



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

12th – 22nd Mar
18th – 22nd Mar
Fri 22nd Mar

P – 2 Swimming Program
Teacher Planning Week
Grade 5/6 Yarraville District
Summer Sports Gala Day
National Ride2 School Day
Easter Hat Parade
End Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal

Thur 28th Mar

Term 2

Mon 15th Apr
Thur 25th Apr
Mon 10th Jun
Fri 28th Jun

Term 2 begins
Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
End Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal

Term 3
Term 4

15th July – 20th September
7th October – 20th December



Principal's Message

School Council News

The 2013 School Council met for the first time on February 25th and at that meeting an election was held to appoint members into office bearing roles.

President Leah Young

Vice President Adrien Powning

Correspondence Secretary Mike Lagastes

Minute Secretary Kylie Artavilla

Council will now hold its first full length meeting on March 25th, and there will be a further seven meetings throughout the year.

Meeting Dates for Terms 2, 3 & 4

Term 2	13 th May	2 components (A) Annual General Meeting and (B) School Council Meeting
	24 th June	
Term 3	5 th August	
	16 th September	
Term 4	28 th October	
	25 th November	
	9 th December	

Membership of School Council

The current size and configuration of the Kingsville School Council is a **total** of 12 members made up of **8 parent** and **4 DEECD** (which includes the Principal as Executive Officer).

Every council meeting must operate with a quorum. A quorum requires not less than one half of school council members currently holding office, to be present. Also, the majority of members present cannot be DEECD employees.

In 2013 - 3 DEECD employee members are currently unable to attend night meetings due to a work ban. The council of course is still required to meet and is able to do so as long as a quorum is gained.

Follow up work from the 2012 School Council

Council will begin to address ongoing work from 2012 at the March 25th meeting. One agenda item will be moving ahead with planning for the provision of extracurricular activities

The 2013 council will now work to develop policy and guidelines relating to this area, along with relevant criteria and selection processes. Council needs to take some time to make sure all new members are fully informed about this matter and that adequate time is provided to ensure informed decision making. Council is aware of the original time line set down in December 2012 and will publish further details as soon as possible.

Ongoing Industrial Action in Victorian Government Schools

In the November 2nd 2012 newsletter, I provided some detailed information about the work bans in place at that time. Since then communications to parents from myself as Principal, have been related to specific other industrial action being **Stop Work Action**.

It is now timely in a new school year to update information for all parents/guardians and ensure new parents into the Victorian Government School System are aware of the industrial situation in 2013.

Background

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is currently involved in enterprise bargaining with various unions including the Australian Education Union, in relation to terms and condition of employment.

This bargaining is ongoing and as Principal and representative of the Department at this site, I need to provide up to date information in regards to industrial action being undertaken and the impacts on provision for students.

Current action

- actions are being undertaken by AEU members at Kingsville Primary School (as listed)
- these actions are termed protected actions i.e. under the Fair Work Act 2009 a protected action is one which requires a ballot of members before any industrial action can take place

Action can refer to “**stop work**” or other actions, e.g.

Work Bans. Currently there are a number of statewide work bans in place that will have varying consequences in relation to work that teacher members may normally be expected to carry out .

Statewide Current Bans

1. **on** the use of the Ultranet
2. **on** the implementation of Nation Curriculum
3. **on** participating in teacher or parent surveys administered by or on behalf of the DEECD
4. **on** responding to emails emanating from the Department including from Regional Offices of the Department – *matters impacting the health and safety of the school community, including students, are excluded from this ban*
5. **on** reporting VELs student achievement data to the Department (*exempted from this ban will be the processing and uploading of achievement data for senior students via the Victorian Assessment Software System (VASS)*)

6. **on** written comments relating to numerical data in student reports for each subject area. (*exempted from this ban will be reporting on VELs progression points*).
7. **on** employing or arranging the employment of casual staff to replace union members who are unavailable as a result of undertaking protected stop work action
8. **on** planning, organising and booking of any activities which would take place in 2013, including camps and excursion, which would involve members
9. **on** union members attending a third hour of meetings during a school week which is currently possible (*they will attend no more than 2 x 1 hour meetings whilst this ban is in place*)

NB All of the above were in place at the end of 2012

NEW FOR 2013

In addition from January 30th 2013, there is a ban on all work for participating members which would involve working more than 38 hours in one week. There is one exception to this work ban and that is-

- arrangements which enable attendance at parent teacher report meetings by both teachers and/or education support staff.

Impact of work bans

This will vary school to school and each work ban will see differing impacts on a range of areas some examples are

- lack of usual school data gathered to be published in annual reports or other public documents
- the implementation of National Curriculum halted
- lack of written comments on student reports
- camps, excursions and other events unable to be carried out

As a guide

If the work involved in the planning, or the hours involved in being at an event takes a participating employee past the 38 hour limit, then the event or experience would not be able to go ahead.

At Kingsville

If no resolution is gained during the next 10 days **school camps** for years 3/4 and 5/6 that were planned, booked and deposits paid prior to ban (Number 8) will need to be cancelled. This will be necessary to ensure the school does not loose significant deposits paid.

Other examples of activities/experiences that MAY need to be cancelled or modified

- school production
- school concerts
- sleepover
- night meetings
- breakfasts
- early morning events (training or early starts for sporting events)
- year 6 graduation evening
- PYP exhibition (evening event)

What will go ahead?

- Parent Teacher meetings
- Parent Teacher interviews

as these are deemed exemptions by DEECD and the AEU plus

- school council and school council sub-committee meetings (without teacher members)
- any usual night events that may be able to be adapted, held during the day and be incorporated into the 38 hour week

Please Note

- different circumstances will be in place in different Government schools across the State
- the number of AEU members will vary from school to school
- the number of AUE members upholding the work bans will vary from school to school

This variance will impact on what additional experiences can be provided at each individual school setting.

Teacher Leave 2013

Kingsville has a staff of 46 which includes Principal, teacher and teacher support class members.

- a school of this size will see a number of staff taking approved leave during any year i.e. other than sick leave
- in the main, leave granted will be long service leave or leave without pay
- it is important that parents/guardians understand that whenever class teachers take approved leave for an extended period, every effort is made to ensure the replacement is the one teacher
- this of course is not always possible however, parents will be informed of dates of teacher leave and replacements as early as possible
- staff currently on certain types of leave also have a right of return within the terms of their employment

- teachers are at times employed on short term contracts to ensure a teacher may return e.g. from Family Leave – and that the school does not as a result have an excess of staff and therefore additional unnecessary costs.

Leave Updates

To end Term 1

Lucy Scott-Walker who is well known to Kingsville students and families will finish a short term contract at the end of Term 1 (thank you Lucy).

To begin Term 2

Myffy Scott-Walker will return from Family Leave from Day 1, Term 2 (welcome back Myffy).

Lily Yiannoulidis will increase her time fraction to 0.6 and Myffy will return at a 0.4 time fraction and they will grade share 1/2Y.

Sue Hodgart will take Long Service Leave for 2 weeks to begin Term 2.

Graeme Hodgart will take Long Service Leave for 2 weeks to begin Term 2.

Jeff McDonald will take Long Service Leave from 26th April to 15th May.

Carolyn Withers will take Long Service Leave from 25th April to 3rd May.

Details of other class teacher leave in terms 3 and 4 will be sent to parents and guardians and be published in the Newsletter.

Reminders



RIDE 2 SCHOOL

**Ride2School Day 2013
Friday 22nd March**

Don't forget

- ride, walk, scoot to school together
- wear helmets, bring a bike lock

We will need parent volunteers to assist with the storage of bikes and scooters at the beginning of the day and sorting out again at the end of the day.

If you are available to assist at e.g.

- 8.30-9.10a.m. (or part of)

or

- 3.15-3.40p.m. (or part of)

please fill in the response slip provided.



Easter Hat Parade

Time is running out!
The traditional school Easter Hat Parade is on the last day of the Term.

Following is a repeat of the item which was in the newsletter of March 1st.

This is a long standing end of term activity – the traditional school Prep-6 **Easter Hat Parade** and is a delightful way to finish the term.

Some guidelines

- don't panic, we don't want Kingsville parents staying up creating "millinery masterpieces"
- we **do** want it to be all about **participation** and **fun**

What happens at the parade?

Grades parade around with their teachers to some Easter tunes and Prep-Year 6 (yes year 6's we know you love to perform) all take part.

So, families get together to create your headgear eg.

- a Kingsville creation
- a school sun hat decorated
- traditional Easter theme
- PYP "Profile of the Learner" hat (and we might see):
balanced
open minded
caring
risk taking or
creative hats

Yes, usually a football theme will sneak in somewhere as well. Just let the imagination go and see what happens. Our wonderful support staff will again form a panel of observers who will cast their eyes over all entries and acknowledge special efforts from each class. Not the best, biggest or fanciest – just a special effort for each class.

Our audience

Kingsville parents/family members, we do this out on the oval, weather permitting. Some chairs will be put out so if you would like to come along you are most welcome. BYO picnic chair if you can please and don't forget the device to record the memories. Don't forget the wind can always be a problem for those who love to wear hats, so please factor in some suitable attachments.

There will be a "Pop Up" stall set up by Kingsville fundraisers to sell drinks to parents and non-students during the parade.

Desperately seeking parent rep volunteers

We have reps for all prep classes represented now with a parent contact who will liaise with the teacher and organise social events, and be the point of contact when information needs to be distributed. We are still seeking reps for Grades

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It is not a difficult or time-consuming task once you have a list of fellow-parent contact emails and mobiles. Please consider putting up your hand. Please let your teachers know or contact Moira Junge if you could do an email once per term to the class and organise a catch up. We need to get the list finalised this term

May thanks
Moira Junge

Members required for Buildings and Grounds sub committee

We need members to share the work load, the commitment is one meeting a month, helping to organise working bees and working with the team and school council regarding improvements to school buildings and grounds. If interested or would like to find out more about what it involves please contact Kath Ginnane.

Please note that 5/6R will not be performing their item at assembly on Friday 22nd March due to participating in the Summers Sports Gala Day. 5/6R will have their item rescheduled to Term 2, date to be advised.



Happy Birthday

14th March – 20th March

Happy Birthday to Alice Robertson, Avahlon Te Tau, Justin Cassidy, Ashleigh Cassidy, Amelie Le Grand,

Ruby Phillips, Hollie Green, Tessa Crawford, Chilli Williams, Gian Crees, Willow MacQuire and Mila Gleeson.

Kingsville Student Awards

Please note changes regarding the distribution of awards

Any student awards that were not able to be given out on

- 15th March (due to the P-2 swimming program)
- 22nd March (due to cancellation of assembly P-2 swimming and 5/6 Sport day)

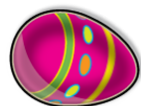
will be presented at the first Friday assembly of Term 2, Friday 19th April.

Fundraising News



Hot Cross Bun Drive

Don't forget about the Hot Cross Bun Drive! Please order your Hot Cross Buns and help support the school. Please see attached order form for more details. Forms are to be submitted by Monday 18 March with buns delivered Tuesday 26 March.



Easter Raffle

We are calling for donations of Easter Items/Eggs for our famous Easter Raffle. Each year Kingsville families generously donate so we are able to have a number of hampers for prizes. Baskets have been placed near the office and will be there until Monday 25th March. Any Easter themed donations are welcome, as well as the usual chocolate items or other gourmet *goodies*.

Please remember however if your donation includes alcohol parents need to drop it off, it cannot be sent with your child. Donated items will be used to make up a number of prize baskets to be drawn at a final short farewell Term 1 assembly at 3p.m. on Wednesday 27th March.

Attached are the tickets for the raffle. Raffle tickets are included with this newsletter, if any families would like more tickets they are available at the main office.

Update

As of Friday 15th March we only have a tiny number of donations (6 items). So, permission to shop and let's get these baskets filling up next week.

Awesome April Evening

We normally have a Hot March Night fundraising event during Term 1, but this year decided have a movie night instead during April! This promises to be a great family night to catch up with friends – old and new.

There will be a sausage sizzle and other hot food available, also popcorn, sweets and a treat stall. The date is **24th April** – so put it in your diary. Further details to follow.

If you would like to help with Fundraising whether it be as a volunteer for events or on the committee, please contact Jackie Parnell on 0425 750 497 or andyjac13@hotmail.com. We would love to see you!



Response slip – Ride2School Day Volunteers

I am available to help out on Ride2School day, Friday March 22nd during the following times

- 8.30-9.10a.m.
- 3.15-3.40p.m.
- I am available to help out from _____ to _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Childs Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Hot Cross Bun Order Form

Bakers Delight Footscray would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for our school. The more buns you purchase the more profit you make. For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, Bakers Delight Footscray will give \$2 to our school.

Simply fill in the details below and select how many and which Hot Cross Buns you would like to order, bring your order form together with full payment back to school by **Monday 18 March 2013** and your buns will be ready to collect on **Tuesday 26 March 2013**

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too.

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Student's Full Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact No: _____

Traditional Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$6.50 per 6 pack	Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$6.50 per 6 pack	Mocha Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$6.50 per 6 pack	Fruitless Hot Cross Buns Qty (per 6 pack) \$6.50 per 6 pack	Total \$	Paid

Please give form to the class teacher. No late orders will be accepted.

If you wish to help with this or any other fundraising activity, please contact Liz Reinoga at ereinogaa@telstra.com.au

Kingsville Primary School
Easter Raffle - \$1 per ticket



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Tickets due back to school by Tuesday 26 March.

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Wembley Family Fun Day

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 10am - 3pm

