Dates to Remember

**Term 4**

**November**
- Sun 22nd Nov: Grade 3 - 6 Working Bee
  9a.m. - 12p.m.
- Mon 23rd Nov: School Council meeting 6.30p.m
- Wed 25th Nov: Grade 1 late stay
- Thur 26th Nov: Grade 6 ‘Leave a Mark’ Cake Stall
  3.30p.m.- 4p.m. in Quiet Play area
- Fri 27th Nov: School Disco:
  Prep-2  6p.m. - 7.15p.m.
  Grades 3-6  7.30p.m. - 8.45p.m.

**December**
- Thur 3rd Dec: Pre-loved Uniform sale
  08.30-9.15am outside the Library.
- Fri 4th Dec: Prep Breakfast
- Mon 7th Dec: School Council meeting
- Tue 8th Dec: • Step Up Day
  • Grade 6 Orientation/Secondary school
- Thur 10th Dec: Kingsville Carols 6:30-9pm,
  Beavers Reserve, Kingsville
- Fri 11th Dec: Christmas Raffle drawn
- Mon 14th Dec: Grade 6 Graduation
- Tue 15th Dec: Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- Wed 16th Dec: Grade parties
- Thur 17th Dec: Casual Clothes day (fundraising)
- Fri 18th Dec: • Casual Clothes day (fundraising)
  • Last day Term 4 – 1.30p.m.
  dismissal

**Term Dates 2016**

**Term 1**   Wed 27th January – Thu 24th March
**Term 2**   Mon 11th April – Fri 24th June
**Term 3**   Mon 11th July – Fri 16th September
**Term 4**   Mon 3rd October – Tue 20th December

*Please note 27th January is designated as a student free day for all Victorian government primary schools. Grades 1-6 students return to school on Thursday 28th January.
Preps begin on Monday 1st February, 2016.

**Principal’s Message**

The 2015 school year is fast drawing to a close with only 20 more school days until the end of Term 4. At this time of the year schools which are always busy places, move into a particularly intense time. A great deal of planning and action is required to ensure a successful end to one year and, a great beginning for the next.

In addition to the expected program of instruction, children are engaged in completing their self-evaluations and participate in a range of additional activities.

Regardless of how busy it gets it is important to remind ourselves to step back and take time to reflect. At the school level, this will at times involve restating the obvious i.e. the reason Kingsville Primary School exists and has done so for 96 years is because of the students and in 2015 that equals 623 wonderful young girls and boys.

Their needs must always be the priority and the final weeks of a primary school year are a great time to reflect upon the achievements of the last 10 months. They also provide the opportunity for participation in a range of traditional rituals, experiences and celebrations that are part of KPS tradition.

There are a number of events to look forward to as students get ready to ‘step up’ to the next level of schooling. Some will be pertinent to a particular level, others will involve whole school along with family and friends.

I encourage parents to join in by being aware, asking the questions, reading the notes-emails and newsletters. In this way you will be able to contribute towards a positive, joyous end to 2015.

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**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
**School Uniform Primary School Wear**  9363 8458
**OSHC Camp Australia**  0401 054 261
**Program Manager**  Asi Malu
Below are just a small selection of activities or events that have taken place recently or, are coming up soon, depending upon the year level of your child.
- grade 5/6 “Beach Program” at Williamstown Beach
- Science Works sleepovers – Grade 2 students
- Late stay of Grade 1 students
- Kingsville student discos
- Attending/participating in the Kingsville Christmas Carols at Beavers Reserve
- all of the year 6 end of primary school experiences

Welcome to Preps for 2016 and their families
The last three Friday mornings have been very special ones. We have run the kindergarten to prep program and welcomed most of the 105 children who are enrolled to begin in Prep 2016.

The children have been in the prep classrooms participating in the “being at school” program. I am pleased to report that many happy smiling faces exited the classrooms to greet their parents/family members at the completion of these sessions.

Over in the school library running at the same time have been parent information sessions. Even though 49 of our 105 preps for 2016 have siblings already at Kingsville, the number of parents attending has been very pleasing.

These always provide valuable time to address starting school challenges and share ideas for a successful beginning in the prep year. Of course starting school is a different experience for each child in every family.

The last session today featured Kingsville Prep and Year 6 students as guest speakers. They shared with the audience their reflections on being a Kingsville student and gave some very valuable tips to parents. Preps spoke confidently about their first year at school and, year 6’s looked back over in most cases a period of 7 years. The presenters were -

Prep
Sari Wainscott       Julian Lau
Scarlett Costa       Maddie Elg
Lola Speldewinde     Eve Harris
Liam Craig           Mila Bakaitis
Coen Junge

Year 6
Edie Beattie         Aspen Santoro
Elise Randall        Finn Craig
Ella Dockeary Doyle  Mikey Smith
Saskia Junge         Laura Milford

Well done I was very proud of you.

Thank you also to Tracey Doherty (parent), Pamela McFadyen (Camp Australia), Renae Allen (parent) for their contributions to these sessions. In addition Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal, Blagma Veljanoska, Leading teacher, Carmel Cooper, Nicole Shirreff, Education support class members and students from 3/4F who all contributed to the success of the transition program.

Graduating Students 2016
As I welcome preps for the following year I am always reminded that we are in the process of farewelling our year 6 students. In 2015 we have 77 students moving onto secondary school, 62 of these began here in prep back in 2009.

Whilst it is always sad to say goodbye, we ensure that their presence at Kingsville Primary School will not be forgotten.

They will have the spotlight shone on them a number of times over the next month when as a school and community, we celebrate and congratulate the class of 2015.

We look forward with anticipation to
- year 6 Graduation including the traditional Kingsville “Rights of Passage Ceremony”
- announcement of the Jan Brown memorial student award recipient
- farewells at last school assembly (many tissues required)
- the traditional smallest and tallest photograph opportunity
- farewell to year 6 buddies from preps
- the ‘changing of the guard’ from one student leadership team to the next and
- the all important grade parties

Paris terrorist attacks
We cannot underestimate the impact of this event on students of all ages. Being exposed to the images on television and social media can cause vicarious trauma to adults as well as children and young people. Being open to discussion and ensuring that routines are maintained will help to support children to make sense of their world.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has issued some information to assist schools and parents. This information is attached to the end of this newsletter.
School Organisation 2016 and student placement
The newsletter of October 9th provided important information to parents regarding student placement practices at Kingsville Primary School. Below is a reprint of some parts of that message. It is vital that this is read and acknowledged by parents.

Student Placement
As students at Kingsville progress from prep to year 6 it is expected they will learn to work and relate to a range of teachers and students. As with all school decisions, the aim at Kingsville Primary School is to offer the best possible learning experience for all children. When we are compiling class lists many factors are taken into account including academic abilities, individual needs, gender, student friendships and previous class placements/teachers. We also look at what is in the best educational interests of all students.

It is important to note that class groups are not allocated a teacher until the whole school class model is completed. This ensures that it is the ‘dynamic’ of each group that is the focus rather than, a particular teacher.

Parents are asked to assist the process by not requesting a particular teacher or placement for their child/children. Firstly, we do not yet know who all staff will be for next year. Secondly, all current staff have the opportunity to move to teaching roles P-6 or specialist areas. At times, such moves will be a requirement to support workforce needs and ensure professional growth.

Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal is responsible for the class group creation for 2016. As previously stated if there are specific educational considerations that a parent believes need to be considered of course we would want to know about these. Unless they are new however, we would expect to already be aware of such matters.

Opportunity for parent feedback
Student concerts 2016
At this stage of the year the 2016 date planner is being refined as much as possible. The student school concerts are an important yearly event and, it is vital that we are all aware of the dates as soon as possible.

This year we were unable to access the Williamstown Town Hall and moved to the Yarraville Club with concerts taking place over three nights. The concerts were shorter and, whilst as Principal I was concerned about this informal feedback from parents following the events was very positive.

We now need to determine if we move back to two longer concerts over two nights at the Williamstown Town Hall or, stay with the shorter model at the Yarraville Club.

This is an opportunity for parents to have a say. If you wish to express an opinion please do so by placing comments on the schools email kingsville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with a subject heading of ‘2016 School Concerts’ by Friday 27th November at the latest.

Musical Production
If you didn’t get to experience ‘Adventures of a Comic Book Artist’, the highly successful student Musical Production of 2015 you certainly missed a treat.

However photos are still on display in the main corridor of the school. Take time to have a look at these if you are in the area and of course the wonderful art work.

School Structure 2016
In 2016 there will be 26 class groups.

Prep x 5
One x 4
Two x 4
Three x 3
Four x 3
Five x 4
Six x 3

Please note all classes are in fact composite as they will contain a range of students with varying ages, ability, and capacities.

Happy Birthday 19th to 25th November
Happy birthday to Lydia Waghorne, Indy Webster, Corrie Sawicki-Bennett, Asha Ralley, Alexandra Pugsley, Alice Piper, Lucy Giatas, Thomas Doherty, Jack Harmer, Jasper Harmer, Madison Rogers, Lachlan Schumann and Alexandria Mozjerin.
Kingsville Awards
To be presented on Friday, 27th November

| Prep C   | Archie Lucas |
| 1/2A     | Madeleine Ahlip |
| 1/2B     | All the Grade 2's |
| 1/2C     | Callum Upton |
| 1/2G     | Molly Strachan |
| 3/4A     | Declan Fredricks |
| 3/4B     | Felix Marsh |
| 3/4D     | Zachary Caldwell, Ella Brooks |
| 3/4F     | Alex Ring |
| 5A       | Tayla Kendell |
| 5B       | Matthew Cameron |
| 6A       | Emmanuel Thuc |
| 6C       | Julia Kitanovski |

Choir News
Kingsville Carols
The Kingsville choir is excited to have once again been asked to perform at the annual Kingsville Carols on Thursday 10th December at Beavers Reserve, Wales Street. We will be performing at 6.55p.m. so, children are asked to be by the side of the stage by 6.50p.m. Children do not have to wear their school uniform but are encouraged to wear a “touch of Christmas”, like a Santa hat, Christmas t-shirt or tinsel in their hair. We look forward to seeing you there!

Hilary Fairlie
Performing Arts teacher

Quiet Play Area
At lunchtime the Quiet Play Area is full of students playing with Lego and drawing masterpieces with chalk. This area is a wonderful place for students who prefer to sit with their friends and be creative.

If you have any Lego or chalk that you would like to get rid of, KPS would love to take it off your hands!

Please contact Jessie to organise any donations that you may have.

Jessie Clarke, 3/4 teacher
clarke.jessie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Pre Loved Uniform Sale
Items range from $3 - $10 and all proceeds go towards school fundraising.

Donations of old uniforms are welcome and can be placed in the plastic tub in the main foyer of the office.

Date: Thursday 3rd December, 2015
Morning: 8.30a.m. - 9.15a.m.
Place: outside library
Please note: Cash sales only
Fundraising News

KPS Disco
Friday 27th November
Prep – Grade 2: 6p.m.-7.15p.m.
Grade 3-6: 7.30p.m.-8.45p.m.
Cost: $5 each child

Come dressed up with a “Touch of Disco” - prizes for the best outfit!
Entry to the hall via Bishop Street doors only.
Collect children from the doors opening onto the deck.
Child’s name must be on the list to gain entry.
Ticket form at end of the newsletter.

Nicole Ipsen, event co-ordinator

Annual Bumper Christmas Hamper Raffle
Every year, Kingsville’s Christmas Hamper Raffle gets bigger and better and we know that this one will be no exception.

We are now calling for donations of items for the hampers. Please engage with your inner creativity when purchasing an item or donating what you already have. We hope that there will be hamper items to please every member of the family even any pets. So, to get the ideas flowing we would certainly welcome contributions such as Christmas food (new season of course), luxury toiletries, chocolates, Christmas stockings, stationery, Christmas decorations, pet toys in fact anything fun and useful would be great.

Please note, donations of alcohol are acceptable, but please ensure an adult delivers alcohol directly to the office. Please let Betty Petrovski (administration) know if you are able to donate baskets, clear cellophane or Christmas ribbon, to ensure we get the right amount of each to be able to decorate our hampers appropriately.

So spread the word and tell your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues that 20+ hampers were awarded as prizes last year. We expect at least the same number this year so many chances for them to win.

Raffle tickets have been included with this newsletter. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 11th December.
This is the second last Friday of the term and allows time for winners to collect prizes during the last week.

Che Stockley, event co-ordinator

2016 Fete Coordinator and Fete Team Wanted
The Kingsville Primary School Fete will return in 2016. The School Council are currently seeking expressions of interest from parents willing to take on the role of coordinator of our next fete. We’re also looking for a team willing to work with the coordinator to make the 2016 fete a huge success.

The coordinator and the team will report to the School Council but will lead the design, development and running of the Kingsville Primary School Fete in 2016. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the school and the school community.

Please email your expression of interest to Max Grarock, fundraising coordinator - mgrarock@me.com

Max Grarock, Fundraising coordinator

Parent Payment
A reminder to all parents who have not yet paid their 2015 parent payment (Materials & Requisites, Head Checks both required payments) and Buildings & Grounds (voluntary payment) – this payment is due now.

If you wish to use BPAY or EFTPOS to make this payment it must be completed by 30th November. Following this date, only cash or cheque payments can be accepted. Thank you.
Traffic News

Parents and carers contribute to traffic problems around our school. Please help by obeying the parking restriction signs, keeping clear of the children’s crossing and never double-parking outside the school.

Will your child / children be at Kingsville in 2016?
If you know your child / children will not be returning to Kingsville in 2016
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

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CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINGSVILLE P.S. IN 2016

Name: .................................................... Year level in 2015: ....... Date finishing at KPS: ...........
Name: .................................................... Year level in 2015: ....... Date finishing at KPS: ...........
Name:.................................................... Year level in 2015: ....... Date finishing at KPS.............
New school (if known): ..........................................................................................................................

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

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Kingsville Primary School

* DISCO! *

FRIDAY 27th November

Come dressed up with “A Touch of Disco”

Prep to Grade 2: 6.00 - 7.15pm
Grades 3 - 6: 7.30 - 8.45pm

Cost: $5 each child. Prizes for the best outfit!

Entry to the Hall will be via the Bishop St doors.
Collect your child from the doors opening out onto the deck.
Access to the school is through the Bishop St gate only.

This form must be in by Tuesday 24th November.

Name
Class
Name
Class
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Class
Name

$5 per child. Total amount enclosed $____

If your child's name is not on the list, they will not be allowed entry
Suggestions for addressing children and young peoples’ responses in relation to traumatic events such as the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Children and young people will have seen and heard about the terrorist attacks that occurred in Paris on Friday 13 November 2015.

The authorities in France and countries around the world will help to support the people who have been impacted by this event.

Children often worry and know more than we realise. Adults may assume that children are doing okay if they don’t talk or ask questions about what has happened. Sometimes they have questions they may not ask unless we provide the opportunity.

Most children and young people will experience normal reactions to something that is distressing and with support from trusted adults around them these reactions will subside.

Routines are important when an event like this occurs. School can be very useful to support all children and young people.

Remember sometimes teachers and parents feel like we don’t have the answers. It is helpful to remind children and ourselves that there are people working hard to make the current situation better.

Exposure to television, print media and social media

- Many children are likely to be unsettled by the images on television, in the print media and online media reports about the Paris terrorist attacks.

- It is important to understand what sense a child or young person makes of what they are seeing on television or hearing via the media (this includes social media) and what they are hearing in adult conversations.

- It is important to monitor the amount of news coverage they see and hear. Seeing the event over and over again can cause vicarious trauma to adults and children.
Children and young people may experience sleeplessness and or nightmares about imagined consequences or images from television or print or social media coverage.

Responding to the concerns of children and young people

- Children and young people may need to talk about what they have seen and heard. It is important that we listen to their concerns.
- Keep information factual and dispel any rumours. Don’t be afraid to tell them that you don’t have all the answers.
- Children and young people may need reassurance about their safety and the safety of those they care about.
- Teachers and parents should listen to the child or young person’s cues as to what they want to know about the terrorist attacks. It is important to be honest with children and young people in an age appropriate way.
- It is not unusual for young children to want to be close to those they love and care about.
- Older children will possibly want to discuss the events, it is advisable to clarify information and dispel rumours as this helps them to process the information more accurately.
Advice for Parents

- It is wise for you to monitor your child’s exposure to television coverage, print media and social media.
- Some children and young people will want to talk about the tragic events and try to make sense of what they have both seen and heard.
- Other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality.
- Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.

There is a range of things you can do to assist your child during events such as this, including:

- Acknowledge that the event was distressing
- Reassure children that they are safe
- Look for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared)
- Normalise responses - typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness
- Maintain a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful.
- Separate fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events.
- Plan relaxing activities before bed – talk your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favourite book).
- Speak in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents’ reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay.
- Always remember the value of doing something with children that they like to do such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.

Prepared by the Emergency Management Division, Department of Education and Training.
November 2015
CAKE STALL
GRADE 6 LEAVE A MARK FUNDRAISER

The grade 6’s are having a cake stall to raise money for the 2015 leave a mark.

When: Thursday 26th of November
Where: The Quiet Play Area
Time: 3:30 – 4:00
Please return your sold tickets and money to school by TUESDAY 8 December. Raffle drawn on 11/12/15. It would be helpful if you could cut them out and place them in an envelope, with money, clearly labelled “RAFFLE”. Thank you 😊

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