



# Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

### Term 4

#### December

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent helpers morning tea
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade parties
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Casual Clothes day (fundraising)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Casual Clothes day (fundraising)
<b>End Term 4 – 1.30p.m. dismissal</b>	

### 2015

#### Term 1

#### January

Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Term 1 begins</b> <b>Teachers return – no students at school</b>
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Grades 1-6 resume</b>

#### February

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	<b>Prep Students begin</b>
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#### March

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Public Holiday – Labour Day</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Casual Clothes Day (fundraising) <b>Last day Term 1</b>

#### Term 2

#### April

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Term 2 begins</b>
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#### June

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday</b>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Last Day Term 2</b>

### Term dates 2015

**Term 1** - 28<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Term 2** - 13<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3** - 13<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4** - 5<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> December

*\*Please note 28th January is designated as a student free day for all Victorian government primary schools. Grades 1-6 students return to school on Thursday 29th January, Preps begin Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February*



## Principal's Message

### **Celebrating and acknowledging a brilliant career**

Last week Carolyn Withers wrote her last message for the school newsletter. In this she spoke about her impending retirement next week on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Today I would like to dedicate my Principal's Message to Carolyn Withers whose career in education in Victoria has spanned 35 years. Kingsville Primary has been fortunate to have had Carolyn here for 21 of those years and, for 17 of these she has carried out the role of Assistant Principal.

When Carolyn was first appointed to Kingsville her title was 'Teacher with Responsibility'. She was quickly promoted to Leading Teacher and then in 1997 applied for and successfully gained the position of Assistant Principal. In the many years that followed hundreds of students and their families have benefited from her commitment, passion, knowledge, care, friendship and support. Rarely do schools have someone such as Carolyn in the role of student welfare coordinator continuously over two decades. Her work overseeing and facilitating the integration of so many students with disabilities and special needs not only enriched the lives of those students but also the lives of so many within the school community.

Carolyn has been above all an exemplary and visionary educational leader. Her focus on teaching and learning and her desire for Kingsville students to experience world class pedagogical practice has been at the forefront of her daily work. In addition her passion, talent and interest in the Performing Arts has ensured countless opportunities have been provided for students through many avenues including of course the legendary yearly musical production.

### **General Guidelines for Parents when making any Payments to the school:**

<b>End of Terms 1, 2 &amp; 3</b>	All payments need to be made prior to 10:00am on the last day of term.
<b>End of Term 4</b>	All payments must be made 2 days prior to the end of term.
<b>Cash Payments</b>	Correct money is requested, as change cannot always be provided.

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**Program Manager** Asi Malu

Carolyn is a humble person by nature and did not want any big functions or 'fuss' regarding her retirement. However of course, it is being marked and celebrated via a range of actions and functions over these last two weeks of her career. School Council has farewelled Carolyn and staff, family and friends will be doing so tonight here on site. Students will have their opportunity next week with special class events arranged. At our last school assembly on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> students will again farewell Carolyn with appropriate pomp and ceremony. Parents are welcome to come along next Friday however, as you are aware there is limited space in the hall for Friday assemblies.

Parents you may wish to take up on the opportunity to send Carolyn a farewell email or drop a note in or, pop in yourself to see her next week. I know from experience it is those short messages, note or card that she has always appreciated and treasured.

From my perspective as Principal I have been so fortunate to have been able to work with Carolyn in a leadership partnership for so long. As a friend, colleague and mentor, she has supported me personally and professionally and I have learnt so much from her over the years.

I along with staff, students and community will miss her greatly but of course, wish her well in the next exciting stage of her life.

#### **Thank you to our 2014 Parent Helpers**

Please don't forget the staff want to say THANK YOU. So to all classroom helpers, fundraisers, volunteers, library workers, gardeners etc, etc (there are so many ways parents help), we would like your company in the staffroom at 11.00a.m. on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Good luck to the class of 2014**

Our year 6 students will take part in a graduation ceremony here at Kingsville next Monday evening. Congratulations in completing your 7 years of primary school.

Please see the roll call of year 6 students in this newsletter.

#### **KPS 2015**

Whilst the number of grades at each level Prep-6 was published in the newsletter last week my message to Kingsville families at this stage of the year is the same as it has been for a number of years being "***the pieces of the challenging puzzle are coming together but we are not there yet***".

Back in the newsletter of November 7<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Withers as Acting Principal wrote about student placement into class groups. She outlined the

process that is gone through at Kingsville in working to ensure the best possible learning environment is able to be provided for all students.

Please note placement of students into grade groups is a significant and challenging task for all staff involved. Decisions made in this area are informed by a wide range of information and considerations and once made should be seen as final. I ask all parents to respect these decisions regarding teacher allocation. If of course there are any follow up considerations that may need discussion please let us know.

#### **School Organisation 2015**

Models of organisation in schools will vary from year to year as enrolments fluctuate and numbers in levels vary across a school. At Kingsville we have a much higher intake of preps than the number of students exiting in grade 6.

We need to remember however when we look at the model for any year that, every class is a composite in the range of ages and abilities and experiences. Sound differentiation in instructional practices is the most important factor.

#### **Data to provide some context for 2015**

Current enrolment 2014	600
Same time last year 2013	536

Preps enrolled for 2015 (as of 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	104
Expected P-6 enrolment 2015	630-635

Preps 2015 currently who are siblings of current students	38
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#### **Breakdown P-6 2015**

Prep	104	
Year1	113	
Year 2	83	
Year 3	78	
Year 4	108	
Year 5	68	
Year 6	76	<u>Total 630</u>

#### **Model 2015**

Based on the expected enrolment the 2015 model at this stage will remain as was published in newsletter last week being

Preps	x 5 classes
Grades 1/2	x 8 classes
Grades 3/4	x 7 classes
Grade 5	x 3 classes
Grade 6	x 3 classes

This model sees 26 class groups and an average P-6 of 24 students per cohort.

### **Parent/Guardians Please Note**

This model is based on enrolment figures as the beginning of December 2014.

When schools publish their grade model at the end of a school year for the following year it is hoped, that there will not need to be any adjustments before the new school year begins.

At Kingsville we have been lucky over a number of years in not having to make changes later in December or January.

It is important however to realise that sometimes due to unexpected changes in enrolment or other impacting factors, changes of model or teacher allocation do need to be made.

Kingsville students always take part in a STEP UP PROGRAM in early December. This is planned to be a very positive experience when students meet their class mates and in most cases their new teacher.

Of course it is also hoped that “the new teacher” does not have to change, but sometimes this is necessary. Current staff can gain transfers at any time or suddenly have the need for leave. Therefore vacancies and some adjustment to the published staffing model may be necessary. Of course if changes are made parents of that class group would be notified and the children as a group would be spoken to.

### **2015 staffing**

2015 will see a significant number of new staff welcomed to Kingsville. Some of these will be ongoing and permanent staff, others will be on contract positions to cover some of our permanent staff on leave, or those undertaking a temporary (1 year) transfer to other school settings.

There are also a number of current staff who will not be with us in 2015. I know you will join with me in wishing staff who are leaving whether their departure is due to retirement, end of a contract, a permanent move, temporary transfer or a period of leave all the best.

All staff moves will be acknowledged in next weeks newsletter and a full staff list will be published.

### **Kingsville Primary School - School Council**

#### **Are you interested?**

**School Councils** play a key role in Victorian Government schools.

At Kingsville Primary School we have a long history of very successful and active governance teams who have helped establish the broad direction and vision for the school.

Successive councils have carried out their key roles and in doing so every year enhanced the educational opportunities of our students.

The School Council election process in government schools begins straight away in in Term 1 (see timeline below)

**Vacancies** – 2015 – 2016 school council membership

The size and configuration of Kingsville Primary School School Council is set down in its constituting order is

**Parent members – 8**

**DEECD members – 4** (including the Principal as Executive Officer)

A total of **12** members.

For the 2014/2015 council year there will be

**4** Parent vacancies

and

**2** teacher/DEECD vacancy

Elected terms are for 2 years.

### Timeline of election

2015/2016 membership

To determine 2015/2016 membership

Last 2 weeks of 2014 school year & first week of 2015 school year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>raising community awareness</li><li>providing details of school council vacancies – role of parent members, expectations of members</li><li>setting up questions and answer opportunities</li><li>placing information on Website</li></ul>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	call for nominations
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>nominations close</li><li>display list of candidates, nominator &amp; seconder</li><li>declare new school council if nominations accepted equal vacancies</li><li>if the nominations are less than the number of vacancies in either category, call again for nominations for a further 3 days.</li></ul>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	if election required – distribute ballot papers by this date
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>if no election required – School Council meeting of <b>new</b> School Council</li><li>if election required – <b>current</b> School Council meets for the <b>last time</b> on this day</li></ul>
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	close of ballot for election
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	count votes & declare poll
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	new School Council able to meet from this date
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	school council meeting
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March	government compliance attained

### Casual Clothes Day

At the end of every school year there are 2 **CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS**. Well 1 ½ really as we finish at 1.30p.m.

This year the days are

- Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> and
- Friday December 19<sup>th</sup>

**Now for the fundraising for all this fun – a gold coin is requested** and as 2 days are involved we would love the **small gold coin**.

#### Target

600 x \$2 = \$1200.00

This target is possible however all gold coins or donations are greatly appreciated.



## Happy Birthday

**11<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December**

*Happy Birthday to* Etienne Casemore, Aarya Thakker, Jakob Salter, Julia Kitanovski, Esther Harrison, Anouk Waddell, Evie Prendergast-Withy, Lily Nguyen, Jenny Duong, Elisabeth Gogumalla, Coco Knowles, Lola Knowles, Charlie Peile, Evie Giansiracusa, Jarrah Sasaki, Eva Willis, Xavier Singleton, Salem Gebremariam, Rory Lieberman, Felix Marsh, Abbey Stronell, Ruby Goonan, Koki Christian, Jasper Lagastes, Damon Georgievski, Grace Atherton, Chelsea Davies, Madeleine Scambary Speller, Nicholas Scambary Speller, Jei Welsh, Mali Hawke, Emmanuel Thuc, Spiros Gerakoulakos, Ben Williams, Chloe Zhang, Jordan Seci, Joshua Diamond, Chyanne Lumsden and Ewan Cocking.



## Kingsville

## Awards

To be presented on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

1/2E	Herbie Grarock
3/4A	Lily Hudson
3/4F	Lily Furnari



# Congratulations to our year 6 graduating students



## The Graduating Class of 2014



William	Amos
Alyana	Arellano
Victoria	Atanasovski
Darcey	Atherton
Darcy	Beer
Ashley	Brooks
Tate	Bulic
Fraser	Campbell
Joseph	Cekalovic
Alexandra	Chua-San Andres
Ewan	Cocking
Aiden	Cole-Stewart
Benjamin	Davies
Kristin	Dodds
Oliver	Doucas
Dean	Drossos
Georgina	Drummond
Hamish	Drummond
Stephanie	Everett
Jasmine	Featherston
Damon	Foster
Lucas	Georgievski
Lily	Girvan

Kyeshni	Godranah
Eliza	Green
Mimi	Grenfell-Fox
Ruby	Hennessy
Clara	Holmes
Mason	Hose
Brigit	Ingram
Fred	Kernebone
Samuel	Komp
Max	Le Grand
Katherine	Ly
Ella	MacDonagh
Jude	Macquire
Patrick	Manning
Niall	McCarthy
Jessica	McGowan
Luka	McMahon
Carlos	Morton
Taliah	Mullane
Sainandan	Nathi
Anton	Ngan
Eric	Nichol
Luke	Nicol

Magdalen	O'Day
Gisma	Paolo
Maya	Perry
Rose	Picking
James	Rukuwai
Camryn	Ryan
Julio	Salas-Miles
Harriet	Selleck
Caitlin	Sheard
Marcus	Sparrow
Abbey	Stronell
Zachary	Tanner
Ella	Taylor
Hannah	Watson
Darci	Webster
Rose	Weldon
Madeleine	Whiteside
Chilli	Williams
Samuel	Wilson
Molly	Wilson-McKenna
Lily	Young
Pippin	Zupan



In 2015 these students will move onto Secondary Schools, the destinations are

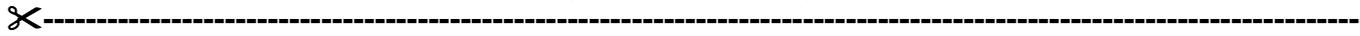
Footscray Secondary College	19	Gilmore College for Girls	1	St Kevins College	1	University High School	1
Westbourne Grammar School	4	Christian Brothers' College	2	Geelong Grammar School	1	Melbourne Girls College	4
De La Salle	1	Emmanuel College St Paul's	2	Mount St Joseph Girl's College	3	St Aloysius' College	2
Bayside College	1	Loreto Mandeville Hall	2	Albert Park College	2	Wesley College	3
Williamstown High School	9	The Kilmore International School	1	Maribyrnong Secondary College	4	Presentation College	5



# Will your child / children be at Kingsville in 2015?

If you know your child / children will not be returning to Kingsville in 2015  
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



## CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINGSVILLE P.S. IN 2015

Name: ..... Year level in 2014: ..... Date finishing at KPS: .....

Name: ..... Year level in 2014: ..... Date finishing at KPS: .....

Name:..... Year level in 2014: ..... Date finishing at KPS.....

New school (if known): .....

Signature of parent/guardian: .....

# OSHC



# TIMES

School Name: Kingsville

OSHC phone: 0401 054 261

Coordinator: Asi Malu



### OSHC NEWS

There are lots of exciting sports on offer at OSHC this week. This week we have the Active After School Sports team with Netball.

For those of a playful nature there's lots of time to climb and swing on the monkey bars in the playgrounds.

For our arty/crafty students we are focusing on Christmas decorations. There is also construction with Lego etc, colouring and drawing.

We are also offering special homework time in the library.

### REMINDERS

**How to get started** before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

**Once registered** you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

**Save on Care** You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the **non-means tested** Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.

**Dates to Remember; Cricket coaching has finished for the year. The Holiday program begins on the 5th January and continues until school begins.**

#### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

#### MONDAY

- Netball
- Library – Homework
- Art & Craft
- Playground

#### TUESDAY

- Soccer
- Library H/W
- Basketball
- Art and Craft
- Playground

#### WEDNESDAY

- Capture the Flag
- Library H/W
- Art & Craft
- Playground

#### THURSDAY

- Soccer
- Library – H/W
- Art & Craft
- Playground

#### FRIDAY

- Footy
- Library H/W
- Art/Craft
- Playground



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OSHC **TIMES**

## **KINGSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **2015 Parent Payments**

THIS INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED TO PARENTS NOW IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR - **NO PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE UNTIL 2015**

STATEMENTS FOR PAYMENT (CONTAINING BPAY INFORMATION) WILL BE POSTED TO ALL PARENTS PRIOR TO 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

#### **Details Regarding Payments**

##### **Materials & Requisites**

This payment will help provide your child with essential materials and resources across a wide range of curriculum and school related areas which involve expenses in ongoing purchase and maintenance of materials, including significant copying and printing.

##### **Head Checks**

The City of Maribyrnong is no longer able to provide free head checks to schools for the detection of head lice. The payment per student will cover the cost of contracting a private Company to do this once a Term. As it is vital that *all* children are checked at each visit, this payment is required for every child.

##### **Buildings & Grounds Contribution**

Kingsville Primary School occupies a large site and is fortunate in having an historic building, a range of other more modern structures, plus significant play and garden areas.

Maintenance of the buildings and development of the grounds is an ongoing cost and government allocated funds barely cover urgent works, therefore family payments in this area are vital. Any contributions will assist to maintain and enhance facilities and in 2014 will contribute to:

- the salary of a part time grounds person;
- ongoing development of the grounds and play area.

#### **Payment Directions**

##### **Payment Options**

- Payment in full by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February; *or*
- Payment by two equal instalments (first by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, second by Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July) – this option is not available for BPAY.

##### **How to Make Your Payment**

- Payments can be made by CASH, CHEQUE, EFTPOS or BPAY.
- Cash or cheque payments can be made in person at the main office or given to the class teacher in an envelope marked with the child's name and the specific items being paid for. EFTPOS facility is available at the main office - \$20 minimum transaction (phone or internet payments cannot be accepted). Accepted cards are debit cards, Visa & Mastercard. For payment by BPAY, please use the unique code provided on your Family Statement.

**N.B.** BPAY can only be used by those parents choosing to make PAYMENT IN FULL.

<b><u>Required Payments</u></b>	
<b><u>Per child</u></b>	
Materials & requisites	345.00
Head checks	10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$355.00</u></b>
<b><u>Requested Buildings &amp; Grounds Payment</u></b>	
<b><u>Per family</u></b>	
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	<b><u>\$80.00</u></b>

##### **TOTALS PER CHILD**

Oldest (or only) child in family : \$435.00  
 All other children in family : \$355.00