



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

2017

13 th – 17 th Feb	Planning week
Tues 14 th Feb	Foundation Information Night 6.30-7.30p.m.
Wed 15 th Feb	Grades 1 -2 Information Night 6.30-7.30p.m.
Thur 16 th Feb	• Grades 3 - 6 Information Night 6.30-7.30p.m.
Mon 20 th Feb	• F- Grade 2 Swimming Program starts (8 day program)
	• School Council meeting
23 rd – 24 th Feb	Grade 3/4 Swimming Program
Mon 27 th Feb	Parent Teacher meetings
March	
Fri 3 rd Mar	• Yarraville District swimming carnival
	• Hot March Night (Friends of Kingsville event)
Mon 6 th Mar	Foundation students first full week
Fri 10 th Mar	Curriculum Day – no students at school
Mon 13 th Mar	Public Holiday – Labour Day
Fri 17 th Mar	Summer Sports Gala Day
Mon 20 th Mar	School Council meeting
20 th - 24 th Mar	Planning Week
Wed 29 th Mar	KPS Cross Country
Fri 31 st Mar	• Casual Clothes day (gold coin donation)
	• Last day term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)

Term dates 2017

Term 1 - 31 st January - 31 st March
Term 2 - 18 th April - 30 th June
Term 3 - 17 th July - 22 nd September
Term 4 - 9 th October - 22 nd December

Swimming team training sessions

Thursday 9th February
Friday 10th February
Thursday 16th February
Friday 17th February (At VU)



Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone to the 2017 school year four terms, 41 school weeks and Kingsville's 98th year of providing education to young people in this area. We have just completed week 1 which has proved to be a successful and joyous week.

Tuesday morning 8a.m. - all quiet on the 'Western Front' so to speak - the lull before the storm.

Tuesday morning 8.45a.m. - 9a.m. - a very different story as 580 students from Levels 1-6 descended on their school. The sight and sounds of the students and parents brought the school back to life. So many families mingling and catching up after the break is always such a great sight.

Thursday morning - saw the beginning of the 2017 story with 87 Foundation students arriving for their first day. Great excitement and many last minute photo shoots as the children joined their class groups. Only a few tears (mostly from parents rather than students).

Friday morning - classes settled in, all staffing and timetabling completed and, the year I am very pleased to announce is off to a great start.

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.

Business Manager Sharyn Fletcher

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

Congratulations to all students Foundation to Year 6 you have moved into your new groups and quickly settled down.

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 school year.

Farewelling Jeff McDonald

Celebrating and acknowledging a brilliant career.

Jeff McDonald, Assistant Principal has let staff and community know that he will be resigning from his current position on Wednesday February 15th.

Jeff has made it clear in the information he has provided (see message in this newsletter) that, he is not retiring as such and is wanting to continue working in education.

Jeff may in fact accept an offer to return to Kingsville after a break to take up a fixed short term contract (30 days). This would assist the school in bridging the gap as the Assistant Principal position is advertised and filled later this term.

So, it is not a final farewell but certainly a time to acknowledge the work of Jeff McDonald over his many years at Kingsville Primary School. Jeff has been an exemplary and visionary educational leader with a focus on teaching and learning and student welfare. His desire for Kingsville students to experience world class pedagogical practice has been at the forefront of his daily work.

The students will farewell Jeff at Friday morning assembly next week February 10th.

Parents you may wish to take up the opportunity to send Jeff a farewell email or, drop a note in or come in yourself during the few days that remain before his resignation.

Staffing

The staffing list for 2017 was published in the December 9th, 2016 newsletter. Since that time there have been only two additions necessary to complete the staffing profile. The full list is included in this newsletter for all 2017 Kingsville families.

Having a completed workforce plan is a great way to begin the year and it means no waiting for the filling of last minute vacancies. It does not however mean that there will not be changes during the year.

As I always outline to parents in communications throughout the year changes – short term, longer term or permanent, will occur during the course of any school year.

These will be necessary due to a range of reasons including approved planned leave, leave due to unforeseen circumstances and/or teachers gaining positions elsewhere. At times also staff will resign, retire or be absent for longer periods of time.

Replacement staff are often required to be employed whilst a recruitment process is undertaken to replace staff. Please be assured however that as Principal I will always communicate with parents and speak to students when there is a need for a change. I will also outline what the teacher arrangements for the short or longer term will be.

Welcome to new and returning staff

Georgia Jennings – returning from a 6 month position at another school

Jennifer Duckworth – who has gained a 12 month contract

Samuel Eason – who has gained a 12 month contract

Kathleen Gannon – who has gained a 12 month contract

Grace Parslow - who has gained a contract to cover Family Leave,

Emma Eastham – who has gained a 6 month part time contract

Susan Phillips - who has gained a 12 month contract

Student Enrolment

To begin the school year we have 648 students – 100 in year 6 and 87 foundation (prep).

Across the 7 levels F - 6 numbers vary.

We have F x 4, 1 x 4, 2 x 4, 3 x 4, 4 x 3, 5 x 3 and 6 x 4.

Gender balance however is still satisfactory boys – 336 and girls – 314.

Prep	87	Year 4	82
Year 1	104	Year 5	75
Year 2	97	Year 6	100
Year 3	103		

Student Free Days 2017

1. Monday January 30th (state wide)
2. Friday 10th March
3. Tuesday 13th June
4. Monday 6th November

Friday morning assembly

The Friday morning full school assembly has been part of the school week at Kingsville for over 25 years. It is a time of celebration and a coming together to share achievements and build school culture.

Fitting students, staff and some parents comfortably into the hall is always a challenge. We welcome parents however it does need to be realised that most weeks the limited audience seating is taken up quickly. We ask parents to be aware of this and ensure that all exits to the hall are kept clear.

Message from Jeff McDonald

I wish to inform the community that I will be resigning from DET Victoria and my position as Assistant Principal at Kingsville Primary school on February 15th, 2017. I have made this decision to optimise the opportunity available to me relating to superannuation benefits known as 54/11 resignation option. I am however not retiring and I will be actively seeking opportunities to continue in education in the future for some time to come.

My career to this point has been an amazing experience, I consider myself enormously fortunate to have decided on this profession. In reflecting on my time in the job I am extremely grateful for the variety of amazing opportunities and experiences that have either fallen my way or I have sought out. I am appreciative to have engaged with leaders and colleagues who are dedicated to the education of Victorian school children. Privileged to have taught in diverse school environments with amazing students and connected parents and guardians. The decision to work at Kingsville Primary School continued these experiences and significantly the opportunities afforded to me as a result of this school taking on the International Baccalaureate. This Organisation's philosophies and approaches to teaching and learning align strongly with my beliefs and have motivated and challenged me, ensuring the passion for the job is lifelong. I want to thank Kath, Carolyn, Peter, Bagma and the Kingsville staff, who I have worked with for the last 12 years, for their trust and belief in me. Thank you to the students, parents and guardians who have also made my time at the school an enjoyable experience.

Sincerely
Jeff McDonald

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. Please see timeline and information regarding the election at the end of this newsletter.

Important Safety Message

Be safe on the roads!

Slow down to 40km around schools
Stop and remain stationary when a school crossing supervisor displays a stop sign
Park legally at all times
Never call children across the road
Cross at the marked crossings only.

Children's crossing

When travelling towards a children's crossing, you must drive at a speed so that you can stop safely. At a crossing which has 'Children crossing' flags you must:

- * stop if a pedestrian is on or is about to step on the crossing, even if there is no crossing supervisor
- * not go until the pedestrian has left the crossing
- * stop if a hand held stop sign is displayed at the crossing.

Keeping crossings clear

You must keep crossings clear and not drive into a crossing if the road beyond the crossing is blocked. For crossings at intersections without traffic lights, you can enter the crossing to get a view of traffic after you have given way to pedestrians.

When in school zones, please observe the following guidelines to reduce risk to children:

DO NOT park in bus zones, no stopping areas, on footpaths or over driveways.

NEVER double park - this reduces driver visibility, causes congestion and puts children at risk.

NEVER call your child across the road.

ALWAYS encourage your child to enter and exit the car from the kerb.

BE PATIENT - observe the directions of the School Crossing Supervisor.

REMEMBER children are full of surprises, expect the unexpected.

By following the rules around school zones we can work together to ensure the safety of our children.

Catherine Hanlon, School Crossing Supervisor

Maribyrnong City Council

Kingsville Staff 2017

Kath Ginnane	Principal
Jeff McDonald	Assistant Principal
Peter Ritchie	Assistant Principal
Blagma Veljanoska	Leading Teacher
Sharyn Fletcher	Business Manager
Betty Petrovski	Administration Officer
Sonja Eastment	Administration Officer
Christie Miller	Foundation teacher
Monica Gallivan	Foundation teacher
Laura McCray	Foundation teacher
Samantha Meddis	Foundation teacher
Jeanette Mejak	Grade 1 teacher
Lorna Russell	Grade 1 teacher
Sheri Seyit	Grade 1 teacher
Susan Phillips	Grade 1 teacher
Anna Terzi	Grade 2 teacher
Georgia Jennings	Grade 2 teacher
Jacqui Leslie	Grade 2 teacher
Luis Ballestrino	Grade 2 teacher
Greg Milholland	Grade 3 teacher
Grace Parslow	Grade 3 teacher
Helene Lissmyr	Grade 3 teacher
Louise Iero	Grade 3 teacher
Alison Michetti	Grade 4 teacher
Emily Keeling	Grade 4 teacher
Gareth Dainton	Grade 4 teacher
Amila Osmanagic	Grade 5 teacher
Dianne Sturrock	Grade 5 teacher
Kathleen Gannon	Grade 5 teacher
Jennifer Duckworth	Grade 6 teacher
Mori Milholland	Grade 6 teacher
Rosemary Talbot	Grade 6 teacher
Samuel Eason	Grade 6 teacher
Hilary Henderson	Performing Arts
Lisa Fedele	Italian teacher
Lorey Bentley	Physical Education teacher
Lily Demetriou	Visual Arts teacher
Myffy Scott-Walker	PE/Sports
Lucy Oates	Visual Arts
Emma Eastham	Visual Arts
Frances Waugh	Performing Arts/Italian
Diane Graham	Intervention Program, Literacy
Kim Cassidy	Education Support Staff
Carmel Cooper	Education Support Staff
Trish Harris	Education Support Staff
Nicole Shirreff	Education Support Staff

Parent Information Nights

Please note all information sessions will run from 6.30p.m. – 7.30p.m. in the school hall.

These sessions are a very important communication tool and are provided for parents early in every school year. They have a quite specific purpose being, to provide teaching teams, which includes specialist staff with the opportunity to “*paint the big picture*” regarding the school year ahead.

This overview of both the program of instruction and details about the individual learning environments will include an outline of expectations for parents and students and details of key events for the year.

Information will also be provided for parents regarding home/school communication and opportunities for parent participation.

Format of the sessions will vary across the levels but at each one parents will be introduced to the teaching team members for 2017 - a great chance to put that face to the name.

So please come along and join with us and other parents, as we begin the 2017 learning journey together. Please note these sessions are for parents only.

Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal/PYP co-ordinator

CSEF (Camps, Sporting and Excursions Fund)

Parents on a Health Care Card or Pension may be eligible for a \$125 payment to be used towards camps, sporting activities and excursions. Information on this payment can be found at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx>. Application forms can be downloaded from the website or alternatively can be collected from the school office. These forms will need to be handed back to the office in Term 1 to ensure prompt payment into your school account.

Sharyn Fletcher, Business Manager



Happy Birthday

1st January to 8th February

Happy Birthday to Keaton Fawcett, Mackenzie Leith, Archie Lucas, Rangimarie Gemmell, Lily Hudson, Sev Herrmann, Andrew Land, Luella

Hawker, Vivan Mondkar, Eve Astbury, Emeline Finnin, Sienna O'Donnell, Miles, Brauer, Ari Sherwood, Liam Yates, James Lawrence, Renee Brown, Anish Kodidasu, Charlie Clenick, Jasper Waghorne, Phoebe Sherwood, Lila Stallion, Olivia O'Rourke, Elizabeth McColl, Remy Van Merkestein, Freya Swan, Varun Manjeshwar, Vansh Manjeshwar, Frances Blaisdell, Luke Crawford, Oliver Pugsley, Aliese Newnham, Hugo Quach, Heidi Land, Lewis Metcalf, Tobias Smith, Jasper Le Grand, Caitlin Caldwell, Nirja Thacker, Xuan Ho, Ava Bakaitis, Sabrina Yimam, Leo Masterton, Genevieve Carlisle, Nina Sheppard, Ruby Masterton, Annie Brocklesby, Huxley Heap, Lily Thomas, Eila McCarthy, Alec Usher, Madeline Townley, Nuradin Jacob, Giselle Bugeja, Ben Marmo, Luka Jeka, Johnnie Munro, Abel Hafte, Scully Hawkins, Oscar Richardson, Georgia Singleton, Mackenzie Schubert, Fynn Buttigieg, Ravi Karunajeewa, Jayden Lee, Ryan Sharp, Raven Goffin, Lucas Nguyen and Thomas Frangos,

- **Bulk SMS** - SMS messages to provide immediate notifications. In most cases the SMS message will provide summary information only, directing the user to the Compass Portal for more information and next steps.
- **Attendance** - View your child's attendance online, notify the school if your child will be away, approve absences and indicate future absences.
- **Contact Details** – Parents can log in and update their contact details through the portal. It is important that contact details remain current so you can receive email alerts and we can contact you if required.
- **Parent/Teacher interviews** – Parents can book interview times for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
- **View our School Calendar**
- **News feeds** - The school posts news to parents to remind you about events and activities at the school. The news feed will be customised, showing only relevant information to you and your children.
- **School reports** – Reports are able to be published online through Compass rather than printed on paper. Reports will be available online for the duration of the child's enrolment at Kingsville and available for downloading as often as required.



Compass is a web-based school management system that focuses on improving and streamlining many of the school's administration processes. It provides the school community with a range of facilities that enhances communication between school and home.

Community Access to Compass

- Parents with 2016 existing accounts can still access Compass with their current login details.
- New parents to Kingsville will be issued with a username and temporary password. The details of these accounts will be sent home with students, please keep a lookout for this.
- Access to the Compass portal is via the school website, the Compass website or via smartphone and tablet app. The Parent Portal allows parents to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and their child's progress.

There are a number of features to the Compass system, as we begin to understand the features of the system we will roll out new applications to the school community. Currently the school is using the following features:

Other features we will be rolling out during the year and include:

- **Payments** – Parents are able to pay for excursions and camps by direct payments
- **Permission** – Parents will be able to give authorisation for students to attend excursions and incursions as well as provide approval for other activities. These will be electronic permissions and there will not be a need to print permission slips, saving our resources.

Parents play an important role in the success of this initiative. It will be essential that parents log in regularly to access newsletters, news feeds and more. Compass is intended to be self-explanatory and easy to use (many families in our community already use the system in their secondary schools). Please be assured that Compass uses technology that is encrypted and secure.

For Compass to be a successful communications tool between school and home, contact details need to be current and accurate. Two important methods of communicating are via email and SMS. If you have not provided the school with an email or mobile number or you have recently changed these details, please provide the school with the up-dated information.

Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal/PYP co-ordinator

Teacher Planning Week

See 'Dates to Remember' (13th – 17th February)

What happens during this week?

In week three of this term a day has been allocated to the levels and specialist teams to collaboratively plan the teaching and learning for the next term. This planning is driven through one of the six transdisciplinary themes to create a unit of inquiry, e.g. "Sharing the Planet". Teachers in teams reflect on the disciplines of Numeracy, English, Humanities, Science, Technology and The Arts and plan to incorporate important skills and knowledge into the unit. They also focus on planning "stand-alone" units within these subject areas. The specialists also plan collaboratively and contribute to one specific unit of inquiry from each level during the year. They will explore their own discipline, connecting the five essential elements and continuing the coherent nature of a transdisciplinary program.

At the heart of the transdisciplinary curriculum is the learner constructing meaning through the five essential elements: concepts, knowledge, skills, attitudes and actions. These elements go beyond disciplinary barriers and forge the curriculum into a coherent whole. The curriculum is transdisciplinary in nature because the meaning of the prefix "trans" is two-fold: to convey learning that has relevance across, between and beyond the subject areas and more importantly, learning that transcends the confines of the subject areas to connect to what is real in the world.

Through acknowledging and aiming to meet the diverse needs of the student – physical, social, intellectual, aesthetic, cultural, the programme aims to create learning that is engaging, relevant, challenging and significant.

Inquiry is the pedagogical approach to teaching and learning at Kingsville Primary School. It is the process initiated by the students or the teacher that moves the students from their current level of understanding to a new and deeper level of understanding. This can mean:

- exploring, wondering and questioning
- experimenting and playing with possibilities
- making connections between previous learning and current learning
- making predictions and acting purposefully to see what happens
- collecting data and reporting findings
- clarifying existing ideas and reappraising perceptions of events
- deepening understanding through the application of a concept
- making and testing theories
- researching and seeking information
- taking and defending a position
- solving problems in a variety of ways

It is a significant undertaking by the school both logistically and financially to facilitate a time such as this, for teachers to engage in a collaborative exercise that takes into account the approach outlined above. On the day that teams are planning, the classroom program continues with the support of the specialists and casual relief teachers. The class teachers will talk to the children about this and prepare them for what to expect on their level planning day.

Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal/PYP co-ordinator

Sports News

Swimming

Training and final trials are underway for the school swimming team. The final team will be announced after next Friday's session. A big thank you to Mark Deunk from Yarraville Swim Centre and to the parents and teachers for giving up their mornings. The district carnival will be held at VU Swimming Pool on **Friday 3rd March**. For more information about this, please refer to the post on Compass.

Team Vic State Trials

The selection process for children to nominate for State Teams has changed this year. This applies to the following sports: *Australian Rules, Netball, Soccer and Basketball*. Each school is only able to nominate 3 children for each sport. A letter signed by myself needs to accompany the online registration. To ensure that all children have the opportunity to say that they would like to register, I am asking that any child who wishes to nominate, please let me know by **Friday 17th February**. For more information about this, and to see other sports that your child is eligible to enrol in, please go to: <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

Cross Country

Put **Wednesday 29th March** in your diaries as this is the date for the school cross country. There will be more information about this coming out in the next few weeks.

Summer Gala Day

Grade 5 and 6 children will be participating in the Summer Gala Day on **Friday 17th March**. There will be more information about this given to the children.

Key Dates for Term 1

YDSSV Swimming: 3rd March
Summer Gala Day: 17th March
Divisional Swimming: 21st March
WMR Swimming: 28th March
School Cross Country: 29th March

Lorey Bentley, Sport and PE Coordinator
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Friends of Kingsville

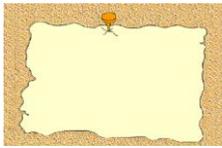
HOT MARCH NIGHT: 3rd March 2017

Calling all talented parents!

Have you got a musical talent you'd like to share on Hot March Night? KPS parents, Leah and Sarah are putting together a sweet variety of musical performances by KPS parents and their friends. Please get in touch if you've got something to offer.

Leah: leaholiver@optusnet.com.au

Sarah: sarah.maclaine@yahoo.com.au



Community Noticeboard

Mount St Joseph Girls' College Twilight Open Evening - Thursday 9 February 2017

All local community members are invited to our Twilight Open Evening on Thursday 9 February from 4pm to 8pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with our families, students and staff members, and learn about how our College specialises in the education of girls.

Limited places available for 2017.

Applications for Year 7, 2018 will close on 17 February 2017

Applications for Year 7, 2019 will close on 25 August 2017

Enrolment application forms can be obtained from the website www.msg.vic.edu.au or by contacting the school on 8398 2000 or emailing the College Registrar, Sherri Collins at registrar@msg.vic.edu.au

To all Kingsville Parents / Guardians

2017 School Council

The School Council election timeline begins next Monday February 6th with the -

call for nominations in both the PARENT and DET (Department of Education and Training) categories.

Whilst the timeline was published in the December 16th, 2016 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 direction for the school.

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. In 2017 nominations for vacancies are called for from next **Monday 6th February** and will remain open until **4.00 p.m. Monday 13th 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 Training employee vacancies.** Nomination forms will be available from the main office from Monday 6th 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 Training (DET)

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 DET employees engaged in work at, and for, the school. A parent of a student of the school who is a DET 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 DET employee is elected to the Parent category where their child is enrolled but where they do not work, they are counted in the DET employee category for school council meeting quorum requirements.

School Council Election Timetable 2017

Monday 6 th February	Call for nominations
Monday 13 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.
Monday 20 th February	If election required – distribute ballot papers by this date
Monday 20 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If no election required hold the first School Council meeting of new School Council i.e. first special meeting to elect office bearers followed by first full meeting• If election required – current School Council meets for the last time on this day
Monday 27 th February	Close of ballot for election (if required)
Tuesday 28 th February	Count votes & declare poll
Wednesday 1 st March	New School Council able to meet from this date
Monday 20 th March	First meeting of new school council if election required to elect office bearers
Thursday 23 rd March	Government compliance attained

As you can see the first School Council Meeting will be on February 20th – this will either be the last meeting of the current School Council, or the first meeting of the new School Council.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this.

Kath Ginnane

Principal