Welcome back to Kingsville families for second term. This is a ten week term and as always will be a very busy one so, please ensure you continue to check the ‘Dates to Remember’ each week in the newsletter. Let’s look forward to an exciting and enjoyable term during which we can all as members of this wonderful school community, share in the continued learning journey of our 590 students and 412 families.

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Future Dates

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Mon 3rd Nov Student Free Day
 Tue 4th Nov Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup

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ANZAC Day ceremony
Thank you to our school leaders - Rose Weldon and Sam Komp and vice-captain Patrick Manning also senior school student leaders who participated in our ANZAC day commemorative service today. Your readings and reflections were very moving.

To families who contributed ‘floral’ donations they were very much appreciated. Thank you to our talented florist Trish Harris and her student assistants who put the flowers together.

Reminder - bikes/scooters
At the end of last term a girls white bike with helmet and a scooter were left in the bike cage. These were brought into the school over the holiday period for protection and are yet to be picked up.

Please note that bikes/scooters should not be left in the bike cage overnight, on weekends or school holiday periods.

Where in the world are you reading?
Please see newsletter of 4th April for full details. Thank you to the families who have already sent in photos however I only have a small number so far. Hopefully there are many more that were taken during the holiday break that will be sent in. If not they can certainly be taken now during the term. What I 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).

Kingsville Awards
To be presented on Friday, 2nd May

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Happy Birthday
24th April to 30th April
Preloved Uniform Sale

We are preparing for a uniform sale early in the term and would be grateful if parents could make any donations to the uniform box in the foyer near the office prior to the 8th May. All donations of uniforms are very welcome. We particularly need winter items.

Preloved 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.

Date for next Sale: Thursday 8th May 2014
Morning: 8.45 - 9.15a.m.
Afternoon: 3.15 - 3.45p.m.
Place: outside library
Please note: Cash sales only

Fundraising News

Mother’s Day Stall

Kingsville Primary school’s famous Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 7th May. It’s a chance for your children to choose their own special gift for mum and have fun keeping it a secret from you. Gifts will be available in the $5 and $10 price range. Best pop the money in an envelope for your child to bring on the day as we only accept cash payments (and the correct money will be greatly appreciated).

As we did last year, for those children that would like to purchase another gift for a special woman in their life (aunt, godmother, grandmother etc.), the stall will be open at lunch time. So remember to bring along extra money if you wish.

The Mother’s day stall is an extremely busy event therefore if you are available to help on the day – even if only an hour – please contact Vita Budlender on 0432000910 or bbudlender@gmail.com. Any help is appreciated.

New Uniform Outlet Hours Term 2

As of Monday 12 May your school uniform is available for purchase at PSW Deer Park at the below times.
"SCHOOLING" – so much is said, written, researched and debated about the topic.

- 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 parent 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 its working groups is 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 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 volunteer(s) 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. Over the past few years the locally raised funds has ensured key projects such as the new landscaping outside the aftercare building, junior playground equipment and the shadecloth that covers this area to name but three.

The School Council in conjunction with the Fundraising subcommittee is responsible for how the school raises revenue over and above the funding provided by the Government. These events are guided by successes of the previous year, input from the school community but always in the interests of fostering stronger relationships between our students, families and their school. Some examples of these events for 2014 are:

- Casual Clothes Days
- Mothers Day Stall/Fathers Day breakfast
- Easter/Christmas raffles
- Second Hand Uniform Sales
- Student Discos
- Food days e.g. pizza, sausages, icy poles
Additonally major events on the calendar include

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

to name just a few.

The Fundraising events traditionally run in parallel to the usual school program that includes Concerts / Productions, Prep Picnic etc… Many of these events have no cost involved or require a relatively small charge. These are seen as equally important in developing parent/family 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 governing the planner of events it is the Fundraising sub committee of council that organises and ensures the work is carried out.

**We need you…**

At Kingsville Primary School in 2014 we currently have only 5 parents on the fundraising team, but we have 590 children at the school. This small team simply cannot do the work related to the 2014 planned events if additional members 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 reduced and many of the exciting program plans for the year cut back

I am confident that we have many parents out there that 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.

**Kingsville School Fete Update**

On the back of the success of the 2013 Fete at the November Council meeting the School Council endorsed a school fete to be held in October 2014. This decision was taken in consideration of a number of inputs summarised as

- The success of the event from 2013
- That the fete did not exclude the KPS Student Art show or trivia nights that had previously been held in the alternate year to the fete
- The income target set for 2014

For 2014 the completed planner includes a school fete to be held on October 18th. 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 biennial schedule for KPS fetes. Rather, it should be seen as using the resources that were known and readily available, that would provide for a successful outcome this year.

In addition Council wished to maintain the schedule of key known regular events and add only a couple of more ‘major’ ones during the year so as not to be requesting 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 information went to the community in the Newsletter of 28th February.

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

**Kath Ginnane**

**Principal**
Call for volunteers

☐ Fundraising
☐ Buildings & Grounds
☐ 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

Language Perfect Online Competition

It’s that exciting time of the year again! At Kingsville Primary School we have 50 FREE entries to the Language Perfect World Championships, which runs from 19th – 29th May 2014.

BRIEF: The Language Perfect World Championships is the largest online languages competition. Students compete in their own time at home, for their class, school and country against other students from around the world. Students earn points in a range of foreign languages including ITALIAN, by participating in a variety of online activities.

GOAL: It’s about motivating students to get excited about languages, learning, and having fun at the same time!

- Competition starts: Monday 19th May 2014
- Competition finishes: Thursday 29th May 2014 (Languages: Italian, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Indonesian, Japanese, Latin, Maori, Russian, Spanish and more)
- Participants: Open to students all over the world
- Prizes: Laptop’s, iPod’s, iTunes vouchers, certificates and more!
- Ages: Grades 3-6
- Entry fee: FREE for the first 50 students who bring their entry form filled out, then $5 per student after the 50 free places have been allocated.

• To be in the draw to win one of our 50 FREE entries into the competition please fill out the slip below and send it to the office by Friday the 2nd of May. If you miss out on a free entry, you will be provided with a note to pay the $5 entry fee. Remember, first in, best dressed!

For more information please visit: http://start.languageperfect.com/world-championships.html

Language Perfect Entry Form

Name: ___________________ Surname: _______________________________

Grade: ___________________ Date: _______________________________

I ________________________, give permission for my child to enter the Language Perfect online competition.

Signed: ___________________ Phone Number: _______________________________