Dates to Remember

Term 1
February
Fri 7th Feb  Last Day for Book Club
Tue 11th Feb  Cyber Safety Information night 7-8.30p.m.
Thur 13th Feb  Prep Information evening 6.30-7.30p.m.
Mon 17th Feb  Grade 1/2 Information evening 6.30-7.30p.m.
Tue 18th Feb  Grade 3/4 Information evening 6.30-7.30p.m.
Wed 19th Feb  Prep picnic 6p.m.
Thurs 20th Feb  Grade 5/6 Information evening 6.30-7.30p.m.
Presold uniform sale
Fri 21st Feb  Icy Pole day – fundraising event “Working Bee” – straight after school at 3.35p.m.
Mon 24th Feb  School Council Meeting 6.30p.m.
Fri 28th Feb  Yarraville District Swimming Carnival – VU Swimming Pool 10a.m – 1p.m

March
Wed 5th Mar  Kingsville Cross Country Grades 3-6 – Cruickshank Park 9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m.
Thur 6th Mar  Kingsville Cross Country Grades 3-6 – Cruickshank Park 9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m.
Mon 10th Mar  Public Holiday – Labour Day
Tue 11th Mar  Student Free Day
Wed 12th Mar  Parent Teacher meetings P-6
Thur 13th Mar  Parent Teacher meetings P-6
Fri 21st Mar  Summer Gala Sports Day Grades 5/6
Hot March Night – fundraising event

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

Term 2
Mon 21st Apr  Public Holiday - Easter Monday
Tues 22nd Apr  Term 2 begins
Fri 25th Apr  Public Holiday – Anzac Day
Thur 22nd May  School Photos
Mon 9th Jun  Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday
Tues 10th Jun  Student Free day
Fri 27th Jun  End Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal

Principal’s Message

Parent information nights are coming up very soon beginning next week for Prep parents and notes have gone home to all families.

Please note change of start time for these sessions – they all now begin at 6.30p.m.

These sessions are a very important communication tool and are provided for parents early in the school year. They have a quite specific purpose being to provide teaching teams, which includes specialist staff with the opportunity to “paint the big picture” regarding the school year ahead.

This overview of both the program of instruction and details about the individual learning environments will include an outline of expectations for parents and students and details of key events for the year. Information will also be provided for parents regarding home/school communication and opportunities for parent participation.

Format of the sessions will vary across the levels but at each one parents will be introduced to the teaching team members for 2014 – a great chance to put that face to the name. So please come along and join with us and other parents as we begin the 2014 learning journey together.

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
OSHC Camp Australia  0401 054 261
School Uniform Primary School Wear  9363 8458
Program Manager  Nick Thomson
The details again are:

**Level**
- Level Prep: Thursday 13th February
- Level 1 and 2: Monday 17th February
- Level 3 and 4: Tuesday 18th February
- Level 5 and 6: Thursday 20th February

Please see notes sent home for more detail and don’t forget to return response slips to class teachers by MONDAY FEBRUARY 10th.

**Teacher Follow up**

Following the information nights each year, level teaching teams reflect upon
- what was provided in the delivery on the night
- attendance of parents
- feedback gained from parents

Teachers then determine any areas that require further information or follow up with parents. Such information will progressively go home via newsletters, level correspondence and at times via your children when they share their work and learning with you.

Throughout the year if you have any questions about class or level programs or procedures do not hesitate to arrange a time to speak to the teacher, level leader, the Assistant Principal or myself.

**Gaining further information throughout the year**

Information nights provide some opportunity for parent questions and clarification regarding aspects of school life. More specific questions about areas of program provision or particular issues, will in most cases need to be addressed at a time other than the information sessions. Such items or questions should be followed up with class teachers, specialist teachers or a particular staff member with a responsibility in the appropriate areas. Some of these staff responsibilities will be published in newsletters during Term 1.

**To begin with**

**Questions to do with overall or specific program (curriculum provision)**
- Jeff McDonald (Director of Teaching and Learning)
- or
- Level Leaders (see Below)
- or
- Estelle Pizer (Teaching and Learning)

**Questions related to Primary Years Programme**
- Jeff McDonald (PYP Co-ordinator)
- Carolyn Withers (Assistant Principal and member of the Victorian PYP School Network)

**Questions Related to Student Welfare and Wellbeing**
- Carolyn Withers (Assistant Principal)

**Level Leaders**
- Preps – Diane Graham
- Grades 1/2 – Aaron Wood
- Grades 3/4 – Lucy Oates
- Grades 5/6 – Peter Ritchie
- Specialists – Hilary Fairlie

Email addresses for all staff can be found on the website www.kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au Parent tab, Parent Information. Parent Information Book 2014 pages 16/17.

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

The term 1 Parent Teacher Meetings are scheduled for March 12th and 13th. Details regarding times and booking will come home to families in the near future.

**Congratulations Preps 2014**

You have all settled in so well and have completed your first week. You survived Day 1 and the exhausting photo shoots and your families now have numerous shots for your 18th birthday and the family history file. You have had your first prep assembly and learnt to sing ‘a bicycle built for two’. Many of you have already participated confidently in the Prep entry assessments and you all have a senior school buddy to help show you the ropes. Great achievements all round and that was all in the first week.

**Cyber Safety Parent Information Sessions**

**Date:** Tuesday February 11th
**Time:** 7-8.30p.m.
**Location:** Schools Hall
**Presenter:** Tony Richards

A notice regarding this 2014 information session went home on Monday 3rd February. Please note this is a repeat session of the one provided last year in early November. Unfortunately at that session there was a low attendance of parents and so it is being provided again to begin the 2014 school year. This will be a great opportunity for new parents as well as those who could not attend last year to participate in this important learning. Please note these sessions are not government funded and are a significant cost to the school budget.

As is usually the case there are a number of after school events in Term 1 for parents but please if you can, take up on the “FREE ENTRY” and come along to share in what is vital information for all parents.

Please use the response that was provided with the Flyer.
Planning week
“What do we want the students to understand and be able to do?”

At Kingsville Primary School we value and actively engage in collaborative planning. There are opportunities throughout the year for every level and specialist team to get together and ensure the curriculum delivered is comprehensive and takes into account the transdisciplinary nature of the Primary Years Programme.

Specialist programs may support units of inquiry through exploring a specific line of inquiry if relevant, or through connecting with the Learner profile, attitudes, concepts or transdisciplinary skills outlined in a level’s planner.

At the heart of the transdisciplinary curriculum is the learner constructing meaning through the five essential elements: concepts, knowledge, skills, attitudes and actions. These elements go beyond disciplinary barriers and forge the curriculum into a coherent whole. The curriculum is transdisciplinary in nature because the meaning of the prefix “trans” is two-fold: to convey learning that has relevance across, between and beyond the subject areas and more importantly, learning that transcends the confines of the subject areas to connect to what is real in the world.

Through acknowledging and aiming to meet the diverse needs of the student—physical, social, intellectual, aesthetic and cultural, our program aims to create learning that is engaging, relevant, challenging and significant.

Inquiry is the pedagogical approach to teaching and learning at Kingsville Primary School. It is the process initiated by the students or the teacher that moves the students from their current level of understanding to a new and deeper level of understanding. This can mean:
- exploring, wondering and questioning
- experimenting and playing with possibilities
- making connections between previous learning and current learning
- making predictions and acting purposefully to see what happens
- collecting data and reporting findings
- clarifying existing ideas and reappraising perceptions of events
- deepening understanding through the application of a concept
- making and testing theories
- researching and seeking information
- taking and defending a position
- solving problems in a variety of ways.

It is a significant undertaking by the school to facilitate a time for teachers to engage in a collaborative exercise that takes into account the approach outlined above. On the day that your child’s teacher is planning, the classroom program continues with the support of the specialists and casual relief teacher.

Jeff McDonald
Leading Teacher
PYP Coordinator

Student safety

NO STUDENT OR PARENT ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL VIA THE TEACHER CAR PARK AT THE BACK OF THE SITE I.E. JULIAN STREET.

New and ‘old’ parents please note
Do not walk through or bring children through this area.
Parents are not permitted to park in either of the school car parks.

Uniform reminders
- closed in shoes (no sandals)
- all holiday nail polish removed
- all items clearly marked
- check name marking remains clear as the weeks go by
- no jewellery that is bracelets, necklaces, rings they can pose a danger to both the wearer and other students

Mini working bee

This is a separate beginning the school effort for one hour on Friday 21st February. There will be a focus on tidying up the kitchen garden area, garden beds and other priority jobs depending on the workforce available. Tasks will be varied so we’re sure you’ll find something that suits your energy and skill level e.g. weeding, sweeping, planting, some digging and possibly some other maintenance work.

What about the children?
Kingsville children love the working bees and can help out under parent supervision or, spend time playing in a set area, again this would be with parent supervision.

All parents, grandparents welcome.
Kingsville Awards
To be presented on Friday, 14th February

1/2A Noah Harrison
1/2B Lachlan Ipsen
1/2C Connor Graham
1/2D Benjamin Dye
1/2E Hugo Speldewinde
1/2F Phoenix Goffin
1/2G Matilda Lester
3/4A Ella Davidson
3/4B Jaydan Lester
3/4C No Award
3/4D Sam Ernst
3/4E No Award
3/4F Zac Caldwell
3/4G Madison Rogers
5A Matthew Webster
5B Lochlann Clarke
5C Mac Thomson
6A No Award
6B Aiden Cole - Stewart
6C Alexandra Chua – San Andres

Happy Birthday
13th – 19th February
Happy Birthday to Finley Panetta, Katie Ngan, Liam Hutchison, Achan Thuc, Ngor Thuc, Alex Fullerton, Georgia Fullerton, Billy Dynon, Jude MacQuire, Darcy Crawford, Ella Leith and Fred Kernebone.

Assembly Items
Term 1

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Important – EMA in 2014

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)
Fundraising News

Icypole Day – Friday 21st February
A fun treat for the students to enjoy in the summer weather. Please fill in an order form and return to your class teacher by Monday 17th February.

Fundraisers Wanted
2013 was an extremely successful year for the fundraising team. It is essential that KPS parents get involved for 2014 to make sure it's another great year. So if you want to be a part of fundraising please email me.

bbudlender@gmail.com
Vita Budlender

Pre loved Uniform Sale
These are very popular events held throughout the year to assist Kingsville families gain additional uniform items. Cost of items range from $3 - $10 and all proceeds go towards school fundraising. Please note that there will be a morning sale and an afternoon sale on 20th February.

We need stock
Donations of uniforms are needed and always welcome. We particularly need smaller sizes i.e. Prep-2 students. They can be placed in the marked container in the front foyer.

Date: Thursday 20th February
Morning: 8.45 - 9.15a.m.
Afternoon: 3.15 - 3.45p.m.
Place: outside library
Please note: Cash sales only

Kingsville Kitchen Garden
As you may have seen, the kitchen garden is up and running for 2014. Thanks to the new watering system installed before summer, the beds are flourishing. The aim of the garden project is to have all the children involved in growing and cooking something during the year. To this end we would like to have parent helpers from every grade to be involved and assist with planting, harvesting and cooking.

What time is involved? 1-2 hours, be it just help once or regularly.

What gardening is involved? No expertise required, just some time to either help behind the scenes or take a small group of children into the garden to plant, water, weed or just identify what is growing. Currently cropping include sunflowers, silverbeet, rocket, beetroot, tomatoes, lettuce and beans. Tomatoes and Warrigul Greens will be ready soon.

What cooking is involved? You don't need to be a chef, just able to guide up to 6 children in cooking something that involves ingredients from the garden. Recipes if needed are in the kitchen. Suggestions include zucchini slice, salad, potato fritters, beetroot and chocolate muffins.

When? Times are arranged to suit the class teacher, with a calendar available to avoid more than 1 group in the kitchen at a time. The specialist timetable is a guide for unsuitable times for each class.

What else is required? Like all helpers you need a Working with Children check, and to sign-in. The kitchen has basic equipment and foodstuffs, but it is wise to check before you cook.

Can we just pick things? No - As there are a large number of classes who want to cook please do not take the produce, unless cooking with a class. Any excess will be preserved for later in the year.

Further information will be available through the class reps, or contact Leah Mannion on lcmannion@optusnet.com.au

Community Noticeboard
Victoria University Sport
Junior Netball Program and competition, Basketball Program, Futsal Clinics and Competitions
At VU Stadiums, Whitten Oval
417 Barkly Street, West Footscray
03 9919 6344
www.whittenovalstadium.com.au
Junior School Council interviews with students and their thoughts on the new additions to the playground.

KPS has some new additions to the grounds. The Junior School Council hit the playground to ask what the students think of the new areas, here are some of their responses.

**Question 1: What do you like about the new grassed area in the school grounds? How will you use it?**

*We like it because it’s soft and new. We use it for relaxing and socializing.*

Preet, 3/4F and Erum, 3/4E

*I like that it’s new and fresh. I use it by hanging out with my friends.*

Ruby, 5B

*It’s soft and cuddly. I like lying down on it.*

Linda, 1/2C

*You can sit down with your friends without getting hit by balls.*

Taliah 6B

*I like relaxing on it.*

Charlotte, 1/2F

*I like it because it’s a new place for the 5/6s to hang.*

Rose, 6B

**Question 2: What do you think of the new downball wall that was built over the holidays?**

*I like it because it’s the same size without the taps.*

Marcus, 6B

*The logo is good because it represents the school.*

Sam, 6A

*It’s good because you can play with other people.*

Sai, 6C

*It’s good that people who play downball have somewhere to play it.*

Sam, 3/4C

*I really like the design, and how everyone can use it.*

Alyana, 6A

Interviewed by JSC representatives from grades 5 and 6: Mac, Lily, Maya, Marisa, Julia, Laura, Jess, Saskia, Gus, Lochlann and Mason.

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**Kitchen Garden Working Bee**

Please return this slip to school by Wednesday 19th February 2014.

Your Name: ___________________________________________ Contact No:______________________

Eldest child at school: ________________________________

Grade: ________________________________

[ ] Yes I’ll be attending the Kitchen Garden Working Bee.

There will be [ ] members of my family attending.
Kingsville Primary School Fundraising Event

Icypole Day – Friday 21st February 2014
One form per child. Orders due by Monday 17th February 2014.

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: _________

Icypole Order ($1.00 each): ______

Total Amount Enclosed $__________

Please place order form and correct money in a sealed envelope and hand to your teacher. No staples or money taped to form please. Late orders cannot be accepted.

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