



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 4

December

Mon 7th Dec

Tue 8th Dec

Thur 10th Dec

Fri 11th Dec

Mon 14th Dec

Tue 15th Dec

Wed 16th Dec

Thur 17th Dec

Fri 18th Dec

School Council meeting

- Step Up Day
- Grade 6 Orientation/Secondary school

Kingsville Carols 6:30-9pm,
Beavers Reserve, Kingsville
Christmas raffle drawn

Grade 6 Graduation

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Grade parties

Casual Clothes day (fundraising)

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- **Last day Term 4 – 1.30p.m. dismissal**

2016

Term 1

January

Wed 28th Jan

February

Mon 1st Feb

Grade 1-6 students begin

Prep students begin

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

Step Up experience for students to their 2016 class groups

The days leading up to the **Step Up program** can be a little tense at times for students. The excitement builds and rumours abound about the teachers and the grades. This year is no different to any other and, the conversations and stories are all part of processing and dealing with the next important step in the 7 year journey of primary school.

It is important for children to be able to talk about this and of course they do like to make predictions. The "I bet you" statement, is sometimes heard in the playground at this stage of the year, I can assure parents no money is changing hands.

The reality is of course, that the allocation of teachers for 2016 to class groups won't be known until the children participate in Step Up next Tuesday and then take information home to parents.

What is important in all of this is that children are supported through the process and don't over think or stress about this unnecessarily. Parents can assist with this by chatting positively but informally with children about the move.

Please read the insightful article - **Thinking About What Lies Ahead**

in this newsletter by Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal relating to this area.

Please note

All teachers at Kingsville have gained their positions whether contract or ongoing through a comprehensive local school selection process based on merit. All of our teachers are well qualified, passionate and knowledgeable and have significant

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
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Program Manager Asi Malu

capacity to take up teaching duties at any level of the school. Your child or children will benefit greatly from spending time with any one of them as they facilitate the learning Prep – 6.

The Christmas Hamper Raffle

Following my message in the newsletter last Friday there has been an increase in the number of 'goodies' that have been donated for the Christmas Hampers. From 12 single lonely items to now approximately 80 in just that short period of time is a great result.

Also, the items donated have been so varied in nature and very generous in quantity. Sets of books, gourmet food items, unusual gifts, toys, luxury toiletries to name just a few.

The Christmas type food items guide provided has certainly been noted with mince pies, puddings and even a tin of French chestnuts arriving. However if we want to achieve the 20 plus hamper goal we will still need many more families to donate.

We currently have 429 families so if the 80 items represent one donation a family we are hoping for at least 500 more – wouldn't that be amazing.

So a very big thank you to all families who have provided items so far. It is lovely to see the children bringing in the family donation, often with mum or dad placing them in the tubs down in the office area.

Shopping time or finding something at home

Check the shopping guide and remember

- time is running out, we need all donations in by December 9th (NEXT WEDNESDAY)
- "last minute" ones may be able to be slipped in on Thursday 10th – but please be aware parent volunteers need to do all the wrapping with no little "elves" to assist
- it doesn't need to be costly all items and all donations are valuable contributions to the very special, unique Kingsville Primary School Christmas Hampers

Parent Helpers morning tea

Teachers are currently reminding 2015 parent helpers about the thank you morning tea that will take place on Tuesday 15th December. So to class reps, class room helpers, fundraisers, volunteers, library workers, gardeners etc if you can attend we would love you to be there. To the **helpers** who can't make it we thank you for your assistance across so many areas this year.

Thinking About What Lies Ahead

Being reflective is a thinking skill that we practise explicitly. Each day our children and teachers spend some time in reflection making connections between experiences, events, thoughts and feelings that have occurred over time. Time, an abstract concept, is a little more concrete when considering events that have already happened.

So what happens when we ask our children to consider the future? Is this the process of acknowledging the past and planning, or maybe predicting, what might be about to happen? In the context of school many children are perhaps wondering what the next stage of their learning will be like. Who will be their friend in a new class, who will their teacher be, will it be different?

When considering the transition points within our children's lives, we hope that our children view this process with optimism and excitement. We hope to provide the right opportunities for success, through building relationships, making connections and embracing change. Starting at a new school is a big step and we sometimes forget that for some children there are other significant transitions i.e. from the P-2 area to the 3-6 area. It is important to spend time considering the processes of change not just for our children but also for parents and staff.

At Kingsville we endeavour to empower the students in managing change. One of our successful initiatives is the Step Up Program. This program takes place towards the end of term four and all children will spend time next week in their new class groups with their 2016 teacher. (please note some staff are still to be appointed) This experience provides opportunities to meet new classmates and talk about the similarities and differences in their new grades as well becoming familiar with a new physical learning environment.

It is important as we move through this transition stage to reflect and be grateful for what has been

- your classmates for providing an environment with diverse backgrounds and perspectives that stimulated learning and growth
- your teachers for their dedication and for passing down knowledge, skills and attitudes to you
- your best friends for being there for you whenever you need them
- your friends you made and the possibility of them being your companions in life
- your disappointment, so you know the things that matter to you most
- your mistakes for helping you to improve and become better
- life's challenges for helping you grow and become who you are

Then having the right attitudes as we embark on this new adventure is key to success:

- you can complain because the weather is rainy or, you can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free
- you can moan about the loss of friends from your class or, you can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships
- you can complain because you didn't get the teacher you wanted or, eagerly open your mind and fill it with rich new pieces of knowledge and experiences that they will offer

Parents can also support these milestones by talking positively to their children about the next stage of their learning journey. Engaging our children in the process empowers them to face the changes with confidence and gives them permission to accept the feelings and possible apprehensions that might arise along the way.

"Things turn out best for people who make the best of the way things turn out!" John Wooden, "Wizard of Westwood", legendary American basketball coach and player

By Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday, 11th December

1/2 A	Lachlan Wilson - McKenna
1/2 B	All the grade 1's in 1/2B
1/2 C	Lydia Waghorne Suneth Ratnasekara
3/4 A	Liam Ralley
3/4 B	Sophia Chua-San Andres
3/4D	Ayub Naghar Riley Robson Lily Marioli
3/4F	Achan Thuc
3/4G	Neve Sheard
5B	Roberto Salas Miles
6A	Matthew Webster
6C	Bella Stringfellow



Happy Birthday

3rd to 9th December

Happy birthday to Aurelia Dorey, Susie Luong, Angus Ernst, Herbie Grarock, Zoe Goodenough, Finn

Craig, Fergus Browning, Kiera-Mai Clarke, Michelle Truong, Sophia Frangos and Max Morgan.



Parent Payment

A reminder to all those parents who still haven't paid their 2015 Parent Payment in full (i.e. Materials & Requisites and Head Checks), please pay this **before Friday, 11th December**, either in person at the main office or by sending it along with your child. Please note that **BPAY is no longer available this year** – payment can now only be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Thank you.



Choir News

Thursday 10th December is the annual **Kingsville Carols** and The Kingsville choir is excited to have been once again asked to perform

The carols are held 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!

Further performance opportunity!

The **Yarraville Village** is hosting special evening events in the lead up to Christmas this year. To add to the festive atmosphere, the choirs of local schools will be singing Christmas carols for the listening pleasure of passers-by. We are looking for a group of students from the Kingsville choir to perform carols at two different locations in the Yarraville Village area from 5:30p.m. on Friday 11th December. We understand this is the evening after the Kingsville Carols so there is not an expectation for families to attend both events. The group would sing first at the Yarraville train station, between the station and Wee Jeanie café and then move to the "Pop Up Park" in Ballarat Street. Kingsville is always enthusiastic to be part of its local community, having already performed earlier this year at the Yarraville Festival and the upcoming Kingsville Carols in Wales Street.

Can families who are available and interested in being involved please return expressions of interest to Hilary (fairlie.hilary.h@edumail.vic.gov.au).

While Kingsville staff will be in attendance, students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for this event.

Students do not need to wear school uniform but are encouraged to wear a "touch of Christmas" such as a Santa hat.

Hilary Fairlie
Performing Arts



Art News

The art room is in need of old white shirts for the older students to use as art smocks next year. Shirts do not have to be in great condition. Please leave at the

office or take to the art room.

Thank you

Lily Demetriou and Rhonda McLeod
Visual Arts teachers

*Thank
You!*

Fundraising News

Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, including Grant the DJ, for helping out to make the school disco a success. There were many great outfits and groovy dance moves. Over three hundred children came along and had lots of fun whilst raising funds for the school.

Nicole Ipsen, Disco co-ordinator

Community Noticeboard

NetSetGO

Net Program (5 years to 7 years)

Session Dates: Term 4: Tuesday 2nd February –
Tuesday 22nd March

Session Times: 4.15pm – 5.30pm

Location: Victoria University Community Sports
Stadium, Barkly Street, West Footscray

Junior Program content:

NetSetGO - Net Program (5 years to 7 years):

45 minutes of Fundamental Netball skills and
15 minutes of modified match play

Cost: \$72 per term

Set Competition (8 years-11 years)

Season Dates: Season 1: Tuesday 2nd February –
Tuesday 22nd March

Game Times: 4.15pm & 5.15pm

Location: Victoria University Community Sports
Stadium, Barkly Street, West Footscray

Junior Program content:

NetSetGO - Set Competition (8 years-11 years):

40 minutes of modified match play with a 10 minute
warm up

Cost: \$10 per player per week

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:

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New school (if known):

Signature of parent/guardian:

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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 😊



Kingsville Primary School
Annual Bumper Christmas Hamper Raffle
TICKET PRICE: \$1

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Contact number: _____

Child's name & grade (if applicable):

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Art Room News



