



Kensington
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Kensington Secondary School

An Independent Public Education Support School

Term 2, Issue 4
28 June 2018

School Times

8.30am—2.40pm

Recess

10.20am-10.40am

Lunch

12.25pm-12.55pm

Dates to Remember

Term 3 commences
Tues 17th July

Wed 1st Aug

Open Board AGM 3pm
All Welcome

Thur 16th Aug

Post School Options
Expo 5 – 7pm

Thur 6th Sept

School Ball Hyatt

Mon 10th Sept

Makukuhan
Performance

Wed 12th Sept

Wesley Concert Band

Fri 14th Sept

Thank You
Morning Tea

Fri 21st Sept

Last Day Term 3

Term 4 Commences

Tues 9th Oct

Students from SEDA Sports Clinics have been working with our students over the past few weeks covering a range of ball skills and activities.



From the Principal's desk.....

The school has been a hive of activity since the last newsletter of a few weeks ago. Apart from finalising recruitment processes to provide additional support within the school, attention has also been focused on finalising reports and preparing for semester 2 and the IEP planning process. Having just finished reading all the reports, I am extremely pleased with the progress that every student has made during the semester and congratulate them and the staff who have supported them in achieving each gain made.

Recently several parents of primary aged children visited the school, toured classrooms and spent some time with myself and staff asking questions as they prepared to make decisions regarding choices of secondary schooling for their respective children. Whilst in many instances those decisions are yet to be confirmed one way or another, the interest shown would indicate that enrolments for 2019 are healthy. These visits also provided additional insight into some of the areas the school has been exploring for improvement including school safety, hydrotherapy and the curriculum.

Of enormous concern has been the lack of fencing preventing students from easily accessing George Street. This was an anxiety expressed by parents and something the school has been examining over the term. Several quotes have been received and the most suitable option will shortly be presented to the School Board for their consideration and approval. The fencing will initially be comprised of garrison styled railing located between buildings and set back from the front of the school. It will include access gates for pedestrians and vehicles, and will limit immediate access by students to George Street and its high volume of traffic. Full enclosure of the school will be completed at a later stage to further increase the safety of all students and secure the school from after-hours intrusions.

The hydrotherapy pool has been a focus of considerable attention this year and as a result several improvements have been implemented to ensure its operations will be more consistent and that the safety of the pool as a therapy and learning area remains uncompromised. This is a significant improvement on past arrangements and will also bring the school into line with current best practise.

As we continue to work more closely with the other schools in our broader catchment area, every effort is being made to look at how Kensington Secondary School can link with and assist in the transition of students from our feeder primary schools. Curriculum is included amongst the many considerations and the school is currently working with Carson Street School to develop Aspects of Conductive Education so that students involved in that program at primary level have options available to them as they transition into secondary schooling.

Transitions are critical to all success in ed support and none more so than that associated with the transition from school into the post school environment. To assist families of older students approaching this important milestone, the school will be conducting forums that will allow families to connect with agencies and providers that can support young people through and into this transition. Further details will be sent home in coming weeks regarding this. Additionally, letters for those families considering Year 13 as an option have been sent to the relevant homes and must be returned before August if you are to secure the appropriate approvals from the department. The deadline for these to be submitted to Regional Office is the 31st August, but I am hopeful that all applications will be able to be finalised well before then.

Finally, I wish to extend to all families and students the warmest wishes from all staff at the school for a safe and happy term vacation. We look forward to their return in a few weeks, refreshed, excited and ready to commence the run home to December.

Steve Hordacre

Principal

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

Health Centre



There may come a time when the unexpected can happen while your child is at school. This may result in the nurses having to call an ambulance for urgent medical attention and transfer to hospital. Currently a trip to hospital in an ambulance is in the vicinity of \$950.

To ensure you do not endure this economic hardship we would strongly recommend that you look at taking out ambulance cover if you do not already have it. Check your private hospital cover first as it may already be included. For those who are not in private insurance many of the health providers offer ambulance only cover between \$130 to \$150 per year and this covers your whole family. Have a happy and safe school break.

Please keep sick children at home who are unwell or infectious to help prevent the spread of illness in our school community and to give them time to recover. Should your child present to school too unwell to participate in class activities, too sick to eat/drink or has a temperature, the nurses or teachers may need to call you to collect your child. If you have given Panadol or Nurofen at home please document this in your child's diary so the nurses are aware and can plan further doses throughout the day should your child need it.

Thank You

Kerri & Sue
Nurses

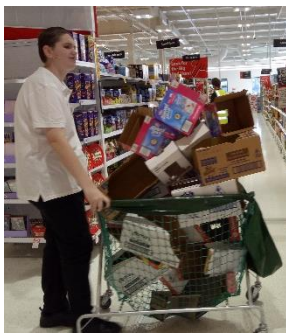
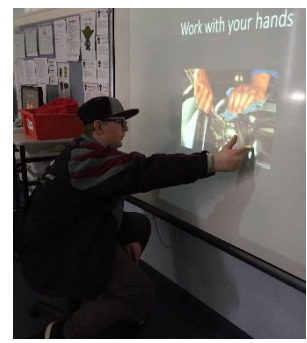
Kensington School Board

Invites you to
THE ANNUAL OPEN BOARD MEETING
on
Wednesday 1st August
at 3pm
In the Conference Room
Kensington Secondary School
Students will be supervised in the Library

Louise Goodman
Chair KSS Board

Room 3

Room 3 has had a busy end to a short Term 2. Students from SEDA have visited to give us practice in ball skills with a focus on cricket and soccer. We took part in a basketball carnival and had tons of fun. Despite having so much fun, we have also been working hard in the classroom and at our work placements!



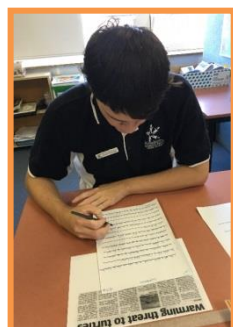
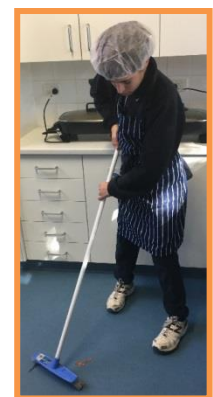
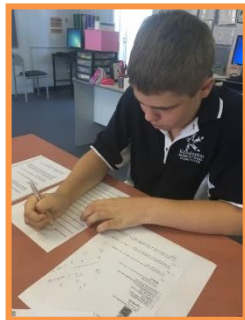
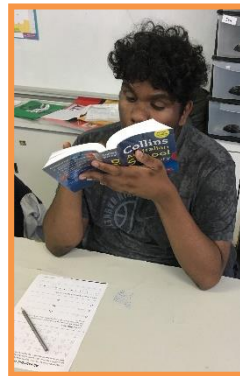
Next term will be very exciting as we have our Spring Ball to look forward to. We will continue our work placements and some may try out different jobs. In class, we will be consolidating what we have learned in the first semester. There are two of us doing the Keys For Life Learner Driver Education and four of us will be preparing for graduation at the end of the year.

Well done Room 3 and have a happy holiday! (Room 3 staff)

Room 4 News

The Room 4 students have been extremely busy organising and running the school canteen and Kafe. The students decide on the menu, shop for the ingredients and cook on a Friday.

Our canteen is making anywhere from 28-34 meals per week, so it's safe to say, the students have their hands full. A big thank you to Breanna, Mat, Stephen, Yahya and Estella for their ongoing help in the canteen.



It has been a fabulous, hard-working and fun term.

Have a fantastic break and see you all in Term 3!

Miss Johns and the Room 3 team.

Room 5



Having fun at the SEDA sports clinic. There was throwing and catching skills and games. We played basketball, football and cricket.



Working hard in Horticulture at school. Getting our hands dirty!
Dylan and Dakota have been hard at work doing a Cert 1 in Agrifoods.

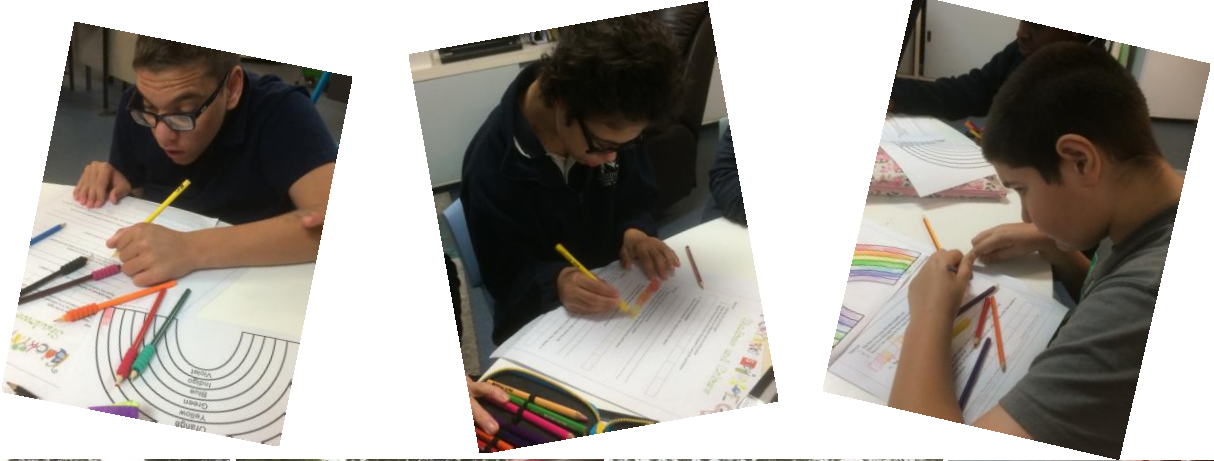


Out in the community delivering newspapers and enjoying the sunshine!

Happy holidays from the Room 5 crew.

Room 6 News

Continuing our work in Science in Light, Colour and Shadows, we have been having fun investigating colours reflected and refracted in bubbles, on Cd's, in oil on water and in rainbows. Lucky for us, the rainy weather has helped! Next term in Science we will finish off this topic before moving on to Electricity.



In HASS we have finished learning about the Black Death and are happy to change our focus to the less gruesome topic of Economics and Enterprise. We will be considering the difference between needs and wants, and our shopping excursions will take a clinical look at product placement, marketing and advertising.

Towards the end of term we have been taking extra care of ourselves, learning how to relax and indulge. This coincides with our Health programme where we have been learning about puberty and teenage mood swings, periods, menopause and the need to look after our health and hygiene as well as consider our own needs and those of others during these challenging stages of life. Next term in Health we are investigating Relationships and Respect, as well as Zones of Regulation, in more detail. Zones of Regulation is a whole school approach Kensington Secondary School implements to assist students to recognise emotions and feelings, the size of a problem and acceptable responses.



**HAVE A
SAFE AND
HAPPY
HOLIDAY!**

Room 10



Room 10 have had a wonderful term filled with class work, fitness, swimming and sport, art, music, cooking, Horticulture and Hillside Farm excursions, attended by senior students, a number of visits to Landsdale Farm School, shopping at Waterford Plaza Shopping Centre, attending the Hills Basketball Carnival, and many more incursions at school such as performances by Yirra Yaakin Theatre or Wesley College Jazz Ensemble and participation in sport clinics delivered by SEDA. Well done to everyone for doing such good work. Juan celebrated his 13th Birthday on 18th June and shared yummy ice-cream cake with his mates. The Room 10 Team is looking forward to the end of the term and wishes you all a fantastic holiday.

Mrs Jakszuk and the Room 10 Team

Room 11

We are all very excited to be going on holidays! This term has been very busy and we are all ready for a rest so we can recharge our batteries ready for Term 3!



As part of our Health program we have been using the Circle Concept mat to talk about social distance, how we greet different people we know and personal space. This is an important part of our Protective Behaviours program.



In HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) we have been communicating about our family, relationships and significant events. We have enjoyed getting arty and making our own 3D family trees and then communicating with the staff about who we should put on the leaves.

We are looking forward to trying new things in Term 3 as well as building on the skills we have developed in this first Semester. In Science we will be doing Chemistry and forming hypotheses before conducting experiments around solids, liquids and gases! In HASS we are moving on from ourselves and family, and onto our local environment and community. In our STEM class we are going to focus on Technology.

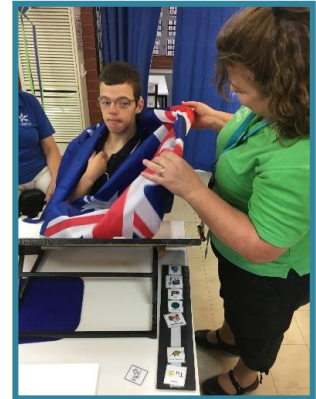
It promises to be a busy term and we look forward to it!



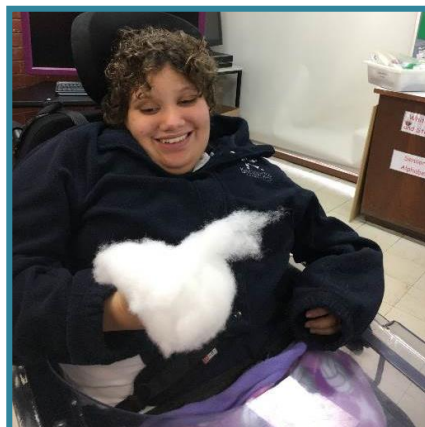
Room 12



This term in Room 12 we have been learning all about this great country we live in and all the different animals and places that are here.



The water cycle is an important part of our eco system. Room 12 have been doing different experiments to help us understand how it works.



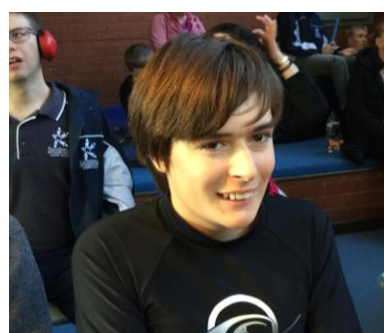
**Have a great
holiday from all
of the Room 12
Staff and
Students.**

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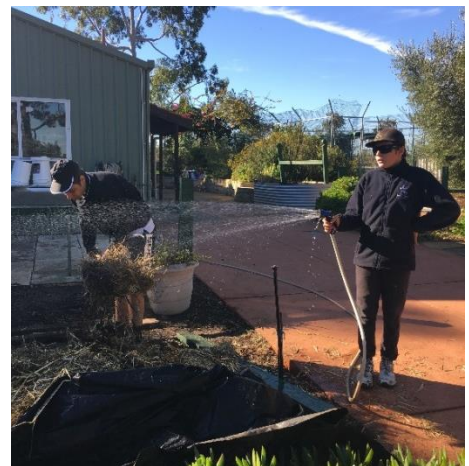


We finished the semester with two visiting performances: Yirra Yaakin Theatre presented a play about indigenous beliefs concerning the origin of fire, and Wesley College presented their concert and jazz ensembles. In addition to being engaging performances the shows provided the opportunity to discuss the differences and similarities between music and theatre. Enjoy the smiling responses in the photos!

Tim Chambers, Music Teacher.



HORTICULTURE



We have had another extremely hard working and successful term in Horticulture. The alternating weeks of staying at school for Horticulture with Miss Johns and going to Hillside Farm with Mr Lundy is working well. The students all really enjoy their Wednesdays in Horticulture (even if sometimes, it means they have to work hard!)

It has been really pleasing to see the skills of the students improve and to see that some students do not need to be prompted for what to do next and that they are continually looking for what needs to be done in Horticulture. Most students are familiar with the Horticulture routine and are aware of the jobs that need completing on a weekly basis.

Well done all and keep up the good work.

Miss Johns

Art



Getting serious
with clay!

Making pinch
pot monsters.



The look of
concentration
on everyone's
face!



Workplace Learning



Mrs Mandy Royce (left), Mrs Vanessa Booth (middle) and Mr Eugene Maguire, accepting a Certificate of Appreciation from Mr Kevin Saunders (Principal of Collier Primary School) and Mrs Ainsley Lucas (Collier Primary School P&C Representative) on behalf of the Kensington Secondary School Community for their contribution to Collier Primary School's Mulch and Manure Fundraiser

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Kensington Community, from Collier Primary School for their generous contribution of time and effort in cutting, counting and collating over 44,000 Coles Vouchers for the Coles Sport Equipment Promotion and also for folding, counting and bundling over 8,500 pamphlets for Collier Primary School's Mulch and Manure Fundraiser that will take place early next term. Kensington Secondary School and Collier Primary school have developed an ongoing, collaborative partnership, which is of benefit to *all* students, both ours and theirs.

Kensington Students also had approximately 20,000 of their own Coles Vouchers to process as well, and have done a fabulous job. Tasks such as these are teaching our younger students, and also those that are not quite work ready, skills that should give them an advantage as they prepare for adult working life. These tasks are often done in our simulated work environment, which is constantly evolving with new tasks and equipment being introduced.

Meanwhile, the students enrolled in the Workplace Learning Program, are out and about, hard at work and representing our school in a fine manner. Here is what some of them have been up to.....



Michael, Henry, Ryan and Charlie demonstrating various aspects of their work experience routine.

Coming Up.....

A reminder for the parents and carers of our senior students to expect an invitation soon, to attend our annual **'Service Providers Evening'** to be held in mid-term 3. Services include **'Employers'**, **'Alternatives to Employment'**, **'Respite'** and **'School Holiday Programs'**. Please be sure to come along. Details will be sent home in the Invitation.

Mrs Booth – VET/WPL Coordinator

Community Notices



NDIS Information Workshop

It is important for carers to understand and be prepared for the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Western Australia. Participants of the NDIS have choice and control over the way they purchase and receive their support needs, through individual packages of support.

Carers WA is presenting a workshop at Canning Vale Education Support Centre which will cover:

- A general overview of the NDIS
- The importance of planning
- Self-management (benefits, what it involves, and your responsibilities)
- Question and answer session

When: Thursday 26th July 2018

Time: 9am to 12pm

Where: Canning Vale Education Support Centre,
The Ramble, Canning Vale



WADSA have a range of activities during the July school holiday period aimed at people of all ages and abilities. Activities are also linked to our camping opportunities as a lead in.

All activities are in the aerobics room at the Leisurelife Centre, East Victoria Park. \$10 per person. Siblings welcome.

Monday 2nd July 2018, 10.00am- 12.00pm

Archery & Bob Cooper.

Friday 6th July 2018, 1.00pm- 3.00pm

Art 4 All & Bush Skills.

CONTACT Kate O'Mara 94701442,
katie@wadsa.org.au



Applications are now open for the October Variety Motor Mouth Camp!

The Variety Motor Mouth Camp is a four day/three night camp, running from Thursday 4th October to Sunday 7th October 2018, for 6-14 years old children who use high tech Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) voice output devices, their parents/ carers and siblings. The camp will be overseen by Variety staff and a range of volunteer Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, as well as Speech Pathology and OT students.

If you know any families or volunteers who would like to apply, please find the application form links below:

Family application:

<https://variety.smartygrants.com.au/octobermmc2018family>

Volunteer application:

<https://variety.smartygrants.com.au/octobermmc2018volunteer>