Dates to Remember

Term 2
June
Mon 10th Jun Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday
Tue 11th Jun Student Free Day
Thur 13th Jun Last day for bookclub
17th– 21st Jun Teacher Planning Week
Fri 21st Jun District Winter Sports Day (5/6 students)
Mon 24th Jun School Council AGM 6 - 6.40p.m
Fri 28th Jun School Council meeting 6.45p.m.
Cash Payments
Correct money is requested, as change cannot always be provided.
End Term 2 2.30p.m dismissal

Term 3
July
Mon 15th July Term 3 Begins
Fri 26th July Kingsville Athletics Day, all grade
3-6 students at Newport Park
30th July – 1st Aug Student led conferences
August
Thu 1st Aug Kingsville Primary School – 94th Birthday

September
Wed 18th Sept School Concert
Thur 19th Sept School Concert
Fri 20th Sept End Term 3 2.30p.m dismissal

Term 4
October
Mon 7th Oct Term 4 begins
Sat 12th Oct Kingsville School Fete
14th – 16th Oct 3/4 Camp – Group 1, Anglesea
16th – 18th Oct 3/4 Camp – Group 2, Anglesea
28th Oct – 1st Nov 5/6 Camp – Roses Gap, Grampians
Nov
Tues 12th & School Production
Thur 14th Nov
Fri 20th Dec End Term 4 1.30p.m dismissal

Reminder
This is a long weekend for Kingsville students with a public holiday on Monday June 10th and a student free day on Tuesday June 11th. Kingsville teachers and education support staff will be undertaking professional learning on Tuesday related to the introduction of Australian Curriculum and AusVELS (the Australian Curriculum in Victoria)

Congratulations and ‘Complimenti a tutti i nostri sessanta partecipanti’ or well done to everyone of our 60 participants who entered the recent Language Perfect Competition.

Language Perfect began 6 years ago when a 15 year old New Zealand secondary school student struggling with preparation for French and Japanese exams created a fun resource to help himself.

The program tested him on key vocabulary and enabled him to hear the words pronounced by a native speaker and, to focus on words he was struggling with the most. As they say – the rest is history. Teaming up with his brother he turned learning some vocabulary into a huge on line competition. Now in 2013 60 Kingsville students have taken up the challenge and have achieved a great deal.

Thank you to our Italian teachers Sam Meddis and Lisa Fedele for supporting and encouraging students to undertake this work. Also to parents for their understanding on the home scene with use of computers. Please see details of the achievements in the report by our Italian teachers and some of the students involved.
Enrolments for 2014
Prep and other grade levels
As we move quickly towards the end of second term 2013 we are already planning for the 2014 school year.

Being able to predict enrolments with some degree of accuracy even at this halfway point in the year, is very important. Current Kingsville families can help out with this in different ways e.g –

- if you know someone who is intending to put in an enrolment application for 2014, please remind them to do so as soon as possible

or

- if you know a family who may be interested in touring the school the important information here is
  - current weekly Wednesday morning tours cease at the end of Term 2
  - there are three more dates for group tours this term - June 12th, 19th and 26th.
  - to book a spot on a group tour parents must ring the school and book it in
  - depending upon demand there will be some group tours during Term 3, but they will not be weekly

- if as a current Kingsville family you are leaving the school during Semester 2, 2013 or from the beginning of 2014, please let the school know now, or as soon as arrangements are finalised.

Throughout Terms 3 and 4 reminder slips will be placed in the newsletter with the title **Will your child/children be at Kingsville in 2014?** please use this slip to return information as appropriate.

Annual General Meeting School Council
Please note the date for the Annual General Meeting for the 2012 School Council year is on Monday June 24th. See details in the newsletter of May 10th.

Pizza Day
Thank you to the many parent volunteers who organised the Pizza Lunch Day for the students last Wednesday. Many boxes of pizza were unloaded in the school driveway into the hands of a chain of waiting parents. Then the task of feeding hundreds of hungry children was successfully completed with ‘military precision’. A brilliant fundraising effort well done to everyone involved.

Kingsville Awards
To be presented on Friday, 14th June

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Happy Birthday
6th June – 12th June
Language Perfect Competition 2013

This year sixty students from years 3-6 participated in the Language Perfect Competition. This is an online languages competition where students answer questions in many different languages. Our students competed in their own time at home, during lunch and recess times and for a small component of timetabled Italian classes.

We would like to thank Blagma for opening the library for students and parents for supporting the efforts at home. We feel it is important to mention that our students were also competing against high school students, who were given time in some of their elective classes to participate. This means of course that our students really did excel.

Kingsville participants answered a total of 290,286 questions and spent 1,371 hours learning languages over the 10 days of the competition. Congratulations to all students who participated, you did an outstanding job and our school community is very proud of you.

We would like to particularly acknowledge the following certificates that were awarded:

- **Elite** (over 10,000 points) Romina, Ambrosia and Marisa
- **Gold** (over 3,000 points) Victoria, Jessica and Frances
- **Silver** (over 2000 points) Khan, Bella, Hazel and Katie
- **Bronze** (over 1000 points) Joan, Jack, Anika, Sonia, Charlotte Coghlan, Patrick, Zhengyi, Beatrice, Saskia, Maddie, Zoe, Julia, Isabella R, Harry, Nicholas, Anaya, Elise and Aspen
- **Credit** (over 500 points) Isabella G, Oenone, Mason, Rose, Jamal, Faith, Darci, Ruby, Alyana, Maria, Charlotte Cuthbert and Caitlin

School Achievements:

- 1st for Italian in the 51-100 students category (out of 128 schools)
- 1st for Samoan in VIC (out of 27 schools)
- 3rd in VIC for the 51-100 students category (out of 25 schools)
- 4th for Samoan in Australia (out of 81 schools)
- 6th in Australia for the 51-100 students category (out of 114 schools)
- 11th overall in the 51-100 students category (out of 210 schools)
- 26th overall in Italian (out of 743 schools)
- 43rd overall in VIC (out of 189 schools)
- 131st overall in Australia (out of 705 schools)
- 182nd overall globally (out of 1054 schools)

Questions answered in each language: **Italian**: 203,159, **Spanish**: 25,910, **French**: 21,439, **Indonesian**: 9,994, **Chinese**: 7,625, **Latin**: 5,829, **German**: 5,169, **Japanese**: 4,316, **Samoan**: 2,857, **Greek**: 2,804, **Maori**: 1,520, **Russian**: 367, **Tongan**: 285

Below are some student reflections on the experience:

- **Romina** – Language perfect was a great experience. I had a blast learning new words in languages I knew little about. I thought of it not as a competition but as a great marathon of languages.
- **Frances** – Language perfect was a fun experience and a way to learn different languages and to also improve my Italian.
- **Jamal** – It was a fun marathon and a self-choice language competition. I enjoyed it and received a good number of points.
- **Sai** – This is my first time participating in the language perfect and I liked it. I entered the language perfect because I am interested in languages and the program helped me a great deal. I can understand Italian easily and I also enjoyed competing.
- **Noah** – This was my first time competing in Language Perfect, the experience was amazing. I’ve never done anything like it in my life and now I know a great deal more Latin.
- **Joan and Isabella** – We enjoyed it very much as it was fun and challenging. We liked the competitive side of it, as we got to ‘battle’ it out with our friends.
- **Alyana** – Language perfect has been fun for me and it led me to learn new languages that I had never learnt before. It was stressful at times, but I always had a go and in the end I had fun.
- **Victoria** – Language Perfect was great but the ten days weren’t easy and at times it even gave me a headache. The best thing was on the last day I had this sudden urge to do more and try my best.

Party Time

Following the 10 day effort an Italian celebration was held. Thank you to everyone for their edible contributions and a special mention for Beatrice Esposto who displayed both her language and culinary skills with her contribution. Beatrice baked a red velvet cake and decorated it with the words Language Perfect in Italian.

Lisa Fedele and Sam Meddis
Italian teachers
Request from 5/6O – Olivia Kelly and students

Any old travel guides or maps that the community no longer needs will be gratefully accepted and they will be well used in inquiry work. So keep the memories and give up those dated travel guides.

Kingsville Sporting Round Up
Cross Country

Yesterday at Brimbank Park Bella Stringfellow, Sam Komp, Coco Knowles, Oscar Dart and Finn Knowles competed in the South Western Victoria Region Cross Country. This region consists of hundreds of schools and now stretches as far as Portland, Horsham and Geelong.

All of our students ran with great commitment and energy.

Bella Stringfellow came second in the 9/10 year old girls. Oscar Dart and Finn Knowles came in the top twelve in the 12 year old boys. Sam Komp and Coco Knowles came in the top twenty in their age groups. As a result Bella Stringfellow, Oscar Dart and Finn Knowles will now compete in the Victorian State Finals on Thursday July 18th.

We wish all the competing students good luck.

Sue Hodgart
PE and Sports

Student Contributions

Thank you to Rose Weldon who has written at length about a trip to the State Library. This is an extract from her article and the information should inspire Kingsville students to think about writing and writers in a new light.

Reading Matters 2013 – State Library of Victoria

Who would have thought that boredom could be so inspiring! This is one of the many things that a group of 20 grade 5/6 students learnt at the Reading Matters Student Day at the Centre for Youth Literature. The program consisted of 10 young adult fiction authors. The first author that we heard from was Brooklyn based Gayle Foreman. Her novels include If I Stay and Where She Went. Gayle said that she developed a very active imagination through years of boredom as a child. She used to have adventures in her head, travelling to different places and playing different characters. Gayle also said that reading aloud can have a big impact on the way you think about a text and what it really means. She read us a poem that illustrated an example of how writing can actually have double meanings. Through reading the poem aloud, the expression that she gave to the words illustrated her point. Gayle left us with two quotes:

“A real writer is one who writes.”
“Hard writing makes easy reading.”

The authors that spoke to us next were Keith Gray, author of Creepers, and Fiona Wood, author of Wildlife. They were both talking to us about their latest novels. Keith told us that his new book, Ostrich Boys, was about four boys. He said that he mostly writes for boys, but welcomes girls to read his books as well. Fiona told us that, for her, ideas were the easy part but the actual writing was the hard part. Fiona said that none of her characters are based on her, but most of them have a little bit of her in them.

We heard from Libba Bray and the much anticipated, Morris Gleitzman, who received a rock star welcome! Libba talked to us about her latest book The Diviners. All the characters in the novel have a different supernatural ability and a desire. She also told us that if she finds a story she is writing is getting boring, just throw in a serial killer! Morris Gleitzman spoke to us about his series of novels – Once, Now, After and Then. The latest in this series, titled After. He said that imagination can give you your biggest fears as well as your biggest hopes. You can spend as much time as you want in your imagination.

The day ended up with book signings by all the authors. It was a great day for everyone. We all felt really inspired when we returned to school.

Rose Weldon 5/6O