



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

February

- 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.
 - Preloved Uniform Sale
 - Icy Pole day – fundraising event
 - “Working Bee” – straight after school at 3.35p.m.
- Fri 21st Feb School Council Meeting 6.30p.m.
- Mon 24th Feb Classroom Helpers information session 9-10.30a.m.
- Tue 25th 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
- 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**



Assistant Principal's Message

Parents have an important stake in the education of their children and play a significant part in supporting their children's learning. Research shows that learning outcomes improve when there is shared understanding between teachers and parents of the processes that lead to improved learning and wellbeing in the classroom.

At Kingsville we acknowledge that parents are important partners in the formal education of their children and therefore we encourage parents to take an active role in what happens at school. We encourage you to take an active interest in the life of the school as there is little doubt that parent involvement help strengthen school programs on many levels.

An example of this was the terrific response we received to the first of our series of parent information nights for 2014. This was a wonderful success, both in terms of the knowledgeable presenter, Tony Richards, and the numbers of interested parents who attended. Over one hundred parents received a clear message that families and schools need to support children to develop the skills of critical evaluation, online collaboration and communication and behaviours. These understandings support the safe, responsible and ethical use of digital technology,

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.

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essential to participate in life and work in the 21st century.

At Kingsville we are committed to continuing the dialogue around our digital responsibility and Tony's presentations will support these conversations between parents, children and teachers. The sessions proved a timely reminder that it is our collective responsibility to help our children think critically about what they post, read and see online.

We are fortunate that as an IB world school our students are familiar with the language we use when we discuss responsible use. Being principled, having integrity and being respectful all resonate with us when we work with our students to formulate essential agreements for using technology safely.

Participating in parent information sessions is a valuable way of engaging with the school. There are of course many other ways where your contributions provide support. As well as established parent groups, many parents give assistance for various classroom activities and excursions. Parents are always encouraged to support students' understandings when they are exploring units of inquiry through sharing their special skills or expertise. Classes may also have a parent representative that assists with planning fundraising events.

We appreciate that it is difficult for some parents to attend meetings or participate in every event planned by the parent groups, but we do encourage you to become involved whenever you can. Our parent groups play an enormous role in helping to build community spirit and support, through their key events and they work hard to develop closer bonds within our community. We ask that you join them in their endeavours, and encourage you to support their planned functions and events. We are grateful for the support, time and effort that we receive from so many parents. We know that your involvement helps to enhance the development of every child at Kingsville.



Happy Birthday

20th to 26th February

Happy Birthday to Lachlan Ipsen, Mirah Jugi, Benjamin Davies, Izabelle Louey, Beatrix Van Kalken, Stirling

Koop, Hugo Speldewinde, Matthew Cameron, Amelia Hull, Takdanai McLeod-Smith, Ella Taylor, Max Auld, Kalan Doloughan and Conor Hennessy.

School Council

In line with the published School Council Election Timetable for 2014 nominations closed at 4p.m. yesterday, February 13th.

Parent Category

- there were 5 nominations received for the 4 vacancies in this category
- therefore, there will be a ballot

A ballot pack including ballot forms, envelopes and statements from candidates will go home to all parents/guardians next week.

DEECD Category

- there was 1 nomination for the 1 vacancy in this category so no ballot required



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday, 21st February

1/2A	Brianna Hunt
1/2B	No Award
1/2C	Ruby Phillips
1/2D	Lila Stallion
1/2E	No Award
1/2F	Angel Wainscott
1/2G	Daniel Weldon
3/4A	Ella Davidson
3/4B	Maia Giles
3/4C	No award
3/4D	Giancarlo Gangl
3/4E	Lulu Greer
3/4F	Preet Kaur
3/4G	No award
5A	Mira Holleman
5B	Ella Dockeary Doyle
5C	No award
6A	Jasmine Featherston
6B	Mason Hose
6C	Sai Nathi

Important information for 1-6 Parent Information nights

We are looking forward to seeing many families at the information sessions next week. Please note arrangement for entering the school after hours.

- Grades 1/2 Information Night will take place in the hall- enter through the gate on Bishop street
- Grades 3/4 Information Night will take place in the library –enter through the doors of the main building on Bishop Street
- Grades 5/6 Information Night will take place in BER (5/6 building) –enter through gate on Bishop Street

Prep Family Picnic

- Date Wednesday 19th Feb
- Time 6pm
- Location School Oval

This has in the past proved a wonderful opportunity for prep families to meet each other and in many cases renew old friendships, so pull out those picnic hampers now and let's hope the wonderful summer weather continues to be kind! Please enter through the gates on Julien Street or Somerville Road.



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).



Assembly Items Term 2

Date	Friday Assembly
2/5	Prep A - Jacinta Bok
9/5	1/2B - Dylan Britton
16/5	6B – Mori Milholland
23/5	3/4B – Demetra Karageorgiou
30/5	Prep B – Diane Graham
6/6	1/2C - Christine Di Muccio
13/6	5B - Dianne Sturrock
20/6	Prep C - Samantha Johnson
27/6	1/2E - Tony Wain



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



Sports News

Sports Clinics

Each year the students at Kingsville Primary School participate in a selection of sporting clinics. The clinics are often organised by the state sporting bodies such as Cricket Victoria and in turn facilitated by members from the affiliated local sporting clubs. Each sport is keen to encourage new players to their sport and often has written information about their particular sport to distribute to students

The focus of these extra-curricular sporting clinics is to introduce the students to a sport that they may not be familiar with, to develop new skills and then have confidence in applying these skills in an individual or team sport.

If any family would like any further information about where to further their child's participation in a sport that has been presented at a school clinic, please see Mr or Mrs Hodgart.

Sue Hodgart
Graeme Hodgart
PE Department



Classroom Helpers

Thank you to all those enthusiastic parents who have expressed interest in helping in the classrooms this year. Carolyn Withers and Blagma Veljanoska will run a short parent information session in the library on Tuesday 25th February at 9.00a.m. until about 10.30a.m.

We will be discussing strategies you can use to assist students in the classroom. These will also be useful in helping your children at home. Topics will also include confidentiality and effective communication with teachers.

At Kingsville we very much value and appreciate any contribution you are able to make so we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. If you would like more information about this session please contact Carolyn.

Carolyn Withers



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

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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