



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

2013

Term 1

February

Fri 15 th Feb	"Jobs at home" Day
Mon 18 th Feb	P – 6 Parent Information Session 3.50 – 4.50pm
Tues 19 th Feb	Grade 3/4 Hockey Clinic
Fri 22 nd Feb	District Swimming Sports at VU Aquatic Centre

March

Fri 8 th Mar	Student Free Day
Mon 11 th Mar	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Wed 13 th Mar	Kingsville Cross Country
Thurs 14 th Mar	Kingsville Cross Country
Fri 15 th Mar	National Action Day Against Bullying
12 th – 22 nd Mar	P – 2 Swimming Program
18 th – 22 nd Mar	Teacher Planning Week
Fri 22 nd Mar	Grade 5/6 Yarraville District Summer Sports Gala Day
Thur 28 th Mar	End Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal

Term 2

April

Thur 25 th Apr	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
Mon 15 th Apr	Term 2 begins

June

Mon 10 th Jun	Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
Fri 28 th Jun	End Term 2 – 2.30pm dismissal

Term 3

Term 4

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



Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone to the 2013 school year, four terms, 41 school weeks and Kingsville's 94th year of providing education to young people in this area.

Parents 2013 is the next chapter in your child / children's education and I hope you are able to share in the story as much as possible this year.

To new families at Prep and other levels a very warm welcome. I am confident that your children and your family, will quickly feel right at home here at Kingsville.

You are now part of the extended Kingsville community which I know is a very friendly and supportive one. Let's look forward together to a year of sharing, joy, laughter, discovery, learning and all of the experiences that come together and unfold during a year in the life of a large primary school.

A special mention of our 89 new prep students, who will finish primary school in 2019 – well done, you have had a great beginning to school life. To parents of preps your children are known by the Government as part of "cohort 2026" – that of course is the year they are due to finish their thirteen years of primary and secondary education. It is also when your amazing 5 and 6 year olds will have grown into equally amazing 17 or 18 year olds. Don't think about this too much now however, just focus on the wonderful year ahead which, I'm sure you and your children will remember for many years to come.

So again, thank you to all parents/guardians for entrusting those precious sons and daughters to myself and Kingsville staff. I am proud of all our children every day and am so fortunate to be working within such a great school community. I look forward, as I'm sure you do, to a very productive and exciting school year.

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 the term.
End of Term 4	All payments must be made 2 days prior to the end term.
Cash Payments	Correct money is requested, as change cannot always be provided.

School Council President Geoff Coates 9679 8018 School Uniform Primary Schoolwear 9363 8458
OSHC Camp Australia 0401 054 261 Program Manager Nick Thomson

On a personal note, a very challenging last few weeks for myself and my family, as our property west of Ballarat was impacted upon very badly by the January 8th bushfire which began in Chepstow and spread quickly to the beautiful Carngham Valley. A terrible, life changing experience to say the least and I am pleased to be back at work surrounded by a very supportive staff and community. Working with children, is fortunately both a panacea and a daily all engaging experience leaving little time to dwell on the event. Some parents I know heard about this event in January and sent messages of support. I thank you for these, they were very much appreciated.

Ongoing Industrial Action

Parents who were part of the Kingsville community in 2012, would already have a great deal of information about the current involvement of the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development in enterprise bargaining with relevant unions. This involvement is in relation to the terms and conditions of employment of employees in the executive, principal, teacher, paraprofessional and education support class.

In my role as Principal, I need to ensure all parents / guardians are kept informed about industrial action and the impact of any such action on normal expected school proceedings.

There are a long list of industrial bans in place at the moment and in addition there is further planned industrial action for the 2013 school year. The latest in place from January 30th 2013, is a ban on all work which involves "protected" employees from working more than a 38 hour week.

Due to this latest ban there are immediate impacts on expected or planned experiences for students and involvement of parents.

1. Information Nights will not be able to be held on separate nights as is usually the case. What is possible however, within the 38 hour week and restrictions, is a one hour session after one school day at a 3.50 – 4.50pm. time slot. Please note, this one possible hour must be held directly after a school day, so it is included in the 38 hour week - it cannot occur later in the evening.

Parent Information session – Monday 18th feb

In place of individual evening sessions, an alternative is being offered as above. Staff will provide a Prep, 1/2, 3/4 & 5/6 session running at the same time, in various locations around the school on Monday 18th February between 3.50 – 4.50pm. It is acknowledged that this arrangement will be not suitable for all parents however, it is important that it is offered. Please note, these sessions running simultaneously **are parent sessions** therefore, there is the added challenge of childcare (unfortunately this cannot be provided by the school).

To allow the teachers to plan for these sessions parents must let the school know if they are able to attend

Parent action required

- decide if taking into account the challenges associated with this model you are able to attend a session
- if you have more than one child and they are in different levels decide which session you will be attending
- fill in the response form in this newsletter and return it to your class teacher by next Wednesday 13th Feb

Please note: teachers will put together material in hard copy that was used at the information sessions and this will be available to parents who were unable to attend.

2. **Prep Picnic planned** for Feb 20th will now not go ahead

Other Industrial Action

A FULL DAY STOPWORK ACTION has been planned by the AEU for February 14th. As Principal, I am required to inform parents of the details of this no later than the day before the stopwork action is to take place.

Employees are only required to inform me of their intention to take industrial action at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled action. Therefore, I cannot give long term notice regarding this matter. The Kingsville AEU sub branch however, has made it clear that they expect a high level of member participation.

In line with my responsibilities I will give parents / guardians full details as soon as I am able to.

Newsletters

Newsletters are an important ongoing communication between the school and Kingsville families.

Newsletters go to Kingsville families either by

- email
- or
- via the children taking them home

Distribution of Newsletters will continue this year to be weekly and they will be distributed every Friday.

Currently, close to 200 families receive their newsletter by email. Sonja Eastment the Admin Officer in charge of this data base is currently on leave returning at the end of February. As soon as she returns she will call for information from families to update the Newsletter Distribution List. In the meantime all families will receive a hard copy of the Newsletter which will come home via the students. It is important that all students at Kingsville are able to engage with their school, build feelings of ownership and be increasingly informed and knowledgeable about what is happening or planned for at school. It is therefore vital for students even in preps to know and

value the school Newsletter along with all other notes and communications home.

Class teachers go through the Newsletter with the students – highlighting certain items age appropriately. They make reference to newsletter items and do some reading and checking with the students. They also ensure children are able to access notes and newsletters via a collection method set up in the classrooms, aimed at developing self-management and responsibility. Parents you can help too, by having a home spot for newsletters and making sure you read them. You can also use the contents as a link to discussion with your child / children about something coming up at school eg an excursion, swimming or camp etc. that is just relevant to your child's class or level.

In this way hopefully the Newsletter will be something students, parents and teachers use as a reference point and communication tool.

Student Free Days 2013

Each year Government schools in Victoria receive four student free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development and student assessment and reporting. The first day of Term 1 is a designated day across the state – the remaining 3 days for Kingsville are:

Term 1	Friday March 8 th
Term 2	Tuesday June 11 th
Term 4	Monday November 4 th

Daily Timetable

There have been some slight changes to the daily timetable for 2013.

8.55am	bell to alert children to line up ready for 9.00am start.
9.00 – 11.00am	class time
11.00 – 11.10am	children have morning snack sitting down and supervised in designated outside areas P-2 (Quiet Play Area), 3/4 (Deck outside Hall) and 5/6 (outside their classrooms)
11.10 – 11.25am	outside play / activity
11.25am	bell to alert children to line up ready for a 11.30am start
11.30am – 1.30pm	class time
1.30 – 1.45pm	lunch eating time inside classrooms
1.45 – 2.25pm	outside play / activity
2.25pm	bell to alert students to line up to be ready for 2.30pm start.
2.30 – 3.30pm	class time
3.30pm	bell for dismissal

The goal is for children to take outside at morning recess and lunch as little packaging as possible. We realize this will be a progressive improvement, but is certainly a focus for 2013.

On wet days or days of extreme heat a (Wet Day) (Hot Day) timetable is implemented which sees children supervised inside for longer periods of time.

Kingsville Staff

Welcome to new staff

Jacinta Bok Grade Prep teacher
 Poppy Egan Grade 1/2 teacher
 Claire Deery Grade 3/4 teacher

In next week's newsletter there will be an updated staff list and a copy of the school map.



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday, 15th February

Prep B	No Award
Prep J	No Award
Prep L	No Award
Prep M	No Award
1/2 D	No Award
1/2 E	No Award
1/2 F	No Award
1/2 G	Oscar Marks
1/2 J	Anton Lieberman
1/2 N	No Award
1/2 S	No Award
1/2 Y	Ella Davidson
3/4 A	No Award
3/4 F	Saskia Junge
3/4 M	No Award
3/4 O	Billy Dynon
3/4 T	Anaya Wenham
3/4 W	No Award
5/6 D	Marcus Sparrow
5/6 K	No Award
5/6 O	Zennon Doulis
5/6 R	No Award
5/6 S	Eric Nichol



Happy Birthday

1st January to 13th February

Happy Birthday to Mackenzie Leith, Stella Thomson, Frances Ly, Lily Hudson, Andrew Land, Leonard Mulvogue, Eve Astbury,

Amaya Nitschke, Poppy Trewenack, Ella Dockeary – Doyle, William Amos, Samuel Wilson, Jessica McGowan, Isabel Evans, Archie Munro, Charlotte Coghlan, Maya Perry, Scout Mcleod – Smith, Olivia O'Rourke, Matthew Webster, Caitlin Sheard, Elise Lucifero, Remy Van Merkestein, Harry Sidney, Luke Crawford, Camryn Ryan, Ella MacDonagh, Tobias Smith, Millie D'Arcy, Samuel Komp, Taliah Mullane, Ava Bakaitis, Rory Adams, Lily Thomas, Abdul Rahman, Saskia Junge, Alec Usher, Remi Cooper, Giselle Bugeja, Alyssa Reinoga, Austin Howell, Bella Stringfellow, Molly Wilson – McKenna, Clara Holmes, Matilda Van Elst, Christopher Doherty, Rose Picking, Katherine Ly, Jack Hatty, Ryan Sharp, Luka McMahon, Raven Goffin, Maria Gerakoulakos, Beau Cooper, Thomas Frangos, Charlie Keirs, Grace Sim, Zoe Hine and Katie Ngan.

School Council Election Timetable 2013

Please also refer to information sent home to all families on Monday 4th Feb

Thursday 7 th February	Call for nominations
Thursday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations close 4pm Display list of candidates, nominator & seconder Declare new school Council if nominations accepted equal vacancies If the nominations are less than the number of vacancies in either category, call again for nominations for a further 3 days.
Thursday 21 st February	If election required – distribute ballot papers by this date
Monday 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no election required first School Council meeting of new School Council If election required – current School Council meets for the last time on this day
Tuesday 4 th March	Close of ballot for election
Wednesday 5 th March	Count votes & declare poll
Thursday 6 th March	New School Council able to meet from this date
Monday 18 th March	School Council meeting



Important – EMA in 2013

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive **Education Maintenance Allowance** in 2013, parents must hold a Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card, a Veterans Affairs (TPI) Pensioner Card, or be a foster parent (*foster parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Human Services or Courts*). The card must be current on the first day of Term 1 (i.e. 29th January, 2013) for the first instalment, and current on the first day of Term 3 (i.e. 15th July, 2013) for the second instalment.

Application

- Application must be made in person at the General Office by the eligible card holder and the relevant Centrelink card must be provided for verification.

Payment

Parents have three options for the payment of their EMA:

- Direct deposit into your bank account (please provide bank account details at the time of applying (i.e. BSB number, account number, account name); OR
- Cheque (you will receive it later than those electing direct credit into their bank account); OR
- Direct deposit to the school (to be credited against your Materials & Requisites cost).

Application can only be made between 9.00 a.m. & 3.30 p.m. from Monday, 4th February 2013 until Thursday, 28th February 2013.

Please note that **the Department of Education does not accept any late applications** and parents cannot receive EMA for a previous period if they forget to apply (even if they were eligible at the time)

Student Leader 2013

School Captains

Izzy Gunn and Oscar Dart

Vice Captains

Tamsyn Shirreff

Eli Powles

Natae Shirreff

Fred Morgan

will receive their badges at school assembly next Friday February 15th.

Important information about the use of technology at Kingsville

By Thursday 21st of February, your child will come home with a copy of the Kingsville Primary School Technology Acceptable Use Agreement (AUA). The AUA is a step in the process of KPS becoming an eSmart school. The agreement was designed by the eSmart committee, a group comprising KPS teachers, parents and grade 6 students.

Your child will spend time in their classroom undertaking activities and having class discussions about what it means to use technology safely. Their teacher will go through the agreement, explaining why such a document is needed. Please take the time to talk with your child about what they discussed in class and go through the AUA so that both you and your child know what is expected of them when they engage with digital technologies.

We appreciate this is a comprehensive document, particularly as it needs to be explained to younger children. However, technology has become so far reaching and widely available that we can't assume safety only becomes a concern once the children get older.

The AUA must be returned by Thursday 28th of February and needs to be signed by both the child and a guardian and returned to the child's class teacher. If the AUA is not returned and signed by this date, the student will not have access to all levels of digital technology available and a follow up discussion with parent / guardian would need to be arranged. As we desire all children to be able to access and benefit from the full range of technology here at Kingsville please prioritise this task and return the Agreement promptly. Once the AUA has been signed this year, it will be kept in the child's file to be handed to the next teacher and its content revisited in class at the start of each year.

For more information on the eSmart initiative, go to www.esmartschools.org.au

Hilary Fairlie and the eSmart committee.

Friday Morning Assembly

These began today, however the first class item is on 15 / 2 along with set of the first distribution of Kingsville awards.

Grade Items

Roster for Assembly Items <i>TERM 1, 2013</i>	
Week & Date	Friday Assembly
1 1/2	No assembly item
2 8/2	No assembly item
3 15/2	3/4W
4 22/2	1/2F
5 1/3	1/2J
6 8/3	No assembly item Student Free Day
7 15/3	3/4T
8 22/3	5/6R
9 28/3 (Thursday)	No assembly item

Student Safety - Traffic News

Welcome back to school for returning students and their families and a big welcome new students and their families this year!

As the school's Road Safety Officer, I would like to take the opportunity to remind the school community about the importance of road safety around the school and following the road rules. Attached to this week's newsletter is a brochure on safe travel to and from school for parents, guardians and students to have a read of and take on board to help keep the Kingsville Primary School environment safe for all.

As a driver, when dropping off or picking up students from the school, please:

- observe and follow all the traffic signs and requirements around the school and the crossings
- do not park in bus lanes
- do not park across the driveways of residents in the streets near the school
- do not park in *no stopping* areas
- do not park or stop on school crossings to let children in or out of the car
- follow the speed limit of 40kph
- avoid doing three point turns or reversing where there is heavy pedestrian traffic and on/near school crossings
- slow down when approaching school crossings, check for pedestrians about to step on to the crossing or who are in the act of crossing, and follow the instructions of the crossing supervisors
- have children exit from the kerb side of the car instead of the street side

As Kingsville is still growing in student numbers, ensuring road safety is vitally important, especially during peak travel times and with congested traffic around the school. If you can, walk to and from school so you don't need to find a car park. If you have to drive, make sure you park legally and even look at parking a short walk away from the school so you can have a healthy walk to school part way. For those who are cycling or scooting to school, don't forget your helmets and that you still have to observe the road rules!

If we all act "road safe" we can work towards improving the safety and wellbeing of the school community, ensuring that everyone's travel to and from school is safe and enjoyable.

If anyone would like more information on a road safety issue, please contact me on email at komunikate@live.com.au or through the school office.

Kathryn
Road Safety

See reminder posters attached to the newsletter

Community Notices

Jobs at Home Day

Jobs at Home Day is the latest Work Safe Victoria Health & Safety campaign. It was launched on the 4th February and is a community orientated initiative to get us all thinking about the impact of work place accidents on loved ones at home.

The key message is

"The most important reason to be safe at work is not to be at work at all".

Of course if we are injured at work it affects our professional life and our ability to perform jobs at home.

There is a "Jobs at Home" Facebook page

www.facebook.com/jobsathomeday where you can create a free personalised badge to wear on "Jobs at Home" Day February 15th. So Kingsville community let's get involved in this important Victorian Government Program.

Yarraville Glory Soccer Open Days

If you would like to play soccer this year then come along to Yarraville Glory's soccer open days on Wednesday 6 and Friday 8 February at Mclvor Reserve, Fogarty Avenue, Yarraville. Whether you are new to soccer, moving from another club or are a returning Glory player, you are welcome to come along and give it a go, before enjoying the free sausage sizzle.

For 2013, Yarraville Glory's Seddon Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank Junior Football program will field sixteen U9 to U16 teams, including at least three girls teams. Training takes place from mid-February on a Wednesday and Friday evening. The season runs from mid-April to early September with matches played on a Sunday.

For further information email info@yarravillefc.com or call Adam on 0401 096 507

Prams On parade

In 2013 SKYHIGH is bringing back a festival favourite.



@ the Yarraville Festival Saturday 16th Feb 2013.

Decorate your pram or simply dress – up yourself and/ or the kids to be in the running for fabulous prizes. Meet at 11.00am at Yarraville bus station. Prizes presented at 11.30am in the pop – up park.

No need to register, just come along on the day.



Parent Information Session

Date Monday Feb 18th

Time 3.50 – 4.50pm

Location	Preps	Prep Rooms
	Grade 1/2	School Hall
	Grade 3/4	Library
	Grade 5/6	5/6 Rooms

Number of adults attending the Prep 1/2 3/4 5/6 session

Parent signature

Please return the slip by next Wednesday 13th Feb

Attention all parents

Parent Representatives for each class

Once again, we are seeking volunteer parents to represent each class. The overall aim of the program is to foster friendships and connections amongst families. With the recent increase in enrolments over the past few years it is important for KPS to maintain its sense of community and connectedness. The focus is on social events, and the rep would also be required to contact fellow parents regarding upcoming events such as working bees to muster enthusiasm. The role could include organising one class function each term, where parents can meet in a relaxed atmosphere eg bowling, dinner, movies, luncheon and picnic. Gatherings can be with or without children. No formal meetings with other parent reps are necessary. It is not compulsory to have one event per term, it's merely a guide. Having a couple per year would be a great effort. Most contacting of fellow-parents is done via email. The class rep can be a shared role and it can lend itself to Mums or Dads, also to either working or non-working parents. The program is implemented under the auspices of the Community and Public Relations (CPR) sub-committee and it will be coordinated by Moira Junge (moirajunge@optusnet.com.au or phone 0402583341). Please phone Moira if you are interested in being your child's class parent representative, or to ask further questions. It would be great to have a rep (or team of reps) per each class as soon as possible.