



Newsletter

Principal Kath Ginnane p 9314 5869 or 9314 1132 f 9314 8498 e kingsville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au w kingsvilleps.vic.edu.au



Dates to Remember

2017

March

Wed 1st Mar
Fri 3rd Mar

Parent-Teacher meetings

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

Mon 6th Mar
Fri 10th Mar

Foundation students first full week
Curriculum Day – no students at school

Mon 13th Mar
Fri 17th Mar

Public Holiday – Labour Day
Summer Sports Gala Day

Mon 20th Mar
20th - 24th Mar

School Council meeting 6.30p.m.
Planning Week

Wed 29th Mar
Fri 31st Mar

- KPS Cross Country
- Casual Clothes day (gold coin donation)
 - Easter Hat Parade
 - **Last day term 1 (2.30p.m. dismissal)**

Term dates 2017

Term 2 - 18th April – 30th June

Term 3 - 17th July – 22nd September

Term 4 - 9th October – 22nd December

Student Free Days 2017

Term 1 - Friday 10th March

Term 2 - Tuesday 13th June

Term 4 - Monday 6th November



Principal's Message

School Council News

The 2017-2018 KPS School Council met for the first time last Monday February 20th and held two separate meetings. The first meeting of any school council to begin the new council year is termed the "**Special and First School Council Meeting**" and only has one agenda item being the election of office bearers.

I am pleased to now be able to announce the results of the election process to appoint members to these important positions.

President

Glen Yates

Vice President

Dale Schumann

Treasurer

Martina Ryan

Minute Secretary

Angelica Pierangelli

Correspondence Secretary

Greg Milholland

Following this, the council then moved into the second meeting for the night the first full council meeting of the year. An important consideration for this meeting is always the question of what sub committees the council will require for the year ahead. The determined sub committees for the year 2017-2018 are –

Finance

Friends of KPS (Fundraising)

Buildings and Grounds

Community Public Relations

Congratulations to all of our newly elected members and those who have accepted nomination to take up roles as office bearers for 2017.

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

Updated School Council membership **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 Pierangeli (parent of Rafael Phillips)
Grant Philpotts (parent of Charlotte, Max and Jim Philpotts)
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)
Peter Ritchie (DET)

All DET membership category positions are now filled and, council is working towards filling the Parent Member casual vacancy.

Providing details when children are absent from school

Parents routinely provide information to the school about why their child/children are absent. When your child is away due to ill health, it is important to note that it is not mandatory that you provide details of the illness. In most cases ill health will be the reason given by parents and, the reason recorded by the school.

If however your child is suffering from a condition that has been medically diagnosed as being contagious the circumstances change. Parents must inform the school by communicating directly with admin staff or, members of the leadership team if they have such a diagnosis. In addition to this, if as a parent you feel that from the symptoms presenting the condition may be contagious then, it is also important to provide such facts or beliefs to the school.

Without this information the school does not have any verifiable information and is unable to ascertain any patterns of reasons given for student illness. With information however the school is able to take all necessary action and in some cases this will mean communicating with the whole school community.

At times, a parent will let me know directly that their child or children, have had reoccurring bouts of for example, gastroenteritis. There will also be in any school setting stories that come 'second hand' regarding groups, grades or numbers of children allegedly being ill with possibly similar complaints. Whilst such information may have substance, without specific verified information about their children's illnesses the school cannot determine any action that may be required.

Some illnesses of course are classified as reportable infectious diseases. Circumstances may arise that could see the Secretary of Schools, DET on advice from the Victorian Chief Medical Officer give a directive to schools to exclude children who are not immunised against a deemed preventable disease. Any notification of course of a reportable infectious disease by a parent to the school i.e. with a medical diagnosis will immediately give rise to required specific action in line with our duty of care under the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009.

Any reports of other infectious diseases e.g. diarrhoea or, gastroenteritis from a parent will see advice being given in line with the '**minimum period of exclusion from primary schools for infectious diseases statutory rule**'.

I realise the frustration that some parents suffer in trying to establish what the source of an ongoing or reoccurring infection might be. In reflecting upon or investigating this, I encourage parents to think about the whole 7 day cycle their child moves through each week. One hundred and sixty eight hours with, thirty two and a half as a minimum spent at school, more if they are involved in before or after school programs. This leaves many hours either at home, at friends or, at other activities where there is the potential for children to be exposed to infection.

School procedures

Whilst children are at school staff work hard to ensure they receive ongoing messages relating to sound hygiene practice. This includes modelling of the correct way to wash hands and the use of soap and hand dryers in the toilets. With regard to overall site cleanliness, the school engages an approved government cleaning contractor and staff from the company Camp Australia are trained in compliance with all accountabilities in health, safety and food preparation.

In working to ensure a safe environment for all, I request all parents to

- keep children home from school in line with medical directions if they have diagnosed with anything contagious
- be upfront and tell the school if your child has been diagnosed with anything contagious and/or you feel they may be contagious and heed any exclusions or advice given
- actively teach your children how to wash hands thoroughly and monitor this from an early age
- ensure all children's finger nails are clean and regularly trimmed
- if you are a parent volunteer or helper, please do not come to the school if you or perhaps a younger child in your family that you bring along, is not well

Too often, children are sent to school who are obviously too sick to be here and this results in phone calls to parents or emergency contacts early in the school day to collect them.

I look forward to your cooperation in this matter and if you have any concerns or queries on this I urge you to contact myself or Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal.

The following link will take you to the World Health Organisation and a video on how to wash hands hygienically
http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/hand_hygiene_video/en/

Parent Teacher Meetings

On line booking for meetings on March 1st have steadily grown since opening up on Monday. We currently have 509 bookings made.

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 1st March
Parent Teacher meetings will be of 10 minutes duration.

In no way do we assume that this model will suit all family situations. Many parents share care and/or custody of their children and both formal and informal arrangements may apply at different times.

If you are a parent who co-parents so to speak, it is important to note our legal duty of care is to the parent that the child is "predominantly in abode with". If a child is shared equally re living arrangements via a formal family law court ruling or, a family arrangement then, our duty of care, unless otherwise stipulated is to parent A being the mother. It is acknowledged however that both parents have equal rights to information about their child's progress.

Parent B may choose to organise a meeting with a class or specialist teacher at another time to suit both parties. Also, don't forget email to teachers and access to Newsletters on the Website, is available for both parents.

But as stated when it comes to logging in to book interviews or meetings only one booking per family. That is all that can be reasonably expected of teachers taking into account time possibilities on a set parent meeting night.

Peter Ritchie, Assistant Principal/PYP coordinator

Hot March Night **Volunteers needed**

We cannot manage without you!

Please use the www.volunteersignup.org/YTACQ link to sign up as a volunteer on the night and you will be eligible for discounted tickets.

Easter Hat Parade

We are now actually almost at the half way point of this "short" 9 week term. It is therefore time to provide some information about our

Traditional Yearly Easter Hat Parade.

Easter is still some time away but as usual the signs are out there with 'eggs', 'chickens' and 'rabbits' so to speak, in the shops already. However, it is not too early for parents and children's' minds to turn to

Easter Bonnets "with all the trims upon it".

The now traditional school Easter Hat Parade is always held on the last day of Term 1 "***by executive order of the Principal***".

It is a delightful way to finish the term and has grown over the last few years from a school assembly style event to a 'Gala Occasion' with appropriate media coverage.

Parade Details

Date: Friday 31st March
Time: 11.40am – 1pm approximately
Location: in the Monday morning assembly area in front of the stage
Audience: parents, grandparents, family and friends

Dress Code for audience:

- audience members are encouraged to wear a hat or a head wear creation - a parade of parents with hats will take place
- some seating available on the deck, but feel free to BYO chair

How long does it take?

- a) each of the 26 classes parades, dances, hops or twirls around the rectangle (approx. 45 minutes)

- b) parents' parade takes longer than it should, as KPS parents are not shy and have been known to require some time to **"get off the stage"** (approx. 8 minutes)
- c) the parade of "special effort" winners (approx. 4 minutes)

What if it rains? we would go ahead with the event via a reduced model in hall, corridors or classrooms

So all **"old"** KPS parents you have been through the **Easter Hat Challenge** before, **new** parents here are some guidelines for you.

1. **don't panic**, we do not want Kingsville parents staying up creating "millinery masterpieces" into the wee small hours
2. we do want it to be all about **participation** and fun for the students and creating great memories of events and traditions during their primary school life.

So, families get together to create your headgear e.g.

- a Kingsville creation
- a school sun hat decorated
- traditional Easter theme
- PYP "Profile of the Learner" hat (and we might see):
 - balanced
 - open minded caring creative hats

Yes, usually a football theme will sneak in somewhere as well and that is fine. Teachers provide a great example and will always create and wear a hat and parade with their class.

So **glue guns to the ready** and let the imagination go and see what happens. Some members of our wonderful support staff will again form a panel of observers who will cast their eyes over all entries and, acknowledge special efforts from each class. Not the best, biggest or fanciest – just a special effort award for a member of each class and yes, a parent one as well.

In preparation for the big event - don't forget the cameras / devices to record the history to use at various 18th & 21st birthdays of the future. Also remember this is a casual clothes day so take that into consideration regarding the overall practicality of hat. Also the weather i.e. on windy days hats may need more attachment to the head. If all else fails "outsourcing"

Thank you – more reminders during the remainder of the term.

from **"Head Bunny"**

After School Approved Activities

For many years the group KNC - Kingsville Netball Club not KPS netball club, has had approval to use the school grounds for practice. All members are past or present Kingsville Primary School community members. From the early days membership has grown considerably and we are very proud of this group and their achievements across the region.

Last Wednesday evening this group held a netball 'community' meeting at the school and it was great to see so many past parents and some of the students. Please see further details in the community news from Rebecca Hudson and Moira Junge. There will be more information in the future should the particular program named get the go ahead.

NB. this is not a formal school extracurricular activity as such however, it provides a great opportunity for students to gain skills in this particular sport.



Kingsville Awards

To be presented on Friday 3rd March

| | |
|------------|--------------------|
| 3GP | Ann Le |
| 3HL | Eliza Lavery |
| 3LI | Bronte Abernethy |
| 4EK | Willow Macquire |
| 4GD | Johnny Roussos |
| 5AO | Eve Astbury |
| 5DS | Benjamin Budlender |
| 6JD | Andrew Friedmann |
| 6MM | Mali Hawke |
| 6RT | Will Zarakis |
| 6SE | Indy Lau |



Happy Birthday

23rd February to 1st March

Happy Birthday to Ann Le, Tess Riley, Samuel Tu, Amelia Hull, Takdanai McLeod-Smith, Kalan Doloughan Marion, Conor Hennessy,

Arie Huang, Conor Evans, Samrawit Mersha, Eliza Lavery, Liam Swan, Isla Munro and Alison Tran.



eSmart School

Kingsville Primary School is pleased to announce that we are now known as an eSmart school. An initiative of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, eSmart is a program that guides and supports schools to embed practices that create a culture of cyber safety and responsible digital citizenship. The process involves raising awareness of cyber safety in the school community, updating policy and ensuring the curriculum enables students and teachers to make use of the fantastic possibilities of the internet while being smart about its risks. Being eSmart is an ongoing process, and the school now moves into a "sustaining" phase. Safe and responsible use of technology is naturally part of the new Victorian Curriculum, and the school has a special focus on establishing expectations around how we use technology when classes are setting up their routines and practices in our first 15 days of school.

Hilary Fairlie and Gareth Dainton
teaching staff/eSmart coordinators

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.

Friends of Kingsville

HOT MARCH NIGHT: 3rd 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, brought 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 would like to make a contribution, 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!

Che Stockley, member of Friends of KPS

Parent Rep Network

We are 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 ions 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 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

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

Petra Fawcett and Cass Le Marshall

Community Noticeboard

Presentation College, Windsor



Kingsville Netball Club

The Kingsville Netball Club currently has several teams playing at Altona on Saturdays (9 and under 9am-12pm), 11/under and 13/under (12.15pm-2pm) and older players 2-6pm. We will be applying to run a NetSetGo program at KPS, after school (unsure which day at this stage). NetSetGo provides children from 5 to 10 years with a positive introduction to netball, incorporating skill activities, minor games and modified matches. If your primary school-aged child (boy or girl) is interested in playing netball, please consider joining our NetSetGo skills-based program during term 2. If your son or daughter already has some ball skills, and might be interested in joining in with an established team could you please contact us asap. We will be finalising teams in the coming weeks.

Please contact Rebecca Hudson (rebecca.hudson@rmit.edu.au or 0424104219) for 9yrs and under enquiries, and Moira Junge (moirajunge@optusnet.com.au or 0402583341) for enquiries regarding older children.

| Class | PARENT NAME | Class | PARENT NAME |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| FMG | Jodie Buckley and Ingrid Fitzgerald | 2GJ | Amanda Evans and Tracie Julian |
| FLM | Zoanne Morrissy | 2JL | Tracie Cook and Renae Allen |
| FCM | Juliet Porter and Katie Little | 3LI | |
| FSM | Kate Simnett and Simone Barlow | 3GM | Maribel Finnin and Narelle Wilson |
| 1JM | Marita Lowry | 3GP | Terry Cumming |
| 1SS | Cass Le Marshall and Pip Mulhallen | 3HL | Renee Lee and Marion Lavery |
| 1LR | Cate O'Kane and Kirstie Williams | 4GD | Blake Thurston |
| 1SP | Thanh Ngo and Julie Anderson | 4AM | Deanne Townley |
| 2AT | Elaine Doloughan | 4EK | |
| 2LB | Asha Townsend and Anne Craig | | |



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

Volunteer sign up for discount tickets at

www.volunteersignup.org/YTACQ

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