Dates to Remember

Term 4

December

Thurs 5th Dec • Preloved uniform sale (a.m. and p.m. sessions) and labelling session

Fri 6th Dec • Girls Swimming Trial 7a.m.-8a.m Yarraville Swim Centre, Roberts St

9th – 13th Dec • Teacher Planning Week

Mon 9th Dec • School Council Meeting (6pm)

Tues 10th Dec • Grade 6 Orientation/Step Up Program

Thurs 12th Dec • Kingsville Carols (Beever Reserve)

Fri 13th Dec • Christmas Raffle drawn (fundraising)

Mon 16th Dec • Grade 6 Graduation

Tues 17th Dec • Parent helpers morning tea 11a.m.

Wed 18th Dec • Grade parties

Thurs 19th Dec • Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donations)

Fri 20th Dec • Casual Clothes Day (gold coin donation)

End Term 4 - 1.30p.m dismissal

Term Dates 2014

Term 1 - Wed 29th January – Fri 4th April
Term 2 - Tue 22nd April – Fri 27th June
Term 3 – Mon 14th July – Fri 19th September
Term 4 – Mon 6th October – Fri 19th December

Principal’s Message

The 2013 school year has been yet another very successful one for students, staff and our school community. The 94th year for our wonderful school as we move closer to the big birthday in 2019. Whilst that milestone is still a way off there will be many celebrations and acknowledgements over the next 15 school days. Teachers, parents and students will be participating in traditional and important rituals and experiences across all levels of the school.

These create valuable primary school memories and form part of both individual family and school history. The late stay/sleepover Big Night In, Grade 6 graduation, final assembly, Christmas Carols, grade parties, Step Up to 2014 program and class events are all on the agenda. It is important for students to be here every day right up until that ‘final bell’ to share these experiences together.

Literature List

Estelle Pizer who is a teacher and learning coach has been working to produce an excellent resource for families and students of both Kingsville and Yarraville West Primary Schools.

Parents often ask about what literature to buy for their children in trying to encourage them to read “better literature”.

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
This literature list is a comprehensive list of books that we intend to put on our website for students and families. Hopefully many of these will be enjoyed over the holiday season and they would make great presents from family and friends.

The authors were mainly chosen because they have written numerous quality titles and our children can continue to read more of that particular authors’ work, like we do as adults. There is considerable research supporting the importance of children reading regularly and this continuing over the long holiday period. Such reading supports the learning and development that has occurred throughout the school year.

If you like the sound of any of these titles and would like to know more about them, here are a few places we go: www.booko.com.au to find the cheapest price www.goodreads.com and www.amazon.com to read reviews.

Finally, checking the internet for literature medal winners in Australia, England and America is a reliable way to find great new books.

Happy holiday reading!

Estelle Pizer

Communication Home

- a full Newsletter on Friday 6th and 13th December and a shorter information sheet on Friday 20th December
- notices, level/grade newsletters or invitations
- the Prep Starting School Book which will be mailed out before the end of the year with families with Preps beginning gin 2014
- 2014 class lists and room allocation maps which the children will bring home on 10th December following their participation in the ‘Step up Program’

Please keep these safe – maybe up on that all important family noticeboard, so they will be available to jog the memory in late January 2014.

2013 Christmas Hamper Raffle

Last year 15 fabulous “highly desirable hampers” were lined up at a full school assembly and the lucky numbers were drawn out. Great excitement always surrounds this event and it is one of those Kingsville end of year traditions.

This year we have a shorter timeline to get the donations in and, have the fundraisers i.e. our volunteer parents work their magic creating beautiful festive hampers.

The draw will take place a week earlier this year on Friday 13th to enable adult family members to collect their hampers before school finishes. Drawing the raffle on the last day of school in past years has unfortunately meant some winning hampers have made it home in less than ‘pristine’ condition. Some students have ‘staggered’ off into the summer holidays carrying the family prize and encountering dangers along the way e.g.

- hunger may have taken over and some snacking or sharing of goodies on the way home ‘decreased’ the content of the hamper
- KPS students are also very generous and some Christmas sharing has been responsible for depleted hampers arriving home
- melting of the goodies on way home on a hot afternoon has also been known to play havoc with the prize

In addition there are also obvious OH&S issues (large hamper – small child) and attempts to ride a scooter or bike and balance a hamper (yes it was attempted).

So you can see why it is sensible to draw the raffle a week earlier than has been the case in the past.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

**The upshot of the shorter timeline is**

**DONATIONS ARE REQUIRED URGENTLY SO HAMPERS CAN BE MADE UP IN TIME FOR 13TH DECEMBER ASSEMBLY DRAW**

So please

- shop and donate suitable items (check dates on food items)
- raid the Butler’s Pantry, ‘cellar’, ‘larder’ or any other store of goodies

**Guidance for donations** – items such as Christmas gifts and trinkets, Christmas food e.g. puddings, shortbreads etc, beauty items e.g. creams, moisturisers etc and general new gifts and gadgets or items for those spoilt Kingsville pets.

Bottles of wine/champagne will also be gratefully accepted, but they do need to be delivered by a parent and cannot be sent to school with the students.

Beautifully decorated, rather empty tubs await your hamper donations in the main office area. Only a few donations so far so come on generous KPS families.
Student enrolment
Determining our actual student enrolment for 2014 is vital information as we work to confirm the school organisation model for 2014. The number of staff we are able to employ and classrooms required along with all other resources is dependent on accurate knowledge in this area.

Whilst we have had the

Will your child/children be at Kingsville in 2014?

forms in the newsletter throughout Semester 2, we are still just finding out about some families who are moving.

Even a small increased change in enrolment can cause a complete reworking of a proposed school model.

So please if your child/children will not be returning to Kingsville in 2014, or if they will only be here for a short time e.g. you could be moving in Term 1 fill in the attached form if you have not already informed the school.

For parent information
Expected enrolment for 2014 is at 29th November
582 students

Prep 108
Grade 1 81
Grade 2 77
Grade 3 105
Grade 4 67
Grade 5 76
Grade 6 68

Total 582

and amazingly DEECD prediction for 2014 – 582 (this will change between now and February 2014).

DEECD enrolment prediction
2015 586
2016 572
2017 584

More details regarding our 2014 school model next week.

End of Year
Reminders

Grade Parties
All end of year grade parties will be held on Wednesday 18th December. Class teachers will send home further details.

Christmas cards and presents
Whilst the handing out of Christmas cards to classmates is a lovely idea (and we actually encourage children to make their own), giving presents to classmates becomes difficult and expensive.

Please ensure that individual presents are given outside school hours if parents wish to provide for this.

Kris Kringle
In some classes, a group decision with the teacher may see some type of Kris Kringle or shared giving group activity. If this is the case, only a tiny gift/token is required. Again class teachers would provide details.

Happy Birthday
28th November to 4th December
Happy Birthday to Jonah Bulic, Marisa Vallejos, Daniel Rooney, Darcy Goonan, Sacha Horne, Tessa Millington, Sophia McCann, Herbie Grarock, Angus Ernst, Zoe Goodenough, Finn Craig and Fergus Browning.

2013 Parent Payments
A reminder to all those families who have not yet paid their 2013 Parent Payment that this payment is now due. Please make your payment at the office as soon as possible.

Please note that the last day for eftpos payments at the school for 2013 is Friday 29th November. Only cash or cheque payments will be accepted after this date for the remainder of the 2013 school year.
Kingsville
Awards
To be presented on Friday, 6th December

| Prep B | No Award |
| Prep J | No Award |
| Prep L | No Award |
| Prep M | No Award |
| 1/2 D  | Sam Heinnen |
| 1/2 E  | Tiane Hatfield |
| 1/2 F  | Will Zarakis |
| 1/2 G  | No Award |
| 1/2 J  | No Award |
| 1/2 N  | Tommy Peile |
| 1/2 S  | No Award |
| 1/2 Y  | No Award |
| 3/4 A  | Leon Nguyen Van Tri |
| 3/4 F  | Jei Welsh |
| 3/4 M  | Jack Hatty |
| 3/4 O  | Makayla Moriarty |
| 3/4 T  | Lucas Van Merkestein |
| 3/4 W  | Lola Knowles |
| 5/6 D  | No Award |
| 5/6 K  | Victor Chuntai |
| 5/6 O  | Maranatha Tessema |
| 5/6 R  | Oliver Doucas |
| 5/6 S  | Harry Arthur |

PSW back to school

Australia Day – Public Holiday 2014 PSW are open
The Deer Park store will be open for regular trade on the Australia Day Public Holiday (Monday 27th January). Please note the store will be closed from Saturday 21st December to Sunday 5th January, 2014 and Sunday 26th January, 2014. Lay-by will be unavailable in January and February.
Website:  www.psw.com.au
Phone:  03 9363 8458

Pre loved Uniform Sale
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. Donations of uniforms are very welcome and can be placed in the container in the front foyer. We particularly need smaller sizes i.e. Prep-2 students.

Date: Thursday 5th December
Morning: 8.45 - 9.15 a.m.
Afternoon: 3.15 - 3.45 p.m.
Place: outside library
Please note: Cash sales only.

Kingsville Uniform Labelling Day
Thursday 5th December
For a gold coin donation you can have your Kingsville school jacket labelled with an iron on label that won’t easily come off. We can also label hats. We hope this will help identify your jacket or hat if it gets lost or left in the playground.
For parents we are also selling a small labelling kit with iron on labels, instructions and a laundry pen so you can label all of your uniform items.
You can order your kit by completing the order below and handing it to the class teacher.
All money raised will go to fundraising. Please see order form in this newsletter.
Tracey Doherty

Fundraising News

Icypole Day – 6th December
Don’t forget icypole day. A fun treat for the students to enjoy the summer weather. Please fill in an order form and return to your class teacher by Monday 2nd December.

Brookfield Shirts
The last day for ordering shirts is 11th December. See last weeks newsletter or samples and order forms are available at the front desk.
Jackie Parnell, Fundraising co-ordinator
0425 750 497
Kingsville Labelling Day - Labelling Kit  $3.00 each

Kit includes:
1x Laundry Pen
6 x Labels
Instructions

Childs Name:___________________________ Class___________________________

Number of Kits required_______

Total: __________________________

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WILL YOUR CHILD / CHILDREN BE AT KINGSVILLE IN 2014?
If you know your child / children will not be returning to Kingsville in 2014
or
If they will be only here for a short time e.g. you could be moving in Term 1
Please fill in below if you have not already informed the school

CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINGSVILLE P.S. IN 2014

Name: -------------------------- Year level in 2013: ........ Date finishing at KPS: ........
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Name: -------------------------- Year level in 2013: ........ Date finishing at KPS........
New school (if known): ...........................................................................................................

Signature of parent/guardian: .........................................................

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One form per child. Orders due by Monday 2nd December.

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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KINGSVILLE
Xmas Carols
Thursday 12 December

With special guest opera SUPERSTAR
Antoinette Halloran

CITY OF MARIBYRNONG
WALES ST

Featuring Kingsville and Wembley Primary School Choirs.
CAROLS START AT 6.30
Eat, play, sing and shop at Beevers Reserve, Wales St
Bring a picnic and your best singing voice! Acts include:
Rebecca Barnard, Amanda Testro, Richard Lewis,
Dharma and lots more!

Santa arrives at eight. A bag of lollies for every child. Night Market starts at 4.30

Animal farm.
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