



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Term 1

February

Mon 2nd Feb

Thur 12th Feb

Mon 16th Feb

Tue 17th Feb

Wed 18th Feb

Thur 19th Feb

Mon 23rd Feb

Fri 27th

Prep Students begin

Prep Information evening 7 p.m.

Grade 1/2 Information night 7p.m.

Grade 3/4 Information night 7p.m.

Prep Picnic 6p.m.

Grade 5/6 Information night 7 p.m.

School Council Meeting 6.30p.m.
(if no election required)

Yarraville District Swimming
Carnival – VU Swimming Pool
10a.m.- 1p.m.

March

Wed 4th Mar

Mon 2nd – Fri
13th Mar

Thur 5th Mar

Mon 9th Mar

Fri 13th Mar

Fri 27th Mar

Kingsville Cross Country
Grades 3/4

Prep – 2 Swimming Program

Kingsville Cross Country
Grades 5/6

Public Holiday – Labour Day

Summer Gala Sports Day
Grades 5/6

Casual Clothes Day (fundraising)

**Last day Term 1 – 2.30p.m.
dismissal**

Term 2

April

Mon 13th Apr

May

Thurs 21st

May

June

Mon 8th June

Fri 26th June

Term 2 begins

School photos

Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday

**Last Day Term 2 – 2.30p.m.
dismissal**

Term dates 2015

Term 1 - 28th January to 27th March

Term 2 - 13th April to 26th June

Term 3 - 13th July to 18th September

Term 4 - 5th October to 18th December



Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone to the 2015 school year, four terms, 41 school weeks and Kingsville's 96th

year of providing education to young people in this area.

To new families at Prep and other levels, a very warm welcome. I am confident that your children and your family, will quickly feel at home here at Kingsville. You are now part of the extended Kingsville school community which is a very friendly and supportive one. Let's look forward together to a year of sharing, joy, laughter, inquiry, discovery, learning, challenge and all of the experiences that come together and unfold during a year in the life of Kingsville Primary School.

A special mention of our 103 new prep students (52 girls and 51 boys), who will finish primary school in 2021. They will I am sure have a great beginning to school life in a KPS prep class. To parents of preps, your children are known by the Government as part of "cohort 2028" – 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. My advice is always, don't think too much about the journey to adulthood now, just focus on the wonderful year ahead which I believe you and

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.

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Program Manager Asi Malu

your children will remember for many years to come.

Finally, thank you to all parents/guardians for entrusting your precious sons and daughters to myself and Kingsville staff. I am proud of all our children every day and am honoured to be working with you and such a great school community. I anticipate, as I'm sure you do, a very productive and exciting school year.

Student Enrolment

To begin the school year we have 633 students – 77 in year 6 and 103 preps. Across the 7 levels P-6 numbers vary. We have P x 5, 1/2 x 8, 3/4 x 7 and 5/6 x 6. Gender balance however is still satisfactory boys – 326 and girls – 307.

Prep	103	Year 4	108
Year 1	118	Year 5	69
Year 2	81	Year 6	77
Year 3	79		

Parent Information Sessions

These are held every year early in term 1. Dates and times are:

Prep	Thursday 12 th February 7-8p.m.
1/2	Monday 16 th February 7-8p.m.
3/4	Tuesday 17 th February 7-8p.m.
5/6	Thursday 19 th February 7-8p.m.

Teachers will send home notes to families in each level with more detail in the near future. Mark these on your “planners” please.

Friday morning assembly

The Friday full school Assembly has been part of the school week at Kingsville PS for over 25 years. As enrolments built for 2015, there was concern that we would not be able to all fit comfortably into the hall together to allow this tradition to continue. We have however reworked seating positions and have had a trial run last Friday. The good news is we will be able to continue for 2015.

Parents will now be provided with the area where children previously performed. There will be some seating plus room to stand on the side if need be.

We require parents to enter and exit through the double doors onto the deck. Please **do not** use the internal doors at the back of the hall to the main corridor. Children will be seated right up close to this exit.

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 Term 1 (see timeline and details for the election at the end of this newsletter).

Kingsville Staff 2015

Kath Ginnane	Principal
Linda Bowman	Business Manager
Jeff McDonald	Acting Assistant Principal Term1/Teaching & Learning P-6/PYP Manager/technical and admin support
Betty Petrovski	Administration Officer
Sonja Eastment	Administration Officer
Jacinta Bok	Prep teacher
Monica Gallivan	Prep teacher
Laura McCray	Prep teacher
Julia Mills	Prep teacher
Rosemary Talbot	Prep teacher
Jeanette Mejak	Grade 1/2 teacher
Helene Lissmyr	Grade 1/2 teacher
Jacqui Pacholski	Grade 1/2 teacher
Harriet Dempsey	Grade 1/2 teacher
Dylan Britton	Grade 1/2 teacher
Carmel McNally	Grade 1/2 teacher
Gareth Dainton	Grade 1/2 teacher
Christine Di Muccio	Grade 1/2 teacher
Greg Milholland	Grade 3/4 teacher
Lucy Oates	Grade 3/4 teacher
Amila Osmanagic	Grade 3/4 teacher
Georgia Jennings	Grade 3/4 teacher
Jessie Clarke	Grade 3/4 teacher
Alison Michetti	Grade 3/4 teacher
Ian Phillips	Grade 3/4 teacher
Anna Terzi	Grade 5 teacher
Sheri Seyit	Grade 5 teacher
Dianne Sturrock	Grade 5 teacher
Peter Ritchie	Grade 6 teacher
Aaron Wood	Grade 6 teacher
Leighanne Davies	Grade 6 teacher
Lisa Fedele	Italian teacher
Samantha Meddis	Italian teacher
Lorey Bentley	Physical Education teacher
Hilary Fairlie	Performing Arts Teacher
Lily Demetriou	Visual Arts teacher
Rhonda McLeod	Visual Arts teacher
Blagma Veljanoska	Teaching & Learning P-6 Library/ technical & admin support
Estelle Pizer (0.5)	Teaching & Learning
Diane Graham	Intervention Program, Literacy - Terms 2,3 and 4
Kim Cassidy	Education Support Staff
Carmel Cooper	Education Support Staff
Trish Harris	Education Support Staff
Nicole Shirreff	Education Support Staff

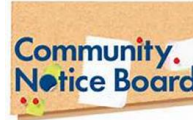
Welcome to new and returning staff

Laura McCray, Rosemary Talbot, Jacqui Pacholski, Harriet Dempsey, Carmel McNally, Ian Phillips and Greg Milholland – who have all gained contract positions at KPS
Estelle Pizer and **Lily Demetriou** – back from leave

Important Safety Message

Parents please do not walk your children inside the buildings in the morning or come inside to wait for them in the afternoons. On day one of the school year we understand that parents wish to accompany students, especially those making the “big journey” upstairs. This however is not possible on a daily basis and now, you need to say goodbye outside in the mornings and also wait outside for the students at pick up time.

The stairs and traffic areas need to be kept clear for students to safely navigate stairs and move internally to their classrooms.



Community Noticeboard

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College

Twilight Open Evening
Tuesday 17th February
3p.m. – 7p.m.
Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening
7p.m. – 7.45p.m.
Year 7 2017 applications must close 27th February 2015.

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Happy Birthday

1st January to 11th February

Happy Birthday to Mackenzie Leith, Archie Lucas, Rangimarie Gemmell, Lily Hudson, Leonard Mulvogue, Andrew Land, Eve Astbury, Poppy

Trewenack, Ella Dockeary Doyle, Liam Yates, Ari Sherwood, James Lawrence, Renee Brown, Jasper Waghorne, Archie Munro, Charlotte Coghlan, Lila Stallion, Olivia O'Rourke, Matthew Webster, Remy Van Merkestein, Vansh Manjeshwar, Varun Manjeshwar, Harry Sidney, Eman Atiq, Caleb Baines, Luke Crawford, Aliese Newnham, Tobias Smith, Millie D'Arcy, Caitlin Caldwell, Jasper Le Grand, Nirja Thacker, Xuan Ho, Ava Bakaitis, Genevieve Carlisle, Rory Adams, Ruby Masterton, Annie Brocklesby, Huxley Heap, Lily Thomas, Abdul Rahman, Saskia Junge, Asel Koyu, Alec Usher, Madeline Townley, Nuradin Jacob, Giselle Bugeja, Alyssa Reinoga, Austin Howell, Bella Stringfellow, Scully Hawkins, Oscar Richardson, Georgia Singleton, Christopher Doherty, Fynn Buttigieg, Jack Hatty, Jayden Lee, Ryan Sharp, Shiva Nathi, Raven Goffin, Coen Junge, Avi Fryer, Thomas Frangos, Zoe Mullins, Amelie Mullins, Ruby Richardson, Charlie Keirs and Grace Sims.

Yarraville Glory Soccer Club 'Come & Try'

'Come & Try' - Mon 9th & Wed 11th Feb from 6-7:30pm at Mclvor Reserve, Fogarty Ave Yarraville. Participate in drills, meet players in your age group, receive information about becoming a member and see if the game of soccer is for you.

For more information check our website www.yarravilleglory.com.au or email registrations@yarravilleglory.com.au

To all Kingsville Parents / Guardians

2015 School Council

The School Council election timeline begins next Thursday February 5th with the -

call for nominations in both the PARENT and DEECD (Department of Education and Early Childhood Development) categories.

Whilst the timeline was published in the December 12th 2014 Newsletter, it is important to now remind all parents of this forthcoming election process and provide new parents with time to consider a possible nomination.

Parent / guardian involvement in the school is both vital and highly valued at Kingsville. Parents may participate in school life in many ways both formally and informally and being on School Council, is one type of formal participation. Not only is parent membership of the Council a legal requirement, it is also essential to ensure informed decision making by this school governing body.

We encourage parents to express interest in being nominated, to fill vacancies as parent members of School Council as they arise. Parents working as School Councillors provide a range of important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can contribute towards shaping the school's future. **No special qualifications or experience are necessary to become a member** – just enthusiasm and the desire to help improve learning outcomes for all students.

A well-functioning School Council is necessary for the smooth running of the school. As a parent School Councillor, you will have the opportunity to help set the vision and strategic plans for the school. Through the Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Teaching & Learning, Fundraising and Public Relations Sub-Committees you and your team will help with and contribute to specific school priorities, projects and improvements.

The time commitment for School Councillors is 2 hours at a monthly night meeting (6.30 - 8.30 p.m.), plus membership of and attendance at one sub-committee meeting per month with follow up action as required.

The new School Council must be in place by 31st March every year, so the work to achieve this begins early. Nominations for vacancies are called for from this **Thursday 5th February** and remain open until **4.00 p.m. Thursday 12th February**. If we gain the same number of nominations as vacancies, then no formal election is required. If more nominations than vacancies are submitted, the timeline for an election will be followed.

Vacancies

Each year there is a partial election for School Council membership as half of the parent and teacher members complete their term of office. **This year we have 4 parent vacancies and 2 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development employee vacancies.** Nomination forms will be available from the main office from Wednesday 4th February. So, if you are interested in being nominated or would like more information, please contact Kath Ginnane, Principal email Ginnane.Kathleen.KM@edumail.vic.gov.au

Who is eligible to be on School Council?

There are two separate electorates within a school community

- Parent Electorate
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)

Parent Electorate of the school

The parent electorate of the school includes each parent of a student of the school, other than those who are DEECD employees engaged in work at, and for, the school. A parent of a student of the school who is a DEECD employee, but does not work at and for the school, is included in the Parent electorate.

Parent includes a guardian or person who is liable to maintain or has the actual custody of a student of the school. If a DEECD employee is elected to the Parent category where their child is enrolled but where they do not work, they are counted in the DEECD employee category for school council meeting quorum requirements.

School Council Election Timetable 2015

Thursday 5 th February	Call for nominations
Thursday 12 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 the number of vacancies• If the nominations are less than the number of vacancies in either category, call again for nominations for a 3 day period.
Thursday 19 th February	If election required – distribute ballot papers by this date
Monday 23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If no election required hold the first School Council meeting of new School Council• If election required – current School Council meets for the last time on this day
Tuesday 3 rd March	Close of ballot for election (if required)
Wednesday 4 th March	Count votes & declare poll
Thursday 5 th March	New School Council able to meet from this date
Monday 16 th March	School Council meeting
Thursday 26 th March	Government compliance attained

As you can see the first School Council Meeting will be on February 23rd – this will either be the last meeting of the current School Council, or the first meeting of the first meeting of the new School Council.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this.

Kath Ginnane

Principal