



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

February

Mon 3 rd Feb	Preps begin
Thur 13 th Feb	Prep Information evening 7p.m.
Mon 17 th Feb	Grade 1/2 Information night 7p.m.
Tue 18 th Feb	Grade 3/4 Information night 7p.m.
Wed 19 th Feb	Prep picnic 6p.m.
Thurs 20 th Feb	Grade 5/6 Information night 7p.m.
Mon 24 th Feb	School Council Meeting 6.30p.m.
Fri 28 th Feb	Yarraville District Swimming Carnival – VU Swimming Pool 10a.m – 1p.m

March

Wed 5 th Mar	Kingsville Cross Country Grades 3-6 – Cruickshank Park 9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m.
Thur 6 th Mar	Kingsville Cross Country Grades 3-6 – Cruickshank Park 9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m.
Mon 10th Mar	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Tue 11 th Mar	Student Free Day
Fri 21 st Mar	Summer Gala Sports Day Grades 5/6

April

Fri 4th Apr **End Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal**

Term 2

Mon 21 st Apr	Public Holiday - Easter Monday
Tues 22 nd Apr	Term 2 begins
Fri 25 th Apr	Public Holiday – Anzac Day
Thur 22 nd May	School Photos
Mon 9 th Jun	Public Holiday – Queens Birthday
Fri 27 th Jun	End Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal



Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone to the 2014 school year, four terms, 41 school weeks and Kingsville's 95th year of providing education to young people in this area.

To new families at Prep and other levels, a very warm welcome. I am confident that your children and your family, will quickly feel at home here at Kingsville. You are now part of the extended Kingsville community which is a very friendly and supportive one. Let's look forward together to a year of sharing, joy, laughter, discovery, learning, challenge and all of the experiences that come together and unfold during a year in the life of Kingsville Primary School.

A special mention of our 108 new prep students (58 girls and 50 boys), who will finish primary school in 2020. They will I am sure have a great beginning to school life in a KPS prep class. To parents of preps, your children are known by the Government as part of "cohort 2027" – that of course is the year they are due to finish their thirteen years of primary and secondary education. It is also when your amazing 5 and 6 year olds will have grown into equally amazing 17 or 18 year olds. My advice is, don't think too much about the journey to adulthood now, just focus on the wonderful year ahead which I believe you and your children will remember for many years to come.

Finally, thank you to all parents/guardians for entrusting your precious sons and daughters to myself and Kingsville staff. I am proud of all our children every day and am honoured to be working with you and such a great school community. I anticipate, as I'm sure you do, a very productive and exciting school year.

General Guidelines for Parents when making any Payments to the school:

End of Terms 1, 2 & 3	All payments need to be made prior to 10:00am on the last day of term.
End of Term 4	All payments must be made 2 days prior to the end of term.
Cash Payments	Correct money is requested, as change cannot always be provided.

School Council President Leah Young 0418 369 039
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School Uniform Primary School Wear 9363 8458
Program Manager Nick Thomson

Student Enrolment

To begin the school year we have 578 students. Sixty six year 6's and 108 Preps certainly indicates growth. Across the P-6 however the numbers vary considerably but gender balance is still very satisfactory.

Prep	108
Year 1	83
Year 2	73
Year 3	105
Year 4	68
Year 5	75
Year 6	66

boys - 301 and girls - 277.

Student Free Days 2014

Each year Government schools in Victoria receive four student free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting. The first day of Term 1 is a designated day across the state – the remaining 3 days for Kingsville are:

Term 1	Tuesday 11 th March
Term 2	Tuesday 10 th June
Term 4	Monday 3 rd November

Please note there was an error in dates listed in the December 17th newsletter, so please adjust these dates on your planners.

School Council 2014

Information regarding the 2014 School Council election timeline will go home to all families next Monday February 3rd.

Student Leaders 2014

School Captains: Sam Komp & Rose Weldon
Vice Captains: Patrick Manning & Harriet Selleck

JSC Year 6

Lily Girvan
Hamish Drummond
Jess McGowan
Maya Perry
Mason Hose
Sai Nathi
Niall McCarthy
Mimi Grenfell-Fox

JSC Year 5

Lochlan Clarke
Saskia Junge
Laura Milford
Gus Greer
Cooper Williams
Marisa Vallejos
Mac Thomson
Julia Kitanoski

Junior School Councillors will receive their badges at the first full school Friday morning Assembly next Friday February 7th.

Parent Information Sessions

These are held every year early in the term. Dates and times are:

Prep	Thursday 13 th February 7-8p.m.
1/2	Monday 17 th February 7-8p.m.
3/4	Tuesday 18 th February 7-8p.m.
5/6	Thursday 20 th February 7-8p.m.

Teachers will send home notes to families in each level with more detail in the near future. Mark these on your "planners" now please.

The Great Wall of Kingsville Years 1-6

The students returned on Tuesday and were met by an amazing sight

a very large wall with a big bright Kingsville logo right in the middle had "magically" appeared in the grounds.

Students very quickly worked out that it was the handball wall they had been requesting for quite a while. We did have a much smaller one some years ago, but it was removed during a building project.

How did this happen during the holidays? The answer is significant voluntary work and some great parent contacts.

Thank you to parent and School Council member Dale Schumann who came up with the idea and was able to gain volunteers and equipment to move the containers for us. A huge job which included building, carpentry, painting, repairs to the asphalt and the application of our logo.

Thank you to Dale for organising construction and painting and Tolly Browne, our part time maintenance person for organising asphalt repairs and the logo.

Josh Schumann, grade 3/4D also helped out, wearing all the right safety gear of course.

What children don't know is that staff went out and *christened* the wall last Tuesday and demonstrated both some amazing and questionable athletic skill.

Other Grounds Works

Our new green area is looking very healthy. Thanks to Jeff McDonald, Leading Teacher for his vision, design and perseverance in getting this project completed. Also to the volunteers and Tolly Browne for the "seat sculptures" and organisation of components of the work. Some further planting this year will complete the work.

Kingsville Staff

Welcome to new staff

Gareth Dainton	3/4A
Dylan Britton	1/2B
Christine Di Muccio	1/2C
Georgia Jennings	3/4G
Mori Milholland	6B
Julia Mills	Prep D

Welcome back to Aaron Wood 1/2F.

Congratulations to Lorey Bentley and Pauline Englefield who successfully gained further contracts at Kingsville right at the end of 2013.

In the next week's newsletter there will be an updated staff list and a copy of the school map.

Newsletters

Newsletters are an important ongoing communication between the school and Kingsville families. Newsletters go to Kingsville families either by

- email
- via the children taking them home or
- alternatively the newsletters can be viewed via the Kingsville website (kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au)

Distribution of newsletters will continue this year to be weekly and they will be distributed every Friday. Currently approximately 145 families receive their newsletter by email. We would like to increase this number for 2014.

What do I need to do to be on the list to receive my newsletter by email?

Please just send your email address to Sonja Eastment, school Administrative Support Officer at eastment.sonja.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Put

- your name – parent/guardian
- your child/childrens names and grades – this is important as we need to add families not individual children
- your email address

If you received your newsletter by email in 2013 there is no need to send your details to Sonja, you have already been transferred to the new distribution list for 2014 and a test email was sent out on Thursday 30th January. However if your details have changed please advise the school so that they can be updated.

NB. The distribution list will be updated on a monthly basis.

This week all families will receive a hard copy of the newsletter which will come home via the students. Emailing of newsletters will recommence as soon as possible. It is important that all students at Kingsville are able to engage with their school, build feelings of ownership and be increasingly informed and knowledgeable about what is happening or planned for at school. It is therefore vital for students even in preps to know and value the school newsletter along with all other notes and communications home.

Class teachers go through the newsletter with the students – highlighting certain items age appropriately. They make reference to newsletter items and do some reading and checking with the students. They also ensure children are able to access notes and newsletters via a collection method set up in the classrooms, aimed at developing self-management and responsibility. Parents you can help too, by having a home spot for newsletters and making sure you read them. You can also use the contents as a link to discussion with your child/children about something coming up at school e.g. an excursion, swimming or cam etc. that is just relevant to your child's class or level.

In this way hopefully the newsletter will be something students, parents and teachers use as a reference point and communication tool.



Happy Birthday

1st January to 12th February

Happy Birthday to Mackenzie Leith, Rangimarie Gemmell, Lily Hudson, Leonard Mulvogue, Andrew Land, Eve Astbury, Poppy Trewenack, Ella Dockeary Doyle, William Amos, Samuel Wilson, Renee Brown, James Lawrence, Jessica McGowan, Jasper Waghorne, Archie Munro, Charlotte Coghlan, Maya Perry, Lila Stallion, Olivia O'Rourke, Matthew Webster, Caitlin Sheard, Remy Van Merkestein, Varun Manjeshwar, Vansh Manjeshwar, Harry Sidney, Caleb Baines, Luke Crawford, Camryn Ryan, Ella MacDonagh, Tobias Smith, Millie D'Arcy, Caitlin Caldwell, Jasper Le Grand, Samuel Komp, Taliah Mullane, Xuan Ho, Nirja Thacker, Ava Bakaitis, Rory Adams, Annie Brocklesby, LilyThomas, Abdul Rahman, Saskia Junge, Asel Koyu, Alec Usher, Giselle Bugeja, Alyssa Reinoga, Austin Howell, Bella Stringfellow, Clara Holmes, Molly Wilson-McKenna, Oscar Richardson, Georgia Singleton, Christopher Doherty, Katherine Ly, Rose Picking, Fynn Buttigieg, Jack Hatty, Ryan Sharp, Luka McMahon, Shiva Nathi, Raven Goffin, Thomas Frangos, Ruby Richardson, Charlie Keirs, Grace Sim and Zoe Hine.



Important – EMA in 2014



Community Noticeboard

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive **Education Maintenance Allowance** in 2014, parents must hold a Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card, a Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensioner Card, or be a foster parent (*foster parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Human Services or Courts*). The card must be current on the first day of Term 1 (i.e. 28th January, 2014) for the first instalment, and current on the first day of Term 3 (i.e. 14th July, 2014) for the second instalment.

Application

- Application must be made in person at the General Office by the eligible card holder and the relevant Centrelink card must be provided for verification.

Payment

Parents have two options for the payment of their EMA:

1. Direct deposit into your bank account (please provide bank account details at the time of applying (i.e. BSB number, account number, account name); OR
2. Cheque (you will receive it later than those electing direct credit into their bank account).

Application can only be made between 9.00 a.m. & 3.30 p.m. from Monday, 3rd February 2014 until Friday, 28th February 2014.

Please note that **the Department of Education does not accept any late applications** and parents cannot receive EMA for a previous period if they forget to apply (even if they were eligible at the time)

Yarraville Glory Soccer Come & Try Days 2014

Yarraville Glory Football Club will be holding two events for new players and players interested in moving to Yarraville from another club next week. The Come & Try days will be held on Sunday 9th February from 9.30 to 11am and Monday 10th February from 6 to 7.30pm. The Club will be expanding its number of girls teams next year, and will have boys teams in every age group from U9 to U18. All are welcome!

Pre-season training for new and current Yarraville Glory players begins on Wednesday 12th February at 6pm.

The Come & Try days will be held at Mclvor Reserve, Fogarty Avenue, and will include a free sausage sizzle. For further information please email info@yarravilleglory.com.au