



# Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

### Term 2

#### April

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Apr Public Holiday – Easter Monday

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> April Term 2 begins

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April Public Holiday – Anzac Day

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> to Grade 3/4 Swimming Program

Thur 1<sup>st</sup> May

#### May

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May District Cross Country

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May Prep Working Bee 9a.m. – 12p.m.

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> May Buildings and Grounds Community Consultation Night 7p.m.

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May School Council Annual General Meeting 6.00p.m. – 6.40p.m.

School Council Meeting 6.45p.m.

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> to NAPLAN testing - Grades 3 and 5

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Prep Parent Information Night – 7p.m.

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> May School Photos

Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> May Walk to School Day

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May

#### June

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> June Sports Gala Day

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June Public Holiday–Queen’s Birthday

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> June Student Free Day

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June School Council Meeting 6.30p.m.

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> and School Production – “Pinocchio”

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jun End Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal

### Future Dates

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Kingsville Fete

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Student Free Day

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup



## Principal's Message

### **Dear Kingsville parents/guardians**

In addition to my end of term message below I would like to draw your attention to the information I have included at the end of this Newsletter. This message focuses in on the importance of “**volunteering**” in schools and where **fundraising** sits within this overall vital aspect of school life.

I ask that you read and consider this information and if you can, assist as a volunteer in any aspect of school life including being

- a member of the fundraising team or being an ‘on call’ volunteer for fundraising events
- a member of the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee or, a volunteer for any the activities i.e. working bees, dads group or assistance with master planning (see B&G message in newsletter today)

please indicate your willingness by filling in and returning the attached response slip.

### **Term 1 ticked off**

Last week of Term 1 and the 10 weeks have been busy and productive. So much is achieved and experienced every week at Kingsville Primary School but, it is important to stop and note some term 1 milestones.

Along with staff, I will at times when congratulating students tell them to give themselves that traditional Kingsville “pat on the back”. Well, I think a collective “pat on the back” is in order for all members of our school learning community as we finish the term. Teachers, support staff, parents and students have worked together throughout the 10 weeks to ensure a great beginning to the 2014 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** Sam Elg 0437 774 338  
**OSHC Camp Australia** 0401 054 261

**School Uniform Primary School Wear** 9363 8458  
**Program Manager** Asi Malu

Our 25 learning environments (P-6 classes) are set up, our program of instruction is well and truly embedded and our specialist programs have enhanced the learning on a weekly basis.

Our new School Council is in place and all subcommittees are up and running.

Parent information sessions, school and district swimming, excursions, sport gala day, cross country and yesterday a very successful Share and Connect open morning for years 3-6, are just a few of the many achievements.

We experienced a joyous finish to the term today with our whole school assembly and legendary Easter Hat Parade.

Now a little longer break this April with term holidays and Easter coming together. Students return for second term on Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Congratulations Preps 2014**

To our 108 wonderful prep students a special congratulations, you can tick off your first term of primary school, only 27 more to go.

### **Fundraising News**

#### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to everyone for their generosity in contributing to the Easter Raffle. It has been wonderful to see so many donations coming in and they are all very much appreciated. The 'wrapping team' came in on Wednesday morning and did a brilliant job combining the goodies. As a result we have 28 beautiful baskets. These contain not only chocolate but, other special treats and even some handmade bunnies and Kingsville Angels.

**Highly desirable Easter Baskets** – I was at another close by school on Wednesday and spotted their Easter raffle baskets let me say nowhere near Kingsville Primary School standard.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to Vita Budlender and the fundraising team.

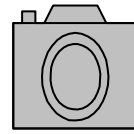
### **School Uniform Updates**

#### **Health and Safety Issues**

For health and safety reasons the following criteria as outlined in the School Dress Code must be adhered to by all students

- jewellery (excluding small earrings or studs and watches) is dangerous and not permitted. Religious or cultural significant jewellery must be worn inside clothing at all times

- fingernails must be short and clean
- shoulder length hair (male and female) and longer must be tied back
- students should be dressed appropriately for weather conditions and the activities they are involved in
- woven friendship type bracelets are not to be worn to school.



## Where In The World Are You Reading?

It's back for 2014 – a display of our Kingsville student' reading in unusual places (at home, on holidays, at play or sport). Students in Years 5 & 6 will remember this when they were involved back in 2011. What we ask is:

- photos are taken of Kingsville students reading a book in an unusual spot;
- parents print photo and send it to the Principal or email it to the Principal for it to be printed at school  
([Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au)).

The photos become part of a significant display in the entrance of the school.

More news next Term but, with holidays here, it could be a good time to set up and take that photo.



## Happy Birthday

**3<sup>rd</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

*Happy Birthday to* Harriet Gould, Gisma Paolo, William Calleja, Alexandra Gould, Joe Perry, Aspen Santoro, Gabrielle Long, Darcey Atherton, Veronika Puohotaua, Maddison Budlender, Heidi Junge, Mark Kazoglou, Finn Carrodus, Joel Loverso, Mischa Zakharov, Nicholas Tu, Phoenix Horne, Taylor Newbegin, Joseph Thompson-Madden, Charlie Doucas, Hazel Pigrum, Darcy Beer, William Randall, Sihaam Mahamed, Ava Leach, Winter Johnson, Sam Ernst, Molly Strachan, Gabrielle Furnari, Hugh Balmain, Gabriel Lyon and Brianna Hunt.

# Members required for Buildings and Grounds sub committee

We need more members of the KPS community to join the Buildings and Grounds Committee to share the work load. The commitment is two meetings per term. Areas of involvement include: working bee group, the Kitchen Garden, Master plan team and Dad's group. All teams work to make improvements to school buildings and grounds.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 6th of May at 6.30pm. If interested or would like to find out more about what it involves please contact Leah Mannion [lcmannion@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lcmannion@optusnet.com.au). Or just turn up on the night.

## Community News

### Melbourne Girls' College

Yarra Boulevard, Richmond

Tel: 9428 8955

[www.mgc.vic.edu.au](http://www.mgc.vic.edu.au)

Information session and open day for 2015 enrolments into year 7.

**Information Session:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the College Lyceum

Daughters' Surnames A-K: arrive 7p.m. – finish 8p.m.

Daughters' Surnames L-Z: arrive 7.45p.m. - finish 8.45p.m.

**Open Day:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 9.30a.m. – 2.30p.m.

### Gilmore College for Girls

Accelerated Program commencing in 2015.

Testing will occur on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 5p.m. and

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 10a.m.

Telephone the office on 9689 4788 to confirm a place for the test.



### Soccer Players Wanted

Yarraville Glory is looking for girls who are 9 or 10 years old (turned 10 in 2014) who would like to play soccer. Yarraville Glory currently has a senior women's team, U15/16 girls and U12 girls' teams and so we offer a great path for any girls interested in playing soccer. Yarraville Glory's ground is next to Mclvor Reserve on Fogarty Avenue in Yarraville. If you would like any further information please contact Pat Green on [registrations@yarravillefc.com](mailto:registrations@yarravillefc.com)

# Call for volunteers

Fundraising

B&g

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in your name and contact details and a convenor will get back to you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Childs name and grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any question please email Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au

## Prep Working Bee

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May @ 9am -12pm

We're hoping for a big turnout at the Prep Working Bee. This is a great opportunity to help beautify the school plus catch up with other parents. Working bees are highly popular with the kids as they can help out or spend a bit of free time on the oval or playgrounds.

Tasks are varied so we're sure you'll find something that suits your energy and skill level. At this working bee we're planning to weed, sweep, plant, clean, dig and whipper snip. Please BYO building tools, wheelbarrows, brooms and gardening tools.

Morning tea will be provided around 11a.m. and a scrumptious sausage sizzle will be available at 12pm. Come for an hour or come for three hours, it's up to you. We'd love to see you there.

Remember, parents and children of all grades are welcome.

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### Kitchen Garden Working Bee

Please return this slip to school by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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.





## Building and Grounds Committee: Community Consultation Night

|                |                                     |      |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| KPS Staff Room | Tuesday the 6 <sup>th</sup> of May  | @7pm |
| All Welcome    | Bring Your Idea's, Images or Plans! |      |

Email [lcmannion@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lcmannion@optusnet.com.au) for further information on joining the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

## Principal's Message Volunteering

**“SCHOOLING”** – so much is said questioned, written, researched and debated about the topic including

- the importance of it
- what makes for a good school?
- will my child be happy and successful at school?

the list of questions, issues and considerations is endless. Rightly so, as schooling and the placement of your child/children into a school setting , in the case of primary school education seven years, is a significant undertaking.

During this seven year journey we hope that parents and extended family members become part of the life of our school. The partnerships that build up between teachers, parents, students, staff, school leadership and the school governance team i.e. School Council and the working groups are the “life blood” of any school.

This building and nurturing of school community is a high priority for all schools and actions to enhance parent access and build positive relationships as you would expect, will feature in school Strategic Plans and goals set by School Councils and particular teams or committees.

**“Volunteering”** is a proven key component of all successful schools, from the highest fee paying to the small country one. With parent, family and community volunteers in place, what can be provided for the students is always going to be enhanced.

So much of what is available for students in their every day school life exists only because of the work of **volunteers** parents and friends helping out in classrooms, on excursions, sports programs, activities across Australia. Such contributions if all were recorded at KPS would run to many pages – reading assistance, filing, laminating, making resources, costumes, props, library work, gardening, cooking to name just a few. Class and specialist teachers rely on this work so much and their back up team of parent helpers is invaluable.

Set within this overall volunteering is of course the very necessary and highly valued

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising in Victorian Government schools is not seen as extra money or “icing on the cake” so to speak but, with the challenge of school budgeting in 2014 an absolute necessary **INCOME** item in the yearly **SCHOOL BUDGET**.

School fundraising has certainly evolved since the days when the Parents Association set up some card tables to sell cakes or other home made craft items. The money raised back then would have been just as valuable but it wouldn't have been expected as a school income item.

Government schools now rely on “locally raised funds” as a set income item to help fund resources and materials across all school programs.

As Principal of Kingsville Primary School for a significant period of time, I am in a position to be able to attest to the vibrant Kingsville community spirit, generosity and the efforts of hundreds of Kingsville Primary School volunteers and fundraisers over many years. Our school enrolment has doubled over the last 15 years and family lives have become increasingly busy. I believe however that many Kingsville fundraising volunteers are out there and just haven't put their hand up yet.

The **School Council** is responsible for how the school raises revenue over and above the funding provided by the Government. The **School Council** determines a reasonable target to set each year that fundraising efforts should be able to provide. School Council reviews the fundraising activities of the prior year and approves the planner of activities. That planner is not absolutely “set in stone” as circumstances and opportunities to carry out certain planned events may change or new opportunities might arise.

The planner will always have at Kingsville Primary School key known student orientated successful activities e.g.

- Casual Clothes Days
- Mothers/fathers Day stalls
- Easter/Christmas raffles
- Second Hand Uniform Sales
- Student Discos
- Food days e.g. pizza, sausages, icy poles

In addition a reasonable number of major events are planned or sequenced during the year e.g.

- Fete
- Art Show
- Trivia/Bingo Nights
- Movie Nights
- Hot March Night

to name just a few.

Alongside these events are ones such as

- Christmas Carols
- Easter Hat Parade
- Concerts
- Production
- Prep Picnic
- Information nights
- Grandparents Day

which may have no cost involved or require a relatively small charge. These are seen as equally important in developing parent/family and engagement with our school. Parent class representatives have also worked to organise events for class parents over the last few years.



Whilst School Council is responsible for determining the planner of events it is the **fundraising sub committee** of council that organises and ensures the work is carried out.

### **REALITY CHECK**

At Kingsville Primary School in 2014 we currently have only **5 parents on the fundraising team**, but we have 587 children at the school. This small team simply cannot do the work related to the 2014 planned events if additional member cannot be gained.

**Bottom line** – if we can't at least double this number of volunteers very soon the target for fundraising for 2014 will need to be reviewed, the number of planned activities possibly reduced and cuts made in the programs.

**I am confident that we have many parents out there who just don't realise how low the numbers are in the fundraising team and will now volunteer their time.**

Please remember every parent is a potential member of the team. You may be only able to contribute at certain times or for certain events – that's fine, all help will be welcomed. Your involvement can and should be driven by you and your availability.

**SO COME ON KINGVILLE PARENTS** don't let 2014 be the one year in my long reign (ha ha) that I can't say Kingsville Primary School parents have shared the workload in the all important component **of fundraising**.

### **School Fetes at Kingsville Primary School**

School Council approves the final fundraising planner for the year taking into account

- the income target set
- the number of parents who have volunteered to be on the fundraising sub committee
- success of events from previous years
- additional possibilities and opportunities e.g. an election

Council determines what fundraising events will take place and completes the planner and ensures the relevant compliances have been addressed.

We all need to be aware however that sometimes the final list of events will be different from what had been listed in the first draft or "*proposed program*" of events.

For 2014 the completed planner includes a school fete to be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Whilst the original Council plan was to move ahead to hold a fete every second year, this was reviewed in Term 4, 2013.

### **Please note**

This Council decision for 2014 should not be viewed in anyway as a permanent change to a future bi-annual schedule for KPS fetes. Rather, it should be seen as using the resources that were known and readily available, that could be expected to provide for a successful outcome this year. In making this decision Council took into account

- volunteers for fundraising subcommittee for 2014 which were at an all-time low even after a number of calls for assistance
- volunteers for a fete being in place and ready to take up organisation of a fete if it was approved

In addition Council wished to maintain the schedule of key known yearly events and add only a couple of more major ones during the year. This reduces requests for assistance and volunteers for seemingly continuous events.

With the work and time that is required to set up a new School Council at the beginning of each year, this **fete** information went out to the community in the Newsletter of 28<sup>th</sup> February.

So full steam ahead for fundraising 2014 - volunteers you will be welcomed with open arms.

**Kath Ginnane**  
**Principal**