



# Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

### Term 1

#### February

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb Grade 1/2 Information night 7p.m.  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Grade 3/4 Information night 7p.m.  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Prep Picnic 6p.m.  
Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Grade 5/6 Information night 7p.m.  
19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Grade 3/4 Swim & Survive program  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb School Council Meeting 6.30p.m.  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb Second hand uniform sale

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

8.45-9.15a.m. and  
3.15-3.45p.m. outside library  
Yarraville District Swimming  
Carnival – VU Swimming Pool  
10a.m.- 1p.m.

#### March

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar

Kingsville Cross Country  
Grades 3/4

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri  
13<sup>th</sup> Mar

Prep – 2 Swimming Program

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Mar

Kingsville Cross Country  
Grades 5/6

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Public Holiday – Labour Day**

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Mar

- Summer Gala Sports Day -  
Grades 5/6
- Walk to School Day

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Casual Clothes Day (fundraising)

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

### Term 2

#### April

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Apr  
May**

**Term 2 begins**

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>  
May

School photos

#### June

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Public Holiday – Queen's  
Birthday**

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June**

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

### Term dates 2015

**Term 1** - 28<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Term 2** - 13<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3** - 13<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Term 4** - 5<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> December



## Principal's Message

Ensuring the best possible start to the school year for students and parents is so important. Transition into Preps and also moving up one class each year can be a challenging time both for students and parents. For most children, these transitions with appropriate support will be relatively smooth. For any children who have some adjustment difficulties we work with parents and support students to ease them into the changed environment.

Parents can do so much to help their children with yearly transitions and I thank parents for all of the work that is put into preparing children for the new school year. At times however, with all best intent parents find the transition changes difficult themselves and can become over anxious about their children. Working together and ensuring timely communication between parents, teachers and senior staff is the key to success. We need to remember that every year, in the majority of schools there will be some degree of beginning school year issues.

There are often some challenges with the separation and goodbye routines in the morning. To assist with this area overall and ensure safe, calm orderly line up and entry and exit from classrooms and buildings a **few tips** especially for families of Prep or early years students.

### **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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**OSHC Camp Australia** 0401 054 261

**School Uniform Primary School Wear** 9363 8458  
**Program Manager** Asi Malu

- *as much as possible drop off, say goodbye and leave (for some this will take longer than others)*
- *don't stay around engaging in multiple hugs, kisses, farewells*
- *work out your personal routine with your child and stick to it i.e. talk about what we will do and how we will say goodbye*
- *don't carry their bag to the classroom*
- *don't carry your child to the classroom – yes I have seen this happen*
- *don't go into the classroom with your child for an additional goodbye*
- *do not stay around and peer through the windows – this can be very disturbing for the children*
- *if your child is upset please engage with the teacher, let them know and assistance will be provided by other staff*
- *be firm and set the expectations from these early days*
- *be positive yourself about the day ahead for the child/children*
- *do not join into the student class line and travel to the classroom with the students – the children need to build up confidence and feelings of control and independence*
- *toddlers, prams and parents in line, or travelling with the line swamp and overwhelms the children and can pose a danger*

**Above all trust us** - as a Principal who has seen over 3000 preps begin school life, I can assure you it won't be long before they are racing ahead of you and moving confidently into the day.

#### **To assist with building resilience and confidence**

Building expectations and routines for the students at school is vital. From day one, staff work to ensure students are clear about many areas of the daily program, the timetables and school routines. One of the most crucial to begin the year is getting the lining up right. All parents should be aware where the grades line up in the morning and, where the students will be dismissed to at the end of the day. Please ensure these areas are kept clear for the students.

Building a rapport with the teacher, developing friendships and learning about and from new class members, are all factors which contribute to feeling positive and confident in the new environment. To assist with this all teachers work through an important "first 15 days of school" program. This helps students to understand class and school routines and expectations. Together class groups develop what we term "Essential Agreements" for interaction and learning in their classroom.

#### **Focus area for week 4**

##### **Monday Morning Assembly**

- parents please stay over to the side of assembly i.e. on the edge of the central "quiet play area" – prep children need to get used to lining up in front of the deck and to be able to manage this without parents or other family members

##### **Morning routine**

- the same applies for morning line up on other days of the week

#### **School Council 2015**

The School Council election timeline saw nominations for vacancies in both the **Parent** and **DET Employee** membership categories close yesterday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

The nominations in the **Parent Category** were equal to the number of vacancies advertised being **4** therefore, no election process is required in this category.

I am pleased to declare these Kingsville parents are duly elected to the School Council

Dale Schumann	parent of Joshua (5C) and Lachlan (3/4F) Schumann
Bruce Abernethy	parent of Bronte Abernethy (1/2F)
Mimmalisa Trifilo	parent of Isadora Green(1/2A)
Max Gararock	parent of Herbie Gararock (1/2D)

The nominations in the **DET member teacher category** were less than the number of vacancies advertised. There were two vacancies and no nominations gained.

In line with requirements I will now put out a further call for nominations in the **DET teacher member category**.

Nominations open today February 13<sup>th</sup> and close at 4p.m. on Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Following this the full 2013 School Council membership will be declared.

The first meeting of the 2015 School Council will now go ahead on Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. At that meeting council members will elect Office Bearers.

#### **Formation of School Council Subcommittees**

Subcommittees assist Council in the work they undertake. They report regularly to Council meetings and provide advice and make recommendations to Council. Membership of the committees is determined by Council and is open to both School Council and non School Council members. At least one member however of Council must be a member of each sub committee.

To begin the 2015 Council year, we need to establish our subcommittee membership and appoint a conveynor for each.

As there were a number of parents - non School Council members on each team last year, the first step is finding out who is continuing on in 2015.

**Response required** - If you were a conveynor or member of teams listed below in 2014, please respond promptly re your intention for this year by email or phone to the Principal.

**Buildings & Grounds**  
**Fundraising**  
**Community Public Relations**

Once this is established additional members will be added to all subcommittees.

**Complete membership of the 2015 School Council will be published next week.**

**Newsletters**

Please also see the item about school newsletters in the last newsletter of February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please note this newsletter (February 13<sup>th</sup>) is the last one that will go out in hard copy. Access to the newsletter will now be via the school website. However please note, parents can receive an alert that the newsletter has been uploaded to our website. To gain this alert please go to our Home Page, on the right hand side under the heading Newsletter, click on the yellow wording 'Subscribe to newsletter'. This will take you to a page where you will be required to fill in your details to ensure you receive the alert.

**Teacher email addresses**

Email addresses for all staff are now on the school website.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

Sent home today (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February) was information relating to the opportunity provided by the school to meet with your child or children's 2015 teacher or teachers on March 4<sup>th</sup>. To book one of these opportunities we are again using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO).

Using this system you will be able to book the parent teacher meeting times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. A computer will be available in the library during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere. The site will go live on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 9a.m. and close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5p.m.

Please keep an eye out for a note coming home with the eldest child in your family regarding parent teachers meetings.

You will receive:

- information explaining the PTO (Parent Teacher On-Line) booking system
- your PTO *login code and pin* – one for each family

If you have provided the school with an email address you should also receive your *login code and pin* in an email.

You will find the PTO link on the school's website:

<http://kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au>

## Information Nights

Parents please note that entry to the school for the information nights being held in the school hall will be via the double gates in Bishop Street near the Grade 5 and 6 classrooms

## Reminder Prep Picnic

Date: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: 6p.m. to 7.30p.m.  
Location: School Oval

The traditional Prep Family Picnic to begin the year will take place next Wednesday evening. The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for Prep families to come together and get to know each other at this early stage of the year.

BYO – "the lot"

## Parent Volunteers

Thank you to all parents who have emailed or contacted me regarding volunteering to assist in classrooms. The induction for volunteers training in Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) will begin next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. During this week we will be providing the training from 9.20a.m. or 3.20p.m.. Please note that you are required to only come to one session and these are only for parents who have already been to the Parent helpers training sessions.

After this week starting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February the sessions will only be offered on a Monday from 9 – 9.20a.m. If you need any further clarification please contact Blagma Veljanoska or Nicole Shirreff  
[veljanoska.blagma.b@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:veljanoska.blagma.b@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
[shirreff.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:shirreff.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au)

A date regarding the parent helpers training session will be provided in next weeks newsletter.

Thank you Blagma Veljanoska, Leading Teacher



## Happy Birthday

12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February

Happy birthday to Zoe Hine, Finley Panetta, Katie Ngan, Liam Hutchison, Ngor Thuc, Achan Thuc, Alex Fullerton, Georgia Fullerton, Billy

Dynon, Darcy Crawford and Ella Leith.



## 2015 Parent Emails

To enable financial information/statement of accounts to be emailed to families this year could all parents who have not as yet provided the school with an email address please do so at the main office as soon as possible.

Linda Bowman, Business Manager



## 2015 Parent Payments

Reminder to all parents that this payment is **due** (either in full or half payment) **by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**. For full details, please refer to your Statement (posted to all families in early February). If you require a new Statement or clarification regarding the Parent Payment itself or payment requirements, please contact the Main Office.



## Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

1/2 B	Matthew Diamond
1/2 D	Jacob Marron
1/2 E	Rafid Haider
1/2 F	Jack Wilkinson
1/2 G	Jesse Parnham
1/2 H	Nuradin Jacob
3/4 B	Scarlett Gunn
3/4 C	Evie Prendergast – Withy
3/4 D	Thomas Frangos
3/4 E	Jenny Duong
3/4 F	Noah Harrison
5 A	Jack Dodds
5 B	Asha Ralley
5 C	Rory Adams
6 A	Madeleine Scambary Speller
6 B	Spiros Gerakoulakos
6 C	Edith Beattie

## Choir News

The Kingsville choir is excited to have the opportunity to perform at the Yarraville Festival this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. This is not a compulsory school event, but a performance opportunity for children whose families are already planning to attend the festival. If your child is able to perform, please have them ready at the side of the stage which will be set up next to the bus station (off Anderson Street, near Yarraville train station) at 11:30a.m. The choir will perform for approximately 10 minutes. Students are not required to wear their school uniforms.

Hilary Fairlie  
Performing Arts teacher

## Vale Ethel Waters

Ethel May Davies was born in Yarraville in 1923. Her family moved to West Footscray when she was five and she spent eight happy years at Kingsville Central School (1928 to 1935). Ethel was a keen basketball player both at school and also socially. In 1947 she married Jack Waters and they lived in the family in Roberts Street, West Footscray for 56 years. Over the years Ethel attended many Kingsville school reunions and spoke warmly of her time there as a student. She was also a great contributor to the local community serving different schools in various capacities, being a member of the CWA for 25 years and was well-known at the research and records officer at the Footscray Historical Society at Ercildoune for the last 34 years. In December last year, Ethel passed away in the Western Hospital aged 91 after a short illness. At the time, Ethel was one of the oldest surviving Kingsville students.



## Second Hand Uniform Sale

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
outside the Library  
8.45a.m. - 9.15a.m.  
and  
3.15p.m. - 3.45p.m.

# Community Notices

Come and support four grade 4 Kingsville Primary School students (Mataso Chung, Mischa Zakharov, Ruben Oliver & Lawlor Dummett) at the Yarraville Festival this Sunday. They will be performing for only the second time in their band "Frozen explosion". They will be rockin' the 'S'Cool' stage at 1000hrs.

## **Footscray City College**

Open day – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Guided tours 2-4p.m.

Principal's address 1.30p.m.

Bookings essential phone: 8387 1500

[www.footscray.vic.edu.au](http://www.footscray.vic.edu.au)

Kinnear Street, Footscray 3011

## **Yarraville Seddon Eagles Football Club**

Junior registration day and BBQ breakfast

Mclvor Reserve Clubrooms, Fogarty Avenue,  
Yarraville

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

9.30a.m. – 11.30a.m.

[www.yseagles.com](http://www.yseagles.com)