



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

March

Mon 10 th Mar	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Tue 11 th Mar	Student Free Day
Wed 12 th Mar	Parent Teacher meetings P-6
Fri 14 th Mar	Icy Pole Day – fundraising event
Mon 17 th – Fri 28 th Mar	Prep – 2 Swimming Program
Wed 19 th Mar	National Ride2School Day
Fri 21 st Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Gala Sports Day Grades 5/6 • Hot March Night–fundraising event

Mon 24th Mar School Council Meeting 6.30p.m.

April

Fri 4 th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual Clothes Day – fundraising event • End Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal
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Term 2

April

Mon 21 st Apr	Public Holiday – Easter Monday
Tue 22 nd April	Term 2 begins
Fri 25 th April	Public Holiday – Anzac Day

May

Mon 12 th May	School Council Meeting 6.30p.m.
Thur 22 nd May	School Photos

June

Mon 9 th June	Public Holiday–Queen’s Birthday
Tue 10 th June	Student Free Day
Fri 27 th Jun	End Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal

Future Dates

Sat 18 th Oct	Kingsville Fete
Mon 3 rd Nov	Student Free Day
Tue 4 th Nov	Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup



Principal's Message

Reminder student Free day on Tuesday March 11th - all Kingsville staff will be involved in stage 1 of our 2014 School Evaluation and Review. More news about this later in Term 1.

Personnel Update

In follow up to the personnel message in Newsletter **No 4 21/2** some additional information

- welcome to new staff member **Helene Lissmyr** who has already taken up duties as the class teacher for 1/2 A
- **Myffy Scott - Walker** one of our current Visual Arts teacher 0.5, will be taking leave from March 18th - the replacement teacher for this vacancy for 2014 will be **Rhonda McLeod** – so an early farewell to Myffy and an early welcome to Rhonda
- **Pauline Englefield** teacher of 1/2 G has successfully gained a further contract for the remainder of 2014, congratulations Pauline.

I am sure parents will join with me in congratulating teachers who have gained these positions.

Helene – absolutely new to KPS

Rhonda – who has been both a relief and contract teacher at Kingsville and knows our children very well

Pauline – who first came to Kingsville in 2013.

We will be also looking forward to news from Brigitte Bentley and Myffy Scott-Walker about “**tiny additions**” to their family in the near future.

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 Sam Elg 0437 774 338
OSHC Camp Australia 0401 054 261

School Uniform Primary School Wear 9363 8458
Program Manager Nick Thomson

Staff Leave

As outlined in the above mentioned newsletter item, there will be a number of personnel changes due to approved leave in particular long service leave during any one year. Please note at Kingsville we work with only one teacher supply agency to gain short term replacement teachers. This proves to be beneficial as we can often obtain staff who are familiar with the school and the students. Any vacancy of over 30 days however, now must be advertised and filled in line with the Government recruitment system. This is a time consuming process with reading written applications, shortlisting, undertaking interviews and gaining referee reports. So as outlined, as much notice as possible will be given to parents regarding details of a replacement teacher, but there are challenges that parents need to be aware of.

Before the end of Term 1 I will publish confirmed dates of staff leave for 2014 and then details of replacements will be sent out closer to the actual vacancy.

Updating student enrolment details

Parent Teacher Meetings are being held next Wednesday March 12th. This provides the school with a great opportunity to have parents UPDATE their student and family details.

When a student is enrolled at school parents must provide a range of information which includes details such as:

- address
- parent A and B details depending upon individual family circumstances
- parent work details
- child health information
- conditional enrolment details e.g. details of any shared parenting arrangements
- phone numbers
- parent occupations
- family emergency contacts
- demographic details for students e.g. visa class status
- student access or activity restrictions details e.g. any Family Law Orders

ALL THIS COMES TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE KEY REFERENCE POINT OF INFORMATION FOR EACH CHILD ON A DAILY BASIS.

Whilst this information can be brought up instantly on a computer screen it is only as accurate as what parents and guardians provide and update during the seven years of primary school.

‘Legal Duty of Care’ which requires Principals and teachers to take all reasonable steps to reduce risk to students, may be compromised if we do not have up to date and accurate details for each child.

Ensuring such information is updated is ultimately a parent responsibility, but in turn the school has a responsibility to remind parents and look for strategic ways to assist parents in gaining these updates.

A great opportunity will be provided next Wednesday 12th March don't miss out on checking in and amend your child/children's details as necessary.

When and How

Before or after your parent teacher meeting

Step 1 Go to the library either 20 minutes before or immediately after your meeting, where there will be Kingsville staff waiting to assist you. The library will be open from 1.30p.m. – 7.00p.m.

Step 2 Go to the appropriate table to collect forms which will be clearly labelled according to your child/children's surname

Step 3 Collect the printed Student Information forms and red pen. (staff will mark off parents who have collected forms.)

Step 4 Go to a table and mark any changes in red pen

Step 5 Please make sure that under the heading 'Family Contact Details' you write Adult A and B's email address (this will be highlighted on the form)

Step 6 When completed place the forms in the correct boxes labelled – forms with changes and forms without changes

N.B.

- if there are any missing documents
- if there is any new paper work that needs to be copied and provided e.g. Family Law Court Orders or, a statement of parent agreed shared living arrangements for the child these can be photocopied for you

Please note if you are not able to attend the parent teacher meetings or, you have organised an alternative time with the classroom teacher then, the forms will be mailed to your home address. You will need to amend any details again in red if necessary and then return back to the school.

For parent information - at the time of a student transferring to another Victorian Government school, in addition to a transfer note, information contained on this form will be also transferred to the new school. A secure electronic transfer of this information is performed during a student transition from primary school (year 6) to secondary school (year 7).

If parents have any concerns, questions or issued regarding this process or the information required – please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal.



Easter Hat Parade

*Getting in early
Friday April 4th*

Easter is still some time away but, there are signs around out there of course with “eggs”, “chickens” and “rabbits” so to speak, that seem to appear earlier in the shops every year. As for ‘hot cross buns’, don’t start me - anyway, it is not too early for parents and childrens’ minds to turn to **Easter Bonnets** “with all the trims upon it”. The now traditional school Easter Hat Parade is always held on the last day of Term 1 **“by order of the Principal”**.

It is a delightful way to finish the term and has grown over the last few years from a school assembly style event to a ‘Gala Occasion’ with appropriate media coverage.

Parade Details

Date: Friday April 4th
Time: 11.40am – 1pm approximately
Location: in the Monday morning assembly area in front of the stage
Audience: parents, grandparents, family and friends

Dress Code

for audience: audience members are encouraged to wear a hat or a head wear creation - a parade of parents with hats will take place

How long does it take?

- a) each of the 25 classes parades, dances or twirls around the rectangle (approx. 40 minutes)
- b) parents’ parade takes longer than it should, as KPS parents are not shy and have been known to require some time to **“get off the stage”** (approx. 8 minutes)
- c) the parade of “special effort” winners (approx. 4 minutes)

What if it rains? we would go ahead with the event via a reduced model in hall, corridors or classrooms

So all **old** KPS parents you have been through the **Easter Hat Challenge** before, **new** parents here are some guidelines for you.

1. **don’t panic**, we do not want Kingsville parents staying up creating “millinery masterpieces” into the wee small hours
2. we do want it to be all about **participation** and fun for the students and creating great memories of events and traditions during their primary school life.

So, families get together to create your headgear e.g.

- a Kingsville creation
- a school sun hat decorated
- traditional Easter theme
- PYP “Profile of the Learner” hat (and we might see):
balanced
open minded caring creative hats

Yes, usually a football theme will sneak in somewhere as well and that is fine. Teachers provide a great example and will always create and wear a hat and parade with their class.

So **glue guns to the ready** and let the imagination go and see what happens. Some members of our wonderful support staff will again form a panel of observers who will cast their eyes over all entries and, acknowledge special efforts from each class. Not the best, biggest or fanciest – just a special effort award for a member of each class and yes, a parent one as well.

In preparation for the big event - don’t forget the cameras / devices to record the history to use at various 18th & 21st birthdays of the future. Also remember this is a casual clothes day so take that into consideration regarding the overall practicality.

Thank you – more reminders during the remainder of the term.

from **“Head Bunny”** so to speak.



Easter Hamper Donations

Two blue Easter donation tubs are now situated in the office area waiting for Easter themed donations for the Easter raffle. These items will be put together to make up a number of Easter raffle prize baskets. The raffle will be drawn at the Friday morning assembly on April 4th.

To date we only have two donations so, come on very generous Kingsville parents please fill up the tubs to assist with the all important fundraising.

Safety Message

Victorian Government schools have received details of the new National *guidelines for the safe restraint of children travelling in motor vehicles*. Schools are now required to pass this important information on to members of the school community and use of school newsletters is encouraged.

Main Points

- The *National Guidelines for the Safe Restraint of Children Travelling in Motor Vehicles* have been developed by Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA) and Kidsafe – The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia.
- Children of different sizes and ages need different types of restraints. The guidelines recommend that children use a booster seat until they are too tall for the booster seat or can achieve good seatbelt fit as assessed by the 5 Step Test.
- A good adult seatbelt fit is generally not achieved before children are approximately 145-150 cm tall or 10-12 years of age. The Child Restraint Guidelines also recommend that children under 12 years of age are safest in the rear seat.
- The Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test to assist parents to assess whether a child is ready to use an adult seatbelt. VicRoads recommends parents use the 5 Step Test to ensure their children's safety at all times.
 - Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?
 - Do the child's knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?
 - Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?
 - Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?
 - Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?
- To access the Child Restraint Guidelines, see: www.kidsafe.com.au/crguidelines



Happy Birthday

13th March – 19th March

Happy Birthday to Gracie Droogleever, Matilda Stringfellow, Alice Robertson, Ashleigh Cassidy,

Justin Cassidy, Amelie Le Grand, Misha Thornton, Ellie Robson, Ruby Phillips, Hollie Green, Tessa Crawford, Luka Kolundzija and Chilli Williams.



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday, 14th March

1/2A	Shiam Ahsan
1/2B	Ermias Mersha
1/2C	Leo Sidney
1/2D	Lyla Artavilla
1/2E	Herbie Grarock
1/2F	Gabrielle Long
1/2G	Luxe Julian
3/4A	No Award
3/4B	Abdul Rahman
3/4C	No Award
3/4D	Alexandria Mozjerin
3/4E	Nicolas Tsourounakis
3/4F	Jenny Duong
3/4G	Leo Marshall
5A	Samiha Haider
5B	Saskia Junge
5C	Austin Nelson
6A	Zachary Tanner
6B	Joseph Cekalovic
6C	Brigit Ingram



Community Noticeboard

Footscray City College – Open Day

Sunday 23rd March
Kinnear Street, Footscray
Ph: 8387 1500
www.footscray.vic.edu.au

Principal's Address – 1.30p.m.
Guided tours – 2p.m. – 4p.m.

Registration for SEALP and Academic Testing closes Friday 9th May

HOT MARCH

Night

FRIDAY MARCH 21

6PM ONWARDS

**It's back!... and there's no better way
to kick off a new school year.**

Catch up with friends – old and new and enjoy
the entertainment at this relaxed family event.

PREPAID ADMISSION

\$20 per family / \$15 for 2 people

AT THE GATE

\$25 per family / \$20 for 2 people

AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THE NIGHT

Sausages / Hamburgers / Souvlaki

Sweets, treats & cold drinks

Beer & Wine will also be available

BYO chairs and picnic rugs

KPS SCHOOL COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED THIS EVENT AND EXPECTS ALL THOSE ATTENDING TO
CONSUME ALCOHOL RESPONSIBLY AND WITH CONSIDERATION THAT THIS IS AN ADVERTISED FAMILY EVENT.

HOT MARCH NIGHT TICKETS

Place form in an envelope marked 'Hot March Night' with your cash or cheque by Friday 21st March 2014

Yes, my family (3 or more) would love to come for \$20 (please tick)

Yes, my family (1 adult / 1 child) would love to come for \$15 (please tick)

Please indicate the total number of people attending – Adults

Children

Eldest child's name

Class

Your name

Tel no

Cheques should be made to 'Kingsville Primary School'. Please don't staple money to this form

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