Dates to Remember

Term 4
Mon 12th Dec  School Council meeting
Tues 13th Dec  • Year 6 Graduation
             • Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Thurs 15th Dec  New families to KPS social function
Fri 16th Dec    Year 6 only casual clothes day
Mon 19th Dec    Casual Clothes day (gold coin donation) F-6
Tues 20th Dec   Casual Clothes day F-6
                Last Day Term 4 (1.30p.m. dismissal)

2017
January
Tues 31st Jan  Grade 1 - 6 students begin
February
Thurs 2nd Feb  Foundation students begin - half day
Fri 3rd Feb     Foundation students full day
March
Mon 6th Mar    Foundation Students first full week
Mon 13th Mar   Public Holiday – Labour Day
Fri 31st Mar    • Casual Clothes day (gold coin donation)
                • Last day term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)

Term dates 2017
Term 1 - 30th January (school staff start)
         31st January (students start) – 31st March
Term 2 - 18th April – 30th June
Term 3 - 17th July – 22nd September
Term 4 - 9th October – 22nd December

Principal’s Message

As we head into the last full week of the school year I would like to wish all Kingsville students and their families a very happy and safe Christmas and holiday break. To our 641 students who have worked hard and contributed so much during 2017 congratulations, a job well done. You are the reason that this wonderful school exists and you have all added value this year in so many ways.

I hope you enjoy your holiday time and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2017. The exception to this of course is the Year 6 students and others, who are leaving Kingsville.

Congratulations to our Year 6 graduating students, please see the full list in the ‘roll call’ at the end of this newsletter.

End of year communications
This is the second last newsletter for 2017. There will be one more to follow prior to the last day of term.

The final full school assembly will be on Friday December 16th. This is always a joyous event and a celebration of the school year.

Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 1.30p.m. on Tuesday December 20th.

A reminder to all families to make sure arrangements are in place for this early dismissal. In some years we have had a large number of children left at school after 1.30p.m.. Parents had either forgotten or, there was confusion with family arrangements. Staff need to attend a 2p.m. meeting so we ask parents to ensure they are organised for the 1.30p.m. pick up.

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  Bruce Abernethy  0438 045 275  School Uniform Primary School Wear 9768 0342
OSHC Camp Australia  0401 054 261
Christmas Hamper Raffle
Thank you generous Kingsville families, the “Christmas Goodies” tubs and baskets are filling up with donations for the Christmas Raffle. Please keep these coming in next week and I’m confident we will have a record number of beautiful hampers. Thank you to Friends of KPS for organising this end of year fundraiser.

Parent Helpers/Volunteers morning tea
Thank you to our 2016 Parent Helpers

Please don’t forget the staff would like to say THANK YOU. So to all classroom helpers, fundraisers, volunteers, library workers, gardeners etc, etc (there are so many ways parents help), please come along if you can.

When: Tuesday December 13th
Where: Staff room
Time: 11.00 – 11.30a.m.

For catering purposes please respond to Betty Petrovski - petrovski.elizabeth.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

To the numerous parent volunteers who have assisted, supported and worked across so many areas this year, thank you. You have enriched programs and provided opportunities for students and we are all very grateful.

Casual Clothes Day
Year 6 students
The year 6 students this year have been given one additional ‘Casual Clothes Day’ – Principal choice being Friday December 16th.
Please note this is not a fundraiser and graduating students may choose to wear uniform or appropriate casual clothes.

Therefore, Thursday December 15th will be their last official day in their primary school uniform

Student Leadership 2016
Congratulations to all members of the 2016 leadership team –

Sophie Frangos Hamish Panetta
Alexandria Mozjerin Joe Perry

You have carried out your roles at a very high level and been exceptional role models for all other students.

Student Leadership changeover 2017
Congratulations to -
School Captains
Scarlett Gun and Takdanai McLeod-Smith

School vice-captains
Tessa Millington and Stefan Holmes

The 2017 team were officially acknowledged at the school assembly today they received their badges and took part in the official changeover ceremony.

Coles Helping Hand
You may have noticed some new planter boxes in the grassed area of the grounds at the corner of Somerville Road and Bishop Street. These along with the citrus trees were donated, constructed and installed by a team from our local Coles supermarket in Yarraville Square Shopping Centre. We thank Coles and the organisers for coordinating with the school and providing the resources. In addition to the planter boxes and trees we also received a donation of small gas bbq, a wheel barrow and some gardening tools.

Kingsville Staff for 2017
Farewell to
Mik Weir - 12 month contract position to Footscray City PS
Sam Skarecky - 12 month contract position to Seaholme PS
Jacinta Bok - a permanent move to Harvest Home Primary School
Aaron Wood - a permanent move to Footscray PS (promotion to Leading Teacher)
Meagan Allen – gained a position at another school
Ian Phillips – end of contract
Rhonda McLeod – end of contract
Jessie Clarke – permanent move to a Geelong school after a 12 month contract position

Congratulations
To Tony Wain who will resign from DET after being on leave from his position at Kingsville for the last two years. During this time Tony has worked for the company ResourceEd who supply our replacement teachers. As a result, he has taught at Kingsville over the 2 years on many individual days and has also taken up short term contracts.

Tony was prior to taking leave in 2015, a long term ongoing Kingsville Primary School staff member who began here on 27th February 1995.

I know that the school community past and present will join with me in thanking Tony for those 20 years spent at Kingsville and the contribution he has made to hundreds of children.

Tony will not officially retire until the end of January 2017 and, at that time his career will be celebrated and acknowledged.

Well Done Tony.
Welcome to or welcome back to
Georgia Jennings – returning from temporary transfer to another school
Grace Parslow – new staff member
Kathleen Gannon – new staff member
Jennifer Duckworth – new staff member
Samuel Eason – new staff member

Congratulations to
Greg Milholland and Rosemary Talbot who have both gained permanent teaching positions at Kingsville Primary School.
Christie Miller, Lorna Russell and Luisa Ballestrino who have all gained a further 12 month contract.

Staff on leave to begin 2017
Lily Demetriou – Terms 1 and 2
Kate Middleweek – Parental Absence
Brigitte Bentley – Parental Absence

Principal/Leadership team
Kath Ginnane
Jeff McDonald
Peter Ritchie
Blagma Veljanoska
Office Administration Staff
Sharyn Fletcher
Betty Petrovski
Sonja Eastment
Education Support Staff
Kim Cassidy
Carmel Cooper
Trish Harris
Nicole Shirreff
Foundation
Monica Gallivan
Laura McCray
Sam Meddis
Christie Miller
Level 1
Jeanette Mejak
Lorna Russell
Sheri Seyit
To be determined
Level 2
Luisa Ballestrino
Georgia Jennings
Jacqui Leslie
Anna Terzi
Level 3
Louise Iero
Helene Lissmyr
Greg Milholland
Grace Parslow
Level 4
Gareth Dainton
Emily Keeling
Alison Michetti
Level 5
Kathleen Gannon
Amila Osmanagic
Dianne Sturrock
Level 6
Jennifer Duckworth
Sam Eason
Mor Milholland
Rosemary Talbot
Visual Arts
Lily Demetriou
Lucy Oates
Performing Arts
Hilary Henderson
Frances Waugh
Myffy Scott-Walker
PE/Sport
Lorey Bentley
Myffy Scott-Walker
Italian
Lisa Fedele
Frances Waugh
Literacy Intervention
Diane Graham

Report time
Time to reflect as student reports will soon be distributed. Below is an extract from an article by Michael Grose (author of a number of parenting books)

Your kids will appreciate the right focus at report time
Could try harder….always does her best….lacks concentration….easily distracted….a pleasure to teach....

School reports can mean anxious times for children too. “Will my parents be disappointed or proud?” is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Focus your attention on these aspects to make sense of children’s reports:
Expectations
Expectations are tricky. If they are too high, then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with a child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may give you a good yardstick.

Different rates of learning
Remember there are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go-kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were young. Instead, look for individual progress.

Safeguard confidence
Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Here are 5 ideas to pass to think about before reading your child’s report:

1. **Look for strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
2. **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you can’t ask any more than that.
3. **Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future.
4. **Take note of student’s self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
5. **Discuss the report with your child talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** Ask your child how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Happy Birthday

8th – 31st December, 2016

Princess Whatsername DVDs

“Princess Whatsername” 2016 Production DVDs are still available. Looking for a great stocking stuffer or memory from 2016 at KPS? The production DVDs were delivered a few weeks ago to all who pre-ordered them. We have another 20-25 copies available for those who still wanted to buy one. They cost $15 each and include a bonus feature: a 15-minute "behind the scenes" documentary produced by our own student videographers. If interested, please send payment to the office in an envelope with your child's name and grade listed on it.

Mori Milholland, Year 6 teacher

Friends of KPS

2016 KPS Fundraising Goal

Thank you Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal
Congratulations to our year 6 graduating students

The Graduating Class of 2016

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Will your child / children be at Kingsville in 2017?
If you know your child / children will not be returning to Kingsville in 2017
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

X----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINGSVILLE P.S. IN 2017

Name: ...........................................  Year level in 2016: .......  Date finishing at KPS: ..........
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New school (if known): ..................................................................................................................
Signature of parent/guardian: .................................................................................................

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ICY POLE Order form
1 PER CHILD $1 EACH

(Please return forms and payment to the school by Monday 12th December)

Name: ______________________________ Class: ________
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Does your child have any allergies to food colouring:  Yes / No
Any other allergy concerns please email:  rod_heidi@hotmail.com

Total amount : .........................
Please return your sold tickets and money to school by WEDNESDAY 14 December. Raffle drawn on 16/12/16. 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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