



# Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

### 2017

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

- F- Grade 2 Swimming Program starts (8 day program)
- School Council meeting 6.30p.m. Grade 3/4 Swimming Program

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

### March

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar

Parent-Teacher meetings

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar

- Yarraville District swimming carnival
- Hot March Night (Friends of Kingsville event)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Mar

Foundation students first full week

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Curriculum Day – no students at school**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Public Holiday – Labour Day**

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar

Summer Sports Gala Day

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Mar

School Council meeting

20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Mar

Planning Week

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Mar

KPS Cross Country

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

- Casual Clothes day (gold coin donation)
- Easter Hat Parade (more news soon)
- **Last day term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)**

### Term dates 2017

Term 2 - 18<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 - 17<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Term 4 - 9<sup>th</sup> October – 22<sup>nd</sup> December



## Assistant Principal's Message

### Information Nights

Well done Kingsville staff and thank you Kingsville parents. Together you created and participated in the important Information Nights that have been held over the last week.

Sessions for Foundation, 1/2, and 3-6, all had a slightly smaller than average percentage of parents attending. In total however, close to 150 parents came along and some of those to more than one session. To the Kingsville level leaders, teaching and specialist staff and, members of the leadership team thank you for your time and the sharing of your knowledge.

I am confident the information provided contributed greatly to an increased level of parent understanding and, set the foundation for strong parent teacher learning partnerships this year.

For parents who were unable to attend, materials have been as promised, provided to you on Compass. Expiry dates for this information will be extended and materials will remain accessible via Compass until the end of term 1.

### Feedback

The school leadership team regularly reviews how information is provided to parents. As we reflect on the format of the recent information nights and plan for 2018 provision, we would value parent feedback.

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

Preferred method of payment is BPay. Your BPay reference number can be located on your family statement and will remain the same throughout your child's time at KPS. EFT/credit card facilities are available over the counter at the main office. Cash payments – correct money is required as there is not always access to change. Please do not send large amounts of cash with your child. Receipts will be issued through your child's classroom. To help the office in finalising accounts, where possible, please limit payments in the last week of any school term.

**Sharyn Fletcher, Business Manager**

**School Council President** Bruce Abernethy 0438 045 275 **School Uniform Primary School Wear** 9768 0342  
**OSHC Camp Australia** 0401 054 261

At Kingsville our student population sees a significant number of parents with children across multiple levels of the school. We need to ensure that information nights continue to provide access and, the best opportunity for parents to gain key information relevant to each level of the school.

So, any feedback to assist our review will be appreciated. Please provide this by email to [Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au) or [ritchie.peter.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ritchie.peter.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### **School Council News**

Information regarding the outcome of the 2017 School Council election process was provided to the school community via a post on Compass.

### **School Council membership 2017-2018**

#### **Current membership (parent)**

Marc Dorey (parent of Adrienne and Aurelia)  
Martina Ryan (parent of Liam Brophy)  
Glen Yates (parent of Liam Yates)  
Dale Schumann (parent of Lachlan Schumann)  
Jaye Giacomini (parent of Levi Giacomini)  
Angelica Pierangelli (parent of Rafael Phillips)  
Grant Philpots (parent of Charlotte, Max and Jim Philpots)

**Vacant position (due to a member resigning their position half way through their term)**

#### **Current membership (DET)**

Kath Ginnane (Principal Executive Officer)  
Christie Miller (teacher of FCM)  
Greg Milholland (teacher of grade 3GM)

**Vacant position (due to a member resigning their position half way through their term)**

School Council at their first meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> will move to co-opt eligible members to both categories to fill the two vacancies. Once this is complete an updated membership schedule will be published.

Election of school council **office bearers** for 2017 will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> and details will be published both on Compass and in the school newsletter.

Kath Ginnane, Principal

### **Student Leadership**

Congratulations to our newly elected school House Captains. These student leaders will be receiving their interim badges at our Monday morning assembly on the 20th February.

In follow up to this the students will be presented with their permanent leadership badges at an end of term assembly (a date to be determined). The presentation is expected to be from our School

Council President or a School Council member. Details of this occasion will be provided in advance to all families.

### **Recipients**

#### **Julian House (Red)**

Captains – Emlyn Davies & Rocco Singh  
Vice Captains – Neve Sheard & James Ward

#### **Somerville House (Blue)**

Captains – Lily Hudson & Austin Baker  
Vice Captains – Essie Houghton & Thomas Frangos

#### **Cruikshank House (Green)**

Captains – Sophie Parnham & Mac Leith  
Vice Captains – Evie Jaffray & Lawlor Dummett

#### **Bishop House (Yellow)**

Captains – Sasha Nelson & Sam Heinnen  
Vice Captains – Olivia O'Rourke & Charlie Doucas

Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal/PYP co-ordinator



## Happy Birthday

16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Happy Birthday to Audrey McColl, Georgia Fullerton, Alex Fullerton, Darcy Crawford, Harry Burton, Ella Leith, Lachlan Ipsen, Izabelle Louey,

Stirling Koop and Hugo Speldewinde.

## CSEF

A reminder to all parents who hold a current Health Care Card, Pension or are a Foster Parent, that you may be entitled to a \$125 per child payment from the government to be used towards Camps, Sports and Excursions. For more information or to download an application form, please go to <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx?&Redirect=1>. Forms and information can also be collected from the school office.

Sharyn Fletcher, Business manager

# Parent -Teacher Meetings

**Wednesday 1st March 2017**

NB. We are now collectively referring to the March "parent teacher exchanges" as Parent Teacher meetings. This will hopefully ensure there is no confusion between the March meetings and, the **three way conferences** which take place in term 3.

Parent-teacher meetings offer great opportunities to deepen the working relationship between parents and teachers. The meeting is an opportunity for both parties to highlight the child's strengths, discuss academic and/or social challenges, and share vital information.

Parent support for, and involvement in their child/children education is a critical factor which impacts on engagement and achievement. Creating a true partnership in a child's education establishes shared expectations for the child as they work to achieve their full potential.

We therefore encourage all parents to take time to attend these meetings.

Parent Teacher meetings will be held for **all students** from **1.30pm to 6.50pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Parent Teacher meetings will be of **10 minutes duration**.

## Change for 2017

In 2017 we are moving away from the **Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO)** booking system and instead utilising the **COMPASS** management system. To book a time for the parent teacher meeting you will need to access your **COMPASS** portal.

**Access to bookings will be available from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.** See the steps below to make this booking.

Using COMPASS you will be able to book the times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer is available in the front office foyer during school hours (8.45am – 4.00pm), if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere.

**To make the Parent-Teacher meeting booking for your child/children complete the following steps:**

- Log into the Compass parent portal using your Username and Password
- On your Compass homepage a list of your children will be displayed. A meeting link will appear under their name
- Click on this link

- Select a booking sheet. This will display the parent teacher conference dashboard, which includes a list of all of the times available
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- If you encounter any problems using Compass system please contact the school office by phone on 9314 5869
- This process will need to be repeated for every child
- Please consider that you will need to move between rooms for sibling meetings and to therefore leave a gap to allow you to make your next meeting appointment time

Yours sincerely

School Leadership Team

Kath Ginnane, Jeff McDonald, Peter Ritchie and Blagma Veljanoska



## Language of the PYP

During the year you will see articles in the school and level newsletters describing, explaining and celebrating the teaching and learning approach of Kingsville Primary School.

In any field of work there will be terms and language that is unfamiliar to us. The language of a school and an education system can often be confusing. So some clarification today and we will be providing more throughout the year.

The Five Essential Elements - In the PYP a balance is sought between acquisition of essential knowledge and skills, development of conceptual understanding, demonstration of positive attitudes, and taking of responsible action.

In terms of achieving this balance, the five essential elements are addressed when teachers plan the curriculum. They are:

**Knowledge:** Significant, relevant content that we wish the students to explore and know about, taking into consideration their prior experience and understanding. Students inquire into, and learn about, these globally significant issues in the context of units of inquiry, each of which addresses a central idea relevant to a particular transdisciplinary theme or big idea – Who we are, How the world works, How

we express ourselves, Where we are in place and time, How we organise ourselves and Sharing the planet.

**Approaches to Learning:** Those capabilities that the students need to demonstrate to succeed in a changing, challenging world. These approaches are developed through the units of inquiry. Within their learning students acquire and apply a set of transdisciplinary skills. They are social skills, communication skills, thinking skills, research skills and self-management skills. These skills are valuable, not only in the units of inquiry, but also for any teaching and learning that goes on within the classroom, and in life outside the school.

**Concepts:** Powerful ideas that have relevance within the subject areas but also transcend them and must explore and re-explore in order for the students to develop a clear, in-depth understanding. These concepts are:

- form • function • causation • change • connection • perspective • responsibility • reflection

**Attitudes:** Dispositions that are expressions of fundamental values, beliefs and feelings about learning, the environment and people. It is vital that there is a focus on the development of personal attitudes towards people, towards the environment and towards learning, attitudes that contribute to the well-being of the individual and of the group. By deciding that attitudes need to be an essential element of the programme, the school is making a commitment to a values-laden curriculum. The attitudes are:

- Appreciation
- Commitment
- Confidence
- Cooperation
- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Empathy
- Enthusiasm
- Independence
- Integrity
- Respect
- Tolerance

**Action:** Demonstrations of deeper learning in responsible behaviour through responsible action. The action component of the program can involve service in the widest sense of the word: service to fellow students, and to the larger community, both in and outside the school. Through such service, students are able to grow both personally and socially, developing skills such as cooperation, problem solving, conflict resolution, and creative and

critical thinking. It is intended that the person taking the action will grow from the experience, and that the process of taking action or not will contribute to each student establishing a personal set of values.

Peter Ritchie,  
Assistant Principal/PYP co-ordinator

## Friends of Kingsville

**HOT MARCH NIGHT: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

**HOT MARCH NIGHT TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW**

Tickets are now available for the HOTTEST night of the school year! So pack your picnic blanket, grab the camp chairs and join the KPS community for an evening of music, food and fun. The evening will feature:

- Live acoustic music, bought to you by talented KPS parents and teachers
- DJ Marky B spinning rock and new wave
- Gourmet BBQ
- Sweets and cupcake stand
- Craft beer and local wines
- Discounted tickets for volunteers.

Secure your tickets now at

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=259599>

**Attention Sweet Toths!** We need contributions of baked yummys for sale at Hot March Night. Please contact Maribel 0403 439 761 for a list of items we'd love you to make for the Sweets Stall.

If you're not a baker and you would like to contribute, we'd also love donations of lollies for our mixed lolly bags. Snakes, bananas, milk bottles and black cats can be left at the office!

## Parent representative Network

We are now initiating the Parent Representative Network for 2017. The role of the volunteer parent representative for each class is to foster communication, parent volunteering and social connections within the class.

### Volunteer Parent Representative

We are looking for parent volunteers to take up these representative roles for 2017, and be part of the Parent Rep Network. If you like getting to know new people, are slightly organised and would like to contribute, please email your details to [petra.fawcett@gmail.com](mailto:petra.fawcett@gmail.com) The volunteer Parent Rep's for 2017 so far are listed below.

### Inclusion on Class Contact list

When the parent representatives are in place there will be parent contact lists created to assist communication within the class. If you/or your partner would like to be included in the class contact list please email your details to [cassandra@paddysbricks.com.au](mailto:cassandra@paddysbricks.com.au)

We look forward to hearing from you and having another successful social year at Kingsville!

Petra & Cass, parent rep co-ordinators

Class	Parent Name	Class	Parent Name
FMG	Jodie Buckley	3LI	
FMG	Ingrid Fitzgerald	3GM	
FLM	Zoanne Morrissy	3GP	Terry Cumming
FCM		3HL	
FSM	Kate Simnett	4GD	Blake Thurston
1JM		4AM	
1SS	Cass Le Marshall	4EK	
1SS	Pip Mulhallen	3LI	
1LR	Cate O'Kane	3GM	
1LR	Kirstie Williams	3GP	Terry Cumming
1SP			
2AT	Elaine Doloughan		
2LB	Asha Townsend		
2LB	Anne Craig		
2GJ	Amanda Evans		
2GJ	Tracie Julian		
2JL	Tracie Cook		
2JL	Renaë Allen		

# Community Noticeboard

## **Kingsville Netball Club Meeting Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7pm.**

After many years the Kingsville Netball Club is formalising its existence and becoming an incorporated association. Please come along to the meeting on Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 7p.m. in the library, if you are either a new parent or an existing parent. You might like to become involved and to also have your say in the nominations and voting processes, as the committee is set-up. Please feel free to email one of the coaches in the meantime to ask any questions or add any further comments or suggestions. Deb Nelson: [debnels01@gmail.com](mailto:debnels01@gmail.com) or Moira Junge: [moirajunge@optusnet.com.au](mailto:moirajunge@optusnet.com.au)



## HOT MARCH NIGHT

Get set for the HOTTEST night of the school year. So pack your picnic blanket and your camp chairs and join the KPS community for an evening featuring:

### • Live music by:

- DJ Marky B Spinning funk and new wave
- Acoustic entertainment featuring KPS Parents and Teachers
- The A Street band

### • Food and Drinks

- Gourmet BBQ
- Baked potatoes
- Salads
- Sweets and cupcakes
- Soft drinks, craft beer and local wines

Hot March Night is a family-friendly event. Alcohol is available for purchase, but we remind all adults to consume alcohol responsibly. Strictly NO BYO.

**Tickets on sale Feb 17 via Trybooking**

[www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=259599](http://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=259599)

**Volunteer sign up for discount tickets at**

[www.volunteersignup.org/YTACQ](http://www.volunteersignup.org/YTACQ)

All happening at KPS school grounds, enter via Bishop St. (tickets required)