



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

February

Mon 15 th Feb	Grades 1/2 information night 6.30-7.30p.m.
Tue 16 th Feb	Grades 3/4 information night 6.30-7.30p.m.
Wed 17 th Feb	Foundation family picnic
Thur 18 th Feb	Grades 5/6 information night 6.30-7.30p.m.
Mon 22 nd Feb	Current School Council last meeting
Thur 25 th Feb	Yarraville District Swimming Carnival
Mon 29 th Feb	Foundation students first full week

March

Wed 2 nd Mar	Teacher/Parent meetings
Fri 4 th Mar	Hot March Night (fundraising event)
Mon 7 th Mar	Teacher Planning Week
Mon 14th Mar	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Tue 15th Mar	Student Free Day – no students at school
Fri 18 th Mar	Summer Sports Gala Day Years 5/6
Mon 21 st Mar	First meeting of new school council
Tue 22 nd Mar	WMR Swimming Carnival years 3-6
Thur 24th Mar	Casual Clothes Day (fundraising) End Term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)

Term 2

April

Mon 11th Apr	Term 2 begins
Tue 12 th Apr to Fri 22 nd Apr	F-2 swimming lessons

Term dates 2016

Term 1	- 28 th January to 24 th March
Term 2	- 11 th April to 24 th June
Term 3	- 11 th July to 16 th September
Term 4	- 3 rd October to 20 th December



Principal's Message

Ensuring the best possible start to the school year for students and parents is so important. Transition into the first year of school Foundation and also moving up one class each year can be a challenging time both for students and parents. For most children, these transitions with appropriate support will be relatively smooth. For any children who have some adjustment difficulties we work with parents and support students to ease them into the changed environment.

Parents can do so much to help their children with yearly transitions and I thank parents for all of the work that is put into preparing children for the new school year. At times however with all best intent parents find the transition changes difficult themselves and can become over anxious about their children. Working together and ensuring timely communication between parents, teachers and senior staff is the key to success. We need to remember that every year, in the majority of schools there will be some degree of beginning school year issues.

There are often some challenges with the separation and goodbye routines in the morning. To assist with this area overall and ensure safe, calm orderly line up and entry and exit from classrooms and buildings a

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.

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Program Manager Asi Malu

few tips especially for families of Prep or early years students.

- *as much as possible drop off, say goodbye and leave (for some this will take longer than others)*
- *don't stay around engaging in multiple hugs, kisses, farewells*
- *work out your personal routine with your child and stick to it i.e. talk about what we will do and how we will say goodbye*
- *don't carry their bag to the classroom*
- *don't carry your child to the classroom – yes I have seen this happen*
- *don't go into the classroom with your child for an additional goodbye*
- *do not stay around and peer through the windows – this can be very disturbing for the children*
- *if your child is upset please engage with the teacher, let them know and assistance will be provided by other staff*
- *be firm and set the expectations from these early days*
- *be positive yourself about the day ahead for the child/children*
- *do not join into the student class line and travel to the classroom with the students – the children need to build up confidence and feelings of control and independence*
- *toddlers, prams and parents in line, or travelling with the line swamp and overwhelms the children and can pose a danger*

Above all trust us - as a Principal who has seen over 3000 preps begin school life, I can assure you it won't be long before they are racing ahead of you and moving confidently into the day.

School Council

In line with the published School Council Election timeline for 2016 nominations closed at 4p.m. yesterday February 11th.

Parent Category

- there were 8 nominations received for the 4 vacancies in this category

therefore there will be a ballot

A ballot pack including instructions for voting, ballot forms, envelopes and statements from candidates will go home to all parents/guardians early next week. The ballot will open on February 18th and close at 4p.m. on March 1st.

Please note: *in working towards ensuring as many parents/guardians of Kingsville students receive a ballot paper and return envelopes it is important to note:*

- *that principals are not required to locate or identify any member of the electorates for the purposes of arranging delivery of ballot papers, other than from the information stated in the normal records kept at the school.*

DET Category

- there was 1 nomination for the 1 vacancy in this category **so no ballot required**
- consequently I hereby declare Jeff McDonald to be duly elected to the DET category of the school council

Nominations for parent membership

Please note – as per requirements the names of parent candidates below are listed in an order both in this newsletter and, on the ballot paper to be included in the voting pack, in an order determined by drawing of lots.

Marc Dorey
Martina Ryan
Greg Randall
Nam Quach
Adam Usher
Grant Philpots
Glen Yates
Nicole Ipsen

I thank all of these parents for declaring their candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the Kingsville Primary School School Council. Your interest is greatly appreciated, I look forward to a successful election process.

Information Nights

Parents please note that entry to the school for the information nights being held in the school hall will be via the double gates in Bishop Street near the Grade 5 and 6 classrooms.



Reminder Foundation (Prep) Picnic

Date: Wednesday 17th February
Time: 6p.m. to 7.30p.m.
Location: School Oval

The traditional Prep Family Picnic to begin the year will take place next Wednesday evening. The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for families to come together and get to know each other at this early stage of the year.

BYO – “the lot”

So please dig out the picnic rugs, portable chairs etc. and hopefully the weather will be fine.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions
- \$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students
- Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student
- Families holding a valid means-tested concession card, or temporary foster parents, are eligible to apply
- For more information, contact the school or see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#)
- To be eligible, students need to be enrolled at the school on 27th January 2016
- Forms are available from the General Office and application must be made in person by the concession card holder – the concession card must be presented at the time of application
- Applications close 03/06/2016

Linda Bowman, Business Manager

It is important that children understand that when they engage in this type of activity they are fully aware of the pros and cons of bringing their cards to school. They need to be cognisant of the fact that some children may take advantage of others. Even so, unpleasant experiences can provide great social lessons such as how to avoid the same situation next time, how to handle the disappointment of being taken advantage of and how to negotiate better outcomes. Children need the freedom to negotiate their own interactions so they can learn from those experiences both good and bad. The street smarts radar that children develop from their free and unrestricted play can be a huge advantage when negotiating tough social situations in school and beyond. Coaching children in the skills and techniques that they need to negotiate the many situations they meet in the schoolyard is important. Engaging with others with trading cards is one of these situations. As parents of children who collect and trade cards it is imperative that you discuss the decision and variables behind bringing the cards to school and assist them to understand *'that they take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them'*.

Jeff McDonald
Assistant Principal

Trading Cards – a great way to explore the attribute of being PRINCIPLED

Playing with trading cards is one of many different playground activities that go through popularity phases during the course of the year. This phase has begun at Kingsville and active play can be seen in the school yard. Playing with cards gives students the opportunity to engage with each other and build social skills. It has also been suggested to me by some staff members that, playing with the cards can provide valuable lessons in trade and the economics of supply and demand. There is no doubt that the swap card craze can cause consternation for parents and teachers. Some children can and do take advantage of others in the hierarchical world of the playground. While the majority of interactions children have with each other at school are positive, there are times when they can be negative and difficult. As a school we would hope that during the interactions between children engaged in card trading they are *'acting with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities'*.



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday, 19th February

1A	Ali Jacob
1C	Leon Pizzirusso
2A	James Thompson
2C	Max Harmer
2D	Eva Willis
3A	Daniel Weldon
3B	Indigo Thornton
3C	Zoe Hine
4A	Tom Doherty
4C	Brodie Clutterbuck
5A	Scarlett Gunn
5B	Saul Austin
5C	Finn Carrodus
5D	Edith Dillon
6B	Jack Harmer
6C	Leon Nguyen Van Tri



Happy Birthday

18th to 24th February

Happy Birthday to Harry Burton, Ella Leith, Lachlan Ipsen, Izabelle Louey, Beatrix Van Kalken, Stirling Koop, Hugo Speldewinde, Matthew

Cameron, Tess Riley, Samuel Tu and Amelia Hull.

Parent Volunteers

Information Session and Occupational Health and Safety Induction

Session	Date	Time
2	Tue 16 th February	2.35 – 3.30p.m.
3	Wed 17 th February	9.05 – 11a.m.
4	Thur 18 th February	9.05 – 11a.m.
5	Fri 19 th February	2.35 – 3.30p.m.

All sessions will be held in the staffroom. Parents will need to sign in and a delegated staff member will sign off on your attendance.

If you have a current valid Working with Children card please bring this along. If you do not have one, details regarding gaining one will be provided at the sessions.

Please note induction and training need to be carried out for all parent helpers / volunteers on a yearly basis. **You only need to attend one session.**

Please email Nicole Shirreff if you have any question shirreff.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you
Blagma Veljanoska and Nicole Shirreff

Assembly Item Roster Term 1

Roster for Assembly Items TERM 1, 2016	
Date	
19 th Feb	2A - Georgia Jennings
26 th Feb	4A - Emily Keeling
4 th Mar	5A - Amila Osmanagic
11 th Mar	6A - Mori Milholland
18 th Mar	Choir
24 th Mar	No assembly

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Herbie Garock, year 3 student who was recently announced winner in the under 17 section of the Stony Creek Photo competition. His photograph titled "Playful" was taken near the footbridge next to Julian Street, behind the school, and features some (unidentified) Kingsville Primary kids playing on the banks of the creek.

A beautiful canvas printed from the original photo was presented to Herbie at the school assembly today was provided by the Friends of Stony Creek. Herbie's photo has been displayed at Maribyrnong Library and also at Ercildoune-Footscray Historical Society. His photograph is also part of a fundraising calendar that will be on sale at the Yarraville Festival at a cost of \$5.

What a great achievement to win the under 17 category at just 8 years of age.

Herbie we are all very proud of you.

Sports News



After many weeks of early morning starts and time trials, today the swim team was announced.

They are now practising on a Thursday and Friday morning before school in preparation for the YDSSV swimming carnival to be held on Thursday 25th February at Victoria University Pool in Footscray.

Thank you to the parents and friends who braved the early morning weather and brought their children to the trials. I was proud of every student. They showed great commitment and enthusiasm and many were risk takers, attempting strokes that they were not as confident in as other strokes.

A big thank you to Mark Deunk from the Yarraville Swim Centre for his organisation and expertise. Also thank you the teachers and parents who assisted with timing duties.



Please note the changes to the system for nominating children for State teams for Aussie Rules, Netball, Soccer and Basketball. There will no longer be trials at school and it will be up to parents to nominate their children online, for which

there is a fee.

If you have any questions about this, or about nominating in any other sport, please speak to Lorey or go the SSV link:

<https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/default.aspx>

Kitchen Garden News



We had our first working bee last Wednesday and cleaned up the garden beds and repaired the irrigation system. We are having another small working bee on **Wednesday 17th February from 9-10am**. We will be adding soil to the garden beds and getting them ready so the kids can start planting some autumn veggies and herbs. **All welcome.**

Also, if anyone has any unwanted large terracotta pots please bring them to the working bee or drop them off near the kitchen garden shed. (No plastic pots, thanks.) We're also looking for unwanted wheelbarrows to plant herbs in, so if you have a cute old wheelbarrow, please wheel it over to the kitchen garden. For more info call 0418 369 039.

Leah Young, School Councillor

The Awesome Hockey Kids

The grade ones and twos had a hockey clinic on Wednesday. We showed commitment and confidence when we tried tricky activities like Hocktopus and Rob the Nest. We really appreciated Liam and Georgia coming into the school to teach us how to play hockey.

Written by 2B (Jacqui)



Community Noticeboard

The Friends of Stony Creek is a local environment group, which

works to maintain and improve the quality of Stony Creek.

Children and parents are welcome to participate in clean up days, tree planting events, and special creek tours. Friends of Stony Creek regularly post information about community events on its Facebook page.

The leader of Friends of Stony Creek has offered to take a group of Kingsville students and teachers on a tour of the creek in the future

Williamstown Juniors Football Club

Informal "Meet and Greet BBQ Morning"
Sunday 28th February 10a.m. – 12p.m.

Bayside College, Bayview Street, Williamstown
5-17 years boys and girls

Auskick information/registration available

Meet the coaches and committee

Register for the 2016 season

planned introduction of under 8's and girls from
10 – 16 years of age

New families welcome

www.williamstownjuniors.com.au

Traffic Safety

If you need to drive to school, get your child into the habit of using the kerbside doors, away from traffic.





HOT MARCH NIGHT

Tickets are now available for the HOTTEST night of the school year! So pack your picnic blanket, grab the camp chairs and join the KPS community for an evening of music, food and family fun..... Featuring:

MUSIC

- The Sweet Carolines a talented group of KPS parents & teachers playing live
- DJ Marky B spinning rock and new wave

FAMILY FUN

- Learn carpet bowls
- Join the paper plane Comp
- Paint your masterpiece

DINNER

- Gourmet BBQ
- Salads
- Sweets and cupcake stand

DRINKS

- Soft drinks
- Temple Brewing Co Beer
- Shadowfax wines
- Mandala Yarra Valley sparking

Hot March Night is a family-friendly event. Alcohol is available for purchase, but we remind all adults to consume alcohol responsibly. Strictly, NO BYO.



Book your tickets now!

TICKET ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Children's names: _____

I wish to purchase (select one by ticking box)

- Premium Family Ticket (2 adults, unlimited children) \$20
- Premium Single Family Ticket (1 adult, unlimited children) \$12
- Registered Volunteer Family Ticket (2 adults including 1 registered volunteer, unlimited children) \$15

Would you like to volunteer for 45 minutes on HMN?

All Volunteers pay a discount entry ticket.

Please supply your volunteer:

• Contact number: _____

• Email Address: _____

Please place this form along with your payment in an envelope and return to your child's teacher.