Welcome to our new families, especially our new preschool students. It has been a great start to the year for all our students and staff members. We had a great turn out for our 3 way interviews in week 3 with many parents enjoying their child being involved in the discussion. Each class sent home an information sheet on what will be happening in their class this term. As you would have read we have a busy term of learning ahead of us at KPPS. Please join me for our coffee and chat morning in week 5, I look forward to hearing your thoughts on our school in 2015. I would like to personally encourage you to join our P&C in 2015. I am amazed and honoured to work with such a great group of people on our P&C who donate their time to make KPPS the place it is. We understand your time is limited, but attending the monthly meetings ensures you have first hand information on what’s going on at KPPS. We look forward to seeing you in week 6 (Wednesday 4/3 at 9am)

Ms Katrina Berwick
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We would like to thank our P&C for donating $5300 from money raised in 2014. We are going to spend this money towards continuing to upgrade our technology for our classrooms. This includes a new lap top trolley to charge all our new lap tops. We will also put money towards cutting down some of our tree's that are over hanging our classrooms. And money will also go towards our messaging service to keep you informed of school business. We encourage all our community to get involved in our P&C. Please join us on the first Wednesday of each month, 9am in our staff room.

Our Playground
Most days we operate a club during play times. Last week Ms Dogget started her Science club and they made invisible ink using lemon juice and water. They drew/ wrote a secret message, waited for it to dry then heated it up to reveal their message. We talked about how lemon juice has compounds of carbon in it which are invisible when you dissolve them in water; however when you heat them the carbon breaks down and turns black. The absorbic acid in lemon juice is used to stop fruit turning brown due to the oxidation process.

Paint the town READ
Paint Kingswood Park REaD a time where children and families can meet up and have some fun, talk, sing, and do rhymes with our children. Every Tuesday during school term. 8:30am near our canteen.

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Personal information
If your personal details have changed, such as a new mobile phone number over the holidays please inform our office staff.

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and
measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Mobile Dentist visit:
Last Friday every class was visited by the Australian Mobile Dental Care Tooth and lady. Each child received a note explaining the program that provides a free assessment and basic dental treatments to students covered under Medicare. The mobile Dentist will be coming to our school in week 10. We ask all families who are interested in this FREE service to return the form provided. Our office has more copies if you need one. We require all forms to returned by Friday February 27.

Sydney University- family fun day Tuesday April 14
In 2015 we are working in partnership with The Smith Family and the University of Sydney to deepen our students understanding of opportunities after school. Years 3,4,5 and 6 will be visiting the University throughout 2015 to experience University life. The Compass Family Fun Day will give parents, student and teachers from Compass primary and secondary partner schools an opportunity to experience different aspects of Sydney University life as a place of learning and as part of a wider community. To give parents and children the chance to experience the day together, the event will be held in the school holidays. Family Fun day is free of charge and lunch will be provided. Teachers and their families are welcome to join in the fun as well!

How full is your bucket?
During week 3 our students participated in workshops on developing their emotional resilience to life. We talked about bucket fillers and bucket dippers. Who can fill their bucket and how does it feel when your bucket is full. We had a great response from parents at the parent workshop in the afternoon. If you would like more information on this concept please see Miss Berwick or see our Facebook page for more details.

Each of us has an invisible bucket. When our bucket is full, we feel great but when it's empty, we feel awful. Yet most children (and many adults) don't realise the importance of having a full bucket throughout the day. All students at Kingswood Park Public School have been learning about bucket filling and dipping. ‘Fill your bucket’ ‘encourages positive behaviour as children see how rewarding it is to express daily kindness, appreciation, and compassion. Bucket
filling and dipping are effective metaphors for understanding the effects our actions and words have on the well-being of others. S2D have been learning *bucket filling* improvisations in preparation for our week 5 whole school assembly in order to teach others what it looks like to fill another’s bucket.

Students at Kingswood Park Public School have now received their Reading Eggs and Mathletics usernames and passwords. In S23R, we have been enjoying time on the laptops and iPads during Literacy and Numeracy lessons. During this time, we have had the opportunity to complete tasks on Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress. Reading Eggspress delivers interesting, fun and engaging literacy activities for all students.

Mathletics is a fun and engaging way to build students confidence in Maths. It supports and encourages students learning by awarding students as they progress through the different activities. Students across Kingswood Park Public School have been given the opportunity to utilise the Mathletics program in Numeracy groups and to ensure students are challenged, teachers are able to set tasks to suit the students learning ability.

**MR WALSH’S MESSAGE**

What a hectic start to 2015. On behalf of Miss Dundas and Miss Rivera I would like to thank everyone for their support and effort over the first few weeks of the year. Our Stage 2 and 3 students should be extremely proud of themselves. They have settled back in to the school routine nicely and are tackling the challenge of being the leaders of our school in a great fashion. We are lucky to be involved in many and varied programs this year at KPPS. During Term 1 all students K – 6 will be participating in the Panthers On The Prowl Active Lifestyles program. This is designed to help our students value the benefits of healthy eating and regular exercise. We will all be fitness tested, participate in some fun, physically demanding activities over the course of the term and finish off with a final fitness test to see the improvements we have made. Hope everyone has a great time during the program.

Please keep checking our school website and Facebook page regularly for updates, future events, pictures and video newsletters celebrating our students.

School Facebook Page : [https://www.facebook.com/KingswoodPPS](https://www.facebook.com/KingswoodPPS)

**Like us on Facebook**

Mr Walsh has been working very hard to get our Facebook page up and running this year. Simply search for “Kingswood Park Public School” and like us! Don’t forget to tick you would like to receive notifications and share the page with your friends and family. Mr Walsh adds events coming up or interest stories to keep our community informed.
Hear about the teaching and learning programs and the many extra-curricular opportunities on offer to our students.

Tour the school and see Science labs, Design and Technology workshops, classrooms and the Library.

Meet and speak with Teachers, Head Teachers, School Senior Executive and Student Leaders.

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Tuesday 3rd March Time 6:30 pm - 8 pm