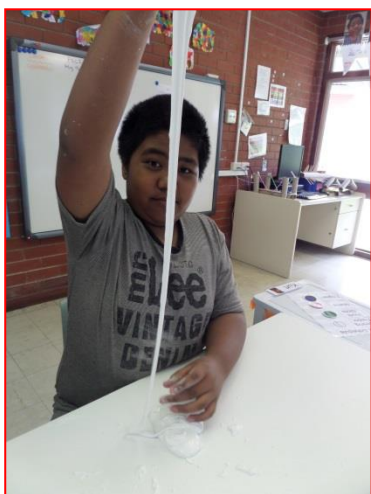
It has been a very busy term in Room 11. Our six young men have been getting to know each other and working very hard in their classes.

STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This has been a favourite class of both students and staff at the end of the week. The boys have been given simple engineering challenges to use with a range of different recyclable objects or house supplies to create structures. These challenges have resulted in some interesting creations and lots of communication and co-operation between students, which has been wonderful to see!

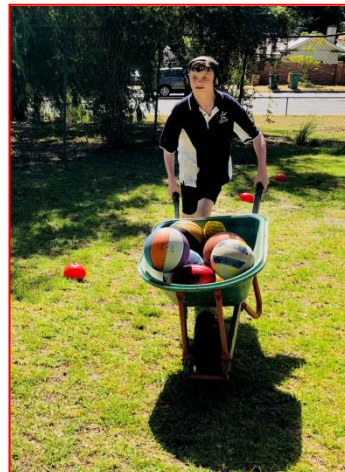




In Science, the class has been learning about Biology – the life science and classifying objects into living and non-living. We have done some experiments with non-living things and explored how they might move but are not alive. From there, the boys have identified the needs of living things and the differences between plants and animals. We are now looking at life cycles, firstly plants and then we will be looking at different animals.



To get the boys moving and using all their muscle groups, we have been completing an obstacle course in the lower playground. It has been wonderful to see all the boys getting active participating in Mr H's activities AND having fun!





## Room 12



**Room 12** went to Kenwick School to explore their sensory playground. The students had a wonderful time making music, trying out a variety of swings, enjoying watching the hippo spray water from his nostrils and rolling down the sensory slides.

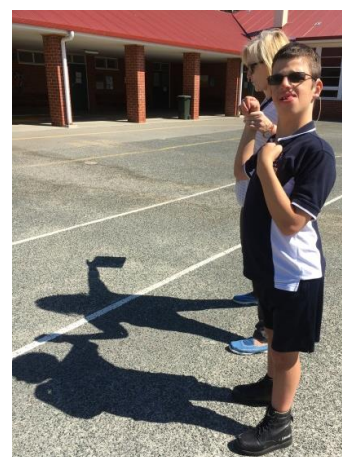




Kawana, Ashleigh and Dan are creating Shadows with their bodies during Science. Nathan and Gemma are enjoying the Liberty swing.



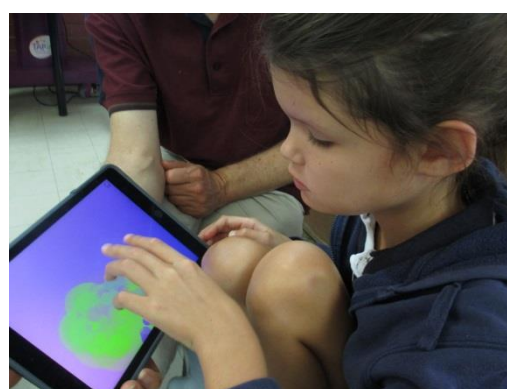
Dan is creating a paper Australian flag during HASS.



In Science, Nathan, Adrian and Kawana are making sunbursts from sticks and crepe paper.



Ashleigh and Adrian are exploring the Australian Flag during HASS.



Jemma is enjoying exploring colours during Digital Technologies.

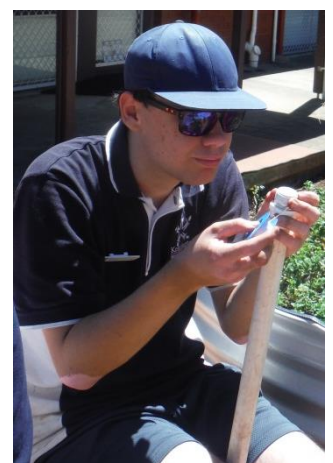
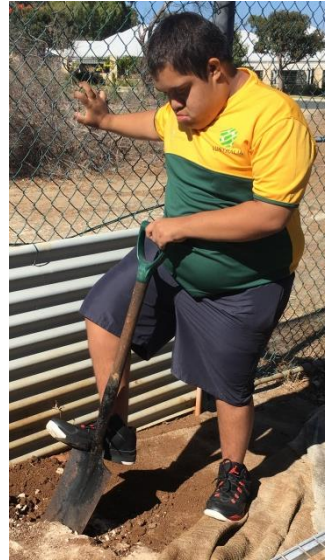


## Horticulture & Hillside Farm

What outstanding work and work ethic we have seen from the students involved in the Horticulture/Farm programs so far this term.

The students have been; planting seeds and observing them grow, measuring plant growth, watering, maintaining the garden beds, sweeping the pavement and keeping the horticulture area clean, safe and tidy, preparing lunch and cooking the BBQ, pruning, repotting plants, whipper snipping and more! An excellent term had by all. Thanks team.

*Miss Johns and Mrs Makins*



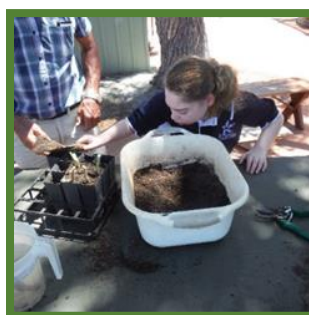


## Horticulture News

Pumpkins have taken over the horticulture area this summer with many students being able to cut the stem and carry the pumpkin to the Home Science room. Broccoli, Broccolini, Beetroot, Silverbeet, Corn, Basil and Italian Parsley seedlings have been planted.

Many plants like Rosemary, French Lavender, Aloe Vera, Mother in Law Tongue, Basil and Lemongrass have been re-potted.

*Mr. Lundy*



# Music

The year has started with a rewarding variety of musical experiences ranging from classroom singing and percussion to playing the trumpet and experimenting with electronica. Senior students have been investigating the history of blues and its influence upon modern popular music and everyone has enjoyed participating in our whole school songs 'Don't Worry, be Happy' and 'End of the Line'. Enjoy the photos!

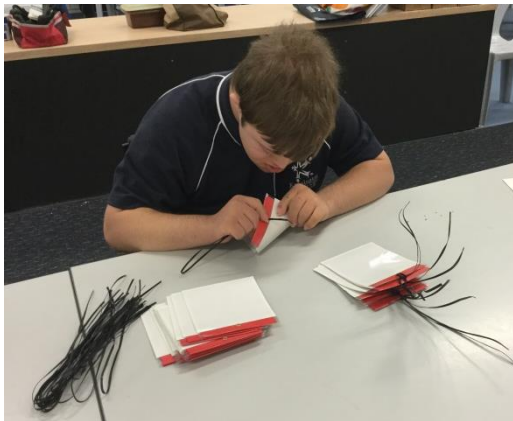
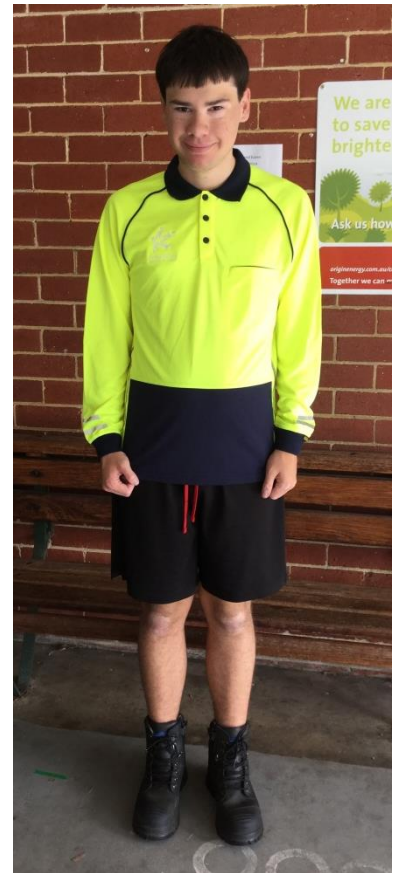
Tim Chambers, Music Teacher





## Workplace Learning

Our Workplace Learning Crews have been out and about all over the metro area, working hard and expanding their skillset. Meanwhile some students have remained on campus, learning new skills in the Work Ready Program. Below are some samples of what they've been up to...



Clockwise: **Henry** is learning how to do his work systematically. **Michael** is working with his plant pots. **Luke** is a good example, dressed appropriately and ready on time for his Agrifood Operations Course. Likewise **Dakota** and **Dylan** are dressed appropriately and are enthusiastic to attend with Luke. **Mr Hordacre** is giving the work crew a send-off in the school bus. And **Ryan M** is displaying good personal hygiene in the work place.

Our students are still perfecting their work skills in the KSS Work Room and have been doing tasks such as processing the Coles Sports Promotion Dockets, honing their fine motor skills and sorting donated items for the Good Sammy's Donation Drive. We have already had one Donation Drive take place this year and we are planning another one later in the year, so keep those smaller items coming in for sorting in the Work Skills Room and stay tuned for the next GSI Donation Drive.







## Workplace Learning



But wait there's more.....

Above: **Ryan W** is using a Safety Step to find the few items that are out of his reach. **Brandon** is restoring a bike at his Bike Rescue Program. And **Miguel** is showing how important it is to keep his work area clean and tidy. Below: **Mr Lundy** and the boys, ready for day one of their Agrifood Operations Course. **Dakota** and **Dylan** playing pool on their lunch break and everyone is having way too much fun at work!!!



Students enrolled in Workplace Learning have also commenced ASDAN Workright, a Certified Endorsed Program that addresses the things that students need to know about working life, such as Health and Safety Rules, Time Keeping, Social Interactions and doing their work correctly. The photos above also display some of 'Workright' in action.

### Coming Up.....

We will be Folding and Bundling pamphlets again for the Collier Primary School Mulch and Manure Fundraiser in Term 2. We commenced baking and packaging dog biscuits for the 'Lend A Paw International Guide Dogs Day Fundraiser' which took place on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Each term, we will continue to prepare the Dog Biscuits for Guide Dogs WA Perth Upmarket stalls.

Later on in the year, there will also be another 'Service Providers Evening' planned for the senior students and their families, so parents and students can start planning for life after Graduation from Kensington Secondary School.

Everyone has done a great job this term and we are very proud of all of you for your keen efforts in your work placements. Rest up well over the holidays everyone and get ready for Round 2!

**Mrs Booth – VET/WPL Coordinator**



# RECYCLING AT KSS

## ALUMINIUM CANS

Students wash, pull the rings off (for a charity that makes artificial limbs from the metal), crush and put the cans in the large recycling bin. This program allows students to practise following a number of consecutive steps to complete a task and contribute to the care of our environment.

**Please save and rinse all your cans and send them in on the bus or car.**

*Large and small amounts are gratefully received!*



As previously mentioned, Kensington SS supports Good Samaritan Industries by holding Donation Drives twice yearly. Household items in good condition, such as those listed below, can be brought to school throughout the year to be sorted by the students and donated.

Clothing, linen, glassware, crockery and cutlery, kitchenware, cookware and utensils, plastic containers, ornaments, vases and pictures, bric-a-brac, large hard toys, jewellery, handbags and shoes, mobile phones, iPods etc, small electrical items in good working order, small items of furniture.

For larger furniture items please call GSI directly on the number listed below:

Free Home Collections 1300 855 130

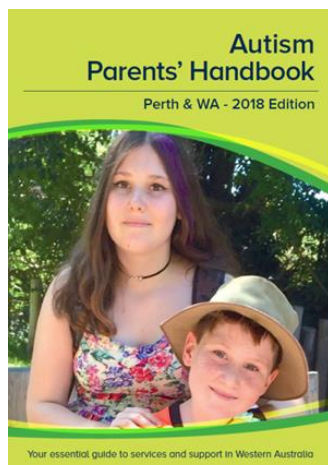
Your donations will help us to provide meaningful paid employment for people with disabilities

## BATTERIES



Please remember to send in any used/spent batteries ready for collection and recycling by our local council. Even if you only have a few, they add up. Last year our council collected around 40kg of spent batteries from KSS alone. They have kindly given us a battery recycling bin to use, which is kept safe and secure and have also provided each family with a battery recycling bag. Look out for your Battery Recycling Bag, put your spent batteries in it and bring it in to KSS at the end of 2018, ready for collection.

**Please note: Batteries should not be given to students; rather parents/carers should hand them in to a teacher, admin or bus aide.**



This resource book is available from:

- DDWA, City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi Street, West Perth
- Kalparrin - Princess Margaret Hospital - <https://kalparrin.org.au/>
- Copies are also being circulated to Local Coordinators offices with the Dept. of Communities Disability Services (formerly Disability Services Commission) and should be available at your local office after Easter if not before.

**If you would like a copy posted, there is a \$5.00 postage and handling fee.**

Please send us an email or phone with your **name, address and advise us of your payment method for postage.**

Credit Card: Please ring Sue Birch or Teresa Pracilio on 9420 7203

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