

TERM 1 WEEK 8 23rd March, 2018

FOCUS VALUE: Week 8 and 9 Responsibility

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What's Happening at KPS

Term 1 Week 9	26th March Hot cross buns for sale recess time	27th March School Photos Hot cross buns for sale	28th March Easter Celebrations P&C AGM 7pm	29th March S3 leaders at Leadership Day	30th March Good Friday
Term 1 Week 10	2 April Easter Monday	3 April	4 April	5 April	6 April
Term 1 Week 11	9 April Groove Nation Dance Parent Teacher Interview	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 April Last day of term 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Recognition of Achievements

It was very pleasing to receive recognition from our Director as being one of the top 3 schools in the Georges River Network that is excelling in value added for literacy and numeracy for 2 years in row. This is due to the commitment of our staff who constantly review teaching and learning programs through Stage meetings and planning to ensure that our students' learning needs are being addressed and all students understand what they are learning and what they need to show in order to demonstrate success.

More detailed information about our school performance data will be published in the Annual School Report which will be available at the end of Term 1.

Congratulations also goes to two of our staff members. Ms Tsolakas recently received her Proficient Teacher certificate from NESAs (National Education Standards Authority) after completing her teacher accreditation last year. Miss Minto has also recently completed her L3 training after 2 years of professional learning of Language Learning and Literacy.

Both these teachers have worked extremely hard to achieve their goals and we are very proud of them. Well done!



Growth Mindset to Achieve our Personal Best

Over the next 3 years, as part of our School Plan we will continue to focus on challenging students to achieve their personal best through the encouragement of a growth mindset.

In week 7, there was an opportunity for staff and parents to attend a workshop at Connells Point Public School, led by Dan Haesler, on the importance of a growth mindset and how we can foster this through the way we give feedback to children. Thank you to the staff and parents who took the time to attend this very valuable workshop at Connells Point Public School.

8 tips for promoting a growth mindset in kids:

1. **Help children understand that the brain works like a muscle**, that can only grow through hard work, determination, and lots and lots of practice.
2. **Don't tell students they are smart, gifted, or talented**, since this implies that they were born with the knowledge, and does not encourage effort and growth.
3. Let children know when they demonstrate **a growth mindset**.
4. **Praise the process**. It's effort, hard work, and practice that allow children to achieve their true potential.
5. **Don't praise the results**. Test scores and rigid ways of measuring learning and knowledge limit the growth that would otherwise be tapped.
6. **Embrace failures and missteps**. Children sometimes learn the most when they fail. Let them know that mistakes are a big part of the learning process. There is nothing like the feeling of struggling through a very difficult problem, only to finally break through and solve it! The harder the problem, the more satisfying it is to find the solution.
7. **Encourage participation and collaborative group learning**. Children learn best when they are immersed in a topic and allowed to discuss and advance with their peers.
8. **Encourage competency-based learning**. Get kids excited about subject matter by explaining why it is important and how it will help them in the future. The goal should never be to get the 'correct' answer, but to understand the topic at a fundamental, deep level, and want to learn more.

Source:

DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

School Photographer

School photos are taking place on **Tuesday 27 March**. Children are to come to school in full summer school uniform. Payment envelopes will be distributed next week and payment online is preferred by the School Photographer. Please ensure payment envelopes are brought in on Photo Day even if you have paid online. **DO NOT** bring in the money prior to the 27th of March.

Library Monitors

Congratulations to our new library monitors for 2018.

Leo	2/3M
Kyle	2/3M
Vivienne	5/4M
Selina	5/6D
Ethan	5/6D
Nicole	5/6D
Jessica	5/6D
Jennifer	5/6T



Easter Celebrations

The SRC will be selling delicious hot cross buns on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March.

The buns will be sold at lunchtime and recess for **50c each**. There will be a delightful mix of buns with and without fruit.

This year, we will be having our Easter Celebrations on **Wednesday 28th March**.

Don't forget to bring in your Easter hats ready for the Hat Parade at 12.40 –1.40.



HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is a day to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is the most successful multicultural country on earth and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. On Wednesday 21st March we recognised our cultural diversity and spread the message that "Everyone Belongs." The students had a great day celebrating this special day.



Zone Swimming Team

Claudia, Selina, Nicole and Ethan, our 4 entrants into the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival, had a very successful day. After arriving at Bexley pool, they got changed and ready to compete. All 4 swam in 50m freestyle and Claudia was placed 4th overall. With up to 39 other competitors in any age group, this placing was very good. Her time was 36:39seconds and first place was 35:19 seconds. She just missed out on getting to the next level—Regional. All swimming strokes had at least one of our great swimmers participate and by the end of the day they had earned their choice of an item from the canteen—an ice cream, 2 hot chocolates and a doughnut. Congratulations to all of you. You did yourselves and our school proud.



Shirley Jackson
Organising Teacher.

Technology Club

Technology Club is well underway for 2018, with students creating their very first game using a free app on the iPad called Hopscotch. Students in Stage 3 have been making a game similar to Frogger, which has their hero try to cross a busy road while avoiding moving vehicles. When they reach the other side of the map, they are awarded points. All the functions and logic behind the code, for example, pressing the left or right arrows moves their hero left or right respectively, is coded by the students with very minimal instruction as it is fairly intuitive. They are all very enthusiastic about their coding and enjoy seeing the results of their hard work.



Middle School Project

This week, year 5 students participated in the Middle Schools Project. This project involves visiting Kogarah High School for one lesson a term, where students work with high school teachers on coding activities. Students began learning the basic coding to use for creating various animations and games. Students in year 5 had a fantastic time and we thank Kogarah High school for having us!



STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to all our award winners.

Class	Learner of the Week		Value Award	
	Week 7	Week 8	Week 7 -	Week 8 -
KG	Aryan		Ninjin	
KM	Reyner	Reema	Anvi	Setsen
KO	Satkeerat	Alex	Sophia	Claire
K/1F	Joni	Marcus	Karthi	Nyla
1C	Sarah	Angela	Taiti	Michael
1D	Aditya	Xiao	Sam	Tanishka
1/2B	Kaushal	Kaushal	Emily	Aayusha
2H	Sabrong	Shreeyan	Shreya	Jacee
2P	Shubechya	Buyantugs	Jamina	Kenny
2V	Krishiv	Bindu	Adrisha	Luca
2/3M	Absar	Trystan	Amy	Maxwell
3/4A	Kevin	Sayed	Harsahai	Kyle
3/4B	Tarun	Jason	Crystal	Rochak
3/4Z	Prajita	Sourish	Janice	Liam
5/4M	Mossamed	Smita	Roger	Evangelina
5/6D	Elliot	Elaine	Swetansh	Snehal
5/6T	Delan	Milica	Hendrik	Dunja

OFFICE MESSAGES

Communication Using School ENews App



In order to maximise the communication between home and school it is essential for parents to install the ENews School App on your mobile phone. This will give you access to instant alert messages from the sports coaches, choir and dance teachers as well as messages relating to specific year groups. The newsletter can also be accessed from this App.

Follow the simple instructions below to keep yourself up to date with all the events that are happening at Kogarah Public School:

1. Download the free School Enews App from the App Store for Apple devices or Play Store for Android devices.
2. Search for Kogarah Public School.
3. Select the groups that you want to receive alerts from
4. Turn on notifications from the settings icon



If you have any difficulties subscribing, please let the school know so that we can assist you.

You are cordially invited to become a member of the Kogarah Public School Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C).

Parents of students attending this school and other interested community members aged 18 years or over (including staff members) are eligible to become members of the P&C. The Annual Membership Fee of \$1 is payable with this application and entitles you to full voting rights as a Financial Member at the meeting following the one at which your membership fee was paid.

Should you choose not to pay the membership fee, you can still participate as an observer but not vote or hold office.

You may join the P&C at any time during the year, however all memberships are due for renewal in March each year.

Please return your completed form to the office or Email **pnc.kogarahpublic@gmail.com**

Renewing Membership

New Membership

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

I am a parent of a student attending Kogarah Public School OR

I am an interested community member and I am aged 18 years or over

I hereby apply for Membership of Kogarah Public School Parents and Citizens' Association and agree to be bound by the Constitution, Rules and By-Laws of the Association.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ Date: _____

P&C Use Only

Date Application Received: _____ Date Membership Commenced: _____

Entered in P&C Membership Register Fee Paid Secretary Signature _____



Parents not Partners

This is a six-session program for separated parents in conflict over their children. It is designed to improve emotional and developmental outcomes for children in separated families by:

- raising parents' awareness of the impact on their children of the ongoing conflict in their family
- providing them with knowledge, tips and strategies to be able to focus on their children rather than on their issues or conflicts with the other parent

Parents will learn:

- ways to better regulate their emotions and to self-care
- ways to help their children manage their emotions
- to recognise the effects of ongoing, mismanaged conflict on children
- skills to better manage conflict with the other parent
- to reorient interactions with their child's other parent to be respectful and cooperative
- to recognise and differentiate between their own and their children's individual needs
- skills to communicate effectively with the other parent
- to reflect on their behaviour and make changes where needed

Mondays, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

14 May | 21 May | 28 May

4 June | 18 June | 25 June 2018

Cost: \$150

Family Relationship Centre

383 Port Hacking Road South, Caringbah 2229

Bookings Essential – Phone 8522 4450