Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final term of the school year – SCIENCE, BIKE ED, KEWRIOSITY - another fun-filled, learning-packed term!

Reminders

- **Bikes required at school Fridays:** These can be parked along the Packington Street fence in grade groups (signs are pinned to the fence).
- **Ready to Start:** The first school bell rings at 8.50am for students to enter the building, hand notices in, place their iPad in their classroom and prepare themselves for classes. These routines are in place to allow the children ten minutes to connect with friends and settle in to start the school day smoothly at 9am.
- **Summer:** Students are now required to wear their hats for outdoor activities from September 1 to April 30.

**English** - Throughout English, students will focus on procedural texts (lists and 'how to' steps as found in science experiments) and informational texts (focusing on explanations, diagrams and charts, e.g. why does? how does?). This integrates with our Biological Science Inquiry, “Master Garden”. Students will create and write their own recipe in a competition to create a new lunch item for the KPS canteen, using veggies from our garden.

We stress that **regular Home Reading** is crucial in supporting classroom learning. Students should be bringing library books home weekly for this and reading at least 20 minutes, 5 times/week. Book Clubs and Razzle Dazzle Targeted Spelling are also running regularly across all Middle School classes. And watch out for your child’s Year Book coming home at the end of the year with a creative mix of poetry written throughout the year. We have many enthusiastic and very creative poets!

**Mathematics** - This term in Mathematics, students will continue to explore money by completing their budgets for the Melbourne Show, creating show bags and shopping at Woolworths. They will also investigate tessellations and symmetry in their environment and engage in creative activities to demonstrate symmetry and transformations (flip, slide and turn). Hands on and open-ended activities will continue to be a focus, allowing students to explore mathematical concepts in a way that assimilates real-life challenges. The final weeks of Term 4 will be used as a chance to revise concepts covered throughout the year.

**Targeted Math** groups will focus on Problem Solving skills encompassing areas of Number and Place Value, Measurement and Fractions and Decimals as necessary for individual students. Ms Grace joins us again this term, enabling us to teach to smaller focus groups.

**Science Inquiry** - It’s Term 4 and that means science! Middle School is focussing on biological science and exploring living things in our world, particularly plants and how they grow. We have hit the ground running with an excursion to the Botanic Gardens investigating various plants and their life cycles, closely followed by an incursion in which we classified living, non-living and once living things. Lots of experiments, hands on learning and scientific inquiry processes are in stall with a tasty final task to wrap things up! What a term it will be!

**Term 3 Events**

- **November 1**: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- **November 17**: Bike Ed Celebration Ride
- **December 6**: Transition 1
- **December 13**: Transition 2
- **December 20 (Tuesday)**: End of Term 4
Home Learning – Will continue this term. Please ensure your child completes the required tasks and records them in their Home Learning Journal and you sign off to say you have seen their completed work.

Bike Ed – is 2 weeks in and will continue to run on a Friday with the Celebration Ride to Hayes Paddock to conclude this year’s training (refer to key dates for the date of the Celebration Ride). We really appreciate the support and assistance that the KPS community provide. If you are able to help with the Celebration Ride, please sign up using the link provided. We need a lot more helpers on checkpoints or else the ride unfortunately won’t be able to go ahead. https://goo.gl/forms/gL7kYLET34cw5CB82
There is also the 2015 map of the Celebration Ride course (waiting for confirmation from police to use it again this year) attached if you would like to take your child on a practice run or 2.

Transition to 2016
Kewriosity - is running on Friday afternoons (21st, 28th October, 4th and 11th November). As part of our transition to 2016, Year 3s are integrated with Year 2s and the Year 4s are integrated with the Year 5s.

As always, if you have any questions please speak to your child’s classroom teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Map 1 - Journey to Hays Paddock

1. Walking from school in groups down Peel St, left along Malsmbury St (walking bikes).
2. Right turn into Princess St (still walking bikes).
3. Cross at pedestrian lights on Princess St (still walking bikes, use both pedestrian crossings, CP1 and CP2).
4. Walk bikes along Princess St, turn left at Main Drive (CP3).
5. Groups mount bikes and ride along Main Drive footpath to CP4 at end of Main Drive.
6. CP4 instructs riders to follow bike path and turn right on bike path downhill towards Yarra Boulevard. (STEEP HILL - RIDERS CHOICE TO WALK BIKE OR RIDE SLOWLY)
7. CP5; meets riders at bottom of the hill on bike path, riders dismount and cross Yarra Boulevard onto footpath, begin riding right along bike path.
8. Riders follow Main Yarra Trail bike path along Yarra Boulevard, just before Chandler Highway crossing, CP6 directs riders to veer left on bike path and stop at top of stairs.
9. CP7, CP8 and CP9 assist riders to walk bike down the stairs to rejoin the Main Yarra Trail bike path.
10. Riders follow Main Yarra Trail bike path along the river, turning right along path at.
11. CP10 instructs riders to dismount and cross Belford Rd @ Pedestrian Crossing
12. Riders to follow bike path when crossing Belford Rd Bridge to CP11
13. CP11, instructs riders to ride along footpath down Kilby Rd to CP12, corner of Fairway Drive.
14. CP12; instructs riders to turn down Fairway Drive and ride along footpaths to CP13
15. CP13; instructs riders to follow Meldrum St into Minogue St and along to track at dead end.
16. Continue to Hays Paddock, assemble near adventure playground.
Map 2. - Return to KPS.

1. Groups set off at 3m in intervals back along Minogue St and up hill on Meldrum St to CP1 at corner of Fairway Drive and Minogue/Meldrum St.
2. Riders follow Fairway Drive back to Kilby Rd to CP2.
3. Riders follow same route to CP3 (corner of Kilby and Belford Rd) where they dismount bike and cross Belford Rd, then immediately cross Kilby Rd using pedestrian crossing to CP4.
4. CP4 instructs riders to mount bike and ride along footpath to Hyde Park, cross White Ave (CP5) enter Hyde Park on footpath at CP6.
5. Once inside Hyde Park riders follow bike path to Sutherland Ave where CP7 instructs riders to follow path ahead then right and cross Spruizen Ave (CP8) at Pedestrian Crossing (walking bikes).
6. Riders follow bike path to CP9 who instructs riding groups to dismount and cross Earl St (POLICE TO ASSIST) and stay off bikes until reaching North Kew Kindergarten.
7. Ride on Pakington St footpath.
8. CP10 instructs riding groups to cross Eglington St onto footpath of Pakington St.
9. CP11 instructs riding groups to cross Malmsbury St onto footpath of Pakington St.
10. CP12 at school crossing outside Kew PS.