Kananook School Building Upgrade

School Council President Jenny McCulloch greeting Sonya Kilkenny.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Speed Zones
The Department would like me to remind the school community of the importance of road safety around schools. School Speed Zones will be enforced from the commencement of the school year. We are fortunate that the speed limits around our school are permanently set at 40km/h.

Uniform Policy
The rationale behind a uniform policy is that a uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code. Our Uniform policy clearly identifies what are acceptable and unacceptable items of uniform. We greatly appreciate your support of the Uniform Policy.

Student accident insurance/Ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school
We would like to advise parents/guardians that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Emergency Situation
Over the next week or so, we will be calling you to confirm your mobile phone number so we can update our records. It is extremely important that we have up to date information so we are able to communicate with you. This year we will be implementing an Emergency Text Messaging system that will allow us to send a text to the entire school community in the unlikely event of a whole school emergency. For example, if we were in a lock down situation and students were unable to be picked up at the normal time or if we were evacuated off site to St John's Primary next door, then we would be able to communicate this to the whole school community.

School Mate App
Want to find out more about what your child is learning at school this year?

Need practical tips about what you can do at home to help support your child's education?

Download SchoolMate today! SchoolMate provides you with an overview of what your child is learning at school, and suggests ways that you can get involved in your child's education.

Benefits of SchoolMate:

- Shows you what your children are learning in school in each subject in every year from Prep to Year 10 according to the Victorian AusVELS curriculum;
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- Provides ideas for books and apps which you can download, borrow or buy which are related to their child's school work.
- Developed by the Department for Education and Training, SchoolMate works on iPhone, iPad and Android phones and tablets and is available for free download in the App Store and Google Play.

Download SchoolMate today by visiting the App Store or Google Play and searching for SchoolMate.

Asbestos Labels
As part of the Department’s Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling has been installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact the school office prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure that they have up to date information from the school’s asbestos register. Asbestos, which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned, is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution.

Contact Michael Block, Principal, 9786 6066 for further information
Parents, Teachers and Friends (PTF) News

Special Lunch
Our first special lunch for this year will be next Friday 26th February. The lunch will consist of a toasted pita (with pizza sauce and cheese), a chocolate chip cookie and a juice box. The complete lunch will cost $5, an extra pita may be ordered for another $2. However, you may order all or part of the lunch. Please refer to the order form for the individual prices. Order forms are coming home with tonight’s newsletter, extra forms are available at the office or on the school website. An order form must be completed for each child, please make sure the child’s name and class are clearly written on the form. All order forms and money must be secured in an envelope or bag marked “Special Lunch” and handed to class teachers or directly at the office. Orders must be handed in by 9am on Wednesday 24th February. We cannot accept late orders. We will need helpers on the Wednesday morning from 9am in the KOOSH room to count orders and on the Friday from 12 noon in the Kid’s Kitchen to prepare the lunch. All welcome to come and lend a hand.

Second Hand Uniform Sale
The next second hand uniform sale will be held on Tuesday 1st March, from 8.50am to 9.15am on the Mirrabooka verandah. Second hand uniform sales will now be held every first Tuesday morning and every third Thursday afternoon of each month. We are always looking for stock, so clean out your wardrobes and send in your old but reasonable quality uniforms with your name, phone number and price, and we will try and sell them for you! Items can be brought in on the sale day or left at the office in a bag marked “PTF”. The PTF take a $1 handling fee for every item sold on your behalf. Alternatively, you may prefer to simply donate your items with the proceeds going to the PTF fundraising.

School Banking
Tuesday is School Banking Day. Please remind your children to hand their bankbooks to their teachers first thing in the morning, particularly if they are going straight to a specialist class. Bankbooks can also be handed directly to the office before school on a Tuesday. If you have lost your bankbook we can give you a new one, let the office know and we will send one home with your child.

We have a Commonwealth Bank prize pack to give away to someone this term. Anyone who opens a bank account and makes a deposit through school banking during term one will go into the draw to win. All families should have received a Commonwealth Bank information pack with details on how to join school banking. There are more packs at the office if you would like one.

Mailing List
The PTF have an email mailing list which is used to send out information and reminders about school banking and other PTF events. If you would like to join the mailing list, send us an email at ptf1@kps.vic.edu.au. If you have any questions or suggestions, please come along to our next meeting, the AGM on 3rd March, see the school office, send an email or come and see us in the yard!

Jenny and Trish
Presidents

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Achievement Awards
OOK- Natalie 3/4M- Cassie
1FM- Puma 4/6B- Devlyn
2/3B- Kristine 4/6C- Jackson
2/3R- Jai 4/6S- Kai

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT KANANOOK
February 19th
Molly

Remember - ‘Every Day Counts’
Please be at school every day – even on your birthday

ARE YOU UP FOR A

CHALLENGE?

HOW MANY NIGHTS CAN YOU READ?
KPS are having a whole school YEAR LONG
Reading challenge and it has now commenced!

PRIZES, CERTIFICATES, SURPRISES AND GIVEAWAYS FOR STUDENTS WHO REACH READING MILESTONES!!!!!!
25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300

AMAZING PROMOTION PRIZE!!!!!!!
THE FIRST 20 STUDENTS WHO reach 25 nights of reading will TREATED to a special excursion with Mr Block and Mr Gilchrist on the school BUS! MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THAT BUS!!!

Lemonade Stand Fundraiser For State Schools Relief
State Schools Relief help provide books and school uniforms for less fortunate children.
Saturday 20th February 1.00pm-3.00pm
114 Kananook Avenue, Seaford

Tables and Chairs For Sale
Second hand tables and chairs are available from the office for a small donation.
KAAPA CUP: 3/4M
SPECIALIST CUP: 3/4M

Friendly Stars this week:
Taleasha, Cameron, Xander, Molly & Ma

Friendly Stars are children who have been observed in the playground helping others, playing happily and safely with their peers and voluntarily taking care of their school environment.

Kananaook
‘Sponsor of the Week’

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